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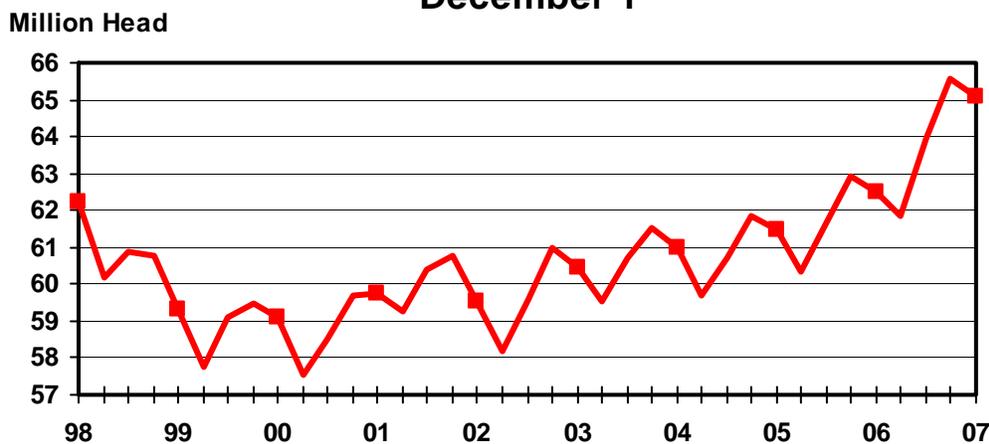
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U.S. Hog Inventory Up 4 Percent

UTAH: Utah inventory of all hogs and pigs was estimated at 790,000 head as of December 1, 2007, up 16 percent over December 1, 2006. The December 1, 2007 **breeding inventory** of 100,000 head was 3 percent lower than the previous year. **Market inventory**, at 690,000 head, was 20 percent higher than December 1, 2006. The 2007 **pig crop** totaled 1,565,000 head, 15 percent head above 2006. The number of sows farrowed during the December 1, 2006 thru November 30, 2007 period was 160,000 head, 11 percent more than the previous year. Average litter size of 9.78 pigs was up from last year's average of 9.48.

United States: U.S. inventory of all hogs and pigs on December 1, 2007 was 65.1 million head. This was up 4 percent from December 1, 2006, but down 1 percent from September 1, 2007. **Breeding inventory**, at 6.16 million head, was up 1 percent from last year, and up slightly from the previous quarter. **Market hog inventory**, at 59.0 million head, was up 5 percent from last year, but down 1 percent from last quarter. **The September-November 2007 pig crop**, at 28.0 million head, was up 4 percent from 2006 and up 7 percent from 2005. Sows farrowing during this period totaled 3.03 million head, up 3 percent from 2006 and up 4 percent from 2005. The sows farrowed during this quarter represented 49 percent of the breeding herd. The average pigs saved per litter was 9.24 for the September-November 2007 period, compared to 9.11 last year. Pigs saved per litter by size of operation ranged from 7.40 for operations with 1-99 hogs and pigs to 9.30 for operations with more than 5,000 hogs and pigs.

U.S. Quarterly Hogs and Pigs Inventory December 1



1 Agricultural Prices

UTAH: Mid-December 2007 prices received by Utah farmers and ranchers for baled alfalfa hay was \$140.00 per ton, up \$5.00 from last month, and was up \$39.00 per ton from last year. Other hay, at \$120.00 per ton, remained the same as November 2007, and was \$45.00 higher than December 2006. Barley was down 44 cents from November, but was up \$1.38 from December 2006. The average price of all milk purchased in November 2007 from Utah farmers was \$21.10 per hundred wt. (Cwt) remaining the same as October 2007, and up 52.9 percent from November 2006.

UNITED STATES: The preliminary All Farm Products Index of Prices Received by Farmers in December, at 151 percent, based on 1990-92=100, increased 5 points (3.4 percent) from November. The Crop Index is up 10 points (6.5 percent) but the Livestock Index is unchanged. The All Farm Index and All Crop Index are at record highs. Producers received higher commodity prices for tomatoes, corn, soybeans, and wheat. Lower prices were received for oranges, turkeys, snap beans, and broilers. The overall index is also affected by the seasonal change based on a 3-year average mix of commodities producers sell. Increased average marketings of wheat, milk, oranges, and broilers offset decreased marketings of soybeans, cattle, corn, and grapes. The preliminary All Farm Products Index is up 31 points (26 percent) from December 2006. The Food Commodities Index, at 158, increased 7 points (4.6 percent) from last month and increased 37 points (31 percent) from December 2006.

Average Prices Received by Farmers ¹

Commodity	Utah						United States					
	Barley ²		Alfalfa Hay ³ Baled		Other Hay ³ Baled		Barley ²		Alfalfa Hay Baled ³		Other Hay Baled ³	
Month	2006	2007	2006	2007	2006	2007	2006	2007	2006	2007	2006	2007
January	2.34	3.65	95.00	105.00	80.00	79.00	2.42	3.03	96.40	112.00	84.30	104.00
February	2.11	3.91	100.00	107.00	85.00	81.00	2.55	3.09	98.40	115.00	88.60	107.00
March	2.17	3.70	96.00	113.00	85.00	87.00	2.70	3.11	100.00	121.00	90.10	115.00
April	2.29	3.18	106.00	113.00	90.00	85.00	2.65	3.07	108.00	127.00	94.90	115.00
May	2.20	3.72	98.00	120.00	75.00	90.00	2.97	3.12	114.00	145.00	101.00	115.00
June	(⁴)	(⁴)	101.00	121.00	81.00	92.00	2.77	3.30	112.00	137.00	95.80	111.00
July	2.36	3.38	101.00	123.00	81.00	105.00	2.71	3.45	111.00	137.00	94.90	113.00
August	2.39	3.39	101.00	130.00	76.00	118.00	2.70	3.54	109.00	137.00	96.20	118.00
September	2.58	4.71	97.00	132.00	72.00	114.00	2.53	4.04	111.00	135.00	99.50	124.00
October	2.95	5.58	99.00	132.00	72.00	110.00	2.76	4.50	113.00	137.00	101.00	122.00
November	2.72	5.22	99.00	135.00	72.00	120.00	2.92	4.34	110.00	135.00	106.00	123.00
December	3.40	4.78	101.00	140.00	75.00	120.00	2.93	4.81	111.00	136.00	107.00	126.00

¹ December 2007 is mid-month. ² Dollars per bushel. ³ Dollars per ton. ⁴ Price not published to avoid disclosure of individual firms.

Commodity ¹	Utah		United States	
	All Milk		All Milk	
Month	2006	2007	2006	2007
January	14.00	14.50	14.50	14.50
February	13.70	14.80	13.50	14.90
March	12.70	15.60	12.60	15.60
April	11.60	16.00	12.10	16.60
May	11.50	17.80	11.90	18.00
June	11.40	20.10	11.90	20.20
July	11.40	21.20	11.80	21.70
August	11.50	21.00	12.00	21.60
September	13.10	21.40	12.90	21.70
October	13.30	21.10	13.50	21.40
November	13.80	21.10	13.90	21.90
December	14.10		14.10	21.70 ²

¹ Dollars per hundred wt.(CWT) ² preliminary

Livestock Slaughter

UTAH: Commercial red meat production totaled 43.4 million pounds in November 2007, down 5.7 percent from the same month of the previous year. **Cattle slaughter** in Utah for November 2007 totaled 53.4 thousand head, 5.3 percent below a year earlier. The average live weight was 1,302 pounds, down 9 pounds from November 2006. **Hog slaughter** totaled 5,000 head up 2 percent from the previous year. The average live weight was 173 pounds, down 24 pounds from the previous year. **Sheep and lamb slaughter** during November 2007 totaled 3,000 head, up 7.1 percent from the previous year. Average live weight, at 133 pounds, remained the same as the previous year.

UNITED STATES: Commercial red meat production for the United States totaled 4.30 billion pounds in November, up 4 percent from the 4.15 billion pounds produced in November 2006. **Beef production**, at 2.23 billion pounds, was slightly above the previous year. Cattle slaughter totaled 2.83 million head, down slightly from November 2006. The average live weight was up 9 pounds from the previous year, at 1,304 pounds. **Veal production** totaled 10.1 million pounds, 22 percent below November a year ago. Calf slaughter totaled 58,900 head, down 12 percent from November 2006. The average live weight was down 36 pounds from last year, at 291 pounds. **Pork production** totaled 2.05 billion pounds, up 8 percent from the previous year. Hog kill totaled 10.1 million head, up 7 percent from November 2006. The average live weight was unchanged from the previous year, at 272 pounds. **Lamb and mutton production**, at 16.1 million pounds, was up 5 percent from November 2006. Sheep slaughter totaled 236,700 head, 6 percent above last year. The average live weight was 136 pounds, down 1 pound from November a year ago. **January to November 2007 commercial red meat production** was 44.6 billion pounds, up 2 percent from 2006. Accumulated beef production was up 1 percent from last year, veal was down 5 percent, pork was up 4 percent from last year, and lamb and mutton production was down 1 percent.

Commercial Livestock Slaughter				
November 2006-2007¹				
Item	Utah		United States	
	November		November	
	2006	2007	2006	2007
<i>Production (Millions Pounds)</i>				
Red Meat	46.0	43.4	4,151.4	4,300.6
<i>Number Slaughtered (Thousand Head)</i>				
Cattle	56.4	53.4	2,842.4	2,831.2
Calves	1	1	66.6	58.9
Hogs	4.9	5.0	9,364.9	10,050.7
Sheep & Lambs	2.8	3.0	224.2	236.7
<i>Average Live Weight (Pounds)</i>				
Cattle	1,311	1,302	1,295	1,304
Calves	1	1	327	291
Hogs	197	173	272	272
Sheep & Lambs . . .	133	133	137	136

¹ Missing data not published to avoid disclosure of individual operations

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Manufactured Dairy Products

UTAH: **Total cheese** output (excluding cottage cheese) in October 2007, at 9.3 million pounds, was 0.8 percent above October 2006, and 1.3 percent below September 2007. **Hard ice cream** production at 2.1 million gallons, was 0.6 percent above October 2006, and was 4.2 percent above September 2007.

UNITED STATES: **Total cheese** output (excluding cottage cheese) was 825 million pounds, 1.6 percent above October 2006 and 6.4 percent above September 2007. **Italian type cheese** production totaled 346 million pounds, 1.8 percent above October 2006 and 4.7 percent above September 2007. **American type cheese** production totaled 325 million pounds, 1.2 percent above October 2006 and 7.9 percent above September 2007. **Butter** production was 130 million pounds, 9.1 percent above October 2006 and 16.3 percent above September 2007. **Hard Ice Cream** production at 69.4 million gallons was up 4.4 percent from October 2006, and up 0.3 percent from September 2007.

Manufactured Dairy Production – October 2006-2007 with Comparisons

Product	Utah			United States		
	October 2006	September ¹ 2007	October 2007	October 2006	September ¹ 2007	October 2007
	1,000 Pounds					
Total Cheese	9,243	9,431	9,313	812,276	775,601	825,330
	1,000 Gallons					
Hard ice cream	2,050	1,978	2,062	66,486	69,189	69,389

¹ Revised.