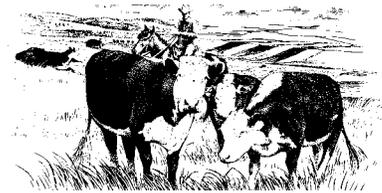


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CALIFORNIA CATTLE ON FEED

Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter in California feedlots totaled 475 thousand head on February 1, 2003, 3 percent below last month, but the same as February 2002. During January, placements of 58.0 thousand head were 2 percent below the previous year. Marketings of 67.0 thousand head were 18 percent above January of 2002. Other disappearance totaled 6.00 thousand head.

Placements in feedlots during January totaled 2.14 million, 2 percent below 2002 and 6 percent below 2001. Net placements were 2.06 million. During January, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 433 thousand, 600-699 pounds were 587 thousand, 700-799 pounds were 706 thousand, and 800 pounds and greater were 409 thousand.

Marketings of fed cattle during January totaled 1.97 million, down 5 percent from 2002 and down 4 percent from 2001.

Other disappearance totaled 75.0 thousand during January, 16 percent below 2002 and 4 percent below 2001.

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 10.7 million head on February 1, 2003. The inventory was 8 percent below February 1, 2002 and 11 percent below February 1, 2001.

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

State	Number On Feed January 1 1/			Placed During January		Marketed During January	
	2002	2003	2003/2002	2002	2003	2002	2003
Thousand Head							
Arizona	305	289	95	32	29	25	24
California	480	490	102	59	58	57	67
Colorado	1,180	1,020	86	225	235	215	215
Iowa	355	355	100	91	69	50	62
Kansas	2,480	2,200	89	530	540	540	500
Nebraska	2,230	2,140	96	490	480	405	390
Texas	2,880	2,630	91	480	450	500	435
Seven-State Total	9,910	9,124	92	1,907	1,861	1,792	1,693
State	Other Disappearance During January 2/		Number On Feed February 1		2003/2002		
	2002	2003	2002	2003			
Thousand Head							
Percent							
Arizona	1	3	311	291	94		
California	7	6	475	475	100		
Colorado	10	10	1,180	1,030	87		
Iowa	1	2	395	360	91		
Kansas	20	20	2,450	2,220	91		
Nebraska	25	10	2,290	2,220	97		
Texas	10	15	2,850	2,630	92		
Seven-State Total	74	66	9,951	9,226	93		

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 CATTLE AND CALF INVENTORY

All cattle and calves in California totaled 5.25 million head as of January 1, 2003, up 1 percent from the previous year. Beef cows with a total of 740 thousand head decreased 3 percent, while milk cows increased 4 percent to 1.68 million head. All heifers weighing more than 500 pounds were estimated at 1.09 million head, up 1 percent from the previous year and comprised the following: heifers for beef cow replacement were down 4 percent, heifers for milk cow replacement were up 3 percent, and other heifers remained the same as the previous year. Steers 500 pounds and over totaled 615 thousand, down 4 percent from last year, while bulls in the same weight category totaled 65.0 thousand head, the same as the previous year. Calves weighing less than 500 pounds, at 1.06 million, were up 2 percent from a year ago.

U.S. CATTLE INVENTORY DOWN 1 PERCENT

All cattle and calves in the United States totaled 96.1 million head as of January 1, 2003, 1 percent below both the 96.7 million on January 1, 2002 and the 97.3 million of two years ago.

All cows and heifers that have calved, at 42.1 million, were down slightly from the 42.2 million on January 1, 2002 and down 1 percent from the 42.6 million of two years ago.

- Beef cows, at 32.95 million, were down 1 percent from both January 1, 2002 and January 1, 2001.
- Milk cows, at 9.15 million, were up slightly from January 1, 2002, but down slightly from two years ago.

Other class estimates as of January 1, 2003 and the change from January 1, 2002, are as follows:

- All heifers 500 pounds and over, 19.6 million, down slightly.
- Beef replacement heifers, 5.61 million, up 1 percent.
- Milk replacement heifers, 4.10 million, up 1 percent.
- Other heifers, 9.89 million, down 2 percent.
- Steers weighing 500 pounds and over, 16.6 million, down 1 percent.
- Bulls weighing 500 pounds and over, 2.25 million, up slightly.
- Calves less than 500 pounds, 15.6 million, down 1 percent.
- Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter in all feedlots, 12.9 million, down 7 percent.
- Combined total of calves less than 500 pounds, and other heifers and steers weighing more than 500 pounds outside of feedlots, 29.1 million, up 1 percent.

**ALL CATTLE AND CALVES
TWELVE SELECTED STATES AND U.S. AS OF JANUARY 1**

State	2002	2003	2003/2002
	1,000 Head		Percent
Arizona	840	820	98
California	5,200	5,250	101
Colorado	3,050	2,650	87
Idaho	1,990	2,000	101
Iowa	3,550	3,600	101
Kansas	6,600	6,350	96
Nebraska	6,400	6,200	97
New Mexico	1,580	1,590	101
Oklahoma	5,200	5,400	104
South Dakota	3,950	3,700	94
Texas	13,600	14,000	103
Washington	1,130	1,100	97
United States	96,704	96,106	99

U.S. CALF CROP DOWN SLIGHTLY

The 2002 calf crop was estimated at 38.2 million head, down slightly from 2001 and down 1 percent from 2000. Calves born during the first half of the year are estimated at 27.9 million, down 1 percent from 2001 and down 2 percent from 2000.

CATTLE AND CALVES BY CLASSES FOR CALIFORNIA, UNITED STATES, AND CANADA, JANUARY 1, 2002-03 1/

Class	California			United States 2/			Canada 3/		
	2002	2003	<u>2003</u> <u>2002</u>	2002	2003	<u>2003</u> <u>2002</u>	2002	2003	<u>2003</u> <u>2002</u>
	Thousands		Percent	Thousands		Percent	Thousands		Percent
All Cattle & Calves	5,200	5,250	101	96,704	96,106	99	13,762	13,372	97
All Cows:	2,380	2,420	102	42,229	42,099	100	5,720	5,691	99
Beef	760	740	97	33,118	32,947	99	4,636	4,616	100
Milk	1,620	1,680	104	9,112	9,152	100	1,084	1,075	99
Heifers 500 Lbs. +	1,075	1,090	101	19,678	19,601	100	2,027	1,925	95
Beef Replacement	135	130	96	5,561	5,608	101	654	654	100
Expect to Calve 4/	---	---	---	3,425	3,535	103	---	---	---
Milk Replacement	770	790	103	4,060	4,104	101	508	513	101
Expect to Calve 4/	---	---	---	2,798	2,822	101	---	---	---
Other Heifers	170	170	100	10,057	9,890	98	865	758	88
Steers 500 Lbs. +	640	615	96	16,790	16,590	99	1,205	1,135	94
Bulls 500 Lbs. +	65	65	100	2,244	2,253	100	237	237	100
Calves Less Than 500 Lbs.	1,040	1,060	102	15,763	15,563	99	4,574	4,383	96
	2001	2002	<u>2002</u> <u>2001</u>	2001	2002	<u>2002</u> <u>2001</u>	2001	2002	<u>2002</u> <u>2001</u>
Calf Crop	1,990	2,040	103	38,280	38,193	100	5,656	5,623	99

1/ Totals may not add due to rounding.

2/ Source: National Agricultural Statistics Service

3/ Source: Livestock and Animal Products Section, Statistics Canada

4/ Replacement heifers expected to calve during the year.

CATTLE AND CALVES NUMBER OF OPERATIONS AND PERCENT INVENTORY, SELECTED STATES AND UNITED STATES, 2002 a/

State	Total Operations	Size Groups									
		1-49 Head		50-99 Head		100-499 Head		500-999 Head		1,000+ Head	
		Number of Operations	Percent Inventory								
Arizona	2,900	1,650	2.5	380	2.5	610	14.0	120	9.0	140	72.0
California	20,000	12,900	2.9	1,800	2.6	3,000	14.5	1,100	15.0	1,200	65.0
Colorado	14,300	7,700	4.0	2,000	4.5	3,500	24.0	650	14.5	450	53.0
Idaho	11,500	6,600	5.0	1,600	5.5	2,500	25.0	460	15.5	340	49.0
Iowa	34,000	15,600	8.0	7,300	14.0	10,100	52.0	700	12.0	300	14.0
Kansas	34,000	16,000	5.2	6,900	7.0	9,400	29.0	1,050	10.8	650	48.0
Nebraska	25,000	8,700	2.5	5,100	5.5	8,700	29.0	1,500	16.0	1,000	47.0
New Mexico	8,500	5,000	5.0	1,100	4.5	1,750	21.0	320	13.5	330	56.0
Oklahoma	60,000	37,000	14.0	10,600	13.0	10,900	38.0	950	12.0	550	23.0
S. Dakota	19,000	4,700	2.5	3,400	6.0	9,000	50.0	1,400	23.0	500	18.5
Texas	151,000	103,000	13.0	22,000	11.0	22,300	29.0	2,300	11.0	1,400	36.0
Washington	14,500	11,400	10.0	1,200	7.0	1,500	27.0	260	15.0	140	41.0
United States	1,032,670	642,850	11.7	174,750	12.2	186,930	36.2	18,365	12.4	9,775	27.5

a/ Percentages reflect average distributions of various probability surveys conducted during the year, but are based primarily on beginning-of-year and mid-year surveys.

CALIFORNIA GRAZING FEES ANNUAL AVERAGE RATES 1/

Year	Per Animal Unit 2/	Cow-Calf	Per Head
	Dollars Per Month		
1992	10.09	13.29	12.09
1993	10.40	13.30	11.20
1994	11.00	13.10	11.80
1995	10.50	12.80	11.10
1996	10.10	12.20	11.90
1997	10.60	13.00	12.00
1998	11.50	14.50	12.90
1999	12.10	15.00	12.50
2000	12.30	15.50	12.70
2001	13.00	16.00	13.50
2002	12.80	16.50	14.00

1/ The average rates are estimates (rates over \$10.00 are rounded to the nearest dime) based on survey indications of monthly lease rates for private, non-irrigated grazing land from the January Agricultural Survey.

2/ Includes animal unit plus cow-calf rates. Cow-calf rate converted to animal unit (AUM) using (1 aum=cow-calf *0.833).

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

Commodity	Unit	California			United States		
		January 2002	December 2002	Jan. 15, 2003	January 2002	December 2002	Jan. 15, 2003
		Dollars					
All Hay, Baled 2/	Ton	111.00	94.00	98.00	91.70	92.60	92.90
Alfalfa, Baled 2/	Ton	113.00	95.00	99.00	101.00	100.00	97.60
Hogs 2/ 3/	Cwt.	---	---	---	37.70	30.30	31.80
Cows 2/	Cwt.	36.00	34.50	35.00	38.00	34.60	35.50
Steers and Heifers 2/	Cwt.	69.00	74.50	77.50	71.20	75.10	77.60
Calves 2/	Cwt.	91.00	93.00	92.00	102.00	94.70	95.50
Sheep 2/	Cwt.	30.00	36.50	---	36.20	37.90	---
Lambs 2/	Cwt.	60.50	79.00	---	65.50	87.20	---
Milk Cows 4/	Head	1,800.00	---	1,380.00	1,610.00	---	1,370.00
Milk Whsle. 2/	Cwt.	12.01	10.70	10.70	13.40	11.90	11.80

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/ Price includes barrows, gilts, and sows.

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

CALIFORNIA SHEEP AND LAMB INVENTORY

The inventory of all sheep and lambs in California on January 1, 2003 totaled 790 thousand head, down 1 percent from last year's level of 800 thousand head.

Breeding sheep and lambs totaled 355 thousand head, 4 percent less than a year ago. Ewe numbers totaled 295 thousand head, 5 percent less than a year ago. The 2002 lamb crop was estimated at 285 thousand head, 2 percent below the 2001 lamb crop. The 2002 lambing rate was 92 per 100 ewes one-year-old and older on hand January 1, 2002, compared with 91 for 2001.

Market sheep and lambs totaled 435 thousand head, 1 percent above January 1, 2002. Market lambs comprised 97 percent of the total. Thirty-nine percent were less than 65 pounds, 23 percent were 65-84 pounds, 22 percent were 85-105 pounds, and 13 percent were more than 105 pounds.

U.S. SHEEP AND LAMB INVENTORY

The U.S. inventory of all sheep and lambs totaled 6.35 million head on January 1, 2003, down 5 percent from 2002 and 9 percent below two years ago. The inventory has trended down since peaking with 56.2 million head in 1942.

Breeding sheep inventory declined to 4.68 million head on January 1, 2003, down 5 percent from 4.91 million head on January 1, 2002. Ewes one-year-old and older, at 3.79 million head, were 5 percent below last year.

Market sheep and lambs totaled 1.67 million head on January 1, 2003, down 6 percent from January 1, 2002. Market lambs comprised 96 percent of the total. Twenty-six percent were lambs less than 65 pounds, 17 percent were 65-84 pounds, 24 percent 85-105 pounds, 29 percent were more than 105 pounds, and 4 percent were market sheep.

The 2002 lamb crop of 4.36 million head was down 3 percent from 2001 and established a new record low. The 2002 lambing rate was 110 per 100 ewes one-year-old and older on January 1, 2002, unchanged from 2001.

The number of operations with sheep during 2002 totaled 64,170, down 1 percent from 2001 and 3 percent from 2000.

JANUARY 1 SHEEP AND LAMB INVENTORY FOR SIXTEEN SELECTED STATES AND U.S.

State	All Sheep and Lambs			Breeding Sheep and Lambs 1/		Market Sheep and Lambs	
	2002	2003	2003/2002	2002	2003	2002	2003
	1,000 Head		Percent	1,000 Head		1,000 Head	
Arizona	134	131	98	66	65	68	66
California	800	790	99	370	355	430	435
Colorado	370	370	100	205	185	165	185
Idaho	260	260	100	224	225	36	35
Iowa	250	250	100	175	170	75	80
Kansas	100	90	90	65	56	35	34
Minnesota	160	145	91	115	105	45	40
Montana	335	300	90	300	270	35	30
New Mexico	230	215	93	185	175	45	40
North Dakota	145	125	86	105	90	40	35
Ohio	140	150	107	120	125	20	25
Oregon	285	235	82	171	157	114	78
South Dakota	400	380	95	320	315	80	65
Texas	1,130	1,050	93	890	850	240	200
Utah	365	320	88	320	290	45	30
Wyoming	480	460	96	390	360	90	100
Other States 2/	146	148	101	117	120	29	28
U.S. TOTAL	6,685	6,350	95	4,913	4,682	1,772	1,668

1/ Includes ewes and rams one year old and older, and replacement lambs.

2/ Includes AL, AK, AR, DE, FL, GA, HI, KY, LA, MD, MS, NJ, NC, SC, and TN.

WOOL PRODUCTION

Shorn wool production in California during 2002 was 3.65 million pounds, down 3 percent from 2001. Sheep and lambs shorn, at 520 thousand head, increased 2 percent from the previous year.

The average price paid for wool sold in 2002 was \$0.45 per pound for a total value of \$1.64 million, up 25 percent from the \$1.31 million in 2001.

WOOL PRODUCTION AND VALUE, SELECTED STATES AND U.S.

State	Sheep Shorn		Weight Per Fleece		Production		Price Per Pound		Value 1/	
	2001	2002	2001	2002	2001	2002	2001	2002	2001	2002
	1,000 Head		Lbs.		1,000 Lbs.		Dollars		\$1,000	
California	510	520	7.4	7.0	3,750	3,650	0.35	0.45	1,313	1,643
Colorado	430	460	7.2	6.7	3,080	3,070	0.33	0.57	1,016	1,750
Iowa	245	220	5.8	5.9	1,420	1,300	0.12	0.18	170	234
Montana	318	279	9.4	9.6	2,978	2,691	0.45	0.76	1,340	2,045
New Mexico	235	215	8.0	8.1	1,880	1,750	0.70	0.80	1,316	1,400
Oregon	240	200	6.3	6.3	1,510	1,250	0.27	0.38	408	475
South Dakota	360	375	8.2	8.3	2,965	3,105	0.31	0.45	919	1,397
Texas	870	790	6.9	7.0	6,003	5,530	0.52	0.68	3,122	3,760
Utah	295	280	9.5	9.5	2,800	2,650	0.29	0.60	812	1,590
Wyoming	440	420	9.0	8.9	3,950	3,750	0.51	0.73	2,015	2,738
UNITED STATES	5,689	5,453	7.6	7.5	43,016	41,150	0.36	0.53	15,311	21,792

1/ Production multiplied by marketing-year average price for individual states. U.S. value is the summation of state values.

CALIFORNIA COMMERCIAL SLAUGHTER

California's production of red meat during January 2003 totaled 123.7 million pounds (dressed weight), 3 percent above last month and 15 percent above January 2002. This figure includes slaughter in Federally-inspected and State-inspected plants, but excludes slaughter done on farms. In January 2003, the average live weight of cattle slaughtered was 1,274 pounds; calves 125 pounds; and hogs 237 pounds.

**U.S. COMMERCIAL SLAUGHTER
MONTHLY RECORD HIGH FOR PORK PRODUCTION**

Commercial red meat production for the United States totaled 4.08 billion pounds in January, relatively unchanged from a year ago.

January 2002 and 2003 both contained 23 weekdays (including two holidays) and four Saturdays.

Beef production, at 2.29 billion pounds, was 2 percent below the previous year. Cattle slaughter totaled 3.01 million head, down 2 percent from January 2002. The average live weight was 1,268 pounds, up 8 pounds from January a year ago.

Veal production totaled 17.9 million pounds, 6 percent above January a year ago. Calf slaughter totaled 93.8 thousand head, up 7 percent from January 2002. The average live weight was 317 pounds, down 4 pounds from January a year ago.

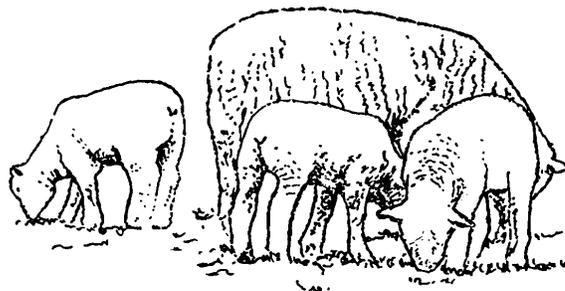
Pork production totaled 1.75 billion pounds, up 2 percent from the previous year and a monthly record high. Hog kill totaled 8.79 million head, 1 percent above January 2002. The average live weight was 268 pounds, unchanged from January a year ago.

Lamb and mutton production, at 15.9 million pounds, was down 10 percent from January 2002. Sheep slaughter totaled 238.8 thousand head, 6 percent below last year. The average live weight was 133 pounds, down 7 pounds from January a year ago.

COMMERCIAL SLAUGHTER, JANUARY 2001-02 1/

Species and Location	Number Slaughtered		Total Live Weight		Average Live Weight	
	2002	2003	2002	2003	2002	2003
	1,000 Head		1,000 Pounds		Pounds	
CATTLE						
California	101.5	119.2	132,479	151,852	1,305	1,274
U.S.	3,055.8	3,007.0	3,851,455	3,814,300	1,260	1,268
CALVES						
California	9.6	12.6	1,537	1,575	161	125
U.S.	87.4	93.8	28,089	29,774	321	317
SHEEP & LAMBS						
California	---	---	---	---	---	---
U.S.	254.9	238.8	35,642	31,856	140	133
HOGS						
California	207.8	215.5	47,557	51,091	229	237
U.S.	8,657.8	8,787.5	2,317,054	2,353,492	268	268
RED MEAT	January 2002	December 2002	January 2003	Jan. 03 Jan. 02	Jan. 03 Dec. 02	
	Million Pounds			Percent		
California	107.2	120.6	123.7	115	103	
U.S.	4,081.0	3,858.7	4,075.5	100	106	

1/ Farm slaughter excluded.



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