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U.S. CATTLE ON FEED UP 3 PERCENT

Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter market in the United States for 1,000+ head capacity feedlots totaled 9.85 million head on August 1, 2004. The inventory was 3 percent above August 1, 2003 but 3 percent below August 1, 2002. Placements in feedlots during July totaled 1.72 million, 14 percent below 2003 and 7 percent below 2002. Net placements were 1.66 million. During July, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 440 thousand, 600-699 pounds were 325 thousand, 700-799 pounds were 499 thousand, and 800 pounds and greater were 456 thousand. Marketings of fed cattle during July totaled 1.93 million, 15 percent below 2003 and 12 percent below 2002. Other disappearance totaled 58.0 thousand during July, 3 percent below 2003, but 29 percent above 2002.

CALIFORNIA CATTLE ON FEED

Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter in California feedlots totaled 520 thousand head on August 1, 2004, the same as last month, but 7 percent above August 2003. During July, placements of 65.0 thousand head were 2 percent below the previous year. Marketings of 60.0 thousand head were 10 percent below July of 2003. Other disappearance totaled 5.00 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	
	2003	2004	2004/2003	2003	2004	2003	2004
	Thousand Head		Percent	Thousand Head			
Arizona	266	295	111	32	32	26	31
California	490	520	106	66	65	67	60
Colorado	890	940	106	175	150	200	205
Idaho	255	240	94	56	43	70	47
Iowa	310	390	126	56	52	70	60
Kansas	2,160	2,090	97	570	520	540	475
Nebraska	1,690	1,850	109	350	310	460	405
New Mexico	115	124	108	21	22	17	17
Oklahoma	350	315	90	75	61	85	59
South Dakota	167	173	104	21	12	38	26
Texas	2,820	2,760	98	475	395	590	470
Washington	160	150	94	50	29	39	28
Other States	250	270	108	50	29	68	43
UNITED STATES	9,923	10,117	102	1,997	1,720	2,270	1,926

State	Other Disappearance During July 2/		Number On Feed August 1 1/		2004/2003
	2003	2004	2003	2004	
	Thousand Head		Thousand Head		Percent
Arizona	1	2	271	294	108
California	4	5	485	520	107
Colorado	5	5	860	880	102
Idaho	1	1	240	235	98
Iowa	1	2	295	380	129
Kansas	10	15	2,180	2,120	97
Nebraska	10	5	1,570	1,750	111
New Mexico	3	2	116	127	109
Oklahoma	5	2	335	315	94
South Dakota	2	2	148	157	106
Texas	15	15	2,690	2,670	99
Washington	1	1	170	150	88
Other States	2	1	230	255	111
UNITED STATES	60	58	9,590	9,853	103

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, 2003-04 1/

Class	Canada 2/			United States 3/		
	2003	2004	2004/2003	2003	2004	2004/2003
	Thousands		Percent	Thousands		Percent
All Cattle & Calves	15,738	16,760	106	103,900	103,600	100
All Cows:	5,971	6,421	108	42,700	42,500	100
Beef	4,916	5,340	109	33,600	33,500	100
Milk	1,055	1,081	102	9,100	9,000	99
Heifers 500 Lbs. +	2,517	2,626	104	15,900	15,950	100
Beef Replacement	882	822	93	4,600	4,800	104
Milk Replacement	508	529	104	3,600	3,600	100
Other Heifers	1,127	1,275	113	7,700	7,550	98
Steers 500 Lbs. +	1,618	1,732	107	14,200	14,200	100
Bulls 500 Lbs. +	274	286	104	2,100	2,050	98
Calves Less Than 500 Lbs.	5,359	5,695	106	29,000	28,900	100
Calf Crop 4/	5,792	4,701	5/	37,903	37,700	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-December calf crop.
- 5/ January-June calf crop for 2004 only.

CALIFORNIA COMMERCIAL SLAUGHTER

California's production of red meat during July 2004 totaled 115.3 million pounds (dressed weight), 6 percent below both the previous month and July 2003. This figure includes slaughter in Federally-inspected and State-inspected plants, but excludes slaughter done on farms. In July 2004, the average live weight of cattle slaughtered was 1,315 pounds; calves 135 pounds; and hogs 238 pounds.

UNITED STATES COMMERCIAL SLAUGHTER

Commercial red meat production for the United States totaled 3.71 billion pounds in July, down 8 percent from the 4.05 billion pounds produced in July 2003.

July 2003 contained 23 weekdays (including one holiday) and four Saturdays. July 2004 contained 22 weekdays (including one holiday) and five Saturdays.

Beef production, at 2.10 billion pounds, was 14 percent below the previous year. Cattle slaughter totaled 2.79 million head, down 15 percent from July 2003. The average live weight was up 14 pounds from the previous year, at 1,239 pounds.

Veal production totaled 13.4 million pounds, 9 percent below July a year ago. Calf slaughter totaled 69.0 thousand head, down 19 percent from July 2003. The average live weight was 36 pounds above last year, at 325 pounds.

Pork production totaled 1.58 billion pounds, down slightly from the previous year. Hog kill totaled 8.09 million head, slightly below July 2003. The average live weight was unchanged from the previous year, at 262 pounds.

Lamb and mutton production, at 14.2 million pounds, was down 10 percent from July 2003. Sheep slaughter totaled 221 thousand head, 8 percent below last year. The average live weight was 128 pounds, down 3 pounds from July a year ago.

January to July 2004 commercial red meat production was 26.0 billion pounds, down 4 percent from 2003. Accumulated beef production was down 9 percent from last year, veal was down 11 percent, pork was up 3 percent from last year, and lamb and mutton production was down 2 percent.

COMMERCIAL SLAUGHTER, JULY 2003-04 a/

Class and Location	Number Slaughtered		Total Live Weight		Average Live Weight	
	2003	2004	2003	2004	2003	2004
	1,000 Head		1,000 Pounds		Pounds	
CATTLE						
California	121.2	106.8	153,707	140,441	1,268	1,315
U.S.	3,290.2	2,787.3	4,030,318	3,452,850	1,225	1,239
CALVES						
California	12.5	8.6	2,218	1,163	177	135
U.S.	84.9	69.0	24,488	22,418	289	325
SHEEP AND LAMBS						
California	----	----	----	----	----	----
U.S.	239.8	220.8	31,303	28,330	131	128
HOGS						
California	205.8	206.9	47,358	49,336	230	238
U.S.	8,116.1	8,094.8	2,129,775	2,120,793	262	262
RED MEAT	July 2003	June 2004 b/	July 2004	July 2004	July 2004	July 2004
	Million Pounds		Percent		July 2003	June 2004
California	122.3	122.7	115.3	94	94	94
U.S.	4,050.1	3,928.1	3,707.6	92	92	94

- a/ Farm slaughter excluded.
- b/ Revised U.S. data.

MILK PRODUCTION

California milk producers produced 3.08 billion pounds of milk in July 2004. This was 2 percent above June 2004 and 4 percent above July 2003.

Monthly milk per cow averaged 1,780 pounds, 25 pounds more than in June 2004 and 25 pounds more than a year ago.

MILK PRODUCTION

Month	California						Total Milk Receipts <u>5/</u>		United States <u>1/</u>					
	Milk Cows <u>2/ 3/</u>		Milk Per Cow <u>4/</u>		Milk Production <u>2/ 4/</u>		2003	2004	Milk Cows <u>2/ 3/</u>		Milk Per Cow <u>4/</u>		Milk Production <u>2/ 4/</u>	
	2003	2004	2003	2004	2003	2004			2003	2004	2003	2004	2003	2004
	Thousand Head		Pounds		Million Pounds				Thousand 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	1,724	1,765	1,755	2,972	3,026	2,971	3,021	7,785	7,742	1,596	1,603	12,428	12,410
July	1,690	1,728	1,755	1,780	2,966	3,076	2,965		7,780	7,753	1,597	1,613	12,421	12,505
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/ Twenty-state total.

2/ Revised data for June 2004.

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

4/ Excludes milk sucked by calves.

5/ Milk receipts are from California's Department of Food and Agriculture, Dairy Marketing and Milk Pooling Branches. Excludes on farm usage.

AVERAGE FARM PRICES RECEIVED BY FARMERS 1/

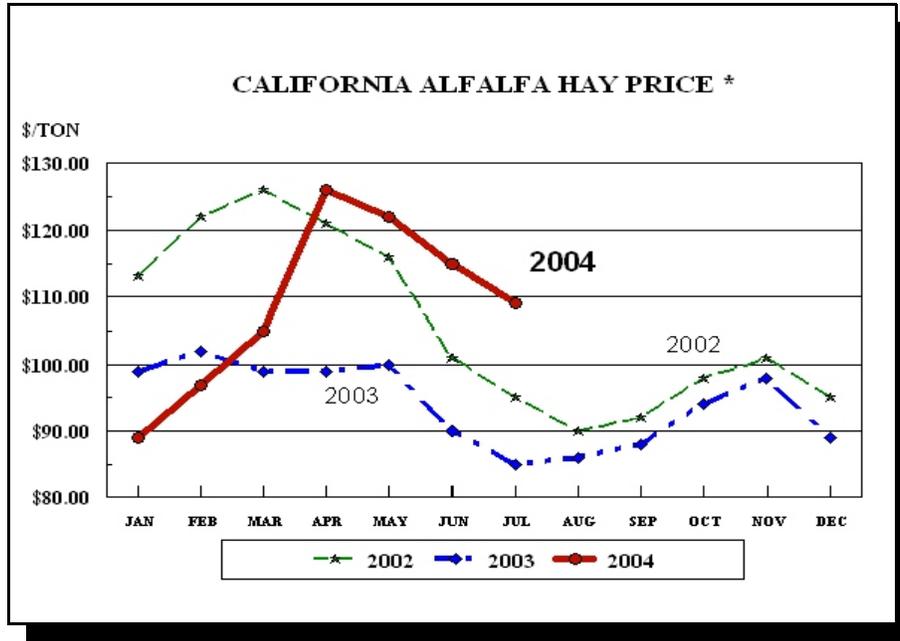
Commodity	Unit	California			United States		
		July 2003	June 2004	July 15, 2004	July 2003	June 2004	July 15, 2004
		Dollars					
All Hay, Baled <u>2/</u>	Ton	84.00	112.00	109.00	89.00	95.20	90.40
Alfalfa, Baled <u>2/</u>	Ton	85.00	115.00	109.00	92.70	102.00	98.40
Hogs <u>2/ 3/</u>	Cwt.	---	---	---	42.70	56.60	56.90
Cows <u>2/</u>	Cwt.	44.50	48.80	53.00	44.90	53.60	55.90
Steers and Heifers <u>2/</u>	Cwt.	76.50	93.30	93.30	78.90	93.50	91.10
Calves <u>2/</u>	Cwt.	93.00	110.00	112.00	102.00	125.00	128.00
Sheep <u>2/</u>	Cwt.	28.00	28.00	---	29.40	32.10	---
Lambs <u>2/</u>	Cwt.	85.00	94.00	---	89.30	105.00	---
Milk Cows <u>4/</u>	Head	1,230.00	---	1,700.00	1,310.00	---	1,720.00
All Milk Wholesale <u>2/</u>	Cwt.	11.52	16.30	14.30	12.10	18.20	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 Statistics Service

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