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U.S. CATTLE ON FEED

Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter market in the United States for feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head totaled 12.0 million head on December 1, 2006. The inventory was 2 percent above December 1, 2005 and 6 percent above December 1, 2004. This is the highest December 1 inventory since the series began in 1996.

Placements in feedlots during November totaled 1.89 million, 8 percent below 2005 but 8 percent above 2004. Net placements were 1.8 million, the second lowest placement for the month of November since the series began in 1996. During November, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 555,000, 600-699 pounds were 565 thousand, 700-799 pounds were 404 thousand, and 800 pounds and greater were 365 thousand.

Marketings of fed cattle during November totaled 1.80 million, 6 percent above 2005 and 10 percent above 2004. This is the second highest fed cattle marketing for the month of November since the series began in 1996.

Other disappearance totaled 83,000 during November, 9 percent below 2005 and 23 percent below 2004.

CATTLE ON FEED IN CALIFORNIA

Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter in California feedlots totaled 540 thousand head on December 1, 2006, 2 percent above last month and 2 percent below December 2005. During November, placements of 69.0 thousand were 5 percent above the previous year. Marketings of 55.0 thousand head were 4 percent above November of 2005. 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 November 1 1/			Placed During November		Marketed During November	
	2005	2006	2006/2005	2005	2006	2005	2006
Thousand Head							
Arizona	323	342	106	35	30	29	29
California	545	530	97	66	69	53	55
Colorado 2/	1,030	1,130	110	165	150	115	150
Idaho	290	285	98	49	43	57	56
Iowa	475	490	103	108	82	80	70
Kansas	2,410	2,550	106	465	405	375	385
Nebraska	2,280	2,440	107	440	460	305	380
New Mexico	141	141	100	18	14	20	16
Oklahoma	360	360	100	68	50	62	57
South Dakota	161	190	118	63	56	33	35
Texas	2,970	2,990	101	495	435	510	500
Washington	163	181	111	27	31	28	26
Other States	325	340	105	46	64	34	43
UNITED STATES 2/	11,473	11,969	104	2,045	1,889	1,701	1,802
State	Other Disappearance During November 3/		Number On Feed December 1 1/		2006/2005		
	2005	2006	2005	2006			
Thousand Head					Percent		
Arizona	1	2	328	341	104		
California	8	4	550	540	98		
Colorado	10	10	1,070	1,120	105		
Idaho	2	2	280	270	96		
Iowa	3	2	500	500	100		
Kansas	30	20	2,470	2,550	103		
Nebraska	15	10	2,400	2,510	105		
New Mexico	2	2	137	137	100		
Oklahoma	1	3	365	350	96		
South Dakota	1	1	190	210	111		
Texas	15	25	2,940	2,900	99		
Washington	1	1	161	185	115		
Other States	2	1	335	360	107		
UNITED STATES	91	83	11,726	11,973	102		

1/ Cattle and calves on feed are animals that are fed grain or other concentrates before going to the slaughter market and are expected to produce a carcass that will grade at select or better.

2/ Revised "November on Feed November 1" for 2006.

3/ Includes death losses, movement from feedlots to pasture, and shipments to other feedlots for further feeding.

CALIFORNIA COMMERCIAL SLAUGHTER

California's production of red meat during November 2006 totaled 130 million pounds (dressed weight), 7 percent above the previous month and November 2005. This figure includes slaughter in Federally-inspected and State-inspected plants, but excludes slaughter done on farms. In November 2006, the average live weight of cattle slaughtered was 1,360 pounds; calves 167 pounds; and hogs 244 pounds.

**RED MEAT PRODUCTION
SETS RECORD HIGH FOR NOVEMBER**

Commercial red meat production for the United States totaled 4.14 billion pounds in November, up 5 percent from the 3.94 billion pounds produced in November 2005.

Beef production, at 2.22 billion pounds, was 7 percent above the previous year. Cattle slaughter totaled 2.84 million head, up 6 percent from November 2005. The average live weight was up 7 pounds from the previous year, at 1,291 pounds.

Veal production totaled 14.3 million pounds, 15 percent above November a year ago. Calf slaughter totaled 66,800 head, up 18 percent from November 2005. The average live weight was 14 pounds below last year, at 351 pounds.

Pork production totaled 1.89 billion pounds, up 3 percent from the previous year. Hog kill totaled 9.37 million head, 3 percent above November 2005. The average live weight was 1 pound above the previous year, at 273 pounds.

Lamb and mutton production, at 15.3 million pounds, was down 3 percent from November 2005. Sheep slaughter totaled 223,800 head, slightly below last year. The average live weight was 137 pounds, down 3 pounds from November a year ago.

COMMERCIAL SLAUGHTER, NOVEMBER 2005-06 a/

Species and Location	Number Slaughtered		Total Live Weight		Average Live Weight	
	2005	2006	2005	2006	2005	2006
	1,000 Head		1,000 Pounds		Pounds	
CATTLE						
California	111.4	120.7	149,583	164,160	1,343	1,360
U.S. Total	2,542.3	2,667.5	3,224,586	3,426,084	1,268	1,284
CALVES						
California	8.4	5.9	1,187	990	141	167
U.S. Total	67.9	56.3	22,809	20,562	336	365
SHEEP & LAMBS						
California	---	---	---	---	---	---
U.S. Total	242.0	224.5	32,914	31,556	136	141
HOGS						
California	210.1	223.8	52,392	54,705	249	244
U.S. Total	8,972.8	9,132.3	2,421,568	2,483,610	270	272
RED MEAT	November 2005	October 2006	November 2006	Nov. 06 Nov. 05	Nov. 06 Oct. 06	
	Million Pounds			Percent		
California	121.7	121.9	129.9	107	107	
U.S. Total	3770.1	3,925.1	3,942.3	105	100	

a/ Farm slaughter excluded.

FEDERALLY INSPECTED SLAUGHTER BY REGIONS AND UNITED STATES, JANUARY - NOVEMBER 2006 *

Standard Federal Regions 1/	Cattle							Calves Total
	Total 2/	Steers	Heifers	All Cows	Dairy Cows	Other Cows	Bulls & Stags	
	1,000 Head							
1	1.0	0.5	0.2	---	---	---	---	0.3
2	4.9	1.7	0.4	2.6	2.3	0.3	0.3	21.7
3	75.3	33.1	6.1	33.9	26.9	7.0	2.2	16.8
4	72.1	0.9	0.3	62.8	13.8	49.0	8.1	---
5	342.4	138.6	42.7	152.7	81.8	70.9	8.4	16.0
6	527.0	255.1	177.7	84.6	12.0	72.6	9.7	1.3
7	1,266.8	691.1	499.8	67.3	1.3	66.1	8.6	0.1
8	240.0	115.8	105.4	---	---	---	---	---
9	175.8	81.7	8.0	82.6	70.0	12.6	3.5	8.7
10	91.9	46.2	33.2	11.8	6.7	5.1	0.8	---
U.S. 2/	2,797.2	1,364.6	873.6	515.3	219.0	296.3	43.7	65.6
	Hogs				Sheep			
	Total 2/	Barrows & Gilts	Sows	Stags & Boars	Total 2/	Mature Sheep	Lambs & Yearlings	
	1,000 Head							
1	1.5	1.5	---	---	---	---	---	---
2	11.6	11.4	0.2	0.1	10.9	1.1	9.8	
3	437.9	423.3	1.2	13.5	8.0	0.4	7.6	
4	1,449.2	1,359.2	88.6	1.4	2.9	0.8	2.1	
5	2,455.5	2,339.5	112.6	3.4	29.1	3.3	25.8	
6	471.1	444.2	26.7	0.1	0.5	0.2	0.3	
7	3,802.6	3,731.6	---	---	35.3	0.3	35.0	
8	404.5	400.9	3.6	---	95.1	1.7	93.4	
9	211.4	211.3	---	---	---	---	---	
10	31.2	31.1	0.1	---	1.9	0.1	1.8	
U.S. 2/	9,276.4	8,953.9	282.5	40.0	212.3	9.0	203.3	

* Accumulated totals based on unrounded data.

1/ 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.

2/ Totals may not add due to rounding.

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

Commodity	Unit	California			United States		
		November 2005	October 2006	Nov. 15, 2006	November 2005	October 2006	Nov. 15, 2006
Dollars							
Hay, All Baled 2/ 3/	Ton	135.00	106.00	110.00	91.70	107.00	106.00
Hay, Alfalfa Baled 2/ 3/	Ton	142.00	114.00	116.00	98.30	112.00	109.00
Hogs 2/ 4/	Cwt.	---	---	---	43.50	46.50	44.50
Cows 2/	Cwt.	42.80	42.80	40.90	45.90	45.90	43.70
Steers and Heifers 2/	Cwt.	94.80	91.00	87.40	97.10	94.00	90.00
Calves 2/	Cwt.	124.00	113.00	104.00	137.00	127.00	119.00
Sheep 2/	Cwt.	42.00	36.00	---	46.20	31.10	---
Lambs 2/	Cwt.	93.50	91.50	---	107.00	98.10	---
Milk Cows 5/	Head	---	1,600.00	---	---	1,650.00	---
Milk, All Wholesale 2/	Cwt.	13.62	11.82	12.50	15.10	13.50	13.80

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/ California's November 15, 2006 prices are for the full month.

4/ Prices include barrows, gilts, and sows.

5/ Animals sold for dairy herd replacement only. Prices published January, April, July and October.



Financial FACTS for the 2007 Farm Bill

Respond to USDA's Agricultural Resource Management Survey to provide the financial facts policymakers will use to craft the 2007 Farm Bill.



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