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## CALIFORNIA CATTLE ON FEED

Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter in California feedlots totaled 465 thousand head on October 1, 2001, 1 percent below last month, but 11 percent above October 2000. During September, placements of 47.0 thousand head were 20 percent below the previous year. Marketings of 49.0 thousand head remained the same as September 2000. Other disappearance totaled 3.00 thousand head.

## U.S. CATTLE ON FEED UP 1 PERCENT

Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter market in the United States for 1,000+ head capacity feedlots totaled 11.1 million head on October 1, 2001. The inventory was 1 percent above October 1, 2000 and 8 percent above October 1, 1999. The inventory included 6.63 million steers and steer calves, up 1 percent from the previous year. This group accounted for 60 percent of the total inventory. Heifers and heifer calves accounted for 4.45 million head, up 1 percent from 2000.

Placements in feedlots during September totaled 2.14 million, 20 percent below 2000 and 23 percent below 1999. Net placements were 2.09 million. During September, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 528 thousand, 600-699 pounds were 447 thousand, 700-799 pounds were 559 thousand, and 800 pounds and greater were 602 thousand. Marketings of fed cattle during September totaled 1.82 million, 9 percent below 2000 and 7 percent below 1999. Other disappearance totaled 46.0 thousand during September, 15 percent below 2000 and 26 percent below 1999.

## CATTLE ON FEED UP 1 PERCENT IN HISTORIC SEVEN MONTHLY STATES

Cattle on feed in the historic seven states for 1,000+ head capacity feedlots totaled 9.61 million on October 1, 2001, up 1 percent from the previous year and 9 percent above October 1, 1999. The inventory included 5.69 million steers and steer calves, up 2 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 slightly from 2000. Placements in feedlots during September totaled 1.81 million, 21 percent below 2000 and 23 percent below 1999. Marketings during September totaled 1.54 million, 10 percent below 2000 and 9 percent below 1999. Other disappearance during September was 40.0 thousand head, 17 percent below 2000 and 27 percent below 1999.

## 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	
	2000	2001	2001/2000	2000	2001	2000	2001
	1,000 Head						
Arizona	257	293	114	40	33	23	27
California	415	470	113	59	47	49	49
Colorado	1,070	1,010	94	335	260	225	205
Iowa	330	310	94	52	66	41	65
Kansas	2,220	2,490	112	540	470	450	410
Nebraska	1,920	1,820	95	560	450	370	315
Texas	2,760	2,990	108	700	480	550	465
Seven-State Total	8,972	9,383	105	2,286	1,806	1,708	1,536
State	Other Disappearance During September <sup>2/</sup>		Number on Feed October 1		2001/2000 Percent		
	2000	2001	2000	2001			
	1,000 Head						
Arizona	2	1	272	298	110		
California	5	3	420	465	111		
Colorado	10	5	1,170	1,060	91		
Iowa	1	1	340	310	91		
Kansas	10	10	2,300	2,540	110		
Nebraska	10	5	2,100	1,950	93		
Texas	10	15	2,900	2,990	103		
Seven-State Total	48	40	9,502	9,613	101		

<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 2.72 billion pounds of milk in September 2001. This was 3 percent below August 2001, but 5 percent above September 2000.

Monthly milk per cow averaged 1,700 pounds, 65 pounds less than August 2001, but 15 pounds more 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		2000	2001	Milk Cows		Milk Per Cow		Milk Production	
	2000	2001	2000	2001	2000	2001			2000	2001	2000	2001	2000	2001
	1,000 Head		Pounds		Million Pounds				1,000 Head		Pounds		Million Pounds	
Jan.	1,492	1,562	1,815	1,760	2,708	2,749	2,706	2,748	7,764	7,783	1,579	1,550	12,259	12,062
Feb.	1,496	1,567	1,710	1,615	2,558	2,531	2,556	2,526	7,766	7,767	1,506	1,431	11,694	11,112
Mar.	1,501	1,570	1,825	1,785	2,739	2,802	2,736	2,807	7,776	7,756	1,632	1,599	12,687	12,401
Apr.	1,506	1,574	1,815	1,770	2,733	2,786	2,729	2,784	7,789	7,744	1,593	1,570	12,411	12,158
May	1,513	1,580	1,850	1,825	2,799	2,884	2,796	2,883	7,799	7,745	1,636	1,632	12,758	12,638
June	1,518	1,585	1,760	1,740	2,672	2,758	2,669	2,781	7,808	7,749	1,547	1,556	12,082	12,057
July	1,525	1,590	1,825	1,770	2,783	2,814	2,781	2,813	7,821	7,745	1,561	1,552	12,205	12,020
Aug.	1,533	1,595	1,750	1,765	2,683	2,815	2,679	2,817	7,820	7,737	1,525	1,522	11,928	11,772
Sept.	1,540	1,601	1,685	1,700	2,595	2,722	2,593		7,820	7,729	1,464	1,471	11,451	11,372
Oct.	1,545	1,735			2,681		2,679		7,817		1,511		11,813	
Nov.	1,550		1,670		2,589		2,585		7,805		1,459		11,385	
Dec.	1,556		1,735		2,700		2,698		7,803		1,519		11,855	

<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.

**U.S. HOG INVENTORY DOWN 1 PERCENT**

U.S. inventory of all hogs and pigs on September 1, 2001 was 58.6 million head. This was 1 percent below September 2000, but 1 percent above June 1, 2001.

Breeding inventory, at 6.16 million head, was down 1 percent from September 1, 2000 and down slightly from June 1, 2001. Market hog inventory, at 52.5 million head, was 1 percent below last year, but 1 percent above last quarter.

The June-August 2001 U.S. pig crop, at 25.0 million head, was 2 percent less than 2000 and 3 percent less than 1999. Sows farrowing during this period totaled 2.84 million head, 2 percent below last year. The sows farrowed during this quarter represented 46 percent of the breeding herd. The average pigs-per-litter was 8.82 pigs saved per litter for the June-August 2001 period, compared to 8.84 pigs last year. Pigs saved per litter by size of operation ranged from 7.40 for operations with 1-99 hogs to 8.90 for operations with more than 5.00 thousand hogs and pigs.

U.S. hog producers intend to have 2.88 million sows farrow during the September-November 2001 quarter, 1 percent above the actual farrowings during the same period in 2000 and 1 percent above 1999. Intended farrowings for December 2001-February 2002, at 2.84 million sows, are 3 percent above the same period in 2001, but up 1 percent from 2000.

The total number of hogs under contract and owned by operations with more than 5.00 thousand head, but raised by contractees, accounted for 35 percent of the total U.S. hog inventory, up from 33 percent last year.

**Revisions:** All inventory and pig crop estimates for September 2000 through June 2001 were reviewed using the final pig crop, official slaughter, death loss, import, and export data in U.S. level balance sheets. Based on the findings of this review, adjustments of less than 2 percent were made to the inventory level for March 1, 2001 and June 1, 2001. Adjustments of less than one-half percent were made to the September-November 2000 pig crop, slightly more than 3 percent to the December 2000-February 2001 pig crop, and less than 2 percent to the March-May 2001 pig crop.

**U.S. HOG AND PIG INVENTORY, SEPTEMBER 1, 1999-01**

Item	1999	2000	2001	2001/1999	2001/2000
	1,000 Head			Percent	
<b>September 1 Inventory</b>					
All Hogs And Pigs	60,776	59,495	58,642	96	99
Kept For Breeding	6,301	6,246	6,158	98	99
Market	54,474	53,250	52,484	96	99
<b>Market Hogs and Pigs by Weight Groups</b>					
Under 60 Pounds	20,243	19,955	19,514	96	98
60-119 Pounds	13,414	13,055	12,840	96	98
120-179 Pounds	11,129	10,817	10,714	96	99
180 Pounds And Over	9,689	9,422	9,417	97	100

**CALIFORNIA COMMERCIAL SLAUGHTER**

California's production of red meat during September 2001 totaled 88.8 million pounds (dressed weight), down 12 percent from last month, but remained the same as September 2000. This figure includes slaughter in Federally-inspected and State-inspected plants, but excludes slaughter done on farms. In September 2001, the average live weight of cattle slaughtered was 1,269 pounds; calves, 152 pounds; and hogs 222 pounds.

January - September red meat production was 33.6 billion pounds, 3 percent below the previous year. Accumulated beef production was down 4 percent from last year, veal was down 11 percent, pork was virtually unchanged, and lamb and mutton was down 4 percent.

**U.S. MONTHLY RECORD-LOW FOR VEAL AND LAMB PRODUCTION**

Commercial red meat production for the United States totaled 3.66 billion pounds in September. This was down 5 percent from the 3.86 billion pounds produced in September 2000.

September 2000 contained 21 weekdays (including one holiday) and five Saturdays. September 2001 contained 20 weekdays (including one holiday) and five Saturdays.

Beef production, at 2.12 billion pounds, was 7 percent below the previous year, a record September tonnage. Cattle slaughter totaled 2.81 million head, down 7 percent from September 2000. The average live weight was up 9 pounds from the previous year to 1,240 pounds.

Veal production totaled 15.0 million pounds, 10 percent below September a year ago. Calf slaughter totaled 78.6 thousand head, down 16 percent from September 2000. The average live weight, at 313 pounds, was 20 pounds above last year.

Pork production totaled 1.51 billion pounds, down 3 percent from the previous year. Hog kill totaled 7.81 million head, 4 percent below September 2000. The average live weight was 262 pounds, 3 pounds above the previous year.

Lamb and mutton production, at 16.0 million pounds, was down 6 percent from September 2000. Sheep slaughter totaled 243.3 thousand head, 10 percent below last year. The average live weight was 135 pounds, up 5 pounds from September a year ago.

**COMMERCIAL SLAUGHTER, SEPTEMBER 2000-01 1/**

Class 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	86.7	84.6	108,181	107,364	1,247	1,269
U.S. Total	3,034.5	2,807.3	3,734,196	3,481,256	1,231	1,240
<b>CALVES</b>						
California	10.1	8.4	1,541	1,275	152	152
U.S. Total	93.5	78.6	27,405	24,637	293	313
<b>SHEEP &amp; LAMBS</b>						
California	----	----	----	----	----	----
U.S. Total	269.5	243.3	35,113	32,872	130	135
<b>HOGS</b>						
California	183.3	183.5	39,883	40,762	218	222
U.S. Total	8,118.4	7,810.5	2,104,149	2,045,377	259	262
<b>RED MEAT</b>	September 2000	August 2001	September 2001	Sept. 01 Sept. 00	Sept. 01 Aug. 01	
	Million Pounds			Percent		
California	88.8	101.0	88.8	100	88	
U.S. Total	3,862.9	4,059.9	3,664.4	95	90	

1/ Farm slaughter excluded.

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

Commodity	Unit	California			United States		
		Sept. 2000	Aug. 2001	Sept. 15, 2001	Sept. 2000	Aug. 2001	Sept. 15, 2001
		Dollars					
All Hay, Baled 2/	Ton	87.00	111.00	120.00	83.00	97.70	98.60
Alfalfa, Baled 2/	Ton	89.00	113.00	125.00	86.00	105.00	106.00
Hogs 2/ 3/	Cwt.	---	---	---	41.60	50.60	45.80
Cows 2/	Cwt.	35.00	42.00	39.00	37.20	43.10	41.60
Steers and Heifers 2/	Cwt.	67.00	72.00	72.50	68.60	73.60	73.00
Calves 2/	Cwt.	91.50	94.00	90.00	103.00	106.00	106.00
Sheep 2/	Cwt.	28.50	31.50	---	30.30	31.30	---
Lambs 2/	Cwt.	79.00	60.00	---	80.80	55.40	---
Milk Cows 4/	Head	---	---	---	---	---	---
All Milk Wholesale 2/	Cwt.	12.31	15.51	15.80	12.90	16.40	16.80

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.