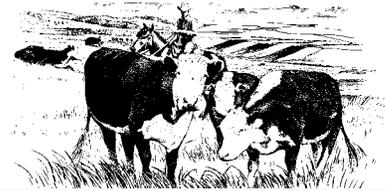


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## CALIFORNIA CATTLE ON FEED

Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter market in California feedlots totaled 390 thousand head on November 1, 1997. This was up 1 percent from last month and 10 percent above a year earlier. During October, placements of 60.0 were up 9 percent from a year earlier. Marketings of 50.0 thousand head were unchanged from a year ago. Other disappearance was at 5.00 thousand head.

During October, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 816 thousand, 600-699 pounds were 715 thousand, 700-799 pounds were 745 thousand, and 800 pounds and greater were 620 thousand. Marketings of fed cattle during October totaled 1.78 million, 5 percent above 1996. Other disappearance totaled 91.0 thousand during October, 17 percent above the previous year.

## U.S. CATTLE ON FEED UP 9 PERCENT

U.S. cattle and calves on feed for slaughter market in 1,000+ capacity feedlots totaled 10.99 million head on November 1, 1997. The inventory was 9 percent above November 1, 1996. Placements in feedlots during October totaled 2.90 million, 4 percent below 1996. Net placements were 2.81 million.

## CATTLE ON FEED UP 10 PERCENT FOR THE HISTORIC SEVEN-MONTHLY STATES

Cattle on feed November 1, 1997 in the historic seven states for 1,000+ capacity feedlots totaled 9.39 million, up 10 percent from the previous year and 12 percent above November 1, 1995. Placements in feedlots during October totaled 2.43 million, 4 percent below 1996, but 7 percent above 1995. Marketings during October totaled 1.53 million, 7 percent above 1996, but slightly below 1995. Other disappearance during October was 77.0 thousand head, 35 percent above 1996 and 51 percent above 1995.

## CATTLE AND CALVES ON FEED IN 1,000+ CAPACITY FEEDLOTS FOR THE SEVEN-SELECTED STATES

State	Number on feed October 1 <sup>1/</sup>			Placed During October		Marketed During October	
	1996	1997	1997/1996	1996	1997	1996	1997
----- Thousand Head -----							
Arizona	201	193	96	51	51	27	28
California	355	385	108	55	60	50	50
Colorado	960	1,050	109	275	280	150	180
Iowa	260	290	112	105	93	49	57
Kansas	1,930	2,220	115	610	530	350	370
Nebraska	1,570	1,850	118	640	610	310	320
Texas	2,210	2,570	116	800	810	495	520
Seven-State Total	7,486	8,558	114	2,536	2,434	1,431	1,525
State	Other Disappearance During October <sup>2/</sup>			Number on Feed November 1		1997/1996	
	1996	1997		1996	1997		
----- Thousand Head -----							
Arizona	1	1		224	215	96	
California	5	5		355	390	110	
Colorado	5	10		1,080	1,140	106	
Iowa	1	1		315	325	103	
Kansas	20	30		2,170	2,350	108	
Nebraska	10	10		1,890	2,130	113	
Texas	15	20		2,500	2,840	114	
Seven-State Total	57	77		8,534	9,390	110	

<sup>1/</sup> 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.

<sup>2/</sup> Includes death losses, movement from feedlot to pastures and shipments to other feedlots for further feeding

**CALIFORNIA COMMERCIAL SLAUGHTER**

California production of red meat during October 1997 totaled 93.6 million pounds (dressed weight), 9 percent above last month, but 2 percent below October 1996. This figure includes slaughter in Federally-inspected and State-inspected plants, but excludes slaughter done on farms. In October, the average live weight of cattle slaughtered in California was 1,262 pounds; calves, 352 pounds; and hogs, 213 pounds.

Lamb and mutton production totaled 22.0 million pounds, down 7 percent from a year earlier and equaling the record low for October set in 1995. Sheep slaughter totaled 335.4 thousand head, 11 percent below the previous year. The average live weight was up 7 pounds to 132 pounds.

January - October red meat production was 36.1 billion pounds, down 1 percent from the comparable total a year earlier. Accumulated beef production was just below last year's figure as follows: veal, down 11 percent; pork, down 1 percent; lamb and mutton, down 4 percent.

**U.S. COMMERCIAL SLAUGHTER**

Commercial red meat production for the United States totaled 4.01 billion pounds, up 5 percent from the record high for October set in 1996.

October 1996 and 1997 both contained 23 weekdays (including one holiday) and four Saturdays.

Beef Production, at 2.30 billion pounds, was up 6 percent from the previous year and up 1 percent from the previous high for October set in 1975. Cattle slaughter totaled 3.23 million head, up 2 percent from a year earlier. The average live weight, at 1,195 pounds, was up 22 pounds from the previous year.

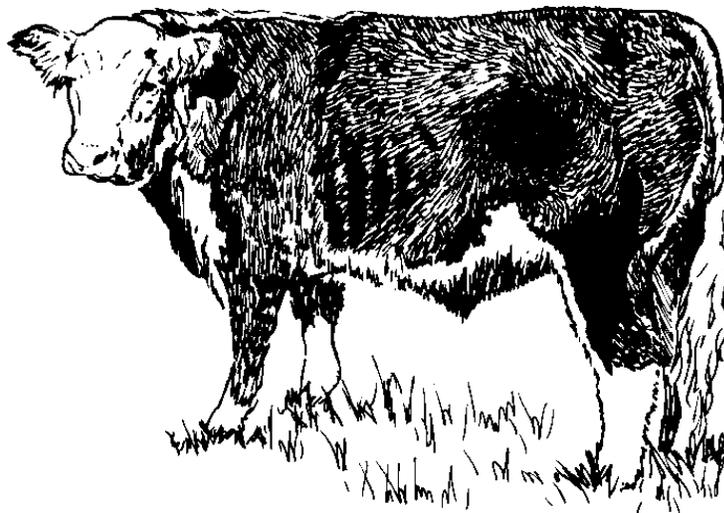
Veal production totaled 28.0 million pounds, down 16 percent from a year earlier. Calf slaughter totaled 140.8 thousand head, down 15 percent from the previous year. The average live weight was down 5 pounds to 333 pounds.

Pork production, at 1.65 billion pounds, was up 4 percent from the previous year and up 1 percent from the previous record high for October set in 1994. Hog kill totaled 8.78 million head, up 2 percent from a year earlier. The average live weight, at 257 pounds, was up 2 pounds from the previous year.

**OCTOBER COMMERCIAL SLAUGHTER 1/**

Species & Location	Number Slaughtered		Total Live Weight		Average Live Weight	
	1996	1997	1996	1997	1996	1997
	- 1,000 Head -		- 1,000 Pounds -		- Pounds -	
<b>CATTLE</b>						
California	94.2	93.4	114,876	117,904	1,219	1,262
U.S. Total	3,151.7	3,227.9	3,696,496	3,857,518	1,173	1,195
<b>CALVES</b>						
California	19.6	15.4	6,473	5,436	330	352
U.S. Total	165.4	140.8	55,955	46,831	338	333
<b>SHEEP &amp; LAMBS</b>						
California	---	---	---	---	---	---
U.S. Total	377.4	335.4	47,136	44,129	125	132
<b>HOGS</b>						
California	181.9	170.8	39,192	36,300	216	213
U.S. Total	8,591.2	8,780.0	2,186,566	2,254,863	255	257
	October 1996	September 1997 2/	October 1997	Oct. 97 Oct. 96	Oct. 97 Sept.97	
<b>RED MEAT</b>	--- Million Pounds ---			-- Percent --		
California	95.1	85.8	93.6	98	109	
U.S. Total	3,827.3	3,665.1	4,005.2	105	109	

1/ Farm slaughter excluded.  
2/ Revised U.S. total.



### U.S. SHEEP AND LAMB INVENTORY

All sheep and lambs in the United States on November 1, 1997 totaled 7.86 million head, 7 percent below November 1, 1996. The number of breeding sheep and lambs on hand November 1, 1997 reached 5.42 million head, 8 percent below November 1, 1996. Market sheep and lambs (including newborns) at 2.45 million head were 4 percent below November 1, 1996.

Of the November 1 breeding herd 4.47 million head were ewes one year old and older, 195 thousand head were rams one year old and older, and 750 thousand head were replacement lambs ( including newborn lambs).

Of the total market lambs (including newborn lambs), 16.9 percent were under 65 pounds, 28.7 percent were 65 to 84 pounds, 31.4 percent were 85 to 105 pounds and 23.0 percent were over 105 pounds on November 1.

Region 3 (CO, MT, SD, UT, & WY) accounted for 31.6 percent of the total sheep and lambs. Region 1 (AZ, CA, ID, NV, OR, & WA) accounted for 21.5 percent followed closely by Region 2 (NM & TX) with 21.2 percent. Region 4 (IA, KS, MN, MO, NE, ND, & OK) had 12.7 percent and the remainder was in Region 5 (all other States)

#### ALL SHEEP AND LAMB INVENTORIES BY REGION AND U.S., NOVEMBER 1, 1997 <sup>1/</sup>

Area	Sheep and Lambs			Market Lambs					Market Sheep
	All	Breeding	Market	Under 65 Lbs.	65-84 Lbs.	85-105 Lbs.	Over 105 Lbs.	Total	
Region 1	1,690	1,060	630	125	130	185	165	605	25
Region 2	1,670	1,280	390	85	145	110	45	385	5
Region 3	2,485	1,685	800	45	230	275	230	780	20
Region 4	995	635	360	80	110	85	75	350	10
Region 5	1,020	755	265	65	65	90	30	250	15
U.S.	7,860	5,415	2,445	400	680	745	545	2,370	75

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

#### AVERAGE FARM PRICES RECEIVED BY FARMERS, CALIFORNIA AND U.S. <sup>1/</sup>

Commodity	Unit	CALIFORNIA			UNITED STATES		
		October 1996	Sept. 1997	Oct. 15, 1997	October 1996	Sept. 1997	Oct. 15, 1997
----- Dollars -----							
All Hay, Baled <sup>2/</sup>	Ton	110.00	122.00	123.00	93.70	101.00	103.00
Alfalfa, Baled <sup>2/</sup>	Ton	111.00	124.00	127.00	98.20	106.00	109.00
Hogs <sup>2/</sup>	Cwt.	---	---	---	55.60	50.40	47.00
Cows <sup>2/</sup>	Cwt.	30.00	33.00	32.00	30.30	34.40	34.20
Steers and Heifers <sup>2/</sup>	Cwt.	56.00	64.00	64.50	68.10	67.00	65.70
Calves <sup>2/</sup>	Cwt.	54.00	71.00	70.00	60.10	86.90	84.70
Lambs <sup>2/</sup>	Cwt.	90.00	89.00	86.50	87.00	90.60	---
Milk Cows <sup>3/</sup>	Head	1,280.00	---	1,240.00	1,130.00	---	1,090.00
Milk, Wholesale <sup>2/</sup>	Cwt.	15.83	12.50	12.90	16.40	13.20	13.60

<sup>1/</sup> 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.

<sup>2/</sup> Previous month revised to monthly average.

<sup>3/</sup> Animals sold for dairy herd replacement only. Prices published January, April, July and October.