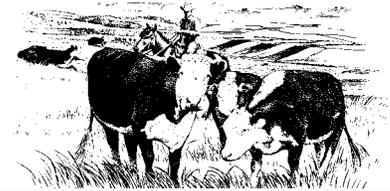


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U.S. CATTLE ON FEED DOWN 5 PERCENT

Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter market in the United States for 1,000+ head capacity feedlots totaled 9.59 million head on August 1, 2003. The inventory was 5 percent below August 1, 2002 and 12 percent below August 1, 2001. Placements in feedlots during July totaled 1.99 million, 8 percent above 2002 and slightly above 2001. Net placements were 1.93 million. During July, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 421 thousand, 600-699 pounds were 414 thousand, 700-799 pounds were 593 thousand, and 800 pounds and greater were 564 thousand. Marketings of fed cattle during July totaled 2.27 million, 4 percent above 2002 and 11 percent above 2001. Other disappearance totaled 60.0 thousand during July, 33 percent above 2002 and 2 percent above 2001.

CALIFORNIA CATTLE ON FEED

Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter in California feedlots totaled 485 thousand head on August 1, 2003, 1 percent less than last month, but remained the same as August 2002. During July, placements of 66.0 thousand head were 12 percent above the previous year. Marketings of 67.0 thousand head were 20 percent above July of 2002. Other disappearance totaled 4.00 thousand head.

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

State	Number On Feed July 1 ^{1/}			Placed During July		Marketed During July	
	2002	2003	2003/2002	2002	2003	2002	2003
Thousand Head							
Arizona	291	266	91	26	32	31	26
California	485	490	101	59	66	56	67
Colorado	1,030	890	86	190	175	225	200
Idaho	300	255	85	52	56	66	70
Iowa	350	310	89	44	51	72	70
Kansas	2,160	2,160	100	510	570	520	540
Nebraska	1,890	1,690	89	400	350	495	460
New Mexico	101	115	114	18	21	9	17
Oklahoma	325	350	108	60	75	74	85
South Dakota	175	167	95	18	21	30	38
Texas	2,850	2,820	99	390	475	490	590
Washington	180	160	89	39	50	53	39
Other States	350	250	71	34	50	72	68
UNITED STATES	10,487	9,923	95	1,840	1,992	2,193	2,270
State	Other Disappearance During July ^{2/}		Number On Feed August 1 ^{1/}		2003/2002		
	2002	2003	2002	2003			
Thousand Head							
Percent							
Arizona	1	1	285	271	95		
California	3	4	485	485	100		
Colorado	5	5	990	860	87		
Idaho	1	1	285	240	84		
Iowa	2	1	320	290	91		
Kansas	10	10	2,140	2,180	102		
Nebraska	5	10	1,790	1,570	88		
New Mexico	1	3	109	116	106		
Oklahoma	1	5	310	335	108		
South Dakota	3	2	160	148	93		
Texas	10	15	2,740	2,690	98		
Washington	1	1	165	170	103		
Other States	2	2	310	230	74		
UNITED STATES	45	60	10,089	9,585	95		

^{1/} 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.

^{2/} Includes death losses, movement from feedlot to pastures and shipments to other feedlots for further feeding.

CATTLE AND CALVES BY CLASSES, CANADA AND UNITED STATES, JULY 1, 2002-03 1/

Class	Canada 2/			United States 3/		
	2002	2003	2003/2002	2002	2003	2003/2002
	Thousands		Percent	Thousands		Percent
All Cattle & Calves	15,436	15,728	102	105,100	103,900	99
All Cows:	5,894	5,971	101	42,900	42,700	100
Beef	4,822	4,916	102	33,750	33,600	100
Milk	1,072	1,055	98	9,150	9,100	99
Heifers 500 Lbs. +	2,458	2,533	103	16,200	15,900	98
Beef Replacement	828	897	108	4,600	4,600	100
Milk Replacement	513	509	99	3,700	3,600	97
Other Heifers	1,117	1,127	101	7,900	7,700	97
Steers 500 Lbs. +	1,607	1,618	101	14,500	14,200	98
Bulls 500 Lbs. +	260	274	105	2,100	2,100	100
Calves Less Than 500 Lbs.	5,218	5,333	102	29,400	29,000	99
Calf Crop	5,757	4,833	4/	38,193	38,000	99

1/ Totals may not add due to rounding.

2/ Source: Livestock and Annual Products Section, Statistics Canada.

3/ Source: National Agricultural Statistics Service.

4/ January-June calf crop for 2003 only.

CALIFORNIA COMMERCIAL SLAUGHTER

California's production of red meat during July 2003 totaled 122.3 million pounds (dressed weight), 1 percent above last month and 5 percent above July 2002. This figure includes slaughter in Federally-inspected and State-inspected plants, but excludes slaughter done on farms. In July 2003, the average live weight of cattle slaughtered was 1,268 pounds; calves 176 pounds; and hogs 230 pounds.

UNITED STATES COMMERCIAL SLAUGHTER

Commercial red meat production for the United States totaled 4.05 billion pounds in July, a new monthly high and up 1 percent from the 4.02 billion pounds produced in July 2002.

July 2002 and July 2003 both contained 23 weekdays (including one holiday) and four Saturdays.

Beef production, at 2.44 billion pounds, was slightly above the previous year. Cattle slaughter totaled 3.29 million head, up 3 percent from July 2002. The average live weight, at 1,225 pounds, was down 23 pounds from the previous year.

Veal production totaled 14.8 million pounds, 12 percent below July a year ago. Calf slaughter totaled 84.9 thousand head, down 11 percent from July 2002. The average live weight was 3 pounds below last year, at 288 pounds.

Pork production totaled 1.58 billion pounds, up 1 percent from the previous year. Hog kill totaled 8.10 million head, slightly above July 2002. The average live weight was 262 pounds, 2 pounds above the previous year.

Lamb and mutton production, at 15.7 million pounds, was down 4 percent from July 2002. Sheep slaughter totaled 239.2 thousand head, 8 percent below last year. The average live weight was 131 pounds, up 5 pounds from July a year ago.

January to July 2003 commercial red meat production was 27.1 billion pounds, up slightly from 2002. Accumulated beef production was down slightly from last year, veal was up 2 percent, pork was up 1 percent from last year, and lamb and mutton production was down 10 percent.

COMMERCIAL SLAUGHTER, JULY 2002-03 a/

Class and Location	Number Slaughtered		Total Live Weight		Average Live Weight	
	2002	2003	2002	2003	2002	2003
	1,000 Head		1,000 Pounds		Pounds	
CATTLE						
California	113.6	121.2	144,682	153,680	1,273	1,268
U.S.	3,187.7	3,285.3	3,978,539	4,024,014	1,248	1,225
CALVES						
California	11.7	12.6	1,521	2,219	130	176
U.S.	95.8	84.9	27,862	24,486	291	288
SHEEP AND LAMBS						
California	---	---	---	---	---	---
U.S.	259.0	239.2	32,712	31,236	126	131
HOGS						
California	207.5	206.1	47,542	47,369	229	230
U.S.	8,068.3	8,101.9	2,101,546	2,125,365	260	262
RED MEAT						
	July 2002	June 2003	July 2003		July 2003 July 2002	July 2003 June 2003
	Million Pounds			Percent		
California	117.0	121.0	122.3		105	101
U.S.	4,016.5	3,947.8	4,046.1		101	102

a/ Farm slaughter excluded.

AVERAGE FARM PRICES RECEIVED BY FARMERS 1/

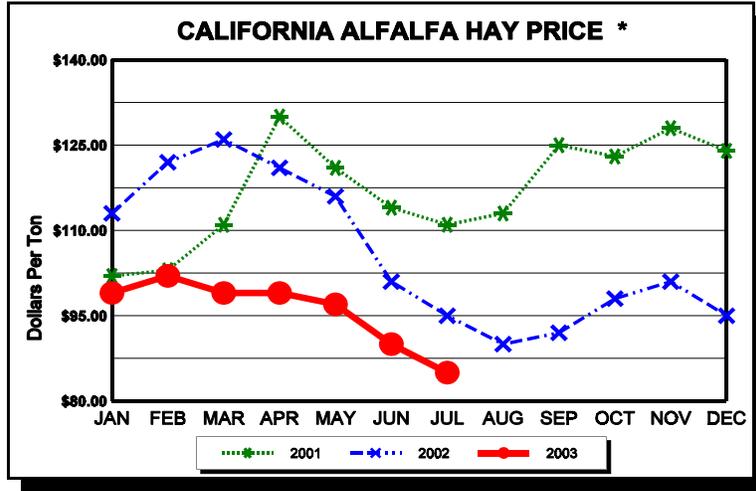
Commodity	Unit	California			United States		
		July 2002	June 2003	July 15, 2003	July 2002	June 2003	July 15, 2003
		Dollars					
All Hay, Baled 2/	Ton	92.00	88.00	84.00	93.60	94.60	89.00
Alfalfa, Baled 2/	Ton	95.00	90.00	85.00	102.00	98.90	92.70
Hogs 2/ 3/	Cwt.	---	---	---	39.20	45.00	42.00
Cows 2/	Cwt.	36.50	38.50	42.00	37.40	42.00	44.30
Steers and Heifers 2/	Cwt.	65.00	77.00	76.00	66.50	78.70	77.60
Calves 2/	Cwt.	77.50	93.00	94.00	95.20	102.00	103.00
Sheep 2/	Cwt.	26.00	29.00	---	25.60	30.30	---
Lambs 2/	Cwt.	75.00	92.00	---	75.60	96.70	---
Milk Cows 4/	Head	1,800.00	---	1,230.00	1,670.00	---	1,310.00
All Milk Wholesale 2/	Cwt.	10.07	10.20	11.20	11.10	11.10	11.80

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 Statistics Service

MILK PRODUCTION

California milk producers produced 2.96 billion pounds of milk in July 2003. This was fractionally below June 2003 and 1 percent below July 2002.

Monthly milk per cow averaged 1,750 pounds, 5 pounds less than June 2003 and 60 pounds less than a year ago.

MILK PRODUCTION

Month	California						Total Milk Receipts 1/		United States 2/					
	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
	Thousand Head	Pounds	Pounds	Million Pounds	Million Pounds	Million Pounds	Thousand Head	Pounds	Pounds	Million Pounds	Million 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	1,693	1,795	1,780	2,935	3,014	2,933	3,014	7,758	7,798	1,621	1,622	12,575	12,645
May	1,639	1,692	1,875	1,820	3,073	3,079	3,070	3,075	7,769	7,783	1,678	1,668	13,039	12,983
June	1,645	1,691	1,800	1,755	2,961	2,968	2,960	2,957	7,782	7,772	1,587	1,587	12,348	12,333
July	1,647	1,693	1,810	1,750	2,981	2,963	2,977	---	7,781	7,766	1,578	1,590	12,281	12,350
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/ Milk receipts from California's Department of Food and Agriculture, Dairy Marketing and Milk Pooling Branches. Excludes on farm usage.

2/ Twenty-state total.