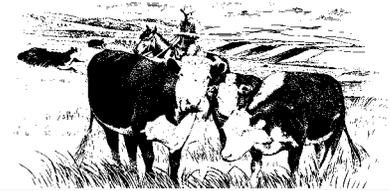


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2.37 million, 3 percent above 2000 and 16 percent above 1999. Net placements were 2.27 million. During May, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 494 thousand, 600-699 pounds were 509 thousand, 700-799 pounds were 799 thousand and 800 pounds and greater were 565 thousand. Marketings of fed cattle during May totaled 2.20 million, 1 percent above 2000 and 10 percent above 1999. Other disappearance totaled 101 thousand during May, 12 percent below 2000, but 2 percent above 1999.

## CALIFORNIA CATTLE ON FEED

Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter in California feedlots totaled 450 thousand head on June 1, 2001, 3 percent above last month and 10 percent above June 2000. During May, placements of 77.0 thousand head were 18 percent above the previous year. Marketings of 50.0 thousand head were 4 percent below May 2000. Other disappearance totaled 12.0 thousand head.

## CATTLE ON FEED UP 2 PERCENT IN HISTORIC SEVEN STATES

Cattle on feed in the historic seven states for 1,000+ head capacity feedlots totaled 9.66 million on June 1, 2001, up 2 percent from the previous year and 13 percent above June 1, 1999. Placements in feedlots during May totaled 2.06 million, 3 percent above 2000 and 19 percent above 1999. Marketings during May totaled 1.88 million, 1 percent above 2000 and up 11 percent from 1999. Other disappearance during May was 88.0 thousand head, 4 percent above 2000 and 21 percent above 1999.

## U.S. CATTLE ON FEED UP 2 PERCENT

Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter market in the United States for 1,000+ head capacity feedlots totaled 11.24 million head on June 1, 2001. The inventory was 2 percent above June 1, 2000 and 13 percent above June 1, 1999. Placements in feedlots during May totaled

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

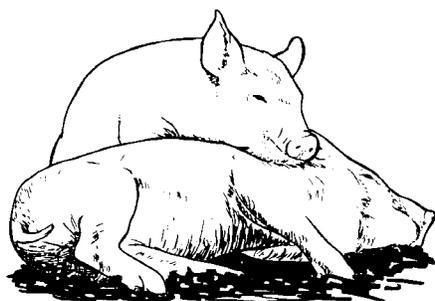
State	Number On Feed May 1 1/			Placed During May		Marketed During May	
	2000	2001	2001/2000	2000	2001	2000	2001
Thousand Head							
Arizona	276	308	112	37	41	32	34
California	405	435	107	65	77	52	50
Colorado	1,210	1,170	97	195	190	180	190
Iowa	370	380	103	41	37	54	51
Kansas	2,230	2,380	107	550	530	470	485
Nebraska	2,240	2,250	100	390	375	510	520
Texas	2,660	2,640	99	720	810	565	545
Seven-State Total	9,391	9,563	102	1,998	2,060	1,863	1,875
State	Other Disappearance During May 2/			Number On Feed June 1		2001/2000	
	2000	2001		2000	2001		
Thousand Head						Percent	
Arizona	5	10		276	305	111	
California	8	12		410	450	110	
Colorado	15	10		1,210	1,160	96	
Iowa	2	1		355	365	103	
Kansas	20	25		2,290	2,400	105	
Nebraska	20	15		2,100	2,090	100	
Texas	15	15		2,800	2,890	103	
Seven-State Total	85	88		9,441	9,660	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.

### CALIFORNIA COMMERCIAL SLAUGHTER

California's production of red meat during May 2001 totaled 93.5 million pounds (dressed weight), 6 percent above last month and 4 percent above May 2000. This figure includes slaughter in Federally-inspected and State-inspected plants, but excludes slaughter done on farms. In May 2001, the average live weight of cattle slaughtered was 1,265 pounds; calves, 148 pounds; and hogs 221 pounds.



### U.S. RED MEAT PRODUCTION

Commercial red meat production for the United States totaled 3.88 billion pounds in May, virtually unchanged from the 3.88 billion pounds produced in May 2000.

May 2000 and 2001 both contained 23 weekdays (including one holiday) and four Saturdays.

Beef production, at 2.29 billion pounds, was slightly below the previous year. Cattle slaughter totaled 3.20 million head, up 1 percent from May 2000. The average live weight was down 12 pounds from the previous year to 1,184 pounds.

Veal production totaled 16.0 million pounds, 15 percent below May a year ago and 1.00 million pounds below the previous record-low. Calf slaughter totaled 79.0 thousand head, down 15 percent from May 2000. The average live weight, at 335 pounds, was 5 pounds below last year.

Pork production totaled a May record 1.56 billion pounds, up 1 percent from the previous May record-high occurring last year. Hog kill totaled 7.96 million head, slightly above May 2000. The average live weight was 264 pounds, 1 pound above the previous year.

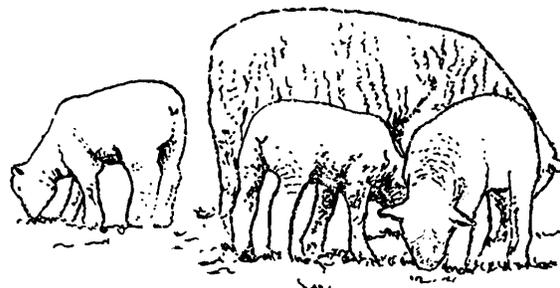
Lamb and mutton production, at 17.0 million pounds, was down 4 percent from May 2000 tying a record low. Sheep slaughter totaled 239 thousand head, 8 percent below last year. The average live weight was 141 pounds, up 6 pounds from May a year ago.

January - May red meat production was 18.5 billion pounds, 2 percent below the comparable figure a year ago. Using comparable figures from last year, beef production was 5 percent lower, veal production was 11 percent lower, pork production was up 2 percent, and lamb and mutton production was 7 percent lower.

COMMERCIAL SLAUGHTER, MAY 2000-01 1/

Species and Location	Number Slaughtered		Total Live Weight		Average Live Weight	
	2000	2001	2000	2001	2000	2001
	1,000 Head		1,000 Pounds		Pounds	
<b>CATTLE</b>						
California	85.6	89.5	106,500	113,204	1,244	1,265
U.S. Total	3,177.9	3,199.3	3,801,410	3,786,666	1,196	1,184
<b>CALVES</b>						
California	9.9	8.0	1,903	1,188	192	148
U.S. Total	91.9	78.6	31,307	26,345	340	335
<b>SHEEP &amp; LAMBS</b>						
California	----	----	----	----	----	----
U.S. Total	259.6	239.0	35,012	33,798	135	141
<b>HOGS</b>						
California	194.6	190.6	42,352	42,178	218	221
U.S. Total	7,944.7	7,958.4	2,089,974	2,100,329	263	264
<b>RED MEAT</b>	May 2000	April 2001	May 2001	May 01 May 00	May 01 Apr. 01	
	Million Pounds			Percent		
California	89.8	87.9	93.5	104	106	
U.S. Total	3880.9	3,506.6	3,881.3	100	111	

1/ Farm slaughter excluded.



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

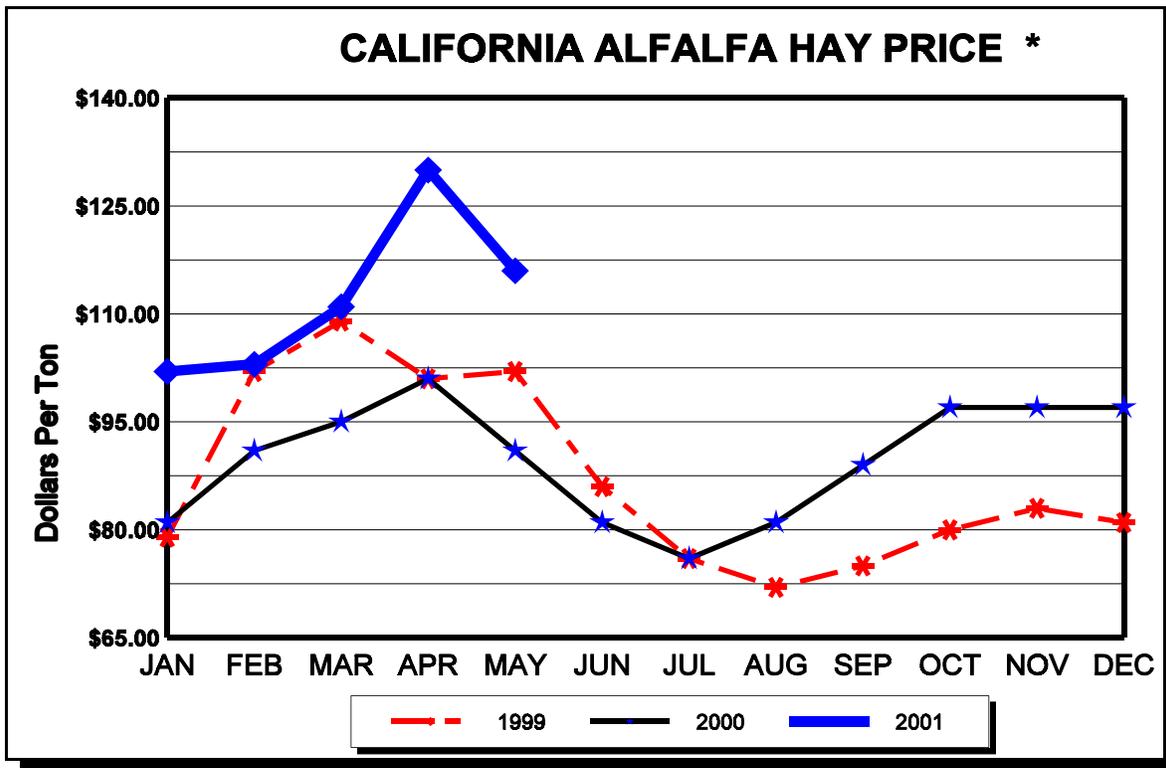
Commodity	Unit	California			United States		
		May 2000	April 2001	May 15, 2001	May 2000	April 2001	May 15, 2001
		Dollars					
All Hay, Baled 2/	Ton	89.00	127.00	116.00	91.00	94.80	106.00
Alfalfa, Baled 2/	Ton	91.00	130.00	121.00	95.00	100.00	113.00
Hogs 2/ 3/	Cwt.	---	---	---	48.30	47.80	51.40
Cows 2/	Cwt.	37.00	41.50	40.50	38.90	43.30	43.40
Steers and Heifers 2/	Cwt.	71.00	79.50	77.00	73.20	79.60	76.20
Calves 2/	Cwt.	92.00	99.50	97.00	107.00	111.00	112.00
Sheep 2/	Cwt.	31.50	31.50	---	30.50	34.90	---
Lambs 2/	Cwt.	91.00	78.00	---	96.40	85.20	---
Milk Cows 4/	Head	---	1,480.00	---	---	1,390.00	---
All Milk Wholesale 2/	Cwt.	11.18	13.30	14.30	12.00	14.40	15.40

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.



\* Includes All Qualities

Source: California Agricultural Statistics Service