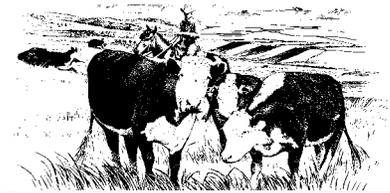


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U.S. CATTLE ON FEED UP 1 PERCENT

Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter market in the United States for 1,000+ head capacity feedlots totaled 9.97 million head on September 1, 2004. The inventory was 1 percent above September 1, 2003, but 2 percent below September 1, 2002. Placements in feedlots during August totaled 2.10 million, 12 percent below 2003 and 6 percent below 2002. This is the second lowest number of placements for the month of August since the series began in 1996. Net placements were 2.04 million. During August, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 506 thousand, 600-699 pounds were 413 thousand, 700-799 pounds were 565 thousand, and 800 pounds and greater were 615 thousand. Marketings of fed cattle during August totaled 1.92 million, 7 percent below 2003 and 10 percent below 2002. This is the lowest number of fed cattle marketings for the month of August since the series began in 1996. Other disappearance totaled 56.0 thousand during August, 7 percent below 2003, but 30 percent above 2002.

CATTLE ON FEED IN CALIFORNIA

Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter in California feedlots totaled 520 thousand head on September 1, 2004, the same as last month, but 6 percent above September 2003. During August, placements of 63.0 thousand head were 3 percent below the previous year. Marketings of 59.0 thousand head were 4 percent above August of 2003. 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 August 1/			Placed During August		Marketed During August	
	2003	2004	2004/2003	2003	2004	2003	2004
Thousand Head							
Arizona	271	294	108	28	30	23	26
California	485	520	107	65	63	57	59
Colorado	860	880	102	240	205	195	150
Idaho	240	235	98	58	58	52	47
Iowa	295	380	129	79	62	73	66
Kansas	2,180	2,120	97	580	520	500	495
Nebraska	1,570	1,750	111	470	420	370	360
New Mexico	116	127	109	23	23	15	19
Oklahoma	335	315	94	84	76	72	64
South Dakota	148	157	106	30	25	43	43
Texas	2,690	2,670	99	610	530	580	520
Washington	170	150	88	51	33	35	22
Other States	230	255	111	66	54	60	52
UNITED STATES	9,590	9,853	103	2,384	2,099	2,075	1,923
State	Other Disappearance During August 2/		Number On Feed September 1 1/		2004/2003		
	2003	2004	2003	2004			
Thousand Head					Percent		
Arizona	2	2	274	296	108		
California	3	4	490	520	106		
Colorado	5	5	900	930	103		
Idaho	1	1	245	245	100		
Iowa	1	1	300	375	125		
Kansas	10	15	2,250	2,130	95		
Nebraska	10	10	1,660	1,800	108		
New Mexico	3	2	121	129	107		
Oklahoma	2	2	345	325	94		
South Dakota	1	1	134	138	103		
Texas	20	10	2,700	2,670	99		
Washington	1	1	185	160	86		
Other States	1	2	235	255	109		
UNITED STATES	60	56	9,839	9,973	101		

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.

CALIFORNIA COMMERCIAL SLAUGHTER

California's production of red meat during August 2004 totaled 122.0 million pounds (dressed weight), 6 percent above both the previous month and August 2003. This figure includes slaughter in Federally-inspected and State-inspected plants, but excludes slaughter done on farms. In August 2004, the average live weight of cattle slaughtered was 1,326 pounds; calves 133 pounds; and hogs 237 pounds.

January to August 2004 commercial red meat production was 29.9 billion pounds, down 4 percent from 2003. Accumulated beef production was down 9 percent from last year, veal was down 10 percent, pork was up 4 percent, and lamb and mutton production was down 2 percent.

August 2003 contained 21 weekdays (including no holidays) and five Saturdays. August 2004 contained 22 weekdays (including no holidays) and four Saturdays.

**U.S. PORK PRODUCTION
SETS RECORD MONTHLY HIGH FOR AUGUST**

Commercial red meat production for the United States totaled 3.88 billion pounds in August, down 1 percent from the 3.92 billion pounds produced in August 2003.

Beef production, at 2.15 billion pounds, was 8 percent below the previous year. Cattle slaughter totaled 2.82 million head, down 10 percent from August 2003. The average live weight was up 27 pounds from the previous year to 1,252 pounds.

Veal production totaled 13.9 million pounds, 2 percent below August a year ago. Calf slaughter totaled 72.8 thousand head, down 9 percent from August 2003. The average live weight, at 320 pounds, was 26 pounds above last year.

Pork production totaled 1.70 billion pounds, up 9 percent from the previous year, and was a record monthly high. Hog kill totaled 8.72 million head, 8 percent above August 2003. The average live weight was 262 pounds, 2 pounds above the previous year.

Lamb and mutton production, at 15.1 million pounds, was down 4 percent from August 2003. Sheep slaughter totaled 233 thousand, 4 percent below last year. The average live weight was 129 pounds and unchanged from August a year ago.

COMMERCIAL SLAUGHTER, AUGUST 1/

Class & Location	Number Slaughtered		Total Live Weight		Avg. Live Weight	
	2003	2004	2003	2004	2003	2004
	1,000 Head		1,000 Pounds		Pounds	
CATTLE						
California	114.6	113.7	143,951	150,707	1,256	1,326
U.S.	3,138.8	2,819.3	3,846,377	3,529,724	1,225	1,252
CALVES						
California	11.3	8.9	2,103	1,184	187	133
U.S.	79.6	72.8	23,432	23,293	294	320
SHEEP & LAMBS						
California	---	---	---	---	---	---
U.S.	241.6	232.6	31,262	30,109	129	129
HOGS						
California	199.0	215.2	45,755	51,037	230	237
U.S.	8,057.9	8,719.8	2,098,465	2,283,391	260	262
RED MEAT	Aug. 2003	July 2004 2/	Aug. 2004	Aug. 04 Aug. 03	Aug. 04 July 04	
	Million Pounds			Percent		
California	115.3	115.3	122.0	106	106	
U.S.	3,916.7	3,708.8	3,878.0	99	105	

1/ Farm slaughter excluded.

2/ Revised U.S. data.

FEDERALLY-INSPECTED SLAUGHTER FOR REGIONS AND U.S., JANUARY-AUGUST 2004 1/

Standard Federal Regions 2/	Cattle								Calves Total 3/					
	Total 3/	Steers	Heifers	Cows			Bulls & Stags							
				All	Dairy	Other								
				1,000 Head										
1	8.7	2.6	1.5	3.2	2.8	0.4	1.4	10.0						
2	42.3	11.2	2.2	26.1	24.7	1.4	2.8	144.3						
3	617.2	247.7	55.7	290.8	233.7	57.1	23.0	111.9						
4	437.4	8.7	2.8	362.0	101.8	260.2	63.9	8.3						
5	2,261.4	952.4	297.6	954.4	578.2	376.2	57.0	207.0						
6	4,191.9	2,197.9	1,427.4	472.4	81.6	390.8	94.3	7.7						
7	9,999.2	5,499.2	3,963.4	477.2	21.1	456.1	59.3	0.2						
8	2,098.7	1,129.6	859.1	95.0	30.3	64.6	15.0	---						
9	1,174.7	624.5	64.5	457.1	393.6	63.5	28.5	64.8						
10	810.2	347.7	260.7	178.5	86.0	92.6	23.2	3.5						
U.S. 3/	21,641.6	11,021.4	6,935.0	3,316.8	1,553.8	1,762.9	368.5	557.8						
Standard Federal Regions 2/	Hogs				Sheep									
	Total 3/	Barrows & Gilts	Sows	Stags & Boars	Total 3/	Mature Sheep	Lambs & Yearlings							
								1,000 Head						
1	11.3	11.1	0.1	0.1	13.6	2.9	10.8							
2	90.7	88.7	1.4	0.6	93.2	10.8	82.5							
3	4,390.5	4,378.7	11.7	0.2	72.0	7.4	64.6							
4	10,628.2	10,011.8	606.0	10.4	20.3	9.2	11.1							
5	17,626.6	16,621.3	985.8	19.5	262.1	39.0	223.1							
6	3,559.4	3,393.7	165.1	0.6	190.9	10.6	180.3							
7	25,325.2	24,813.4	374.1	137.8	259.8	0.4	259.4							
8	3,026.7	2,988.2	38.3	0.3	624.3	14.8	609.5							
9	1,627.8	1,626.9	0.7	0.3	211.9	3.8	208.0							
10	262.9	262.2	0.6	0.1	12.4	1.3	11.1							
U.S. 3/	66,549.5	64,195.8	2,183.8	169.9	1,760.4	100.2	1,660.2							

1/ Accumulated totals based on unrounded data.

2/ States included in regions are as follows: 1--CT, ME, NH, VT, MA & RI; 2--NY & NJ; 3--DE-MD, PA, WV & VA; 4--AL, FL, GA, KY, MS, NC, SC & TN; 5--IL, IN, MI, MN, OH & WI; 6--AR, LA, NM, OK & TX; 7--IA, KS, MO & NE; 8--CO, MT, ND, SD, UT & WY; 9--AZ, CA, HI & NV; 10--AK, ID, OR & WA.

3/ Totals may not add due to rounding.

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

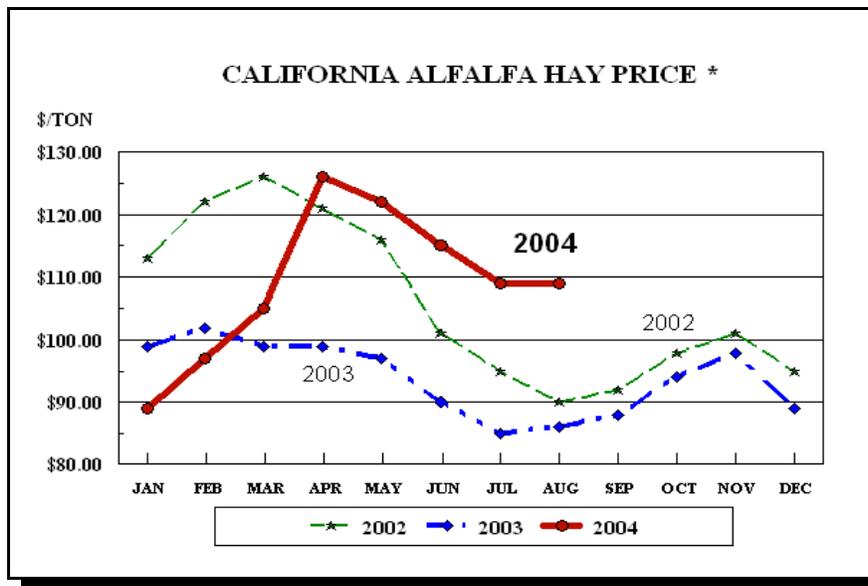
Commodity	Unit	California			United States		
		August 2003	July 2004	August 15, 2004	August 2003	July 2004	August 15, 2004
Dollars							
All Hay, Baled 2/	Ton	85.00	109.00	107.00	85.00	90.40	89.80
Alfalfa, Baled 2/	Ton	86.00	109.00	109.00	91.90	98.40	97.40
Hogs 2/ 3/	Cwt.	---	---	---	39.60	57.10	56.00
Cows 2/	Cwt.	44.50	53.70	53.80	44.50	56.30	55.50
Steers and Heifers 2/	Cwt.	81.00	93.50	92.50	82.90	91.80	91.50
Calves 2/	Cwt.	97.00	112.00	112.00	106.00	131.00	131.00
Sheep 2/	Cwt.	29.50	28.50	---	29.20	37.40	---
Lambs 2/	Cwt.	83.00	89.00	---	88.60	102.00	---
Milk Cows 4/	Head	---	1,700.00	---	---	1,720.00	---
All Milk Wholesale 2/	Cwt.	12.77	13.60	13.30	13.30	16.00	15.00

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. Revised 2003 data.
Source: California Agricultural Statistic Service

California Cash Income by Commodity Groups, 2001-03

Source of Income	2001	2002	2003
	\$1,000		
LIVESTOCK, POULTRY AND PRODUCTS			
Aquaculture	14,385	12,966	12,413
Cattle and Calves	1,354,452	1,228,722	1,555,908
Chickens, All	532,457	452,359	537,012
Eggs	235,921	204,232	282,375
Hogs	26,853	21,646	28,151
Honey	19,061	31,020	45,667
Milk and Cream	4,625,431	3,832,501	4,028,520
Sheep and Lambs	52,143	51,968	68,861
Turkeys	211,815	158,026	150,718
Wool	1,313	1,620	2,765
Other Livestock/Poultry	283,000	266,206	280,570
TOTAL	7,356,831	6,261,266	6,992,960

Source of Income	2001	2002	2003
	\$1,000		
CHRISTMAS TREES	10,345	9,662	10,400
FIELD CROPS	2,588,807	2,657,466	2,690,604
FRUIT AND NUT CROPS	7,110,665	7,786,768	7,841,777
NURSERY, GREENHOUSE AND FLORICULTURE	3,169,213	3,310,099	3,302,577
VEGETABLE CROPS	6,026,022	6,580,509	6,966,478
TOTAL CASH INCOME FROM MARKETINGS	26,261,883	26,605,770	27,804,797
FARM RELATED INCOME	1,781,132	1,700,862	1,572,689
GROSS CASH INCOME FROM FARMING 1/	28,043,015	28,306,632	29,377,486

1/ Includes value of home consumption, value of inventory adjustments, machine hire and custom work, forest products sold, rental value of farm dwelling, government payments, and other miscellaneous farm income.

Source: USDA Economic Research Service