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**Utah:** Prices received by Utah farmers and ranchers during mid-July 2004, compared with June 2004, were down for barley, but up for alfalfa hay, with other hay remaining the same according to the Utah Agricultural Statistics Service.

The lamb price for June 2004 was \$101.00 per cwt, up \$11.00 from July 2003. The June 2004 sheep price, at \$25.00 was \$1.00 below July 2003.

Barley, at \$2.25 per bushel, was down 26 cents from the previous month's price and 32 cents below last year. Baled alfalfa hay was \$90.00 per ton, up \$2.00 from last month and \$7.00 above last year. Other hay, at \$80.00 per ton, was the same as last month and \$10.00 higher than July 2003.

**United States:** The preliminary All Farm Products Index of Prices Received by Farmers in July at 122, based on 1990-92=100, is 6 points (4.7 percent) below the June Index. Declines occurred in both the Crop Price Index and the Livestock Price Index. The Crop Index, declined 6 points (4.9 percent) from June while the Livestock Index decreased 5 points (3.8 percent). Producers received higher commodity prices for oranges, asparagus, sweet corn, and snap beans. Lower prices were received for dairy, corn, soybeans, and cattle. The seasonal change in the mix of commodities farmers sell, based on the past 3-year average, also affects the overall index. Increased average marketings of grapes, wheat, tomatoes, and hay offset decreased marketings of dairy, cantaloup, asparagus, and oranges. The preliminary All Farm Products Index is up 17 points (16 percent) from July 2003.

The Food Commodities Index declined 5 points (3.8 percent) from last month to 125, twenty points (19 percent) above July 2003.

**Average Prices Received by Farmers**

Commodity	Unit	Utah			United States		
		Entire Month		Preliminary	Entire Month		Preliminary
		Jul 2003	Jun 2004	Jul 2004 <sup>1</sup>	Jul 2003	Jun 2004	Jul 2004 <sup>1</sup>
<b>Livestock &amp; Products</b>							
Lambs	Dol/Cwt	90.00	101.00	( <sup>2</sup> )	89.30	105.00	( <sup>2</sup> )
Sheep	Dol/Cwt	26.00	25.00	( <sup>2</sup> )	29.40	32.10	( <sup>2</sup> )
<b>Crops</b>							
Barley	Dol/Bu	2.57	2.51	2.25	2.74	2.64	2.50
Alfalfa Hay, Baled	Dol/Ton	83.00	88.00	90.00	92.70	102.00	98.40
Other Hay, Baled	Dol/Ton	70.00	80.00	80.00	77.80	76.90	70.90

<sup>1</sup> Prices refer to sales occurring about the 15th of the month.

<sup>2</sup> July data will be published next month.

**U.S. All Sheep and Lambs**

**All sheep and lamb inventory** in the United States on July 1, 2004, totaled 7.65 million head, 2 percent below July 1, 2003. Breeding sheep inventory at 4.55 million head on July 1, 2004 was 1 percent below July 1, 2003. Market sheep and lambs (including newborn lambs) at 3.11 million head, were 3 percent below last July.

**The breeding herd** consists of 3.75 million ewes one year old and older, 180,000 rams one year old and older, and 620,000 replacement lambs (including newborn lambs). **Market lamb** inventory at 3.03 million head was comprised of 1.80 million lambs under 65 pounds, 635,000 lambs 65-84 pounds, 355,000 lambs 85-105 pounds, and 240,000 lambs over 105 pounds. Market sheep inventory was 75,000.

**The 2004 Lamb Crop** in the United States is expected to total 4.08 million head, down 1 percent from the 2003 lamb crop of 4.12 million head. Lambs born during January through June 2004 totaled 3.61 million head or 88 percent of the yearly total. An additional 470,000 head are expected to be born during the period July through December 2004.

Region 3 (CO, MT, SD, UT, & WY) accounted for 34.0 percent of all sheep and lambs. Region 2 (NM & TX) accounted for 20.1 percent, Region 1 (AZ, CA, ID, NV, OR, & WA) for 16.9 percent, Region 4 (IA, KS, MN, MO, NE, ND, & OK) for 15.4 percent, and Region 5 (all other States) accounted for 13.6 percent.

**All Sheep and Lambs Inventory: By Region and United States, July 1, 2003-2004**

Regions <sup>1</sup>	All Sheep and Lambs		2004 as % of 2003	Breeding Sheep and Lambs		Market Sheep and Lambs	
	2003	2004		2003	2004	2003	2004
	..... 1,000 Head .....		Pct	..... 1,000 Head .....			
Region 1	1,330	1,290	97	830	810	500	480
Region 2	1,620	1,540	95	1,050	1,010	570	530
Region 3	2,610	2,600	100	1,420	1,430	1,190	1,170
Region 4	1,220	1,180	97	670	650	550	530
Region 5	1,020	1,040	102	640	645	380	395
US	7,800	7,650	98	4,610	4,545	3,190	3,105

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

## U.S. Cold Storage Highlights

**Frozen food stocks** in refrigerated warehouses on June 30, 2004 were greater than year earlier levels for chicken, beef, orange juice, cheese, eggs, and vegetables. Butter stocks were up 5 percent from last month, but down 38 percent from a year ago. **Total red meat supplies** in freezers were down 4 percent from last month and down 5 percent from last year. Frozen pork supplies were down 9 percent from last month and down 18 percent from the previous year. Stocks of pork bellies were down 10 percent from last month and down 15 percent from last year. **Total frozen poultry supplies** on June 30, 2004 were 8 percent higher than the previous month, but 2 percent lower than a year ago. Total stocks of chicken were up 12 percent from the previous month and 15 percent higher than last year. Total pounds of turkey in freezers were up 4 percent from last month, but down 18 percent from June 30, 2003.

### Stocks in Cold Storage, United States

Commodity	June 30,	May 31,	June 30,
	2003	2004	2004
	1,000 Pounds		
<b>Total Frozen</b>			
Eggs .....	17,951	20,554	18,431
Chicken .....	653,259	669,846	753,097
Turkey .....	718,212	571,124	591,580
Total Poultry	1,377,586	1,242,013	1,345,618
Cherries, Tart			
RTP .....	11,002	23,971	17,273
Juice .....	861	977	993
Cherries, Sweet ..	4,703	5,290	5,031
Potatoes .....	1,181,788	1,185,937	1,115,968
Beef .....	371,477	402,823	411,000
Pork .....	460,012	418,903	379,293
Lamb & Mutton	5,427	3,504	3,866
Total Meat .....	847,487	835,321	803,383
<b>Total in Storage</b>			
Apples, Fresh ....	730,553	923,880	558,004
Butter .....	301,425	178,744	187,800
Cheese, Natural ..			
American .....	549,984	561,087	590,709
Swiss .....	26,042	26,208	23,314
Other Natural ...	224,072	219,508	225,409

## Livestock Slaughter

**UTAH: Commercial red meat production** totaled 38.5 million pounds in June 2004, 12 percent below June of the previous year. **Cattle slaughter** in Utah for June 2004 totaled 51,500 head, 13 percent below a year earlier. The average live weight was 1,174 pounds, up 3 pounds from June 2003. **Hog slaughter** totaled 3,900 head, up 200 head from June 2003. The average live weight was 223 pounds, 4 pounds below the previous year. **Sheep and lamb slaughter** during June 2004 totaled 2,700 head, 300 head above the previous year. Average live weight, at 135 pounds, was up 6 pounds from the previous year.

**UNITED STATES: Commercial red meat production** for the United States totaled 3.93 billion pounds in June, down 1 percent from the 3.95 billion pounds produced in June 2003. **Beef production**, at 2.23 billion pounds, was 7 percent below the previous year. Cattle slaughter totaled 2.99 million head, down 8 percent from June 2003. The average live weight was up 8 pounds from the previous year, at 1,225 pounds. **Veal production** totaled 13.4 million pounds, 11 percent below June a year ago. Calf slaughter totaled 66,400 head, down 10 percent from June 2003. The average live weight was 2 pounds above last year, at 338 pounds. **Pork production** totaled 1.67 billion pounds, up 9 percent from the previous year, and set a monthly record high. Hog kill totaled 8.50 million head, 10 percent above June 2003. The average live weight was 2 pounds below the previous year, at 264 pounds. **Lamb and mutton production**, at 15.5 million pounds, was up 2 percent from June 2003. Sheep slaughter totaled 230,900 head, 1 percent above last year. The average live weight was 134 pounds, up 2 pounds from June a year ago.

### Commercial Livestock Slaughter,

Item	June 2003-2004 <sup>1</sup>			
	Utah		United States	
	June		June	
	2003	2004	2003	2004
<b>Production (Million Pounds)</b>				
Red Meat .....	44.0	38.5	3,952.3	3,928.0
<b>Number Slaughtered (Thousand Head)</b>				
Cattle .....	59.1	51.5	3,252.6	2,994.6
Calves .....	1	1	74.0	66.4
Hogs .....	3.7	3.9	7,764.2	8,504.4
Sheep & Lamb	2.4	2.7	229.4	230.9
<b>Average Live Weight (Pounds)</b>				
Cattle .....	1,171	1,174	1,217	1,225
Calves .....	1	1	336	338
Hogs .....	227	223	266	264
Sheep & Lamb	129	135	133	134

<sup>1</sup> Missing data not published to avoid disclosure of individual operations.

## U.S. Cattle on Feed Up 2 Percent

**Cattle and calves on feed** for slaughter market in the United States for feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head totaled 10.12 million head on July 1, 2004. The inventory was 2 percent above July 1, 2003 but 4 percent below July 1, 2002. The inventory included 6.37 million steers and steer calves, up 4 percent from the previous year. This group accounted for 63 percent of the total inventory. Heifers and heifer calves accounted for 3.70 million head, down 1 percent from 2003. **Placements** in feedlots during June totaled 1.64 million, 2 percent below 2003 and down slightly from 2002. Net placements were 1.57 million. During June, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 460,000, 600-699 pounds were 356,000, 700-799 pounds were 448,000, and 800 pounds and greater were 375,000. **Marketings** of fed cattle during June totaled 2.08 million, 7 percent below 2003 but up slightly from 2002. **Other disappearance** totaled 70,000 during June, 15 percent above 2003 and 37 percent above 2002.

### Cattle on Feed: Number on Feed, Placements, Marketings and Other Disappearance, 1,000 + Capacity Feedlots, United States, July 1, 2002-2004

Item	Number			2004 as % of	
	2002	2003	2004	2002	2003
	1,000 Head			Percent	
On Feed Jun 1 <sup>1</sup> .....	10,990	10,539	*10,625	97	101
Placed on Feed during Jun .....	1,644	1,672	1,639	100	98
Fed Cattle Marketed during Jun. ....	2,076	2,227	2,077	100	93
Other Disappearance during Jun <sup>2</sup> .....	51	61	70	137	115
On Feed Jul 1 <sup>1</sup> .....	10,507	9,923	10,117	96	102

<sup>1</sup> Cattle and calves on feed are animals for slaughter market being fed a ration of grain or other concentrates and are expected to produce a carcass that will grade select or better. <sup>2</sup> Includes death loss, movement from feedlots to pasture and shipments to other feedlots for further feeding. \*Revised.

## U.S. July 1 Cattle Inventory Down Slightly

**All cattle and calves** in the United States as of July 1, 2004, totaled 103.6 million head, down slightly from the 103.9 million on July 1, 2003 and 1 percent below the 105.1 million two years ago. **All cows and heifers** that have calved, at 42.5 million, were slightly below the 42.7 million on July 1, 2003 and 1 percent below the 42.9 million two years ago. **Beef cows**, at 33.5 million, were down slightly from July 1, 2003 and 1 percent below two years ago. **Milk cows**, at 9.0 million, were down 1 percent from July 1, 2003 and down 2 percent from two years ago. Other class estimates on July 1, 2004 and the changes from July 1, 2003, are as follows: **All heifers** 500 pounds and over, 15.95 million, up slightly. **Beef replacement heifers**, 4.8 million, up 4 percent. **Milk replacement heifers**, 3.6 million, unchanged. **Other heifers**, 7.55 million, down 2 percent. **Steers** weighing 500 pounds and over, 14.2 million, unchanged. **Bulls** weighing 500 pounds and over, 2.05 million, down 2 percent. **Calves under 500 pounds**, 28.9 million, down slightly. **All cattle and calves on feed** for slaughter, 11.8 million, down slightly. **The 2004 calf crop** is expected to be 37.7 million, down 1 percent from both 2003 and 2002. Calves born during the first half of the year are estimated at 27.5 million, down 1 percent from both 2003 and 2002.

### United States Cattle Inventory July 1, 1980 - 2004

