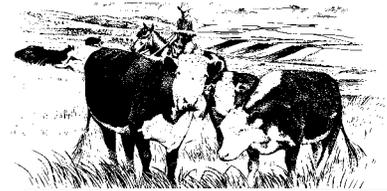


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## U.S. CATTLE ON FEED UP 1 PERCENT

Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter market in the United States for 1,000+ head capacity feedlots totaled 10.77 million head on June 1, 2005. The inventory was 1 percent above June 1, 2004 and 2 percent above June 1, 2003. Placements in feedlots during May totaled 2.22 million, 6 percent below 2004 and 4 percent below 2003. Net placements were 2.13 million. During May, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 435 thousand, 600-699 pounds were 390 thousand, 700-799 pounds were 663 thousand, and 800 pounds and greater were 735 thousand. Marketings of fed cattle during May totaled 2.00 million, 1 percent below 2004 and 11 percent below 2003. Other disappearance totaled 96.0 thousand during May, 22 percent above 2004 and 48 percent above 2003.

## CALIFORNIA CATTLE ON FEED

Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter in California feedlots totaled 515 thousand head on June 1, 2005, 3 percent above last month, but 1 percent below than June 2004. During May, placements of 82.0 thousand head were 10 percent below the previous year. Marketings of 62.0 thousand head were 2 percent below May of 2004. 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 May 1 1/			Placed During May		Marketed During May	
	2004	2005	2005/2004	2004	2005	2004	2005
Thousand Head							
Arizona	295	328	111	29	32	28	29
California	500	500	100	91	82	63	62
Colorado	940	970	103	270	165	185	150
Idaho	250	240	96	74	61	67	54
Iowa	415	455	110	50	55	63	73
Kansas	2,240	2,260	101	495	510	465	465
Nebraska	2,100	2,190	104	390	360	470	480
New Mexico	105	114	109	27	30	12	16
Oklahoma	310	305	98	92	86	70	64
South Dakota	200	200	100	28	28	37	38
Texas	2,560	2,630	103	740	750	480	480
Washington	175	147	84	38	26	42	34
Other States	285	300	105	46	38	44	52
<b>UNITED STATES</b>	<b>10,375</b>	<b>10,639</b>	<b>103</b>	<b>2,370</b>	<b>2,223</b>	<b>2,026</b>	<b>1,997</b>
State	Other Disappearance During May 2/		Number On Feed June 1 1/		2005/2004		
	2004	2005	2004	2005			
Thousand Head							
Percent							
Arizona	2	2	294	329	112		
California	8	5	520	515	99		
Colorado	15	15	1,010	970	96		
Idaho	2	2	255	245	96		
Iowa	2	2	400	435	109		
Kansas	20	25	2,250	2,280	101		
Nebraska	10	20	2,010	2,050	102		
New Mexico	2	1	118	127	108		
Oklahoma	2	2	330	325	98		
South Dakota	3	4	188	186	99		
Texas	10	10	2,810	2,890	103		
Washington	1	2	170	137	81		
Other States	2	6	285	280	98		
<b>UNITED STATES</b>	<b>79</b>	<b>96</b>	<b>10,640</b>	<b>10,769</b>	<b>101</b>		

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 May 2005 totaled 117.8 million pounds (dressed weight), 3 percent above the previous month and 7 percent above May 2004. This figure includes slaughter in Federally-inspected and State-inspected plants, but excludes slaughter done on farms. In May 2005, the average live weight of cattle slaughtered was 1,325 pounds; calves 171 pounds; and hogs 240 pounds.

**U.S. RED MEAT PRODUCTION  
UP FROM PREVIOUS MONTH AND YEAR**

Commercial red meat production for the United States totaled 3.71 billion pounds in May, up 3 percent from the 3.60 billion pounds produced in May 2004.

Beef production, at 2.07 billion pounds, was slightly above the previous year. Cattle slaughter totaled 2.79 million head, down 2 percent from May 2004. The average live weight was up 20 pounds from the previous year, at 1,224 pounds.

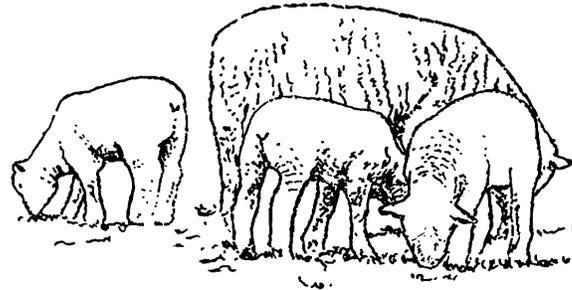
Veal production totaled 13.2 million pounds, 4 percent below May a year ago. Calf slaughter totaled 58.5 thousand head, down 10 percent from May 2004. The average live weight was 376 pounds, 22 pounds above last year, at 376 pounds.

Pork production totaled 1.61 billion pounds, up 7 percent from the previous year. Hog kill totaled 8.03 million head, 6 percent above May 2004. The average live weight was 4 pounds above the previous year, at 270 pounds.

Lamb and mutton production, at 14.8 million pounds, was up 14 percent from May 2004. Sheep slaughter totaled 208 thousand head, 10 percent above last year. The average live weight was 143 pounds, up 5 pounds from May a year ago.

January to May 2005 commercial red meat production was 18.3 billion pounds, down slightly from 2004. Accumulated beef production was down 2 percent from last year, veal was down 10 percent, pork was up 1 percent from last year, and lamb and mutton production was down 4 percent.

May 2004 contained 21 weekdays (including one holiday) and five Saturdays, while May 2005 contained 22 weekdays (including one holiday) and four Saturdays.



**COMMERCIAL SLAUGHTER, MAY 2004-05 1/**

Species and Location	Number Slaughtered		Total Live Weight		Average Live Weight	
	2004	2005	2004	2005	2004	2005
	1,000 Head		1,000 Pounds		Pounds	
<b>CATTLE</b>						
California	102.6	107.3	133,543	142,234	1,301	1,325
U.S. Total	2,836.1	2,792.1	3,415,402	3,416,695	1,204	1,224
<b>CALVES</b>						
California	6.7	6.8	1,004	1,167	149	171
U.S. Total	64.7	58.5	22,911	21,980	354	376
<b>SHEEP &amp; LAMBS</b>						
California	---	---	---	---	---	---
U.S. Total	188.7	208.0	26,098	29,639	138	143
<b>HOGS</b>						
California	183.9	206.6	45,181	49,674	246	240
U.S. Total	7,578.6	8,030.2	2,016,047	2,167,449	266	270
<b>RED MEAT</b>	May 2004	April 2005	May 2005	May 05 May 04	May 05 Apr. 05	
	Million Pounds			Percent		
California	109.8	114.9	117.8	107	103	
U.S. Total 2/	3,596.9	3,621.5	3,714.4	103	103	

1/ Farm slaughter excluded.

2/ Revised April 2005 data.

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

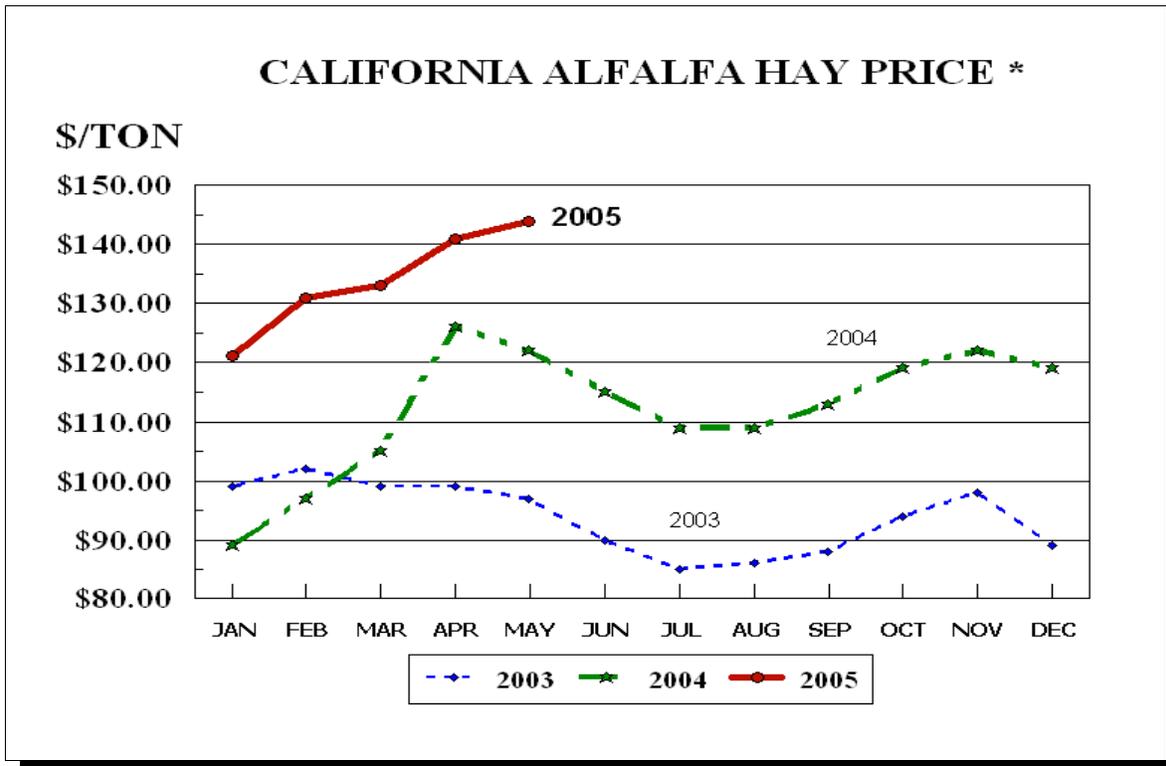
Commodity	Unit	California			United States		
		May 2004	April 2005	May 15, 2005	May 2004	April 2005	May 15, 2005
		Dollars					
All Hay, Baled 2/	Ton	117.00	135.00	136.00	101.00	96.90	107.00
Alfalfa, Baled 2/	Ton	122.00	141.00	144.00	109.00	103.00	116.00
Hogs 2/ 3/	Cwt.	---	---	---	56.60	51.20	55.40
Cows 2/	Cwt.	48.60	54.30	55.60	52.50	57.10	58.70
Steers and Heifers 2/	Cwt.	90.50	94.30	92.90	92.60	98.30	96.90
Calves 2/	Cwt.	107.00	127.00	132.00	121.00	140.00	141.00
Sheep 2/	Cwt.	32.50	40.50	---	36.00	44.40	---
Lambs 2/	Cwt.	91.50	99.00	---	103.00	114.00	---
Milk Cows 4/	Head	---	1,750.00	---	---	1,770.00	---
All Milk Wholesale 2/	Cwt.	17.63	14.12	13.70	19.30	15.20	14.90

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.



\* Includes All Qualities

Source: California Agricultural Statistics Service