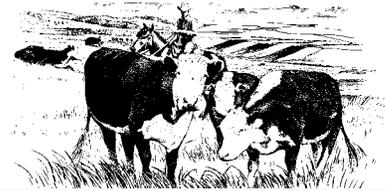


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CALIFORNIA CATTLE ON FEED

Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter in California feedlots totaled 390 thousand head on July 1, 1998, up 4 percent from last month and unchanged from July 1997. During June, placements of 60.0 thousand head were 20 percent above the previous year. Marketings of 40.0 thousand head were 20 percent lower than a year earlier. Other disappearance was 5.00 thousand head.

than 600 pounds were 262 thousand, 600-699 pounds were 374 thousand, 700-799 pounds were 487 thousand, and 800 pounds and greater were 440 thousand. Marketings of fed cattle during June totaled 2.03 million, slightly below 1997, but 2 percent above 1996. Other disappearance totaled 72.0 thousand during June, 20 percent above 1997 and 3 percent above 1996.

U.S. CATTLE ON FEED UP 2 PERCENT

Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter markets in the United States for 1,000+ capacity feedlots totaled 9.16 million head on July 1, 1998. The inventory was 2 percent above July 1, 1997 and 17 percent above July 1, 1996. The inventory included 5.45 million steers and steer calves, up 1 percent from the previous year. This group accounted for 59 percent of the total inventory. Heifers and heifer calves accounted for 3.68 million head, up 5 percent from 1997.

CATTLE ON FEED UP 2 PERCENT IN THE HISTORIC SEVEN-STATES

Cattle on feed in the historic seven states with 1,000+ capacity feedlots totaled 7.83 million on July 1, 1998, up 2 percent from the previous year and 19 percent above July 1, 1996. The inventory included 4.61 million steers and steer calves, down slightly from the previous year. This group accounted for 59 percent of the total inventory. Heifers and heifer calves accounted for 3.19 million head, up 5 percent from 1997.

Placements in feedlots during June totaled 1.56 million, 8 percent above 1997 and 20 percent above 1996. Net placements were 1.49 million. During June, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600

Placements in feedlots during June totaled 1.31 million, 7 percent above 1997 and 23 percent above 1996. Marketings during June totaled 1.73 million, slightly below 1997, but 2 percent above 1996. Other disappearance during June was 51.0 thousand head, 16 percent above 1997 and 9 percent above 1996.

CATTLE AND CALVES NUMBER ON FEED IN 1,000+ CAPACITY FEEDLOTS IN SEVEN SELECTED STATES

State	Number on feed June 1 1/			Placed During June		Marketed During June	
	1997	1998	1998/1997	1997	1998	1997	1998
----- Thousand Head -----							
Arizona	206	214	104	27	23	41	32
California	395	375	95	50	60	50	40
Colorado	1,010	980	97	125	140	210	230
Iowa	300	290	97	37	21	56	45
Kansas	2,110	1,990	94	335	330	475	440
Nebraska	1,760	1,800	102	220	240	430	430
Texas	2,450	2,640	108	430	500	470	510
Seven-State Total	8,231	8,289	101	1,224	1,314	1,732	1,727
State	Other Disappearance During June 2/		Number on Feed July 1		1998/1997		
	1997	1998	1997	1998			
----- Thousand Head -----						Percent	
Arizona	3	5	189	200	106		
California	5	5	390	390	100		
Colorado	5	10	920	880	96		
Iowa	1	1	280	265	95		
Kansas	10	10	1,960	1,870	95		
Nebraska	10	10	1,540	1,600	104		
Texas	10	10	2,400	2,620	109		
Seven-State Total	44	51	7,679	7,825	102		

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

CATTLE ON FEED IN 1,000+ CAPACITY FEEDLOTS, CALIFORNIA AND U.S.

Estimate	California			United States		
	1997	1998	1998/1997	1997	1998	1998/1997
	-- 1,000 Head --		Percent	-- 1,000 Head --		Percent
On Feed July 1	390	390	100	8,958	9,161	102
Placed (June)	50	60	120	1,444	1,563	108
Marketed (June)	50	40	80	2,041	2,033	100
Other Disappearance (June) <u>1/</u>	5	5	100	60	72	120
Kinds On Feed July 1						
Steers and Steer Calves	350	335	96	5,408	5,445	101
Heifers and Heifer Calves	38	55	145	3,500	3,679	105
Cows and Bulls	2	0	---	50	37	74

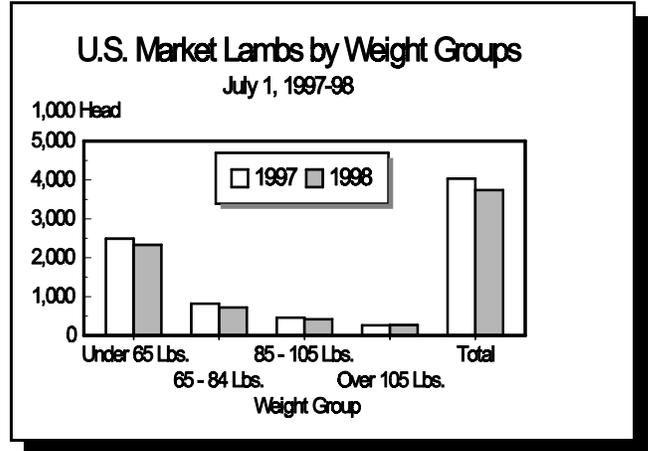
1/ Includes death losses, movement from feedlots to pastures, and shipments to other feedlots for further feeding.

**JULY 1, 1998
ALL SHEEP AND LAMBS INVENTORY TOTALS 9.40 MILLION HEAD
1998 LAMB CROP TO REACH 4.87 MILLION HEAD**

All sheep and lambs inventory in the United States on July 1, 1998 totaled 9.40 million head, 5 percent below July 1, 1997. Breeding sheep inventory declined to 5.58 million head on July 1, 1998, 3 percent below July 1997. Market sheep and lambs (including newborn lambs), at 3.83 million head, were 7 percent below last July.

Of the July 1, 1998 breeding herd, 4.56 million head were ewes one year old and older, 220 thousand head were rams one year old and older, and 800 thousand head were replacement lambs (including newborn lambs).

The 1998 lamb crop in the United States is expected to total 4.87 million head, down 7 percent from the 1997 lamb crop of 5.24 million head. Lambs born during January through June 1998 reached 4.25 million head or 87 percent of the yearly total. An additional 620 thousand head are expected to be born during the period July through December 1998.



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

Commodity	Unit	California			United States		
		June 1997	May 1998	June 15, 1998	June 1997	May 1998	June 15, 1998
----- Dollars -----							
All Hay, Baled <u>2/</u>	Ton	123.00	105.00	100.00	108.00	103.00	91.80
Alfalfa, Baled <u>2/</u>	Ton	125.00	107.00	102.00	115.00	108.00	96.50
Hogs <u>2/</u>	Cwt.	---	---	---	57.80	42.20	42.50
Cows <u>2/</u>	Cwt.	34.00	35.50	34.50	37.50	36.40	36.00
Steers and Heifers <u>2/</u>	Cwt.	62.50	64.00	62.00	64.90	66.30	64.50
Calves <u>2/</u>	Cwt.	69.00	73.50	70.00	85.40	88.90	85.00
Sheep	Cwt.	33.00	30.00	32.00	36.60	30.70	---
Lambs <u>2/</u>	Cwt.	91.00	63.00	90.00	86.50	63.30	---
Milk Cows <u>3/</u>	Head	---	---	---	---	---	---
All Milk Wholesale <u>2/</u>	Cwt.	11.50	12.99	13.30	12.20	13.20	13.50

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

CALIFORNIA COMMERCIAL SLAUGHTER

California production of red meat during June 1998 totaled 86.3 million pounds (dressed weight), 8 percent above last month and 3 percent above June 1997. This figure includes slaughter in Federally-inspected and State-inspected plants, but excludes slaughter done on farms. In June, the average live weight of cattle slaughtered was 1,247 pounds; calves, 119 pounds; and hogs, 208 pounds.

RED MEAT PRODUCTION UP FOR JUNE

Commercial red meat production for the United States totaled 3.73 billion pounds in June, up 7 percent from the 3.49 billion pounds produced in June 1997. This was the second highest level for June, exceeded only by 3.80 billion pounds in June 1995.

June 1997 contained 21 weekdays and 4 Saturdays. June 1998 contained 22 weekdays and 4 Saturdays.

Beef production, at 2.25 billion pounds, was 5 percent above the previous year. Cattle slaughter totaled 3.11 million head, up 2 percent from 1997. The average live weight was up 37 pounds from the previous year to 1,197 pounds.

Veal production totaled 20.0 million pounds, 24 percent below June a year ago and equaling the previous record low for June set in 1991. Calf slaughter totaled 116 thousand head, down 2 percent from June 1997. The average live weight was 284 pounds.

Pork production totaled 1.44 billion pounds, up 10 percent from the previous year. Hog kill totaled 7.73 million head, 10 percent above 1997. The average live weight, at 255 pounds, was 1 pound below the previous year.

Lamb and mutton production, at 19.0 million pounds, was down 6 percent from June 1997. Sheep slaughter totaled 294 thousand head, 3 percent below last year. The average live weight was 134 pounds, down 4 pounds from June a year ago.

January-June red meat production was 22.1 million pounds, 5 percent above the comparable figure a year earlier. Accumulated beef production was up 1 percent from last year; veal, down 23 percent; pork, up 10 percent; lamb and mutton, unchanged.

COMMERCIAL SLAUGHTER, JUNE 1997-98 a/						
Species & Location	Number Slaughtered		Total Live Weight		Average Live Weight	
	1997	1998	1997	1998	1997	1998
	- 1,000 Head -		- 1,000 Pounds -		- Pounds -	
CATTLE						
Calif.	83.1	86.2	102,609	107,488	1,235	1,247
U.S. Total	3,060.7	3,109.2	3,549,950	3,722,716	1,160	1,197
CALVES						
Calif.	14.8	14.6	5,549	1,736	374	119
U.S. Total	119.1	116.4	43,003	33,104	361	284
SHEEP & LAMBS						
Calif.	---	---	---	---	---	---
U.S. Total	303.1	294.4	41,820	39,407	138	134
HOGS						
Calif.	153.8	179.7	32,436	37,444	211	208
U.S. Total	7,003.0	7,730.1	1,791,283	1,969,025	256	255
	June 1997	May 1998 b/	June 1998	June 98 June 97	June 98 May 98	
RED MEAT	--- Million Pounds ---			-- Percent --		
Calif.	83.6	80.2	86.3	103	108	
U.S. Total	3491.6	3,581.1	3,732.6	107	104	

a/ Farm slaughter excluded.
b/ Revised total for May 1998

JULY 1 CATTLE INVENTORY DOWN 2 PERCENT

All cattle and calves in the United States as of July 1, 1998 totaled 107.0 million head. This was 2 percent below the 109.0 million on July 1, 1997 and 4 percent below the 111.5 million two years ago.

All cows and heifers that have calved totaled 43.3 million head. This was 2 percent below the 44.0 million on July 1, 1997 and 4 percent below the 45.0 million two years ago.

- Beef cows, at 34.1 million, were down 2 percent from July 1, 1997 and 4 percent below two years ago.
- Milk cows, at 9.20 million, were down 1 percent from July 1, 1997 and 2 percent below two years ago.

Other class estimates on July 1, 1998, and the changes from July 1 last year and two years ago, respectively, are as follows:

- All heifers 500 pounds and over, at 16.7 million, were down 2 and 3 percent.
- Beef replacement heifers, at 5.00 million, were down 6 and 9 percent.
- Milk replacement heifers, at 3.60 million, were no change and down 3 percent.
- Other heifers, at 8.10 million, were down 1 percent and no change.
- Steers weighing 500 pounds and over, at 14.5 million, were down 2 and 4 percent.
- Bulls weighing 500 pounds and over, at 2.20 million, were down 4 and 8 percent.
- Calves under 500 pounds, at 30.3 million, were down 2 and 4 percent.
- All cattle and calves on feed for slaughter, at 11.0 million, were up 1 and 12 percent.

CALF CROP DOWN 2 PERCENT

The 1998 calf crop is expected to be 37.9 million, down 2 percent from 1997 and down 5 percent from 1996. This would be the smallest calf crop since 1951. Calves born during the first half of the year are estimated at 27.9 million, down 2 percent from 1997 and down 5 percent from 1996.

CATTLE AND CALVES NUMBER BY CLASS AND CALF CROP, U.S., JULY 1, 1996-98				
Class	1996	1997	1998	$\frac{1998}{1997}$ Percent
	--- 1,000 Head ---			
Cattle & Calves	111,500	109,000	107,000	98
Cows & Heifers				
That Have Calved	45,000	44,000	43,300	98
Beef Cows	35,600	34,700	34,100	98
Milk Cows	9,400	9,300	9,200	99
Heifers 500 Lbs. & Over	17,300	17,100	16,700	98
For Beef Cow Replacement	5,500	5,300	5,000	94
For Milk Cow Replacement	3,700	3,600	3,600	100
Other Heifers	8,100	8,200	8,100	99
Steers 500 Lbs. & Over	15,100	14,800	14,500	98
Bulls 500 Lbs. & Over	2,400	2,300	2,200	96
Calves Under 500 Lbs.	31,700	30,800	30,300	98
Calf Crop	39,776	38,718	37,900	98

CALIFORNIA MILK PRODUCTION

California milk producers produced 2.36 billion pounds of milk in June 1998. This was 3 percent below last month, but 1 percent above June 1997.

Monthly milk per cow averaged 1,715 pounds, 60 pounds less than last month and 40 pounds less than a year ago. California's milk produced was 20 percent of the nation's total.

MILK PRODUCTION

Month	California						Total Milk Receipts ^{1/}		United States ^{2/}					
	Milk Cows		Milk Per Cow		Milk Production		1997	1998	Milk Cows		Milk Per Cow		Milk Production	
	1997	1998	1997	1998	1997	1998			1997	1998	1997	1998	1997	1998
	1,000 Head		Pounds		Million Pounds				1,000 Head		Pounds		Million Pounds	
Jan.	1,302	1,354	1,675	1,730	2,181	2,342	2,176	2,340	7,787	7,730	1,433	1,464	11,158	11,316
Feb.	1,307	1,356	1,550	1,535	2,026	2,081	2,026	2,077	7,774	7,726	1,328	1,351	10,321	10,434
Mar.	1,311	1,360	1,805	1,725	2,366	2,346	2,358	2,343	7,763	7,725	1,500	1,517	11,641	11,722
Apr.	1,315	1,364	1,795	1,695	2,360	2,312	2,357	2,311	7,763	7,735	1,474	1,499	11,446	11,591
May	1,320	1,370	1,835	1,775	2,422	2,432	2,415	2,430	7,765	7,750	1,529	1,557	11,869	12,067
June	1,324	1,374	1,755	1,715	2,324	2,356	2,314		7,765	7,753	1,471	1,489	11,419	11,546
July	1,328		1,805		2,397		2,383		7,765		1,473		11,437	
Aug.	1,332		1,780		2,371		2,364		7,757		1,446		11,213	
Sept.	1,335		1,695		2,263		2,256		7,752		1,377		10,671	
Oct.	1,339		1,755		2,350		2,345		7,750		1,416		10,977	
Nov.	1,343		1,685		2,263		2,260		7,737		1,369		10,591	
Dec.	1,348		1,710		2,305		2,302		7,732		1,438		11,118	

^{1/} Milk receipts from California's Department of Food and Agriculture, Dairy Marketing and Milk Pooling Branches. Excludes on farm usage.

^{2/} Twenty-state total.