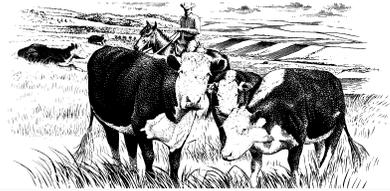


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## U.S. CATTLE ON FEED UP 4 PERCENT

Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter market in the United States for feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head totaled 11.2 million head on June 1, 2006. The inventory was 4 percent above June 1, 2005 and 5 percent above June 1, 2004. This is the second highest June 1 inventory since the series began in 1996. Placements in feedlots during May totaled 1.91 million, 14 percent below 2005 and 19 percent below 2004. Net placements were 1.80 million. During May, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 440 thousand, 600-699 pounds were 370 thousand, 700-799 pounds were 503 thousand, and 800 pounds and greater were 600 thousand. Marketings of fed cattle during May totaled 2.17 million, 9 percent above 2005 and 7 percent above 2004. Other disappearance totaled 115 thousand during May, 20 percent above 2005 and 46 percent above 2004.

## CALIFORNIA CATTLE ON FEED

Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter in California feedlots totaled 535 thousand head on June 1, 2006, 1 percent above the previous month and 4 percent above June 2005. During May, placements of 80.0 thousand head were 2 percent below the previous year. Marketings of 70.0 thousand head were 13 percent above May of 2005. 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	
	2005	2006	2006/2005	2005	2006	2005	2006
	Thousand Head						
Arizona 2/	330	345	105	32	29	29	27
California	500	530	106	82	80	62	70
Colorado	970	1,060	109	165	175	150	185
Idaho	240	245	102	61	37	54	47
Iowa	455	495	109	55	51	73	74
Kansas	2,260	2,530	112	510	415	465	520
Nebraska	2,190	2,320	106	360	340	480	520
New Mexico	114	132	116	30	25	16	21
Oklahoma	305	340	111	86	76	64	70
South Dakota	200	200	100	28	33	38	34
Texas	2,630	2,910	111	750	590	480	520
Washington	147	152	103	26	20	34	30
Other States	300	300	100	38	42	52	52
UNITED STATES 2/	10,641	11,559	109	2,223	1,913	1,997	2,170
State	Other Disappearance During May 3/		Number On Feed June 1 1/		2006/2005		
	2005	2006	2005	2006			
			Thousand Head		Percent		
Arizona	2	6	331	341	103		
California	5	5	515	535	104		
Colorado	15	20	970	1,030	106		
Idaho	2	5	245	230	94		
Iowa	2	2	435	470	108		
Kansas	25	25	2,280	2,400	105		
Nebraska	20	20	2,050	2,120	103		
New Mexico	1	1	127	135	106		
Oklahoma	2	1	325	345	106		
South Dakota	4	4	186	195	105		
Texas	10	20	2,890	2,960	102		
Washington	2	1	137	141	103		
Other States	6	5	280	285	102		
UNITED STATES	96	115	10,771	11,187	104		

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 Arizona and U.S. data.

3/ 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 2006 totaled 138 million pounds (dressed weight), 12 percent above the previous month and 17 percent above May 2005. This figure includes slaughter in Federally-inspected and State-inspected plants, but excludes slaughter done on farms. In May 2006, the average live weight of cattle slaughtered was 1,395 pounds; calves 164 pounds; and hogs 246 pounds.

**U.S. RED MEAT PRODUCTION AT RECORD HIGH FOR MAY**

Commercial red meat production for the United States totaled 4.05 billion pounds in May, up 9 percent from the 3.71 billion pounds produced in May 2005.

Beef production, at 2.30 billion pounds, was 11 percent above the previous year. Cattle slaughter totaled 3.04 million head, up 9 percent from May 2005. The average live weight was up 19 pounds from the previous year to 1,241 pounds.

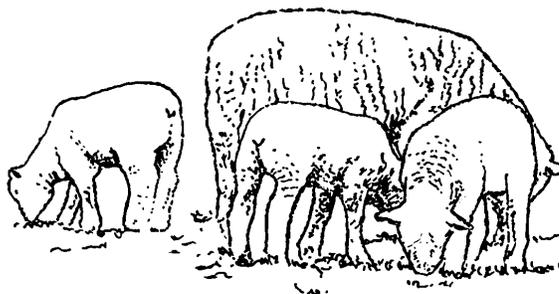
Veal production totaled 13.1 million pounds, 1 percent below May a year ago. Calf slaughter totaled 57.0 thousand head, down 3 percent from May 2005. The average live weight, at 378 pounds, was 2 pounds above last year.

Pork production totaled 1.72 billion pounds, up 7 percent from the previous year. Hog kill totaled 8.54 million head, 6 percent above May 2005. The average live weight was 1 pound above the previous year, at 271 pounds.

Lamb and mutton production, at 16.3 million pounds, was up 10 percent from May 2005. Sheep slaughter totaled 226 thousand head, 9 percent above last year. The average live weight was 144 pounds, up 1 pound from May a year ago.

January to May 2006 commercial red meat production was 19.1 billion pounds, up 5 percent from 2005. Accumulated beef production was up 7 percent from last year, veal was down 5 percent, pork was up 2 percent, and lamb and mutton production was up 4 percent.

May 2005 contained 22 weekdays (including one holiday) and four Saturdays, while May 2006 contained 23 weekdays (including one holiday) and four Saturdays.



**COMMERCIAL SLAUGHTER, MAY 2005-06 1/**

Species and Location	Number Slaughtered		Total Live Weight		Average Live Weight	
	2005	2006	2005	2006	2005	2006
	1,000 Head		1,000 Pounds		Pounds	
<b>CATTLE</b>						
California	107.3	124.7	142,212	173,968	1,325	1,395
U.S. Total	2,793.3	3,038.7	3,414,554	3,771,115	1,222	1,241
<b>CALVES</b>						
California	6.8	7.1	1,174	1,169	172	164
U.S. Total	58.5	57.0	21,999	21,578	376	378
<b>SHEEP &amp; LAMBS</b>						
California	---	---	---	---	---	---
U.S. Total	208.1	225.8	29,664	32,516	143	144
<b>HOGS</b>						
California	206.6	222.6	49,705	54,773	241	246
U.S. Total	8,031.7	8,537.0	2,166,713	2,316,699	270	271
<b>RED MEAT</b>	May 2005	April 2006	May 2006	May 06 May 05	May 06 Apr. 06	
	Million Pounds			Percent		
California	117.8	123.1	138.1	117	112	
U.S. Total 2/	3,713.5	3,614.2	4,049.1	109	112	

1/ Farm slaughter excluded.

2/ Revised April 2006 data.

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

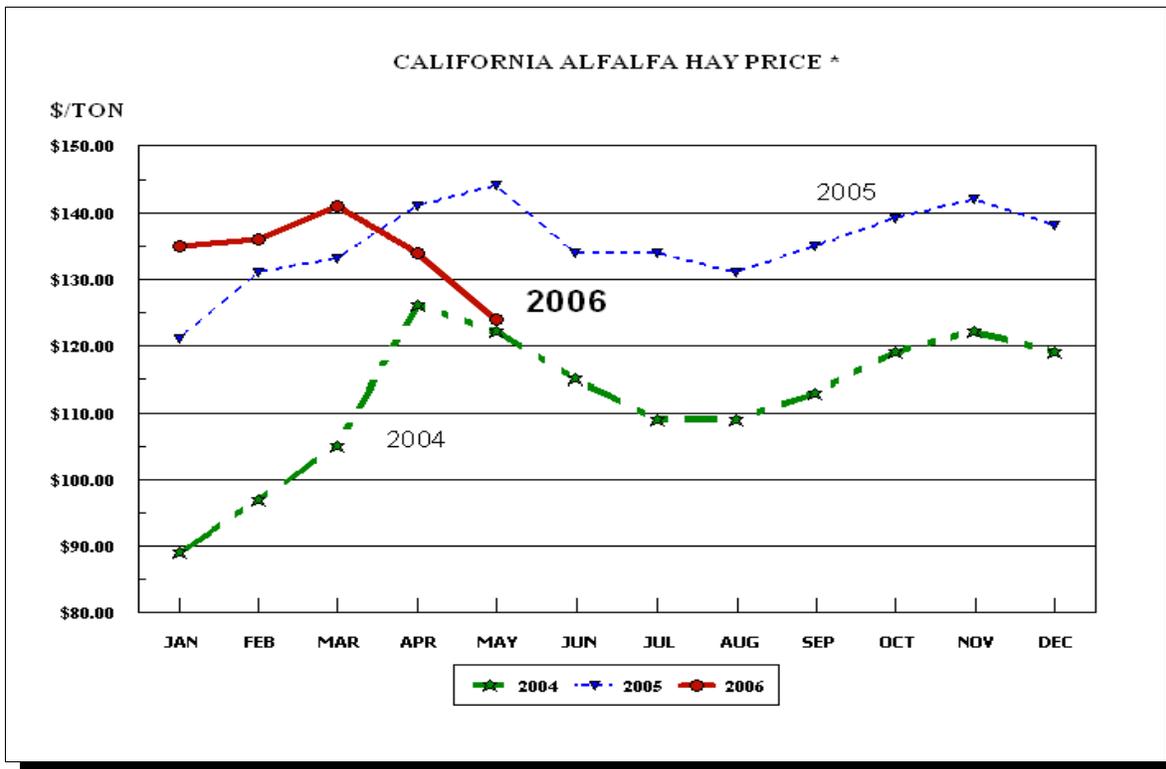
Commodity	Unit	California			United States		
		May 2005	April 2006	May 15, 2006	May 2005	April 2006	May 15, 2006
Dollars							
All Hay, Baled 2/	Ton	136.00	130.00	119.00	107.00	106.00	114.00
Alfalfa, Baled 2/	Ton	144.00	134.00	124.00	116.00	110.00	118.00
Hogs 2/ 3/	Cwt.	---	---	---	54.90	41.30	47.20
Cows 2/	Cwt.	55.50	47.00	46.50	58.30	48.50	48.00
Steers and Heifers 2/	Cwt.	92.20	85.20	84.50	96.10	89.30	85.80
Calves 2/	Cwt.	128.00	125.00	118.00	143.00	135.00	132.00
Sheep 2/	Cwt.	48.00	37.50	---	43.70	34.90	---
Lambs 2/	Cwt.	103.00	73.50	---	114.00	86.80	---
Milk Cows 4/	Head	---	1,600.00	---	---	1,770.00	---
All Milk Wholesale 2/	Cwt.	13.48	11.12	11.10	14.70	12.20	12.00

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/ 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: USDA, National Agricultural Statistics Service, California Field Office