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## CALIFORNIA CATTLE ON FEED

Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter in California feedlots totaled 470 thousand head on November 1, 2001, 1 percent above last month and 7 percent above November 2000. During October, placements of 60.0 thousand head were 21 percent below the previous year. Marketings of 50.0 thousand head were 2 percent above October 2000. Other disappearance totaled 5.00 thousand head.

## U.S. CATTLE ON FEED VIRTUALLY UNCHANGED

Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter market in the United States for feedlots with 1,000+ head capacity totaled 11.9 million head on November 1, 2001. The inventory was 1,000 head below November 1, 2000, but 3 percent above November 1, 1999. Placements in feedlots during October totaled 2.69 million, 5 percent below 2000 and 14 percent below 1999. Net placements

were 2.62 million. During October, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 889 thousand, 600-699 pounds were 755 thousand, 700-799 pounds were 589 thousand, and 800 pounds and greater were 459 thousand. Marketings of fed cattle during October totaled 1.89 million, 2 percent below 2000, but 3 percent above 1999. Other disappearance totaled 68.0 thousand during October, 3 percent above 2000, but 15 percent below 1999.

## CATTLE ON FEED UP SLIGHTLY IN THE HISTORIC SEVEN-MONTHLY STATES

Cattle on feed in the historic seven states for feedlots with 1,000+ head capacity totaled 10.2 million on November 1, 2001, up 39.0 thousand head from the previous year and 5 percent above November 1, 1999. Placements in feedlots during October totaled 2.31 million, 3 percent below 2000 and 12 percent below 1999. Marketings during October totaled 1.63 million, 1 percent below 2000, but 4 percent above 1999. Other disappearance during October was 57.0 thousand head, 14 percent above 2000, but 10 percent below 1999.

## CATTLE AND CALVES ON FEED IN 1,000+ CAPACITY FEEDLOTS FOR THE SEVEN-SELECTED STATES

State	Number On Feed October 1 <sup>1/</sup>			Placed During October		Marketed During October	
	2000	2001	2001/2000	2000	2001	2000	2001
Thousand Head							
Arizona	272	298	110	42	35	21	31
California	420	465	111	76	60	49	50
Colorado	1,170	1,060	91	290	305	205	190
Iowa	340	310	91	99	75	57	44
Kansas	2,300	2,540	110	550	560	415	415
Nebraska	2,100	1,950	93	660	590	370	330
Texas	2,900	2,990	103	670	680	530	570
Seven-State Total	9,502	9,613	101	2,387	2,305	1,647	1,630
State	Other Disappearance During October <sup>2/</sup>		Number On Feed November 1		2001/2000		
	2000	2001	2000	2001			
Thousand Head					Percent		
Arizona	1	1	292	301	103		
California	7	5	440	470	107		
Colorado	5	5	1,250	1,170	94		
Iowa	2	1	380	340	89		
Kansas	15	15	2,420	2,670	110		
Nebraska	10	10	2,380	2,200	92		
Texas	10	20	3,030	3,080	102		
Seven-State Total	50	57	10,192	10,231	100		

<sup>1/</sup> Cattle and calves on feed are animals being fed for slaughter market on grain or other concentrates, and are expected to produce a carcass that will grade select or better.

<sup>2/</sup> Includes death losses, movement from feedlot to pastures and shipments to other feedlots for further feeding.

### CALIFORNIA COMMERCIAL SLAUGHTER

California's production of red meat during October 2001 totaled 107.0 million pounds (dressed weight), up 20 percent from last month and 10 percent above October 2000. This figure includes slaughter in Federally-inspected and State-inspected plants, but excludes slaughter done on farms. In October 2001, the average live weight of cattle slaughtered was 1,279 pounds; calves, 179 pounds; and hogs 228 pounds.

### U.S. COMMERCIAL SLAUGHTER MONTHLY RECORD HIGHS FOR RED MEAT PRODUCTION AND BEEF AND PORK PRODUCTION

Commercial red meat production for the United States totaled 4.26 billion pounds in October, up 4 percent from the 4.10 billion pounds produced in October 2000 and 164 million pounds above the previous record-high set in 2000.

October 2000 contained 22 weekdays (including one holiday) and four Saturdays. October 2001 contained 23 weekdays (including one holiday) and four Saturdays.

Beef production, at 2.39 billion pounds, was 2 percent above the previous year and 43.0 million pounds above the previous record-high set in 2000. Cattle slaughter totaled 3.16 million head, up 1 percent from October 2000. The average live weight was up 16 pounds from the previous year to 1,247 pounds.

Veal production totaled 18.0 million pounds, 2 percent below October a year ago. Calf slaughter totaled 93.7 thousand head, down 3 percent from October 2000. The average live weight, at 317 pounds, was 5 pounds above last year.

Pork production totaled 1.84 billion pounds, up 7 percent from the previous year and also 121 million pounds above the previous record-high set in 2000. Hog kill totaled 9.33 million head, 5 percent above October 2000. The average live weight was 267 pounds, 5 pounds above the previous year.

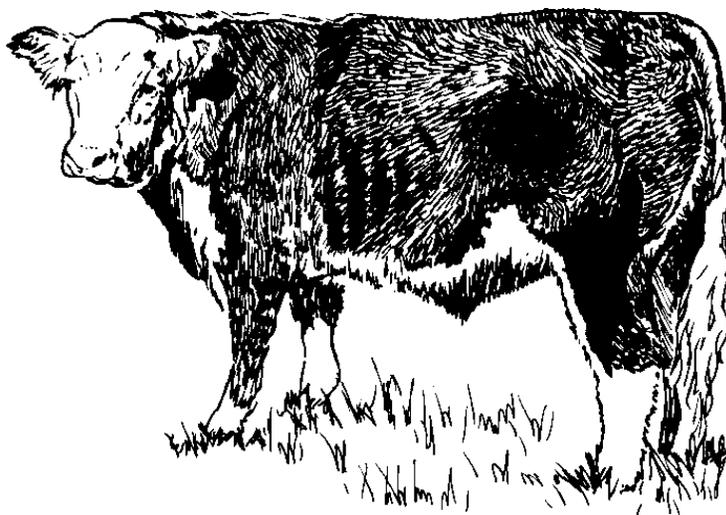
Lamb and mutton production, at 20.0 million pounds, was up 6 percent from October 2000. Sheep slaughter totaled 288.5 thousand head, 3 percent above last year. The average live weight was 137 pounds, up 3 pounds from October a year ago.

January - October red meat production was 37.9 billion pounds, 2 percent below the previous year. Accumulated beef production was down 4 percent from last year, veal was down 10 percent, pork was up 1 percent from last year, and lamb and mutton was down 3 percent.

### OCTOBER COMMERCIAL SLAUGHTER 1/

Species and Location	Number Slaughtered		Total Live Weight		Average Live Weight	
	2000	2001	2000	2001	2000	2001
	Thousand Head		Thousand Pounds		Pounds	
<b>CATTLE</b>						
California	93.5	99.3	116,224	126,942	1,244	1,279
U.S. Total	3,141.4	3,160.8	3,867,204	3,942,113	1,231	1,247
<b>CALVES</b>						
California	10.1	10.1	1,578	1,816	156	179
U.S. Total	97.1	93.7	30,252	29,722	312	317
<b>SHEEP &amp; LAMBS</b>						
California	---	---	---	---	---	---
U.S. Total	278.9	288.5	37,349	39,630	134	137
<b>HOGS</b>						
California	205.0	219.1	45,606	49,952	223	228
U.S. Total	8,882.1	9,330.0	2,331,502	2,487,615	262	267
<b>RED MEAT</b>	October 2000	September 2001	October 2001	Oct. 01 Oct. 00	Oct. 01 Sept. 01	
	Million Pounds			Percent		
California	97.2	88.8	107.0	110	120	
U.S. Total	4,099.2	3,664.4	4,263.3	104	116	

1/ Farm slaughter excluded.



**AVERAGE FARM PRICES RECEIVED BY FARMERS, CALIFORNIA AND U.S. 1/**

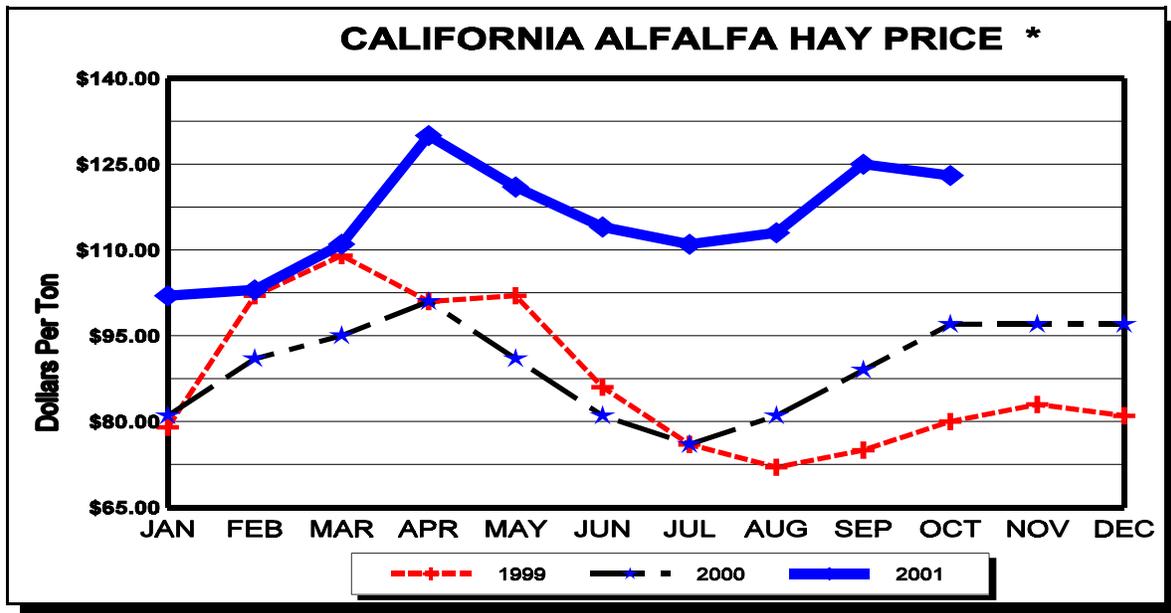
Commodity	Unit	CALIFORNIA			UNITED STATES		
		October 2000	Sept. 2001	Oct. 15, 2001	October 2000	Sept. 2001	Oct. 15, 2001
Dollars							
All Hay, Baled 2/	Ton	93.00	120.00	120.00	84.90	98.60	99.40
Alfalfa, Baled 2/	Ton	97.00	125.00	123.00	89.20	106.00	108.00
Hogs 2/ 3/	Cwt.	---	---	---	41.40	45.10	41.00
Cows 2/	Cwt.	33.50	38.50	36.50	36.20	40.90	38.50
Steers and Heifers 2/	Cwt.	70.00	71.00	70.00	70.50	72.10	70.80
Calves 2/	Cwt.	93.00	90.00	88.50	102.00	106.00	101.00
Sheep 2/	Cwt.	30.50	28.50	---	29.50	28.90	---
Lambs 2/	Cwt.	75.00	56.00	---	76.80	53.40	---
Milk Cows 4/	Head	1,480.00	---	1,850.00	1,350.00	---	1,700.00
Milk, Wholesale 2/	Cwt.	11.40	15.81	14.20	12.50	17.00	16.20

1/ The estimated prices in the table represent composite average prices received by farmers and are averages for all grades, classes, and methods of sale of each commodity for the State and U.S. as a whole.

2/ Previous month revised to monthly average.

3/ Prices include barrows, gilts, and sows.

4/ Animals sold for dairy herd replacement only. Prices published January, April, July and October.



\* Includes All Qualities

Source: California Agricultural Statistic Service