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CALIFORNIA CATTLE ON FEED

Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter in California feedlots totaled 435 thousand head on May 1, 2001, the same as last month, but 7 percent above May 2000. During April, placements of 60.0 thousand head were 7 percent above the previous year. Marketings of 50.0 thousand head were 2 percent above April 2000. Other disappearance totaled 10.0 thousand head.

700-799 pounds were 494 thousand, and 800 pounds and greater were 339 thousand. Marketings of fed cattle during April totaled 1.82 million, 3 percent below 2000 and 7 percent below 1999. Other disappearance totaled 89.0 thousand during April, 1 percent below 2000 and 14 percent below 1999.

U.S. CATTLE ON FEED UP 2 PERCENT

Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter market in the United States for 1,000+ capacity feedlots totaled 11.17 million head on May 1, 2001. The inventory was 2 percent above May 1, 2000 and 11 percent above May 1, 1999. Placements in feedlots during April totaled 1.55 million, 9 percent below 2000 and 8 percent below 1999. Net placements were 1.46 million. During April, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 334 thousand, 600-699 pounds were 384 thousand,

CATTLE ON FEED UP 2 PERCENT IN HISTORIC SEVEN STATES

Cattle on feed in the historic seven states for 1,000+ capacity feedlots totaled 9.56 million head on May 1, 2001, up 2 percent from the previous year and 11 percent above May 1, 1999. Placements in feedlots during April totaled 1.32 million, 10 percent below 2000 and 8 percent below 1999. Marketings during April totaled 1.55 million, 3 percent below 2000 and 8 percent below 1999. Other disappearance during April was 74.0 thousand head, 4 percent above 2000, but 5 percent below 1999.

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

State	Number on feed April 1 ^{1/}			Placed During April		Marketed During April	
	2000	2001	2001/2000	2000	2001	2000	2001
Thousand Head							
Arizona	273	309	113	34	27	28	25
California	405	435	107	56	60	49	50
Colorado	1,190	1,190	100	195	160	170	170
Iowa	375	385	103	40	37	44	41
Kansas	2,280	2,460	108	380	350	400	395
Nebraska	2,310	2,350	102	320	250	380	345
Texas	2,760	2,730	99	445	440	530	520
Seven-State Total	9,593	9,859	103	1,470	1,324	1,601	1,546
State	Other Disappearance During April ^{2/}		Number on Feed May 1		2001/2000		
	2000	2001	2000	2001			
Thousand Head					Percent		
Arizona	3	3	276	308	112		
California	7	10	405	435	107		
Colorado	5	10	1,210	1,170	97		
Iowa	1	1	370	380	103		
Kansas	30	35	2,230	2,380	107		
Nebraska	10	5	2,240	2,250	100		
Texas	15	10	2,660	2,640	99		
Seven-State Total	71	74	9,391	9,563	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

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

Commodity	Unit	CALIFORNIA			UNITED STATES		
		April 2000	March 2001	April 15, 2001	April 2000	March 2001	April 15, 2001
		Dollars					
All Hay, Baled 2/	Ton	100.00	110.00	127.00	78.20	87.20	94.80
Alfalfa, Baled 2/	Ton	101.00	111.00	130.00	81.90	93.70	100.00
Hogs 2/ 3/	Cwt.	---	---	---	47.40	46.00	46.70
Cows 2/	Cwt.	36.50	42.00	41.50	39.80	42.30	42.70
Steers and Heifers 2/	Cwt.	72.00	79.50	80.00	75.20	80.50	80.70
Calves 2/	Cwt.	94.50	98.00	102.00	111.00	112.00	113.00
Sheep 2/	Cwt.	36.00	39.50	---	35.00	43.60	---
Lambs 2/	Cwt.	81.00	80.00	---	82.60	84.40	---
Milk Cows 4/	Head	1,500.00	---	1,480.00	1,340.00	---	1,390.00
All Milk Wholesale 2/	Cwt.	11.02	12.80	13.10	11.90	13.90	14.40

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/ Price includes barrows, gilts, and sows.

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

AVERAGE PRICES PAID BY FARMERS, PACIFIC REGION AND UNITED STATES 1/

Commodity	Unit	Pacific Region 2/		United States	
		April 2000	April 15, 2001	April 2000	April 15, 2001
		Dollars			
Alfalfa Meal	Cwt.	15.90	16.00	12.50	13.40
Bran	Cwt.	17.00	17.30	13.20	13.40
Corn Meal	Cwt.	11.50	11.30	7.67	7.59
Cottonseed Meal, 41%	Cwt.	20.70	20.50	14.90	15.70
Dairy Feed, 16%	Ton	175.00	185.00	175.00	184.00
Soybean Meal, 44%	Cwt.	22.00	22.40	13.00	13.40

1/ Prices shown represent composite average prices paid by farmers for all grades, classes and method of sale.

2/ Includes California, Oregon and Washington.

HAY STOCKS ON FARMS

Stocks of hay on California farms as of May 1, 2001 totaled 180 thousand tons. This was 9 percent of the December 1 stocks and 53 percent below May 1, 2000.

United States May 1 hay stocks on farms totaled 21.1 million tons of hay. This was 20 percent of the December 1 stocks and 27 percent below May 1 of the previous year.

HAY STOCKS ON FARMS

State	December 1			May 1		
	1998	1999	2000	1999	2000	2001
	1,000 Tons					
California	3246	2,285	1,954	428	381	180
Arizona	177	184	202	28	27	33
Nevada	857	867	801	233	290	112
Oregon	2159	2,245	1,766	135	128	241
Utah	1695	1,540	1,350	485	320	200
UNITED STATES	112066	108,922	103,730	24,817	28,817	21,106

CALIFORNIA COMMERCIAL SLAUGHTER

California's production of red meat during April 2001 totaled 87.9 million pounds (dressed weight), down 6 percent from last month, but 10 percent above April 2000. This figure includes slaughter in Federally-inspected and State-inspected plants, but excludes slaughter done on farms. In April 2001, the average live weight of cattle slaughtered was 1,268 pounds; calves, 157 pounds; and hogs 223 pounds.

January - April red meat production was 14.6 billion pounds, 3 percent below the comparable figure a year ago. Using comparable figures from last year, beef production was 6 percent lower, veal production was 7 percent lower, lamb and mutton production was 8 percent lower, while pork production was up 2 percent.

U.S. RED MEAT PRODUCTION UP

Commercial red meat production for the United States totaled 3.51 billion pounds in April. This was up 1 percent from the 3.46 billion pounds produced in April 2000.

April 2000 contained 20 weekdays and five Saturdays. April 2001 contained 21 weekdays and four Saturdays.

Beef production, at 1.94 billion pounds, was 4 percent below the previous year. Cattle slaughter totaled 2.71 million head, down 2 percent from April 2000. The average live weight was down 16 pounds from the previous year to 1,186 pounds.

Veal production totaled 15.0 million pounds, 9 percent below April a year ago, which was the previous record-low of 17.0 million pounds. Calf slaughter totaled 74.0 thousand head, down 8 percent from April 2000. The average live weight, at 340 pounds, was 3 pounds below last year.

Pork production totaled 1.53 billion pounds, up 10 percent from the previous year. Hog kill totaled 7.83 million head, 8 percent above April 2000. The average live weight was 265 pounds, 2 pounds above the previous year.

Lamb and mutton production, at 20.0 million pounds, was down 14 percent from April 2000 and 1.00 million pounds below the previous low from 1999. Sheep slaughter totaled 290 thousand head, 16 percent below last year. The average live weight was 140 pounds, up 4 pounds from April a year ago.

COMMERCIAL SLAUGHTER, APRIL 1/

Species and Location	Number Slaughtered		Total Live Weight		Average Live Weight	
	2000	2001	2000	2001	2000	2001
	Thousand Head		Thousand Pounds		Pounds	
CATTLE						
California	75.3	81.9	93,226	103,812	1,238	1,268
U.S. Total	2,783.4	2,714.3	3,344,879	3,218,254	1,202	1,186
CALVES						
California	7.7	7.6	1,239	1,191	160	157
U.S. Total	80.5	74.3	27,658	25,245	343	340
SHEEP & LAMBS						
California	---	---	---	---	---	---
U.S. Total	345.3	290.4	47,124	40,602	136	140
HOGS						
California	175.0	186.2	37,961	41,470	217	223
U.S. Total	7,227.4	7831.9	1,897,915	2,072,103	263	265
RED MEAT	April 2000	March 2001	April 2001	Apr. 01 Apr. 00	Apr. 01 Mar. 01	
	Million Pounds			Percent		
California	79.6	93.4	87.9	110	94	
U.S. Total	3,464.9	3,761.5	3,506.6	101	93	

1/ Farm slaughter excluded.

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CATTLE AND CALVES PREDATOR LOSSES IN CALIFORNIA AND UNITED STATES, 2000 a/

Cause	California			United States		
	Number	Total Deaths	Total Value	Number	Total Deaths	Total Value
	Head	Percent	\$1,000	Head	Percent	\$1,000
Coyotes	9,000	60.4	b/	95,000	64.6	31,754
Dogs	1,900	12.8	b/	26,000	17.7	9,547
Mountain Lions & Bobcats c/	3,300	22.1	b/	11,000	7.5	4,334
Bears	d/	d/	b/	2,800	1.9	1,804
Wolves	d/	d/	b/	1,600	1.1	1,030
All Other Animals	700	4.7	b/	10,600	7.2	3,168
Total Predators	14,900	100.0	5,046	147,000	100.0	51,637

a/ Totals may not add due to rounding. Cattle includes all cows, bulls, steers, and heifers weighing over 500 pounds. This includes beef and milk breeds, as well as cattle on feed. Calves include beef and milk breed steers, heifers, and bulls weighing less than 500 pounds.

b/ Missing total value data are not available.

c/ Includes cougars, pimas, and lynx.

d/ Included in "All Other Animals" for California.