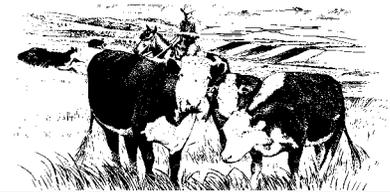


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U.S. CATTLE ON FEED UP 2 PERCENT

Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter market in the United States for 1,000+ head capacity feedlots totaled 10.12 million head on July 1, 2004. The inventory was 2 percent above July 1, 2003, but 4 percent below July 1, 2002. The inventory included 6.37 million steers and steer calves, up 4 percent from the previous year. This group accounted for 63 percent of the total inventory. Heifers and heifer calves accounted for 3.70 million head, down 1 percent from 2003.

Placements in feedlots during June totaled 1.64 million, 2 percent below 2003 and down slightly from 2002. Net placements were 1.57 million. During June, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 460 thousand, 600-699 pounds were 356 thousand, 700-799 pounds were 448 thousand, and 800 pounds and greater were 375 thousand.

Marketings of fed cattle during June totaled 2.08 million, 7 percent below 2003, but up slightly from 2002.

Other disappearance totaled 70.0 thousand during June, 15 percent above 2003 and 37 percent above 2002.

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

State	Number On Feed June 1 1/			Placed During June		Marketed During June	
	2003	2004	2004/2003	2003	2004	2003	2004
Thousand Head							
Arizona	266	294	111	34	31	32	28
California	485	520	107	73	69	63	62
Colorado	990	1,010	102	125	140	220	200
Idaho	260	255	98	63	47	67	60
Iowa	345	400	116	34	50	68	59
Kansas	2,270	2,250	99	415	400	510	540
Nebraska	1,930	2,010	104	270	285	500	435
New Mexico 2/	110	118	107	21	26	13	19
Oklahoma	360	330	92	52	52	59	64
South Dakota	198	188	95	27	20	55	34
Texas	2,880	2,810	98	470	455	520	495
Washington	160	155	97	39	34	38	38
Other States 2/	285	285	100	49	30	82	43
UNITED STATES 2/	10,539	10,625	101	1,672	1,639	2,227	2,077
State	Other Disappearance During June 3/		Number On Feed July 1 1/		2004/2003		
	2003	2004	2003	2004			
Thousand Head					Percent		
Arizona	2	2	266	295	111		
California	5	7	490	520	106		
Colorado	5	10	890	940	106		
Idaho	1	2	255	240	94		
Iowa	1	1	310	390	126		
Kansas	15	20	2,160	2,090	97		
Nebraska	10	10	1,690	1,850	109		
New Mexico	3	1	115	124	108		
Oklahoma	3	3	350	315	90		
South Dakota	3	1	167	173	104		
Texas	10	10	2,820	2,760	98		
Washington	1	1	160	150	94		
Other States	2	2	250	270	108		
UNITED STATES	61	70	9,923	10,117	102		

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/ Revised 2004 data for "Number On Feed June 1."

3/ Includes death losses, movement from feedlot to pastures and shipments to other feedlots for further feeding.

**JULY 1, 2004
ALL SHEEP AND LAMB INVENTORY DOWN 2 PERCENT**

U.S. all sheep and lamb inventory totaled 7.65 million head on July 1, 2004, 2 percent below July 1, 2003. The breeding sheep inventory dropped to 4.55 million head on July 1, 2004, 1 percent below July 1, 2003. Market sheep and lambs (including newborn lambs), at 3.11 million head, were 3 percent below last July.

The breeding herd consists of 3.75 million ewes one year old and older, 180 thousand rams one year old and older, and 620 thousand replacement lambs (including newborn lambs). Market lamb inventory totaled 3.03 million head and comprised 1.80 million lambs weighing less than 65 pounds, 635 thousand lambs 65-84 pounds, 355 thousand lambs 85-105 pounds, and 240 thousand lambs weighing more than 105 pounds. Market sheep inventory was 75.0 thousand.

The 2004 lamb crop in the United States is expected to total 4.08 million head, down 1 percent from the 2003 lamb crop of 4.12 million head. Lambs born during January through June 2004 totaled 3.61 million head or 88 percent of the yearly total. An additional 470 thousand head are expected to be born during the period July through December 2004.

U.S. MARKET LAMBS BY WEIGHT GROUPS

Weight Group	July 2003		July 2004	
	Thousand Head			
Under 65 Lbs.	1,845		1,800	
65-84 Lbs.	660		635	
85-105 Lbs.	375		355	
Over 105 Lbs.	250		240	
TOTAL	3,130		3,030	

U.S. HOG INVENTORY UP 1 PERCENT

U.S. inventory of all hogs and pigs was 60.1 million head on June 1, 2004. This was 1 percent above both June 1, 2003 and March 1, 2004.

Breeding inventory, at 5.91 million head, was down 2 percent from June 1, 2003 and down slightly from last quarter. Market hog inventory, at 54.2 million head, was 1 percent above both last year and last quarter.

U.S. hog producers intend to have 2.87 million sows farrow during the June-August 2004 quarter, 1 percent below the actual farrowing during the same period in both 2003 and 2002. Intended farrowing for September-November 2004, at 2.84 million sows, are down slightly from the same period in 2003, but up slightly from the same period in 2002.

The total number of hogs under contract, owned by operations with more than 5.00 thousand head, but raised by contractees, accounted for 38 percent of the total U.S. hog inventory, up from 35 percent last year.

U.S. HOG AND PIG INVENTORY, JUNE 1, 2002-04

Item	2002	2003	2004	2004	2004
	1,000 Head			Percent	
June 1 Inventory					
All Hogs and Pigs	60,391	59,602	60,083	99	101
Kept for Breeding	6,208	6,006	5,913	95	98
Market	54,183	53,596	54,169	100	101
Market Hogs and Pigs					
By Weight Groups:					
Under 60 Pounds	20,226	20,433	20,308	100	99
60-119 Pounds	13,539	12,972	13,251	98	102
120-179 Pounds	10,906	10,828	11,077	102	102
180 Pounds and Over	9,512	9,363	9,535	100	102

MILK PRODUCTION

California milk producers produced 3.03 billion pounds of milk in June 2004. This was 4 percent below May 2004, but 2 percent above June 2003.

Monthly milk per cow averaged 1,755 pounds, 75 pounds less than in May 2004 and 10 pounds less than a year ago.

MILK PRODUCTION, CALIFORNIA AND UNITED STATES

Month	CALIFORNIA 1/						Total Milk		UNITED STATES 2/ 3/					
	Milk Cows 4/		Milk Per Cow 5/		Milk Production 5/		Receipts 2/ 6/		Milk Cows 4/		Milk Per Cow 5/		Milk Production 5/	
	2003	2004	2003	2004	2003	2004	2003	2004	2003	2004	2003	2004	2003	2004
	1,000 Head		Pounds		Million Pounds		Million Pounds		1,000 Head		Pounds		Million Pounds	
Jan.	1,672	1,701	1,790	1,755	2,993	2,985	2,989	2,993	7,810	7,716	1,615	1,619	12,616	12,491
Feb.	1,676	1,705	1,655	1,670	2,774	2,847	2,768	2,856	7,811	7,716	1,489	1,528	11,628	11,787
Mar.	1,681	1,710	1,850	1,810	3,110	3,095	3,108	3,100	7,810	7,717	1,666	1,658	13,014	12,798
Apr.	1,685	1,716	1,800	1,790	3,033	3,072	3,028	3,070	7,800	7,721	1,627	1,630	12,693	12,588
May	1,685	1,720	1,835	1,830	3,092	3,148	3,090	3,144	7,787	7,722	1,671	1,684	13,013	13,007
June	1,684	1,725	1,765	1,755	2,972	3,027	2,971		7,785	7,741	1,596	1,603	12,428	12,409
July	1,690		1,755		2,966		2,965		7,780		1,597		12,421	
Aug.	1,693		1,755		2,971		2,967		7,771		1,571		12,207	
Sept.	1,695		1,670		2,831		2,826		7,764		1,511		11,731	
Oct.	1,698		1,720		2,921		2,917		7,743		1,561		12,083	
Nov.	1,694		1,665		2,821		2,817		7,721		1,517		11,709	
Dec.	1,697		1,740		2,953		2,948		7,713		1,596		12,313	

1/ Revised data for March - May 2004.

2/ Revised 2004 data.

3/ Twenty-state total.

4/ Includes dry cows, excludes heifers not yet fresh.

5/ Excludes milk sucked by calves.

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

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

Commodity	Unit	California			United States		
		June 2003	May 2004	June 15, 2004	June 2003	May 2004	June 15, 2004
							Dollars
All Hay, Baled 2/	Ton	88.00	117.00	112.00	94.60	101.00	95.20
Alfalfa, Baled 2/	Ton	90.00	122.00	115.00	98.90	109.00	102.00
Hogs 2/ 3/	Cwt.	---	---	---	45.00	56.80	56.70
Cows 2/	Cwt.	38.50	48.60	48.70	41.90	52.40	52.90
Steers and Heifers 2/	Cwt.	77.00	90.50	93.00	78.60	92.60	93.30
Calves 2/	Cwt.	93.00	107.00	108.00	101.00	121.00	124.00
Sheep 2/	Cwt.	29.00	32.50	---	30.30	36.50	---
Lambs 2/	Cwt.	92.00	91.50	---	96.90	103.00	---
Milk Cows 4/	Head	---	---	---	---	---	---
All Milk Wholesale 2/	Cwt.	9.99	17.51	16.30	11.00	19.40	18.40

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.

CALIFORNIA COMMERCIAL SLAUGHTER

California's production of red meat during June 2004 totaled 122.7 million pounds (dressed weight), 12 percent above the previous month and 1 percent above June 2003. This figure includes slaughter in Federally-inspected and State-inspected plants, but excludes slaughter done on farms. In June 2004, the average live weight of cattle slaughtered was 1,308 pounds; calves 143 pounds; and hogs 244 pounds.

U.S. PORK PRODUCTION SETS RECORD MONTHLY HIGH FOR JUNE

Commercial red meat production for the United States totaled 3.93 billion pounds in June, down 1 percent from the 3.95 billion pounds produced in June 2003.

Beef production, at 2.23 billion pounds, was 7 percent below the previous year. Cattle slaughter totaled 2.99 million head, down 8 percent from June 2003. The average live weight was up 8 pounds from the previous year to 1,225 pounds.

Veal production totaled 13.4 million pounds, 11 percent below June a year ago. Calf slaughter totaled 66.4 thousand head, down 10 percent from June 2003. The average live weight, at 338 pounds, was 2 pounds above last year.

Pork production totaled 1.67 billion pounds, up 9 percent from the previous year and set a monthly record-high. Hog kill totaled 8.50 million head, 10 percent above June 2003. The average live weight was 264 pounds, 2 pounds below the previous year.

Lamb and mutton production, at 15.5 million pounds, was up 2 percent from June 2003. Sheep slaughter totaled 230.9 thousand head, 1 percent above last year. The average live weight was 134 pounds, up 2 pounds from June a year ago.

January to June 2004 commercial red meat production was 22.3 billion pounds, down 3 percent from 2003. Accumulated beef production was down 8 percent from last year, veal was down 12 percent, pork was up 4 percent, and lamb and mutton production was down 1 percent.

June 2003 contained 21 weekdays (including no holidays) and four Saturdays, while June 2004 contained 22 weekdays (including one special holiday declared by the federal government for President Reagan's funeral) and four Saturdays.

COMMERCIAL SLAUGHTER, JUNE 2003-04 a/

Species and Location	Number Slaughtered		Total Live Weight		Average Live Weight	
	2003	2004	2003	2004	2003	2004
	Thousand Head		Thousand Pounds		Pounds	
CATTLE						
California	119.4	113.1	152,832	147,875	1,280	1,308
U.S. Total	3,252.6	2,994.6	3,959,951	3,667,668	1,217	1,225
CALVES						
California	11.2	8.4	2,093	1,208	187	143
U.S. Total	74.0	66.4	24,902	22,437	336	338
SHEEP & LAMBS						
California	----	----	----	----	----	----
U.S. Total	229.4	230.9	30,397	30,989	132	134
HOGS						
California	196.8	214.7	46,156	52,299	235	244
U.S. Total	7,764.2	8,504.4	2,063,846	2,243,747	266	264
RED MEAT	June 2003	May 2004 b/	June 2004	June 04 June 03	June 04 May 04	
	Million Pounds			Percent		
California	121.1	109.8	122.7	101	112	
U.S. Total	3,952.3	3,597.1	3,928.0	99	109	

a/ Farm slaughter excluded.

b/ Revised U.S. data.

JULY 1 CATTLE INVENTORY DOWN SLIGHTLY

All cattle and calves in the United States totaled 103.6 million head as of July 1, 2004, down slightly from the 103.9 million on July 1, 2003 and 1 percent below the 105.1 million two years ago.

All cows and heifers that have calved, at 42.5 million, were slightly below the 42.7 million on July 1, 2003 and 1 percent below the 42.9 million two years ago.

- Beef cows, at 33.5 million, were down slightly from July 1, 2003 and 1 percent below two years ago.
- Milk cows, at 9.00 million, were down 1 percent from July 1, 2003 and down 2 percent from two years ago.

Other class estimates on July 1, 2004 and the changes from July 1, 2003 are as follows:

- All heifers 500 pounds and over, 16.0 million, up slightly.
- Beef replacement heifers, 4.80 million, up 4 percent.
- Milk replacement heifers, 3.60 million, unchanged.
- Other heifers, 7.55 million, down 2 percent.
- Steers weighing 500 pounds and over, 14.2 million, unchanged.
- Bulls weighing 500 pounds and over, 2.05 million, down 2 percent.
- Calves under 500 pounds, 28.9 million, down slightly.
- All cattle and calves on feed for slaughter, 11.8 million, down slightly.

CALF CROP DOWN 1 PERCENT

The 2004 calf crop is expected to be 37.7 million, down 1 percent from both 2003 and 2002. Calves born during the first half of the year are estimated at 27.5 million, down 1 percent from both 2003 and 2002.

CATTLE AND CALVES NUMBER BY CLASS AND CALF CROP, U.S., JULY 1, 2002-04

Class	2002	2003	2004	2004 2003
	Thousand Head			Percent
Cattle and Calves	105,100	103,900	103,600	100
Cows and Heifers				
That Have Calved	42,900	42,700	42,500	100
Beef Cows	33,750	33,600	33,500	100
Milk Cows	9,150	9,100	9,000	99
Heifers 500 Lbs. and Over	16,200	15,900	15,950	100
For Beef Cow				
Replacement	4,600	4,600	4,800	104
For Milk Cow Replacement	3,700	3,600	3,600	100
Other Heifers	7,900	7,700	7,550	98
Steers 500 Lbs. and Over	14,500	14,200	14,200	100
Bulls 500 Lbs. and Over	2,100	2,100	2,050	98
Calves Less Than 500 Lbs.	29,400	29,000	28,900	100
Calf Crop	38,224	37,903	37,700	99

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CATTLE AND CALVES BY CLASS AND CALF CROP FOR SELECTED STATES AND U.S., JULY 1, 2003-04

State	All Cattle and Calves			All Cows That Have Calved			Beef Cows That Have Calved			Milk Cows That Have Calved			Calf Crop		
	2003	2004	<u>2004</u> <u>2003</u>	2003	2004	<u>2004</u> <u>2003</u>	2003	2004	<u>2004</u> <u>2003</u>	2003	2004	<u>2004</u> <u>2003</u>	2003	2004 <u>a/</u>	<u>2004</u> <u>2003</u>
	1,000 Head		Percent	1,000 Head		Percent	1,000 Head		Percent	1,000 Head		Percent	1,000 Head		Percent
CA	5,150	5,150	100	2,390	2,420	101	700	695	99	1,690	1,725	102	2,050	2,070	101
CO	2,750	2,550	93	810	720	89	710	616	87	100	104	104	730	660	90
IA	3,900	4,000	103	1,240	1,230	99	1,040	1,037	100	200	193	97	1,120	1,110	99
KS	6,600	6,600	100	1,670	1,730	104	1,560	1,616	104	110	114	104	1,550	1,610	104
MO	4,600	4,850	105	2,150	2,300	107	2,020	2,176	108	130	124	95	2,080	2,210	106
MT	3,400	3,350	99	1,500	1,480	99	1,482	1,462	99	18	18	100	1,540	1,520	99
NE	6,600	7,000	106	1,950	2,040	105	1,886	1,980	105	64	60	94	1,770	1,780	101
OK	5,600	5,700	102	2,100	2,150	102	2,019	2,072	103	81	78	96	1,890	2,010	106
SD	4,850	4,850	100	1,980	1,950	98	1,898	1,870	99	82	80	98	1,730	1,710	99
TX	15,500	15,100	97	6,200	6,100	98	5,880	5,780	98	320	320	100	5,100	5,200	102
WI	3,600	3,550	99	1,510	1,500	99	255	260	102	1,255	1,240	99	1,350	1,340	99
Other States	41,350	40,900	99	19,200	18,880	98	14,150	13,936	98	5,050	4,944	98	16,993	16,480	97
U.S.	103,900	103,600	100	42,700	42,500	100	33,600	33,500	100	9,100	9,000	99	37,903	37,700	99

a/ Preliminary.