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Placements in feedlots during December totaled 1.58 million, 7 percent below 2000 and 4 percent below 1999. Net placements were 1.49 million. During December, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 418 thousand, 600-699 pounds were 475 thousand, 700-799 pounds were 413 thousand, and 800 pounds and greater were 272 thousand.

## CALIFORNIA CATTLE ON FEED

Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter in California feedlots totaled 480 thousand head on January 1, 2002, 2 percent below last month, but 7 percent above January 2001. During December, placement of 50.0 thousand head was 19 percent below the previous year. Marketings of 50.0 thousand head were 4 percent below December 2001. Other disappearance totaled 10.0 thousand head.

Marketings of fed cattle during December totaled 1.81 million, 3 percent above 2000, but 2 percent below 1999. Other disappearance totaled 93.0 thousand during December, 2 percent below 2000, but 3 percent above 1999.

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

Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter market in the United States for 1,000+ capacity feedlots totaled 11.6 million head on January 1, 2002. The inventory was 2 percent below January 1, 2001, but 1 percent above January 1, 2000. The inventory included 7.10 million steers and steer calves, up 1 percent from the previous year. This group accounted for 61 percent of the total inventory. Heifers and heifer calves accounted for 4.38 million head, down 7 percent from January 1, 2001.

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

Cattle on feed in the historic seven states for 1,000+ capacity feedlots totaled 9.90 million on January 1, 2002, down 2 percent from the previous year, but 2 percent above January 1, 2000. The inventory included 6.08 million steers and steer calves, up 2 percent from the previous year. This group accounted for 61 percent of the total inventory. Heifers and heifer calves accounted for 3.77 million head, down 8 percent from January 1, 2001. Placements in feedlots during December totaled 1.33 million, 8 percent below 2000 and 6 percent below 1999. Marketings during December totaled 1.55 million, 3 percent above 2000, but 3 percent below 1999. Other disappearance during December was 78.0 thousand head, up 1 percent from 2000 and 4 percent above 1999.

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

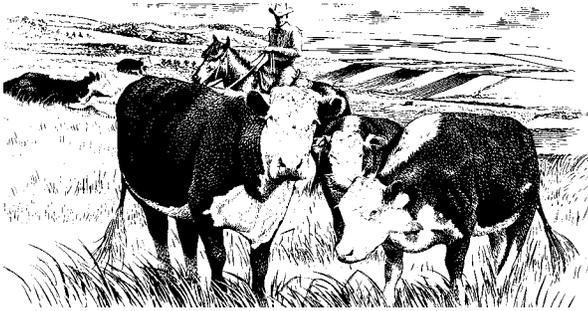
State	Number On Feed December 1 1/			Placed During December		Marketed During December	
	2000	2001	2001/2000	2000	2001	2000	2001
	1,000 Head						
Arizona	298	303	102	30	30	23	26
California	450	490	109	62	50	52	50
Colorado	1,230	1,160	94	170	165	180	135
Iowa	395	350	89	38	55	45	49
Kansas	2,460	2,640	107	420	370	460	510
Nebraska	2,410	2,270	94	340	300	340	325
Texas	2,970	2,990	101	380	360	400	450
Total Seven States	10,213	10,203	100	1,440	1,330	1,500	1,545
State	Other Disappearance During December 2/		Number On Feed January 1		2002/2001		
	2000	2001	2001	2002			
	1,000 Head					Percent	
Arizona	4	2	301	305	101		
California	10	10	450	480	107		
Colorado	10	10	1,210	1,180	98		
Iowa	3	1	385	355	92		
Kansas	20	20	2,400	2,480	103		
Nebraska	10	15	2,400	2,230	93		
Texas	20	20	2,930	2,880	98		
Total Seven States	77	78	10,076	9,910	98		

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.

**U.S. ALL CATTLE ON FEED**

Cattle on feed in all United States feedlots totaled 11.6 million on January 1, 2002. This was down 2 percent from the 11.8 million on January 1, 2001.



**JANUARY 1 CATTLE ON FEED  
IN TWELVE SELECTED STATES AND U.S.**

State	2001	2002	2002/2001
	1,000 Head		Percent
Arizona	301	305	101
California	450	480	107
Colorado	1,210	1,180	98
Idaho	320	330	103
Iowa	385	355	92
Kansas	2,400	2,480	103
Nebraska	2,400	2,230	93
New Mexico	115	108	94
Oklahoma	410	360	88
South Dakota	202	195	97
Texas	2,930	2,880	98
Washington	250	247	99
Other States	425	415	98
<b>U.S. TOTAL</b>	<b>11,798</b>	<b>11,565</b>	<b>98</b>

**CALIFORNIA MILK PRODUCTION**

California milk producers produced 2.79 billion pounds of milk in December 2001. This was 3 percent above November 2001 and 3 percent above December 2000.

Monthly milk per cow averaged 1,730 pounds, 40 pounds more than November 2001, but 5 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		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	2,814	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	2,705	7,820	7,723	1,464	1,474	11,451	11,387
Oct.	1,545	1,606	1,735	1,745	2,681	2,802	2,679	2,800	7,817	7,719	1,511	1,520	11,813	11,732
Nov.	1,550	1,610	1,670	1,690	2,589	2,721	2,585	2,716	7,805	7,731	1,459	1,484	11,385	11,474
Dec.	1,556	1,615	1,735	1,730	2,700	2,794	2,698	---	7,803	7,741	1,519	1,547	11,855	11,974

<sup>1/</sup> Milk receipts are from the California Department of Food and Agriculture's Dairy Marketing and Milk Pooling Branches. Excludes on farm usage.

<sup>2/</sup> Twenty-state total. Milk production for 2001 is preliminary and will be revised.

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

Commodity	Unit	California			United States		
		December 2000	November 2001	Dec. 15, 2001	December 2000	November 2001	Dec. 15, 2001
		Dollars					
All Hay, Baled <sup>2/</sup>	Ton	94.00	122.00	119.00	84.90	97.10	93.70
Alfalfa, Baled <sup>2/</sup>	Ton	97.00	128.00	124.00	89.70	106.00	102.00
Hogs <sup>2/ 3/</sup>	Cwt.	---	---	---	39.80	35.00	33.60
Cows <sup>2/</sup>	Cwt.	34.00	35.50	35.00	36.50	35.80	35.60
Steers and Heifers <sup>2/</sup>	Cwt.	76.00	66.50	66.50	76.80	67.80	68.30
Calves <sup>2/</sup>	Cwt.	93.00	90.00	93.00	106.00	96.40	100.00
Sheep <sup>2/</sup>	Cwt.	34.00	24.00	---	36.20	26.60	---
Lambs <sup>2/</sup>	Cwt.	68.00	50.00	---	71.80	54.10	---
Milk Cows <sup>4/</sup>	Cwt.	---	---	---	---	---	---
All Milk, Wholesale <sup>2/</sup>	Cwt.	12.31	12.69	12.80	13.00	14.40	13.60

<sup>1/</sup> 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.

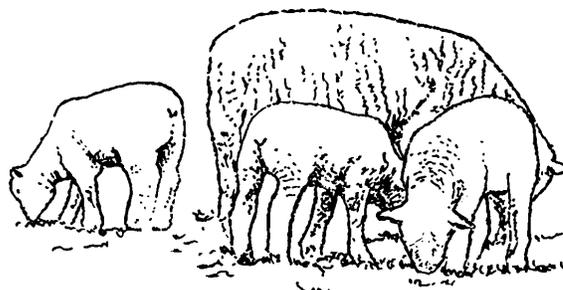
<sup>2/</sup> Previous month revised to monthly average.

<sup>3/</sup> Price includes barrows, gilts, and sows.

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

**CALIFORNIA COMMERCIAL SLAUGHTER**

California's production of red meat during December 2001 totaled 97.0 million pounds (dressed weight), down 4 percent from last month, but 7 percent above December 2000. This figure includes slaughter in Federally-inspected and State-inspected plants, but excludes slaughter done on farms. In December 2001, the average live weight of cattle slaughtered was 1,304 pounds; calves, 174 pounds; and hogs 229 pounds.



**MONTHLY RECORD LOWS FOR VEAL AND LAMB AND MUTTON PRODUCTION**

Commercial red meat production for the United States totaled 3.81 billion pounds in December, up 5 percent from the 3.61 billion pounds produced in December 2000.

December 2000 and 2001 both contained 21 weekdays (including one holiday) and five Saturdays.

Beef production, at 2.11 billion pounds, was 6 percent above the previous year. Cattle slaughter totaled 2.78 million head, up 2 percent from December 2000. The average live weight was up 31 pounds from the previous year to 1,255 pounds.

Veal production totaled 16.0 million pounds, 12 percent below December a year ago and a new record-low for December. Calf slaughter totaled 84.3 thousand head, down 8 percent from December 2000. The average live weight, at 309 pounds, was 10 pounds below last year.

Pork production totaled 1.67 billion pounds, up 6 percent from the previous year. Hog kill totaled 8.42 million head, 4 percent above December 2000. The average live weight was 268 pounds, 3 pounds above the previous year.

Lamb and mutton production, at 19.0 million pounds, was down 8 percent from December 2000 and a new record-low for December. Sheep slaughter totaled 279.1 thousand head, 7 percent below last year. The average live weight was 138 pounds, down 2 pounds from December a year ago.

January - December red meat production was 45.6 billion pounds, 1 percent below the previous year. Accumulated beef production was down 3 percent from last year, veal was down 10 percent, pork was up 1 percent, and lamb and mutton production was down 4 percent.

**COMMERCIAL SLAUGHTER, DECEMBER 2000-01 a/**

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	86.2	82.7	108,920	107,831	1,264	1,304
U.S. Total	2,716.9	2,779.4	3,326,073	3,489,285	1,224	1,255
<b>CALVES</b>						
California	8.2	8.4	1,254	1,466	153	174
U.S. Total	91.6	84.3	29,234	26,055	319	309
<b>SHEEP &amp; LAMBS</b>						
California	----	----	----	----	----	----
U.S. Total	299.6	279.1	41,928	38,595	140	138
<b>HOGS</b>						
California	195.0	228.9	42,862	52,452	220	229
U.S. Total	8,076.2	8,418.7	2,137,477	2,254,943	265	268
<b>RED MEAT</b>	December 2000	November 2001 b/	December 2001	Dec. 01 Dec. 00	Dec. 01 Nov. 01	
	Million Pounds			Percent		
California	90.7	100.7	97.0	107	96	
U.S. Total	3,614.7	3,969.9	3,812.8	105	96	

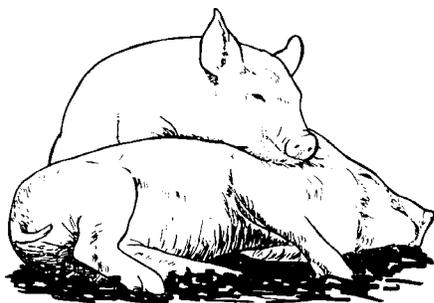
a/ Farm slaughter excluded.

b/ U.S. total revised.

**DECEMBER U.S. PIG CROP UP 3 PERCENT**

The December 2001 U.S. pig crop, at 8.07 million head, was 3 percent more than the previous year. Sows farrowing during this period totaled 917 thousand head, 2 percent above last year. The average pigs per litter for December rose to 8.80, compared to 8.66 last year.

The U.S. inventory of sows and gilts on January 1, 2002, was 6.02 million head, slightly below January 1, 2001. U.S. sows and gilts bred during December totaled 1.19 million head, up slightly from the previous year.



**U.S. Monthly Pig Crop**

