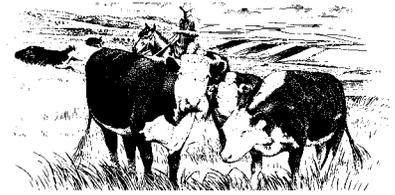


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## U.S. CATTLE ON FEED DOWN 4 PERCENT

Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter market in the United States for feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head totaled 10.5 million head on May 1, 2003. The inventory was 4 percent below May 1, 2002 and 6 percent below May 1, 2001. Placements in feedlots during April totaled 1.87 million, 29 percent above 2002 and 21 percent above 2001. Net placements were 1.81 million. During April, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 296 thousand, 600-699 pounds were 324 thousand, 700-799 pounds were 613 thousand, and 800 pounds and greater were 637 thousand. Marketings of fed cattle during April totaled 1.99 million, 1 percent below 2002, but 9 percent above 2001. Other disappearance totaled 63.0 thousand head during April, 24 percent below 2002 and 29 percent below 2001.

## CALIFORNIA CATTLE ON FEED

Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter in California feedlots totaled 465 thousand head on May 1, 2003, down 1 percent from last month and 3 percent below May 2002. During April, placements of 61.0 thousand head were 3 percent above the previous year. Marketings of 63.0 thousand head were 3 percent above April of 2002. Other disappearance totaled 3.00 thousand head.

## NUMBER OF CATTLE AND CALVES ON FEED IN 1,000+ CAPACITY FEEDLOTS, SELECTED STATES AND UNITED STATES

State	Number On Feed April 1 <sup>1/</sup>			Placed During April		Marketed During April	
	2002	2003	2003/2002	2002	2003	2002	2003
Thousand Head							
Arizona	314	278	89	26	32	34	40
California	485	470	97	59	61	61	63
Colorado	1,120	970	87	165	200	190	165
Idaho	325	280	86	52	45	60	49
Iowa	395	365	92	40	57	49	60
Kansas	2,420	2,320	96	320	420	445	450
Nebraska	2,300	2,190	95	260	320	380	420
New Mexico	113	105	93	11	21	26	24
Oklahoma	360	340	94	49	68	67	75
South Dakota	220	215	98	28	31	32	29
Texas	2,900	2,670	92	365	540	550	520
Washington	230	180	78	26	25	39	34
Other States	395	320	81	52	50	63	56
UNITED STATES	11,577	10,703	92	1,453	1,870	1,996	1,985
State	Other Disappearance During April <sup>2/</sup>		Number On Feed May 1		2003/2002		
	2002	2003	2002	2003			
Thousand Head					Percent		
Arizona	2	1	304	269	88		
California	3	3	480	465	97		
Colorado	15	5	1,080	1,000	93		
Idaho	2	1	315	275	87		
Iowa	1	2	385	360	94		
Kansas	25	20	2,270	2,270	100		
Nebraska	10	10	2,170	2,080	96		
New Mexico	1	1	97	101	104		
Oklahoma	2	3	340	330	97		
South Dakota	1	2	215	215	100		
Texas	15	10	2,700	2,680	99		
Washington	2	1	215	170	79		
Other States	4	4	380	310	82		
UNITED STATES	83	63	10,951	10,525	96		

<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.

**AVERAGE PRICE RECEIVED BY FARMERS, CALIFORNIA AND UNITED STATES 1/**

Commodity	Unit	CALIFORNIA			UNITED STATES		
		April 2002	March 2003	April 15, 2003	April 2002	March 2003	April 15, 2003
		Dollars					
All Hay, Baled 2/	Ton	119.00	99.00	97.00	98.30	92.80	94.50
Alfalfa, Baled 2/	Ton	121.00	99.00	99.00	103.00	96.20	96.20
Hogs 2/ 3/	Cwt.	---	---	---	31.70	34.70	33.80
Cows 2/	Cwt.	38.00	39.00	39.00	40.10	39.50	40.10
Steers and Heifers 2/	Cwt.	68.00	76.00	77.50	70.60	76.70	79.30
Calves 2/	Cwt.	85.00	92.00	92.50	101.00	97.00	99.10
Sheep 2/	Cwt.	27.50	32.00	---	26.00	40.20	---
Lambs 2/	Cwt.	61.00	90.50	---	64.70	97.10	---
Milk Cows 4/	Head	1,900.00	---	1,250.00	1,710.00	---	1,300.00
All Milk Wholesale 2/	Cwt.	11.38	9.90	10.00	12.50	11.00	10.90

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/ Price includes barrows, gilts, and sows.

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

**AVERAGE PRICES PAID BY FARMERS, PACIFIC REGION AND UNITED STATES 1/**

Commodity	Unit	PACIFIC REGION 2/		UNITED STATES	
		April 2002	April 15, 2003	April 2002	April 15, 2003
		Dollars			
Alfalfa Meal	Cwt.	17.20	18.70	14.40	15.00
Bran	Cwt.	17.80	18.10	13.60	13.70
Corn Meal	Cwt.	10.10	13.70	8.06	9.90
Cottonseed Meal, 41%	Cwt.	21.20	19.80	15.80	16.60
Dairy Feed, 16%	Ton	202.00	209.00	190.00	200.00
Soybean Meal, 44%	Cwt.	20.40	22.30	13.50	14.50

1/ Prices shown represent composite average prices paid by farmers for all grades, classes and method of sale.

2/ Includes California, Oregon and Washington.

**HAY STOCKS ON FARMS**

Stocks of hay on California farms totaled 200 thousand tons as of May 1, 2003. This is 9 percent of the December 1 stocks and was 14 percent below May 1, 2002.

United States May 1 hay stocks totaled 22.2 million tons of hay on farms. This was 21 percent of the December 1 stocks and 9 percent below May 1 of the previous year.

**HAY STOCKS ON FARMS**

State	December 1			May 1		
	2000	2001	2002	2001	2002	2003
	1,000 Tons					
California	1,954	1,961	2,235	180	232	200
Arizona	250	223	203	33	28	45
Nevada	801	776	881	112	111	167
Oregon	1,766	1,901	2,550	241	183	330
Utah	1,150	1,470	1,200	200	210	175
UNITED STATES	105,582	110,510	103,756	21,106	22,494	22,188

**CALIFORNIA COMMERCIAL SLAUGHTER**

California's production of red meat during April 2003 totaled 119.5 million pounds (dressed weight), 4 percent above last month and 7 percent above April 2002. This figure includes slaughter in Federally-inspected and State-inspected plants, but excludes slaughter done on farms. In April 2003, the average live weight of cattle slaughtered was 1,281 pounds, calves 169 pounds, and hogs 241 pounds.

**U.S. RED MEAT PRODUCTION**

Commercial red meat production for the United States totaled 3.85 billion pounds in April, down 1 percent from the 3.90 billion pounds produced in April 2002.

April 2002 and 2003 both contained 22 weekdays and four Saturdays.

Beef production, at 2.15 billion pounds, was 2 percent below the previous year. Cattle slaughter totaled 2.97 million head, up 1 percent from April 2002. The average live weight was 1,209 pounds, down 18 pounds from April a year ago.

Veal production totaled 16.0 million pounds, 1 percent below April a year ago. Calf slaughter totaled 79.3 thousand head, down 3 percent from April 2002. The average live weight was 336 pounds, up 9 pounds from April a year ago.

Pork production totaled 1.66 billion pounds, down 1 percent from the previous year. Hog kill totaled 8.33 million head, 1 percent below April 2002. The average live weight was 268 pounds, up 1 pound from April a year ago.

Lamb and mutton production, at 19.4 million pounds, was up 2 percent from April 2002. Sheep slaughter totaled 295.6 thousand head, 6 percent above last year. The average live weight was 132 pounds, down 5 pounds from April a year ago.

January to April red meat production was 15.12 billion pounds, virtually unchanged from 2002. Accumulated beef production was down 2 percent from last year, veal was up 6 percent, pork was up 1 percent, and lamb and mutton was down 11 percent.

**COMMERCIAL SLAUGHTER, APRIL 1/**

Species and Location	Number Slaughtered		Total Live Weight		Average Live Weight	
	2002	2003	2002	2003	2002	2003
	Thousand Head		Thousand Pounds		Pounds	
<b>CATTLE</b>						
California	106.5	114.5	137,316	146,645	1,290	1,281
U.S. Total	2,948.7	2,966.2	3,618,825	3,586,198	1,227	1,209
<b>CALVES</b>						
California	9.7	10.5	1,472	1,780	152	169
U.S. Total	82.1	79.3	26,876	26,677	327	336
<b>SHEEP &amp; LAMBS</b>						
California	---	---	---	---	---	---
U.S. Total	278.9	295.6	38,343	38,868	137	132
<b>HOGS</b>						
California	195.5	198.4	45,694	47,824	234	241
U.S. Total	8,425.3	8,333.5	2,253,148	2,231,821	267	268
<b>RED MEAT</b>	April 2002	March 2003	April 2003	Apr. 03 Apr. 02	Apr. 03 Mar. 03	
	Million Pounds			Percent		
California	112.2	115.1	119.5	107	104	
U.S. Total 2/	3,901.8	3,705.1	3,845.5	99	104	

1/ Farm slaughter excluded.

2/ Revised March 2003 data.

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**CALIFORNIA MILK PRODUCTION**

California milk producers produced 3.03 billion pounds of milk in April 2003. This was 2 percent below March 2003, but 3 percent above April 2002.

Monthly milk per cow averaged 1,785 pounds, 45 pounds less than March 2003, and 10 pounds less than a year ago.

**MILK PRODUCTION, CALIFORNIA AND UNITED STATES**

Month	CALIFORNIA 1/						Total Milk Receipts 2/		UNITED STATES 1/ 3/					
	Milk Cows		Milk Per Cow		Milk Production		2002	2003	Milk Cows		Milk Per Cow		Milk Production	
	2002	2003	2002	2003	2002	2003			2002	2003	2002	2003	2002	2003
	1,000 Head		Pounds		Million Pounds				1,000 Head		Pounds		Million Pounds	
Jan.	1,624	1,681	1,745	1,770	2,834	2,975	2,832	2,973	7,749	7,807	1,591	1,607	12,327	12,548
Feb.	1,626	1,686	1,620	1,635	2,634	2,757	2,630	2,753	7,744	7,810	1,472	1,484	11,401	11,588
Mar.	1,631	1,691	1,830	1,830	2,985	3,095	2,982	3,093	7,745	7,811	1,654	1,660	12,810	12,969
Apr.	1,635	1,695	1,795	1,785	2,935	3,026	2,933		7,758	7,800	1,621	1,625	12,575	12,675
May	1,639		1,875		3,073		3,070		7,769		1,678		13,039	
June	1,645		1,800		2,961		2,960		7,782		1,587		12,348	
July	1,647		1,810		2,981		2,977		7,781		1,578		12,281	
Aug.	1,651		1,810		2,988		2,985		7,785		1,570		12,223	
Sept.	1,658		1,700		2,819		2,817		7,781		1,497		11,648	
Oct.	1,664		1,760		2,929		2,924		7,789		1,539		11,991	
Nov.	1,669		1,685		2,812		2,808		7,792		1,496		11,657	
Dec.	1,676		1,750		2,933		2,931		7,801		1,575		12,290	

1/ Revised 2002 data.

2/ Milk receipts are from the California Department of Food and Agriculture's Dairy Marketing and Milk Pooling branches. Excludes on-farm usage.

3/ Twenty-state total.