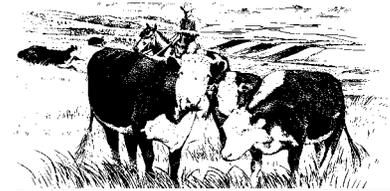


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## CALIFORNIA CATTLE ON FEED

Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter in California feedlots totaled 420 thousand head on October 1, 2000, 1 percent above last month and 11 percent above October 1999. During September, placements of 59.0 thousand head were 5 percent above the previous year. Marketings of 49.0 thousand head were 2 percent above September 1999. Other disappearance totaled 5.00 thousand head.

## U.S. CATTLE ON FEED UP 7 PERCENT

Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter market in the United States for 1,000+ capacity feedlots totaled 11.0 million head on October 1, 2000. The inventory was 7 percent above October 1, 1999 and 13 percent above October 1, 1998. The inventory included 6.56 million steers and steer calves, up 6 percent from the previous year. This group accounted for 60 percent of the total inventory. Heifers and heifer calves accounted for 4.40 million head, up 9 percent from 1999.

Placements in feedlots during September totaled 2.69 million, 3 percent below 1999, but 1 percent above 1998. Net placements were 2.63 million. During September, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 775 thousand, 600-699 pounds were 612 thousand, 700-799 pounds were 681 thousand, and 800 pounds and greater were 618 thousand. Marketings of fed cattle during September totaled 1.99 million, 2 percent above 1999 and 7 percent above 1998. Other disappearance totaled 54.0 thousand during September, 13 percent below 1999 and 11 percent below 1998.

## CATTLE ON FEED UP 8 PERCENT IN HISTORIC SEVEN MONTHLY STATES

Cattle on feed October 1, 2000 in the historic seven states for 1,000+ capacity feedlots totaled 9.50 million, up 8 percent from the previous year and 13 percent above October 1, 1998. The inventory included 5.58 million steers and steer calves, up 6 percent from the previous year. This group accounted for 59 percent of the total inventory. Heifers and heifer calves accounted for 3.88 million head, up 11 percent from 1999. Placements in feedlots during September totaled 2.29 million, 3 percent below 1999, but 1 percent above 1998. Marketings during September totaled 1.71 million, 2 percent above 1999 and 8 percent above 1998. Other disappearance during September was 48.0 thousand head, 13 percent below 1999 and 6 percent below 1998.

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

| State             | Number on feed September 1 <sup>1/</sup>           |       |                          | Placed During September |           | Marketed During September |       |
|-------------------|--|-------|--------------------------|-------------------------|-----------|---------------------------|-------|
|                   | 1999   | 2000  | 2000/1999                | 1999                    | 2000      | 1999                      | 2000  |
|                   | 1,000 Head   |       |                          |                         |           |                           |       |
| Arizona           | 200  | 257   | 129                      | 29                      | 40        | 20                        | 23    |
| California        | 375  | 415   | 111                      | 56                      | 59        | 48                        | 49    |
| Colorado          | 960  | 1,070 | 111                      | 330                     | 335       | 210                       | 225   |
| Iowa              | 300  | 330   | 110                      | 60                      | 52        | 44                        | 41    |
| Kansas            | 2,090  | 2,220 | 106                      | 600                     | 540       | 430                       | 450   |
| Nebraska          | 1,700  | 1,920 | 113                      | 580                     | 560       | 370                       | 370   |
| Texas             | 2,560  | 2,760 | 108                      | 690                     | 700       | 560                       | 550   |
| Seven-State Total | 8,185  | 8,972 | 110                      | 2,345                   | 2,286     | 1,682                     | 1,708 |
| State             | Other Disappearance During September <sup>2/</sup> |       | Number on Feed October 1 |                         | 2000/1999 |                           |       |
|                   | 1999   | 2000  | 1999                     | 2000                    |           |                           |       |
|                   | 1,000 Head   |       |                          |                         | Percent   |                           |       |
| Arizona           | 1  | 2     | 208                      | 272                     | 131       |                           |       |
| California        | 3  | 5     | 380                      | 420                     | 111       |                           |       |
| Colorado          | 10   | 10    | 1,070                    | 1,170                   | 109       |                           |       |
| Iowa              | 1  | 1     | 315                      | 340                     | 108       |                           |       |
| Kansas            | 10   | 10    | 2,250                    | 2,300                   | 102       |                           |       |
| Nebraska          | 10   | 10    | 1,900                    | 2,100                   | 111       |                           |       |
| Texas             | 20   | 10    | 2,670                    | 2,900                   | 109       |                           |       |
| Seven-State Total | 55   | 48    | 8,793                    | 9,502                   | 108       |                           |       |

<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 MILK PRODUCTION

California milk producers produced 2.59 billion pounds of milk in September 2000. This was 3 percent below August 2000, but 3 percent above September 1999.

Monthly milk per cow averaged 1,685 pounds. This was 65 pounds less than August 2000, and 25 pounds less than a year ago.

### CALIFORNIA MILK PRODUCTION

| Month | CALIFORNIA |       |              |       |                 |       | Total Milk Receipts <sup>1/</sup> |       | UNITED STATES <sup>2/</sup> |       |              |       |                 |        |
|-------|------------|-------|--------------|-------|-----------------|-------|-----------------------------------|-------|-----------------------------|-------|--------------|-------|-----------------|--------|
|       | Milk Cows  |       | Milk Per Cow |       | Milk Production |       | 1999                              | 2000  | Milk Cows                   |       | Milk Per Cow |       | Milk Production |        |
|       | 1999       | 2000  | 1999         | 2000  | 1999            | 2000  |                                   |       | 1999                        | 2000  | 1999         | 2000  | 1999            | 2000   |
|       | 1,000 Head |       | Pounds       |       | Million Pounds  |       |                                   |       | 1,000 Head                  |       | Pounds       |       | Million Pounds  |        |
| Jan.  | 1,444      | 1,492 | 1,690        | 1,815 | 2,440           | 2,708 | 2,437                             | 2,706 | 7,694                       | 7,765 | 1,518        | 1,578 | 11,679          | 12,256 |
| Feb.  | 1,447      | 1,496 | 1,555        | 1,710 | 2,250           | 2,558 | 2,243                             | 2,556 | 7,696                       | 7,766 | 1,404        | 1,505 | 10,804          | 11,691 |
| Mar.  | 1,452      | 1,550 | 1,795        | 1,815 | 2,606           | 2,723 | 2,600                             | 2,736 | 7,713                       | 7,774 | 1,585        | 1,631 | 12,228          | 12,679 |
| Apr.  | 1,456      | 1,507 | 1,770        | 1,810 | 2,577           | 2,728 | 2,572                             | 2,729 | 7,720                       | 7,787 | 1,554        | 1,592 | 11,998          | 12,399 |
| May   | 1,459      | 1,513 | 1,825        | 1,850 | 2,663           | 2,799 | 2,655                             | 2,796 | 7,733                       | 7,795 | 1,610        | 1,635 | 12,447          | 12,743 |
| June  | 1,464      | 1,521 | 1,710        | 1,755 | 2,503           | 2,669 | 2,500                             | 2,669 | 7,740                       | 7,810 | 1,516        | 1,547 | 11,737          | 12,083 |
| July  | 1,467      | 1,527 | 1,715        | 1,825 | 2,516           | 2,787 | 2,509                             | 2,781 | 7,751                       | 7,834 | 1,498        | 1,561 | 11,610          | 12,232 |
| Aug.  | 1,472      | 1,533 | 1,770        | 1,750 | 2,605           | 2,683 | 2,598                             | 2,679 | 7,755                       | 7,840 | 1,487        | 1,526 | 11,534          | 11,966 |
| Sept. | 1,476      | 1,539 | 1,710        | 1,685 | 2,524           | 2,593 | 2,516                             |       | 7,753                       | 7,851 | 1,445        | 1,467 | 11,200          | 11,515 |
| Oct.  | 1,480      |       | 1,760        |       | 2,605           |       | 2,602                             |       | 7,746                       |       | 1,491        |       | 11,549          |        |
| Nov.  | 1,484      |       | 1,715        |       | 2,545           |       | 2,538                             |       | 7,756                       |       | 1,459        |       | 11,315          |        |
| Dec.  | 1,488      |       | 1,775        |       | 2,641           |       | 2,639                             |       | 7,757                       |       | 1,538        |       | 11,928          |        |

<sup>1/</sup> Milk receipts from California Department of Food and Agriculture, Dairy Marketing and Milk Pooling Branches. Excludes on-farm usage.

<sup>2/</sup> Twenty-state total.

### CASH INCOME BY COMMODITY GROUPS, 1997-99

| Source of Income                        | 1997             | 1998             | 1999             | Source of Income                                    | 1997       | 1998       | 1999       |
|---|------------------|------------------|------------------|---|------------|------------|------------|
|   | \$1,000          |                  |                  |   | \$1,000    |            |            |
| <b>LIVESTOCK, POULTRY, AND PRODUCTS</b> |                  |                  |                  | <b>VEGETABLE CROPS</b>                              | 5,847,361  | 5,785,854  | 6,022,308  |
| Aquaculture                             | 14,875           | 11,907           | 12,730           | <b>FIELD CROPS</b>                                  | 3,286,351  | 2,747,717  | 2,394,797  |
| Cattle and Calves                       | 1,257,018        | 1,048,300        | 1,223,123        | <b>FRUIT &amp; NUT CROPS</b>                        | 7,764,142  | 7,082,059  | 7,159,396  |
| Chickens, All                           | 473,210          | 507,556          | 515,084          | <b>NURSERY AND GREENHOUSE PROD.</b>                 | 2,488,061  | 2,537,839  | 2,761,016  |
| Eggs                                    | 344,810          | 308,924          | 263,690          | <b>CHRISTMAS TREES</b>                              | 10,469     | 10,474     | 12,091     |
| Hogs                                    | 46,561           | 27,133           | 29,054           | <b>TOTAL CASH INCOME FROM MARKETINGS</b>            | 25,703,300 | 24,690,406 | 24,972,642 |
| Honey                                   | 22,050           | 23,157           | 16,059           | <b>FARM RELATED INCOME</b>                          | 1,481,904  | 1,573,234  | 1,717,607  |
| Horses and Mules                        | 55,000           | 60,000           | 60,000           | <b>GROSS CASH INCOME FROM FARMING <sup>1/</sup></b> | 27,185,204 | 26,263,640 | 26,690,249 |
| Milk and Cream                          | 3,629,762        | 4,140,659        | 4,089,876        |   |            |            |            |
| Sheep and Lambs                         | 80,393           | 51,960           | 56,601           |   |            |            |            |
| Turkeys                                 | 201,978          | 181,507          | 192,938          |   |            |            |            |
| Wool                                    | 3,002            | 2,196            | 1,271            |   |            |            |            |
| Other Livestock/Poultry                 | 178,257          | 163,164          | 162,608          |   |            |            |            |
| <b>TOTAL</b>                            | <b>6,306,916</b> | <b>6,526,463</b> | <b>6,623,034</b> |   |            |            |            |

<sup>1/</sup> Includes value of home consumption, value of inventory adjustments, machine hire and custom work, forest products sold, rental value of farm dwelling, government payments, and other miscellaneous farm income.

Source: USDA Economic Research Service

## CALIFORNIA COMMERCIAL SLAUGHTER

California's production of red meat during September 2000 totaled 88.8 million pounds (dressed weight), down 7 percent from last month, but 1 percent above September 1999. This figure includes slaughter in Federally-inspected and State-inspected plants, but excludes slaughter done on farms. In September 2000, the average live weight of cattle slaughtered was 1,247 pounds; calves, 152 pounds; and hogs 218 pounds.

### RED MEAT PRODUCTION DOWN IN SEPTEMBER BEEF PRODUCTION EQUALS RECORD HIGH

Commercial red meat production for the United States totaled 3.86 billion pounds in September. This was down 2 percent from the 3.93 billion pounds produced in September 1999.

September 1999 contained 22 weekdays (including one holiday) and four Saturdays. September 2000 contained 21 weekdays (including one holiday) and five Saturdays.

Beef production, at 2.28 billion pounds, equaled the previous record high for September set last year. Cattle slaughter totaled 3.03 million head, down 2 percent from 1999. The average live weight, at 1,231 pounds, was up 21 pounds from the previous year.

Veal production totaled 17.0 million pounds, 18 percent below the previous record low for September set a year ago. Calf slaughter totaled 93.0 thousand head, down 22 percent from September 1999. The average live weight was 13 pounds above last year at 293 pounds.

Pork production totaled 1.55 billion pounds, down 4 percent from the previous year. Hog kill totaled 8.12 million head, 6 percent below 1999. The average live weight, at 259 pounds, was 4 pounds above the previous year.

Lamb and mutton production, at 17.0 million pounds, was down 10 percent from September 1999 and down 9 percent from the previous record low for September set in 1998. Sheep slaughter totaled 269 thousand head, 13 percent below last year. The average live weight was 130 pounds, up 3 pounds from September a year ago.

January-September red meat production was 34.5 billion pounds, just above the comparable figure a year earlier. Accumulated beef production was 2 percent higher than last year, veal was down 3 percent, pork was down 2 percent, and lamb & mutton was down 3 percent.

### COMMERCIAL SLAUGHTER, SEPTEMBER 1999-00 1/

| Class and Location       | Number Slaughtered |                | Total Live Weight |                   | Average Live Weight |       |
|--------------------------|--------------------|----------------|-------------------|-------------------|---------------------|-------|
|                          | 1999               | 2000           | 1999              | 2000              | 1999                | 2000  |
|                          | 1,000 Head         |                | 1,000 Pounds      |                   | Pounds              |       |
| <b>CATTLE</b>            |                    |                |                   |                   |                     |       |
| California               | 82.8               | 86.7           | 103,506           | 108,167           | 1,250               | 1,247 |
| U.S. Total               | 3,099.0            | 3,034.5        | 3,750,968         | 3,734,301         | 1,210               | 1,231 |
| <b>CALVES</b>            |                    |                |                   |                   |                     |       |
| California               | 16.0               | 10.0           | 2,170             | 1,517             | 136                 | 152   |
| U.S. Total               | 119.8              | 93.3           | 33,585            | 27,390            | 280                 | 293   |
| <b>SHEEP &amp; LAMBS</b> |                    |                |                   |                   |                     |       |
| California               | ----               | ----           | ----              | ----              | ----                | ----  |
| U.S. Total               | 307.6              | 269.1          | 39,084            | 35,056            | 127                 | 130   |
| <b>HOGS</b>              |                    |                |                   |                   |                     |       |
| California               | 199.0              | 182.8          | 41,475            | 39,883            | 208                 | 218   |
| U.S. Total               | 8,641.4            | 8,117.9        | 2,207,612         | 2,101,892         | 255                 | 259   |
| <b>RED MEAT</b>          | September 1999     | August 2000 2/ | September 2000    | Sept. 00 Sept. 99 | Sept. 00 Aug. 00    |       |
|                          | Million Pounds     |                |                   | Percent           |                     |       |
| California               | 88.0               | 95.1           | 88.8              | 101               | 93                  |       |
| U.S. Total               | 3,932.5            | 4,114.0        | 3,861.0           | 98                | 94                  |       |

1/ Farm slaughter excluded.

2/ Revised U.S. total.

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

| Commodity             | Unit | California |           |                | United States |           |                |
|-----------------------|------|------------|-----------|----------------|---------------|-----------|----------------|
|                       |      | Sept. 1999 | Aug. 2000 | Sept. 15, 2000 | Sept. 1999    | Aug. 2000 | Sept. 15, 2000 |
|                       |      | Dollars    |           |                |               |           |                |
| All Hay, Baled 2/     | Ton  | 74.00      | 81.00     | 87.00          | 76.60         | 80.50     | 82.70          |
| Alfalfa, Baled 2/     | Ton  | 75.00      | 81.00     | 89.00          | 79.80         | 83.90     | 87.20          |
| Hogs 2/ 3/            | Cwt. | ---        | ---       | ---            | 33.90         | 43.80     | 41.60          |
| Cows 2/               | Cwt. | 34.50      | 37.50     | 35.50          | 34.60         | 39.00     | 37.30          |
| Steers and Heifers 2/ | Cwt. | 64.50      | 67.00     | 67.00          | 67.10         | 68.00     | 68.70          |
| Calves 2/             | Cwt. | 81.50      | 90.50     | 91.00          | 90.90         | 106.00    | 104.00         |
| Sheep 2/              | Cwt. | 28.00      | 31.50     | ---            | 29.20         | 30.70     | ---            |
| Lambs 2/              | Cwt. | 77.50      | 83.00     | ---            | 75.30         | 83.60     | ---            |
| Milk Cows 4/          | Head | ---        | ---       | ---            | ---           | ---       | ---            |
| All Milk Wholesale 2/ | Cwt. | 14.32      | 11.99     | 12.20          | 15.70         | 12.60     | 12.90          |

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/ Prices include barrows, gilts, and sows.

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