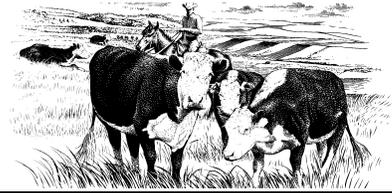


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U.S. CATTLE ON FEED UP 5 PERCENT

Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter market in the United States for feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head totaled 10.9 million head on July 1, 2006. The inventory was 5 percent above July 1, 2005 and 7 percent above July 1, 2004. This is the second highest July 1 inventory since the series began in 1996. The inventory included 7.09 million steers and steer calves, 4 percent above the previous year. This group accounted for 65 percent of the total inventory. Heifers and heifer calves accounted for 3.71 million head, up 5 percent from 2005.

CALIFORNIA CATTLE ON FEED

Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter in California feedlots totaled 530 thousand head on July 1, 2006, 1 percent below the previous month, but 2 percent above July 2005. During June, placements of 73.0 thousand head remained the same as the previous year. Marketings of 74.0 thousand head were 17 percent above June of 2005. Other disappearance totaled 4.00 thousand head.

Placements in feedlots during June totaled 1.95 million, 10 percent above 2005 and 18 percent above 2004. This is the second highest placement for the month of June since the series began in 1996. Net placements were 1.89 million. During June, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 565 thousand, 600-699 pounds were 430 thousand, 700-799 pounds were 456 thousand, and 800 pounds and greater were 500 thousand.

Marketings of fed cattle during June totaled 2.20 million, 6 percent above 2005 and up 6 percent from 2004. This is the second highest number of fed-cattle marketings for the month of June since the series began in 1996. Other disappearance totaled 63.0 thousand during June, unchanged from 2005, but 10 percent below 2004.

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	
	2005	2006	2006/2005	2005	2006	2005	2006
	Thousand Head						
Arizona	331	341	103	29	34	35	30
California	515	535	104	73	73	63	74
Colorado	970	1,030	106	130	175	190	215
Idaho	245	230	94	70	58	54	55
Iowa	435	470	108	49	59	68	66
Kansas	2,280	2,400	105	400	445	465	550
Nebraska	2,050	2,120	103	290	370	510	490
New Mexico	127	135	106	26	33	18	27
Oklahoma	325	345	106	54	63	58	67
South Dakota	186	195	105	26	29	48	41
Texas	2,890	2,960	102	550	530	480	500
Washington	137	141	103	41	39	35	31
Other States	280	285	102	31	43	59	57
UNITED STATES	10,771	11,187	104	1,769	1,951	2,083	2,203
State	Other Disappearance During June 2/		Number On Feed July 1 1/		2006/2005		
	2005	2006	2005	2006			
	Thousand Head				Percent		
Arizona	1	1	324	344	106		
California	5	4	520	530	102		
Colorado	10	10	900	980	109		
Idaho	1	3	260	230	88		
Iowa	1	3	415	460	111		
Kansas	15	15	2,200	2,280	104		
Nebraska	10	10	1,820	1,990	109		
New Mexico	3	1	132	140	106		
Oklahoma	1	1	320	340	106		
South Dakota	3	3	161	180	112		
Texas	10	10	2,950	2,980	101		
Washington	1	1	142	148	104		
Other States	2	1	250	270	108		
UNITED STATES	63	63	10,394	10,872	105		

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.

ALL SHEEP AND LAMB INVENTORY SHOWS SLIGHT DECREASE

All sheep and lamb inventory in the United States totaled 7.77 million head on July 1, 2006, down slightly from July 1, 2005, but 2 percent above July 1, 2004. Breeding sheep inventory at 4.64 million head on July 1, 2006 was down slightly from July 1, 2005. Market sheep and lambs (including newborn lambs), at 3.14 million head, were also down slightly from last July.

The breeding herd consists of 3.78 million ewes one year old and older, 185 thousand rams one year old and older, and 670 thousand replacement lambs (including newborn lambs). Market lamb inventory, at 3.06 million head, comprised 1.80 million lambs weighing less than 65 pounds, 630 thousand lambs weighing 65-84 pounds, 370 thousand lambs weighing 85-105 pounds, and 260 thousand lambs weighing more than 105 pounds. Market sheep inventory was 80.0 thousand head.

The 2006 lamb crop in the United States is expected to total 4.10 million head, down 1 percent from the 2005 lamb crop of 4.13 million head. Lambs born during January through June 2006 totaled 3.62 million head or 88 percent of the yearly total. An additional 480 thousand head are expected to be born during the period July through December 2006.

ALL SHEEP AND LAMBS INVENTORY: BY REGION AND UNITED STATES, JULY 1, 2005-06

Regions 1/	All Sheep And Lambs			Breeding Sheep And Lambs		Market Sheep And Lambs	
	2005	2006	2006/2005	2005	2006	2005	2006
	1,000 Head		Percent	1,000 Head		1,000 Head	
Region 1	1,300	1,280	98	805	800	495	480
Region 2	1,500	1,470	98	1,000	980	500	490
Region 3	2,650	2,650	100	1,460	1,460	1,190	1,190
Region 4	1,200	1,200	100	665	665	535	535
Region 5	1,150	1,170	102	725	730	425	440
UNITED STATES	7,800	7,770	100	4,655	4,635	3,145	3,135

1/ States included in regions are as follows: 1 — AZ, CA, ID, NV, OR, and WA; 2 — NM and TX; 3 — CO, MT, SD, UT, and WY; 4 — IA, KS, MN, MO, NE, ND, and OK; 5 — all other States.

U.S. HOG INVENTORY UP SLIGHTLY

U.S. inventory of all hogs and pigs was 60.9 million head on June 1, 2006. This was up slightly from June 1, 2005 and 1 percent above March 1, 2006.

Breeding inventory, at 6.06 million head, was up 1 percent from both last year and from the previous quarter. Market hog inventory, at 54.9 million head, was up slightly from last year and 2 percent above last quarter.

The March-May 2006 pig crop, at 26.3 million head, was up 1 percent from 2005 and 3 percent above 2004. Sows farrowing during this period totaled 2.90 million head, up 1 percent from both 2005 and 2004. The sows farrowed during this quarter represented 48 percent of the breeding herd. The average pigs saved per litter was 9.08 for the March-May 2006 period, compared to 9.02 last year. Pigs saved per litter by size of operation ranged from 7.60 for operations with 1-99 hogs and pigs to 9.20 for operations with more than 5.00 thousand hogs and pigs.

U.S. HOG AND PIG INVENTORY, JUNE 1, 2004-06

Item	2004	2005	2006	2006 2004	2006 2005
	1,000 Head			Percent	
June 1 Inventory					
All Hogs and Pigs	60,698	60,732	60,927	100	100
Kept for Breeding	5,937	5,977	6,060	102	101
Market	54,760	54,754	54,867	100	100
Market Hogs and Pigs By Weight Groups:					
Under 60 Pounds	20,292	20,423	20,598	102	101
60-119 Pounds	13,500	13,376	13,442	100	100
120-179 Pounds	11,256	11,143	11,195	99	100
180 Pounds and Over	9,714	9,813	9,633	99	98

MILK PRODUCTION

California milk producers produced 3.20 billion pounds of milk in June 2006. This was 5 percent below May 2006, but 1 percent above June 2005.

Monthly milk per cow averaged 1,795 pounds, 100 pounds less than in May 2006 and 20 pounds less than a year ago.

MILK PRODUCTION, CALIFORNIA AND UNITED STATES

Month	CALIFORNIA						Total Milk Receipts 5/		UNITED STATES 1/ 2/					
	Milk Cows 3/		Milk Per Cow 4/		Milk Production 4/		Receipts 5/		Milk Cows 3/		Milk Per Cow 4/		Milk Production 4/	
	2005 6/	2006 7/	2005 6/	2006 7/	2005 6/	2006 7/	2005	2006	2005	2006	2005	2006	2005	2006
	1,000 Head		Pounds		Million Pounds		Million Pounds		1,000 Head		Pounds		Million Pounds	
Jan.	1,739	1,776	1,770	1,825	3,078	3,241	3,076	3,239	8,087	8,195	1,643	1,710	13,287	14,014
Feb.	1,742	1,782	1,635	1,705	2,848	3,038	2,845	3,037	8,084	8,206	1,522	1,587	12,301	13,022
Mar.	1,744	1,785	1,850	1,920	3,226	3,427	3,223	3,423	8,099	8,228	1,707	1,775	13,825	14,604
Apr.	1,747	1,785	1,825	1,855	3,188	3,311	3,184	3,308	8,117	8,240	1,690	1,727	13,717	14,228
May	1,751	1,785	1,880	1,895	3,292	3,383	3,288	3,381	8,131	8,257	1,760	1,780	14,311	14,700
June	1,753	1,783	1,815	1,795	3,182	3,200	3,178	3,178	8,138	8,266	1,690	1,695	13,755	14,011
July	1,760		1,775		3,124		3,122		8,151		1,683		13,715	
Aug.	1,763		1,790		3,156		3,153		8,162		1,671		13,640	
Sept.	1,765		1,745		3,080		3,079		8,167		1,599		13,057	
Oct.	1,770		1,780		3,151		3,147		8,168		1,637		13,373	
Nov.	1,770		1,725		3,053		3,049		8,167		1,592		13,002	
Dec.	1,770		1,795		3,177		3,178		8,179		1,663		13,599	

1/ Revised 2006 data.

2/ Twenty-three-state total.

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

4/ Excludes milk sucked by calves.

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

6/ Revised May data

7/ Revised April and May data.

CALIFORNIA COMMERCIAL SLAUGHTER

California's production of red meat during June 2006 totaled 146 million pounds (dressed weight), 6 percent above the previous month and 14 percent above June 2005. This figure includes slaughter in Federally-inspected and State-inspected plants, but excludes slaughter done on farms. In June 2006, the average live weight of cattle slaughtered was 1,390 pounds; calves 151 pounds; and hogs 241 pounds.

**U.S. COMMERCIAL SLAUGHTER
RED MEAT PRODUCTION AT RECORD HIGH FOR JUNE**

Commercial red meat production for the United States totaled 4.12 billion pounds in June, up 4 percent from the 3.96 billion pounds produced in June 2005.

Beef production, at 2.43 billion pounds, was 9 percent above the previous year. Cattle slaughter totaled 3.16 million head, up 8 percent from June 2005. The average live weight was up 14 pounds from the previous year, at 1,259 pounds.

Veal production totaled 13.0 million pounds, 1 percent below June a year ago. Calf slaughter totaled 58.7 thousand head, down slightly from June 2005. The average live weight, at 365 pounds, was 4 pounds below last year.

Pork production totaled 1.66 billion pounds, down 3 percent from the previous year. Hog kill totaled 8.34 million head, 2 percent below June 2005. The average live weight was 268 pounds, unchanged from the previous year.

Lamb and mutton production, at 14.6 million pounds, was down 5 percent from June 2005. Sheep slaughter totaled 212 thousand head, 4 percent below last year. The average live weight was 137 pounds, down 1 pound from June a year ago.

January to June 2006 commercial red meat production was 23.3 billion pounds, up 5 percent from 2005. Accumulated beef production was up 7 percent from last year, veal was down 4 percent, pork was up 2 percent from last year, and lamb and mutton production was up 2 percent.

June 2005 and 2006 both contained 22 weekdays (including no holidays) and four Saturdays.

COMMERCIAL SLAUGHTER, JUNE 2005-06 ^{a/}						
Species and Location	Number Slaughtered		Total Live Weight		Average Live Weight	
	2005	2006	2005	2006	2005	2006
	Thousand Head		Thousand Pounds		Pounds	
CATTLE						
California	119.0	137.9	158,362	191,688	1,330	1,390
U.S. Total	2,937.6	3,159.0	3,656,128	3,977,593	1,245	1,259
CALVES						
California	6.9	8.2	1,210	1,236	174	151
U.S. Total	58.9	58.7	21,754	21,415	369	365
SHEEP & LAMBS						
California	---	---	---	---	---	---
U.S. Total	221.7	211.8	30,509	29,078	138	137
HOGS						
California	219.1	221.3	52,433	53,343	239	241
U.S. Total	8,553.8	8,342.2	2,295,391	2,237,832	268	268
RED MEAT	June 2005	May 2006	June 2006	June 06 June 05	June 06 May 06	
	Million Pounds			Percent		
California	128.5	138.1	146.2	114	106	
U.S. Total	3,962.0	4,049.1	4,119.6	104	102	

^{a/} Farm slaughter excluded.

JULY 1 CATTLE INVENTORY UP 1 PERCENT

All cattle and calves in the United States totaled 105.7 million head on July 1, 2006, 1 percent above the 104.5 million on July 1, 2005 and 2 percent above the 103.4 million two years ago.

All cows and heifers that have calved, at 43.0 million, were up slightly from the 42.8 million on July 1, 2005 and 1 percent above the 42.4 million two years ago.

- Beef cows, at 33.9 million, were up slightly from July 1, 2005 and up 1 percent from two years ago
- Milk cows, at 9.15 million, were up 1 percent from July 1, 2005 and up 2 percent from two years ago

Other class estimates on July 1, 2006 and the changes from July 1, 2005 are as follows:

- All heifers 500 pounds and over, 16.5 million, up 2 percent
- Beef replacement heifers, 5.0 million, unchanged
- Milk replacement heifers, 3.8 million, up 3 percent
- Other heifers, 7.7 million, up 3 percent
- Steers weighing 500 pounds and over, 14.9 million, up 3 percent
- Bulls weighing 500 pounds and over, 2.1 million, unchanged
- Calves under 500 pounds, 29.2 million, up 1 percent
- All cattle and calves on feed for slaughter, 12.5 million, up 4 percent

CALF CROP UP SLIGHTLY

The 2006 calf crop is expected to be 37.9 million, up slightly from 2005 and 1 percent above 2004. Calves born during the first half of the year are estimated at 27.6 million, 1 percent above both 2005 and 2004.

**CATTLE AND CALVES
NUMBER BY CLASS AND CALF CROP, U.S., JULY 1, 2004-06**

Class	2004	2005	2006	²⁰⁰⁶ / ₂₀₀₅
	Thousand Head			Percent
Cattle and Calves	103,400	104,500	105,700	101
Cows and Heifers That Have Calved	42,400	42,800	43,000	100
Beef Cows	33,400	33,750	33,850	100
Milk Cows	9,000	9,050	9,150	101
Heifers 500 Lbs. and Over	15,950	16,200	16,500	102
For Beef Cow Replacement	4,800	5,000	5,000	100
For Milk Cow Replacement	3,600	3,700	3,800	103
Other Heifers	7,550	7,500	7,700	103
Steers 500 Lbs. and Over	14,200	14,400	14,900	103
Bulls 500 Lbs. and Over	2,050	2,100	2,100	100
Calves Less Than 500 Lbs.	28,800	29,000	29,200	101
Calf Crop	37,505	37,780	37,900	100

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

Commodity	Unit	California			United States		
		June 2005	May 2006	June 15, 2006	June 2005	May 2006	June 15, 2006
		Dollars					
All Hay, Baled ^{2/}	Ton	128.00	119.00	108.00	102.00	114.00	109.00
Alfalfa, Baled ^{2/}	Ton	134.00	124.00	111.00	112.00	118.00	115.00
Hogs ^{2/} ^{3/}	Cwt.	---	---	---	49.50	48.20	53.20
Cows ^{2/}	Cwt.	54.50	44.70	43.00	56.80	47.50	46.10
Steers and Heifers ^{2/}	Cwt.	88.20	84.00	85.60	91.50	86.50	88.40
Calves ^{2/}	Cwt.	121.00	118.00	118.00	140.00	132.00	132.00
Sheep ^{2/}	Cwt.	40.00	30.50	---	41.20	33.20	---
Lambs ^{2/}	Cwt.	104.00	72.00	---	114.00	88.90	---
Milk Cows ^{4/}	Head	---	---	---	---	---	---
All Milk Wholesale ^{2/}	Cwt.	13.38	10.92	10.90	14.40	12.00	12.10

^{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.