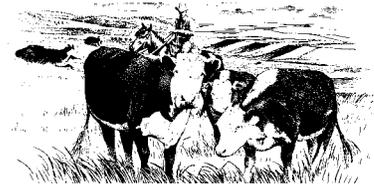


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Marketings of fed cattle during November totaled 1.73 million, 4 percent below 2001 and 5 percent below 2000. Other disappearance totaled 90.0 thousand head during November, 13 percent above 2001, but 14 percent below 2000.

## CATTLE ON FEED IN CALIFORNIA

Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter in California feedlots totaled 500 thousand head on December 1, 2002, 2 percent above both last month and December of last year. During November, placements of 65.0 thousand head were 7 percent below the previous year. Marketings of 50.0 thousand head were 11 percent above November of 2001. Other disappearance totaled 5.00 thousand head.

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

Cattle on feed in the historic seven states for 1,000+ head capacity feedlots totaled 9.40 million on December 1, 2002, down 8 percent from both the previous year and December 1, 2000. Placements in feedlots during November totaled 1.67 million, 5 percent above 2001, but 1 percent below 2000. Marketings during November totaled 1.51 million, 2 percent below 2001 and 4 percent below 2000. Other disappearance during November was 80.0 thousand head, 18 percent above 2001, but 10 percent below 2000.

## U.S. CATTLE ON FEED DOWN 8 PERCENT

Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter market in the United States for 1,000+ head capacity feedlots totaled 10.9 million head on December 1, 2002. The inventory was 8 percent below December 1, 2001 and 9 percent below December 1, 2000. Placements in feedlots during November totaled 1.98 million, 4 percent above 2001, but 2 percent below 2000. Net placements were 1.89 million. During November, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 589 thousand, 600-699 pounds were 660 thousand, 700-799 pounds were 417 thousand, and 800 pounds and greater were 311 thousand.

**Special Note:** The "Cattle On Feed" release format will be modified to exclude calculation and publication of the historic seven states. Availability of U.S. and the 12 individually-published states' data will remain unchanged. The same seven-state data can still be calculated from the U.S. release by summing the historic seven states' totals. This change will be effective beginning with the publication released Friday, February 14, 2003.

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

State	Number On Feed November 1 1/			Placed During November		Marketed During November	
	2001	2002	2002/2001	2001	2002	2001	2002
	Thousand Head						
Arizona	301	290	96	31	32	27	24
California	470	490	104	70	65	45	50
Colorado	1,170	1,060	91	175	190	180	170
Iowa	340	335	99	75	80	64	63
Kansas	2,670	2,300	86	410	420	420	395
Nebraska	2,200	2,110	96	390	410	305	330
Texas	3,080	2,730	89	430	470	500	475
Seven-State Total	10,231	9,315	91	1,581	1,667	1,541	1,507
State	Other Disappearance During November 2/		Number On Feed December 1		2002/2001		
	2001	2002	2001	2002			
	Thousand Head					Percent	
Arizona	2	3	303	295	97		
California	5	5	490	500	102		
Colorado	5	10	1,160	1,070	92		
Iowa	1	2	350	350	100		
Kansas	20	25	2,640	2,300	87		
Nebraska	15	10	2,270	2,180	96		
Texas	20	25	2,990	2,700	90		
Seven-State Total	68	80	10,203	9,395	92		

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 November 2002 totaled 109.5 million pounds (dressed weight), down 13 percent from last month, but 8 percent above November 2001. This figure includes slaughter in Federally-inspected and State-inspected plants, but excludes slaughter done on farms. In November 2002, the average live weight of cattle slaughtered was 1,275 pounds; calves 140 pounds; and hogs 236 pounds.

Lamb and mutton production, at 17.8 million pounds, was down 9 percent from November 2001 and 6 percent below the previous record-low set in 1998. Sheep slaughter totaled 271.3 thousand head, 5 percent below last year. The average live weight was 132 pounds, down 6 pounds from November a year ago.

January - November red meat production was 43.3 billion pounds, 3 percent above the previous year. Accumulated beef production was up 4 percent from last year, veal was down 1 percent, pork was up 3 percent, and lamb and mutton production was down 3 percent.

**U.S. COMMERCIAL SLAUGHTER**

**MONTHLY RECORD-LOW FOR LAMB AND MUTTON PRODUCTION**

Commercial red meat production for the United States totaled 3.91 billion pounds in November, down 2 percent from the 3.97 billion pounds produced in November 2001.

November 2001 contained 22 weekdays (including two holidays) and four Saturdays. November 2002 contained 21 weekdays (including two holidays) and five Saturdays.

Beef production, at 2.16 billion pounds, was 2 percent below the previous year. Cattle slaughter totaled 2.86 million head, down 1 percent from November 2001. The average live weight was 1,260 pounds, up 5 pounds from November a year ago.

Veal production totaled 16.9 million pounds, 4 percent above November a year ago. Calf slaughter totaled 91.1 thousand head, up 4 percent from November 2001. The average live weight was 308 pounds, unchanged from November a year ago.

Pork production totaled 1.71 billion pounds, down 1 percent from the previous year. Hog kill totaled 8.66 million head, 1 percent below November 2001. The average live weight was 268 pounds, down 1 pound from November a year ago.

**COMMERCIAL SLAUGHTER, NOVEMBER 2001-02 1/**

Species and Location	Number Slaughtered		Total Live Weight		Average Live Weight	
	2001	2002	2001	2002	2001	2002
	1,000 Head		1,000 Pounds		Pounds	
<b>CATTLE</b>						
California	90.3	108.8	118,650	138,680	1,313	1,275
U.S. Total	2,903.4	2,861.3	3,644,238	3,606,275	1,255	1,260
<b>CALVES</b>						
California	9.7	10.3	1,678	1,450	173	140
U.S. Total	87.3	91.1	26,899	28,029	308	308
<b>SHEEP &amp; LAMBS</b>						
California	---	---	---	---	---	---
U.S. Total	287.1	271.3	39,614	35,809	138	132
<b>HOGS</b>						
California	218.1	187.3	49,850	44,197	229	236
U.S. Total	8,716.2	8,655.5	2,345,186	2,315,439	269	268
<b>RED MEAT</b>	November 2001	October 2002 2/	November 2002	Nov. 02 Nov. 01	Nov. 02 Oct. 02	
	Million Pounds			Percent		
California	101.0	126.3	109.5	108	87	
U.S. Total	3,970.1	4,381.8	3,907.3	98	89	

1/ Farm slaughter excluded.

2/ Revised U.S. total.

**FEDERALLY INSPECTED SLAUGHTER BY REGIONS AND UNITED STATES, JANUARY - NOVEMBER 2002 \***

Standard Federal Regions 1/	Cattle							Calves Total
	Total 2/	Steers	Heifers	All Cows	Dairy Cows	Other Cows	Bulls & Stags	
	1,000 Head							
1	16.1	3.3	1.7	9.1	8.8	0.4	2.0	24.2
2	70.2	16.8	4.5	44.0	36.1	7.9	4.9	258.3
3	990.1	471.3	89.2	400.6	294.5	106.1	29.0	173.8
4	748.2	11.6	3.1	620.0	232.2	387.8	113.5	24.2
5	3,467.7	1,485.7	480.4	1,400.3	911.9	488.3	101.3	313.6
6	5,977.9	3,066.2	2,098.3	695.8	109.9	585.9	117.6	14.5
7	14,724.3	8,095.5	5,802.5	753.0	21.9	731.1	73.3	0.5
8	3,150.6	1,480.4	1,465.9	177.1	41.1	136.0	27.3	0.1
9	1,713.8	846.9	100.4	732.5	598.5	134.0	34.1	105.7
10	1,542.5	753.5	407.0	328.9	117.6	211.4	53.1	8.4
U.S. 2/	32,401.3	16,231.2	10,452.9	5,161.2	2,372.5	2,788.7	556.0	923.4
	Hogs				Sheep			
	Total 2/	Barrows & Gilts	Sows	Stags & Boars	Total 2/	Mature Sheep	Lambs & Yearlings	
	1,000 Head							
1	19.6	19.2	0.2	0.1	22.1	4.6	17.5	
2	125.1	122.7	2.0	0.4	125.6	16.4	109.2	
3	6,153.2	6,134.7	18.3	0.3	102.0	7.3	94.7	
4	14,170.6	13,312.9	840.9	16.9	23.7	10.5	13.2	
5	24,000.6	22,859.6	1,113.3	27.7	385.1	39.1	346.0	
6	4,569.8	4,315.5	249.4	4.9	276.6	26.2	250.4	
7	34,682.4	33,953.3	530.1	199.0	437.1	0.9	436.2	
8	4,162.9	3,994.9	167.9	0.1	1,090.7	19.6	1,071.1	
9	2,157.4	2,155.8	0.9	0.8	348.3	6.6	341.7	
10	339.0	336.4	2.3	0.3	18.8	3.3	15.5	
U.S. 2/	90,380.6	87,204.9	2,925.3	250.4	2,829.9	134.5	2,695.4	

\* Accumulated totals based on unrounded data.

1/ States included in regions are as follows: 1--CT, ME, NH, VT, MA & RI; 2--NY & NJ; 3--DE-MD, PA, WV & VA; 4--AL, FL, GA, KY, MS, NC, SC & TN; 5--IL, IN, MI, MN, OH & WI; 6--AR, LA, NM, OK & TX; 7--IA, KS, MO & NE; 8--CO, MT, ND, SD, UT & WY; 9--AZ, CA, HI & NV; 10--AK, ID, OR & WA.

2/ Totals may not add due to rounding.

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Dairy Products	7 Catfish Production	6 Egg Products
7 Weather - Crop Summary	Dairy Products Prices *	7 Dairy Products Prices *
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9 Turkeys Raised	10 Egg Products	Poultry Slaughter
Vegetables	11 Cotton Ginnings *	Poultry Slaughter - Annual
10 Cotton Ginnings *	Crop Production *	11 Crop Production *
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Catfish Processing	24 Chickens and Eggs	Livestock Slaughter *
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Peanut Stocks and Processing	Trout Production	Prospective Plantings *
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Cattle		
Chickens and Eggs		
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Monthly Hogs and Pigs		
Sheep and Goats		
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2 Broiler Hatchery	Poultry Slaughter	3 Dairy Products
4 Dairy Products	5 Crop Progress	Weather - Crop Summary
Dairy Products Prices *	Dairy Products	4 Boiler Hatchery
Poultry Slaughter *	6 Egg Products	5 Egg Products
Vegetables	Weather - Crop Summary	6 Dairy Products Prices *
7 Crop Progress	7 Broiler Hatchery	Poultry Slaughter *
Egg Products	9 Dairy Products Prices *	9 Crop Progress
8 Weather - Crop Summary	12 Cotton Ginnings - Annual *	10 Weather - Crop Summary
9 Broiler Hatchery	Crop Production *	11 Broiler Hatchery
10 Crop Production *	Crop Progress	Crop Production *
11 Dairy Products Prices *	13 Turkey Hatchery	12 Turkey Hatchery
14 Crop Progress	Weather - Crop Summary	13 Dairy Products Prices *
Turkey Hatchery	14 Agricultural Chemical Usage - Field Crops	Potato Stocks
15 Potato Stocks	Broiler Hatchery	16 Crop Progress
Weather - Crop Summary	Potato Stocks	17 Milk Production
16 Broiler Hatchery	16 Cattle On Feed	Weather - Crop Summary
17 Cattle On Feed	Dairy Products Prices *	18 Broiler Hatchery
Dairy Products Prices	Farm Labor	20 Cattle On Feed
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Livestock Slaughter	19 Crop Progress	Dairy Products Prices *
Milk Production	20 Cold Storage	Livestock Slaughter*
21 Cold Storage	Weather - Crop Summary	23 Catfish Processing
Crop Progress	21 Broiler Hatchery	Chickens and Eggs
22 Catfish Processing	22 Catfish Processing	Crop Progress
Chickens and Eggs	Chickens and Eggs	24 Weather - Crop Summary
Weather - Crop Summary	23 Dairy Products Prices *	25 Broiler Hatchery
23 Broiler Hatchery	Livestock Slaughter *	26 Cherry Production (Tentative) *
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Broiler Hatchery		

1/ First six months of the 2003 publication calendar. Publications with an asterisk are released at 5:30 a.m. PST. Other publications are released at 12:00 p.m. PST. All publications may be accessed online at [www.usda.gov/nass](http://www.usda.gov/nass).

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

Commodity	Unit	California			United States		
		November 2001	October 2002	Nov. 15, 2002	November 2001	October 2002	Nov. 15, 2002
Dollars							
Hay, All Baled 2/	Ton	117.00	93.00	96.00	95.90	94.50	93.60
Alfalfa, Baled 2/	Ton	128.00	98.00	101.00	104.00	101.00	101.00
Hogs 2/ 3/	Cwt.	---	---	---	35.00	30.60	27.40
Cows 2/	Cwt.	35.50	32.50	31.50	35.80	33.60	32.60
Steers and Heifers 2/	Cwt.	66.50	66.50	69.50	67.80	68.50	70.90
Calves 2/	Cwt.	90.00	79.50	80.00	96.70	91.90	90.40
Sheep 2/	Cwt.	24.00	25.50	---	27.10	26.50	---
Lambs 2/	Cwt.	50.00	74.50	---	52.80	79.90	---
Milk Cows 4/	Head	---	1,450.00	---	---	1,420.00	---
All Milk Wholesale 2/	Cwt.	12.89	10.70	10.20	14.40	12.10	11.70

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.

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