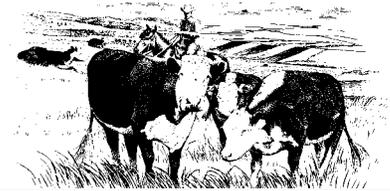


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U.S. CATTLE ON FEED DOWN 5 PERCENT

Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter market in the United States for 1,000+ head capacity feedlots totaled 9.92 million head on July 1, 2003. The inventory was 5 percent below July 1, 2002 and 10 percent below July 1, 2001. The inventory included 6.11 million steers and steer calves, down 5 percent from the previous year. This group accounted for 62 percent of the total inventory. Heifers and heifer calves accounted for 3.75 million head, down 5 percent from 2002. Placements in feedlots during June totaled 1.68 million, 2 percent above 2002, but 14 percent below 2001. Net placements were 1.62 million. During June, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 374 thousand, 600-699 pounds were 361 thousand, 700-799 pounds were 483 thousand, and 800 pounds and greater were 464 thousand. Marketings of fed cattle during June totaled 2.23 million, 8 percent above 2002 and 5 percent above 2001. Other disappearance totaled 61.0 thousand during June, 20 percent above 2002, but 21 percent below 2001.

CALIFORNIA CATTLE ON FEED

Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter in California feedlots totaled 490 thousand head on July 1, 2003, 1 percent above both last month and July 2002. During June, placements of 73.0 thousand head were 9 percent above the previous year. Marketings of 63.0 thousand head were 2 percent above June of 2002. Other disappearance totaled 5.00 thousand head.

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

State	Number On Feed June 1 1/			Placed During June		Marketed During June	
	2002	2003	2003/2002	2002	2003	2002	2003
	Thousand Head						
Arizona	299	266	89	24	34	31	32
California	485	485	100	67	73	62	63
Colorado	1,090	990	91	155	135	210	230
Idaho	310	260	84	49	63	58	67
Iowa	375	340	91	36	34	60	63
Kansas	2,270	2,270	100	380	415	480	510
Nebraska	2,060	1,930	94	295	270	460	500
New Mexico	96	110	115	23	21	16	13
Oklahoma	340	360	106	53	52	67	59
South Dakota	205	198	97	18	27	47	55
Texas	2,870	2,880	100	465	470	470	520
Washington	200	160	80	28	39	47	38
Other States	370	285	77	51	49	68	82
UNITED STATES	10,970	10,534	96	1,644	1,682	2,076	2,232
State	Other Disappearance During June 2/		Number On Feed July 1 1/		2003/2002 Percent		
	2002	2003	2002	2003			
	Thousand Head						
Arizona	1	2	291	266	91		
California	5	5	485	490	101		
Colorado	5	5	1,030	890	86		
Idaho	1	1	300	255	85		
Iowa	1	1	350	310	89		
Kansas	10	15	2,160	2,160	100		
Nebraska	5	10	1,890	1,690	89		
New Mexico	2	3	101	115	114		
Oklahoma	1	3	325	350	108		
South Dakota	1	3	175	167	95		
Texas	15	10	2,850	2,820	99		
Washington	1	1	180	160	89		
Other States	3	2	350	250	71		
UNITED STATES	51	61	10,487	9,923	95		

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.

JULY 1, 2003

**ALL SHEEP AND LAMB INVENTORY TOTALS 7.80 MILLION HEAD
2003 LAMB CROP EXPECTED TO TOTAL 4.13 MILLION HEAD**

All sheep and lamb inventory in the United States totaled 7.80 million head on July 1, 2003, 4 percent below July 1, 2002. The breeding sheep inventory dropped to 4.61 million head on July 1, 2003, 4 percent below July 1, 2002. Market sheep and lambs (including newborn lambs), at 3.19 million head, were 4 percent below last July.

The breeding herd consists of 3.84 million ewes one year old and older, 175 thousand rams one year old and older, and 600 thousand replacement lambs (including newborn lambs).

The 2003 lamb crop in the United States is expected to total 4.13 million head, down 5 percent from the 2002 lamb crop of 4.36 million head. Lambs born during January through June 2003 totaled 3.68 million head or 89 percent of the yearly total. An additional 450 thousand head are expected to be born during the period July through December 2003.

U.S. MARKET LAMBS BY WEIGHT GROUPS

Weight Group	July 2002	July 2003
	Thousand Head	
Under 65 Lbs.	1,925	1,845
65-84 Lbs.	690	660
85-105 Lbs.	385	375
Over 105 Lbs.	250	250
TOTAL	3,250	3,130

U.S. HOG INVENTORY DOWN 3 PERCENT

U.S. inventory of all hogs and pigs was 58.7 million head on June 1, 2003. This was 3 percent below June 1, 2002, but 1 percent above March 1, 2003.

Breeding inventory, at 5.94 million head, was down 4 percent from June 1, 2002 and slightly below last quarter. The market hog inventory with 52.8 million head was 2 percent below last year, but 1 percent above last quarter.

U.S. hog producers intend to have 2.83 million sows farrow during the June-August 2003 quarter, 2 percent below the actual farrowings during the same period in both 2002 and 2001. Intended farrowings for September-November 2003, at 2.79 million sows, are 1 percent below the same period in 2002 and 3 percent below 2001.

The total number of hogs under contract, 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 3 percent from last year.

U.S. HOG AND PIG INVENTORY, JUNE 1, 2001-03

Item	2001	2002	2003	2003 2001	2003 2002
	1,000 Head			Percent	
June 1 Inventory					
All Hogs and Pigs	58,603	60,288	58,736	100	97
Kept for Breeding	6,186	6,209	5,940	96	96
Market	52,417	54,078	52,796	101	98
Market Hogs and Pigs By Weight Groups:					
Under 60 Pounds	19,923	20,186	19,617	98	97
60-119 Pounds	12,992	13,588	13,113	101	97
120-179 Pounds	10,536	10,884	10,697	102	98
180 Pounds and Over	8,967	9,420	9,369	104	99

MILK PRODUCTION

California milk producers produced 2.97 billion pounds of milk in June 2003. This was 4 percent below May 2003, but slightly above June 2002.

Monthly milk per cow averaged 1,755 pounds, 65 pounds less than May 2003 and 45 pounds less than a year ago.

MILK PRODUCTION

Month	California						Total Milk Receipts 1/		United States 2/					
	Milk Cows		Milk Per Cow		Milk Production		2002	2003	Milk Cows		Milk Per Cow		Milk Production	
	2002	2003	2002	2003	2002	2003			2002	2003	2002	2003	2002	2003
	Thousand Head		Pounds		Million Pounds		Thousand Head		Pounds		Million Pounds			
Jan.	1,624	1,681	1,745	1,770	2,834	2,975	2,832	2,973	7,749	7,807	1,591	1,607	12,327	12,548
Feb.	1,626	1,686	1,620	1,635	2,634	2,757	2,630	2,753	7,744	7,810	1,472	1,484	11,401	11,588
Mar.	1,631	1,691	1,830	1,830	2,985	3,095	2,982	3,093	7,745	7,811	1,654	1,660	12,810	12,969
Apr.	1,635	1,693	1,795	1,780	2,935	3,014	2,933	3,014	7,758	7,798	1,621	1,622	12,575	12,645
May	1,639	1,692	1,875	1,820	3,073	3,079	3,070	3,075	7,769	7,783	1,678	1,668	13,039	12,983
June	1,645	1,691	1,800	1,755	2,961	2,968	2,960	2,966	7,782	7,772	1,587	1,587	12,348	12,333
July	1,647		1,810		2,981		2,977		7,781		1,578		12,281	
Aug.	1,651		1,810		2,988		2,985		7,785		1,570		12,223	
Sept.	1,658		1,700		2,819		2,817		7,781		1,497		11,648	
Oct.	1,664		1,760		2,929		2,924		7,789		1,539		11,991	
Nov.	1,669		1,685		2,812		2,808		7,792		1,496		11,657	
Dec.	1,676		1,750		2,933		2,931		7,801		1,575		12,290	

1/ Milk receipts from California's Department of Food and Agriculture, Dairy Marketing and Milk Pooling Branches. Excludes on farm usage.

2/ Twenty-state total.

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

Commodity	Unit	California			United States		
		June 2002	May 2003	June 15, 2003	June 2002	May 2003	June 15, 2003
Dollars							
All Hay, Baled 2/	Ton	97.00	93.00	88.00	95.80	99.20	94.60
Alfalfa, Baled 2/	Ton	101.00	97.00	90.00	102.00	102.00	98.90
Hogs 2/ 3/	Cwt.	---	---	---	35.80	41.30	45.20
Cows 2/	Cwt.	37.00	42.00	38.00	39.20	42.40	41.30
Steers and Heifers 2/	Cwt.	65.50	78.50	78.50	66.90	79.50	79.20
Calves 2/	Cwt.	80.00	94.00	93.00	96.50	100.00	102.00
Sheep 2/	Cwt.	22.00	30.00	---	23.50	31.10	---
Lambs 2/	Cwt.	72.50	91.00	---	72.90	97.50	---
Milk Cows 4/	Head	---	---	---	---	---	---
All Milk Wholesale 2/	Cwt.	10.43	10.10	10.20	11.50	11.10	11.10

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.

CALIFORNIA COMMERCIAL SLAUGHTER

California's production of red meat during June 2003 totaled 121.0 million pounds (dressed weight), 1 percent below last month, but 8 percent above June 2002. This figure includes slaughter in Federally-inspected and State-inspected plants, but excludes slaughter done on farms. In June 2003, the average live weight of cattle slaughtered was 1,280 pounds; calves 185 pounds; and hogs 234 pounds.

**U.S. COMMERCIAL SLAUGHTER
RED MEAT PRODUCTION HITS MONTHLY HIGH**

Commercial red meat production for the United States totaled 3.95 billion pounds in June, a new record-high for the month and up 4 percent from the 3.81 billion pounds produced in June 2002.

June 2002 contained 20 weekdays and five Saturdays. June 2003 contained 21 weekdays and four Saturdays.

Beef production, at 2.39 billion pounds, was 4 percent above the previous year and a monthly record-high. Cattle slaughter totaled 3.25 million head, up 6 percent from June 2002. The average live weight was down 19 pounds from the previous year to 1,217 pounds.

Veal production totaled 15.0 million pounds, 3 percent above June a year ago. Calf slaughter totaled 74.0 thousand head, down 3 percent from June 2002. The average live weight of 336 pounds was 17 pounds above last year.

Pork production totaled 1.53 billion pounds, up 3 percent from the previous year. Hog kill totaled 7.75 million head, 3 percent above June 2002. The average live weight, at 266 pounds, was 1 pound above the previous year.

Lamb and mutton production, at 15.2 million pounds, was up slightly from June 2002. Sheep slaughter totaled 229 thousand head, 1 percent below last year. The average live weight was 132 pounds, up 1 pound from June a year ago.

January to June 2003 commercial red meat production was 23.0 billion pounds, up slightly from 2002. Accumulated beef production was down slightly from last year, veal was up 5 percent, pork was up slightly from last year, and lamb and mutton production was down 11 percent.

JULY 1 CATTLE INVENTORY DOWN 1 PERCENT

All cattle and calves in the United States totaled 103.9 million head as of July 1, 2003, 1 percent below the 105.1 million on July 1, 2002 and 2 percent below the 105.8 million two years ago.

All cows and heifers that have calved, at 42.7 million, were slightly below the 42.9 million on July 1, 2002 and 1 percent below the 43.0 million two years ago.

- Beef cows, at 33.6 million, were down slightly from July 1, 2002 and 1 percent below two years ago.
- Milk cows, at 9.1 million, were down 1 percent from July 1, 2002, but unchanged from two years ago.

Other class estimates on July 1, 2003 and the changes from July 1, 2002, are as follows:

- All heifers 500 pounds and over, 15.9 million, down 2 percent.
- Beef replacement heifers, 4.60 million, unchanged.
- Milk replacement heifers, 3.60 million, down 3 percent.
- Other heifers, 7.70 million, down 3 percent.
- Steers weighing 500 pounds and over, 14.2 million, down 2 percent.
- Bulls weighing 500 pounds and over, 2.10 million, unchanged.
- Calves under 500 pounds, 29.0 million, down 1 percent.
- All cattle and calves on feed for slaughter, 11.7 million, down 6 percent.

CALF CROP DOWN 1 PERCENT

The 2003 calf crop is expected to be 38.0 million, down 1 percent from both 2002 and 2001. Calves born during the first half of the year are estimated at 27.7 million, also down 1 percent from both 2002 and 2001.

COMMERCIAL SLAUGHTER, JUNE 2002-03 a/

Species and Location	Number Slaughtered		Total Live Weight		Average Live Weight	
	2002	2003	2002	2003	2002	2003
	Thousand Head		Thousand Pounds		Pounds	
CATTLE						
California	107.9	119.4	139,625	152,723	1,294	1,280
U.S. Total	3,062.2	3,248.6	3,784,155	3,954,977	1,236	1,217
CALVES						
California	9.4	11.2	1,257	2,067	133	185
U.S. Total	76.1	74.0	24,286	24,859	319	336
SHEEP & LAMBS						
California	---	---	---	---	---	---
U.S. Total	230.6	228.9	30,192	30,313	131	132
HOGS						
California	184.9	197.1	43,671	46,133	236	234
U.S. Total	7,531.2	7,747.4	1,995,607	2,058,604	265	266
RED MEAT						
	June 2002	May 2003 b/	June 2003	June 03 June 02	June 03 May 03	
	Million Pounds			Percent		
California	111.7	122.6	121.0	108	99	
U.S. Total	3,810.8	3,943.2	3,947.8	104	100	

a/ Farm slaughter excluded.

b/ Revised U.S. data.

**CATTLE AND CALVES
NUMBER BY CLASS AND CALF CROP, U.S., JULY 1, 2001-03**

Class	2001	2002	2003	2003 2002
	Thousand Head			Percent
Cattle and Calves	105,800	105,100	103,900	99
Cows and Heifers That Have Calved	43,000	42,900	42,700	100
Beef Cows	33,900	33,750	33,600	100
Milk Cows	9,100	9,150	9,100	99
Heifers 500 Lbs. and Over For Beef Cow Replacement	4,600	4,600	4,600	100
For Milk Cow Replacement	3,600	3,700	3,600	97
Other Heifers	8,200	7,900	7,700	97
Steers 500 Lbs. and Over	14,600	14,500	14,200	98
Bulls 500 Lbs. and Over	2,100	2,100	2,100	100
Calves Less Than 500 Lbs.	29,700	29,400	29,000	99
Calf Crop	38,280	38,193	38,000	99

CATTLE AND CALVES BY CLASS AND CALF CROP FOR SELECTED STATES AND U.S., JULY 1, 2002-03

State	All Cattle and Calves			All Cows That Have Calved			Beef Cows That Have Calved			Milk Cows That Have Calved			Calf Crop		
	2002	2003	<u>2003</u> <u>2002</u>	2002	2003	<u>2003</u> <u>2002</u>	2002	2003	<u>2003</u> <u>2002</u>	2002	2003	<u>2003</u> <u>2002</u>	2002	2003 <u>a/</u>	<u>2003</u> <u>2002</u>
	1,000 Head		Percent	1,000 Head		Percent	1,000 Head		Percent	1,000 Head		Percent	1,000 Head		Percent
CA	5,200	5,150	99	2,400	2,390	100	750	700	93	1,650	1,690	102	2,040	2,030	100
CO	3,050	2,750	90	880	810	92	776	710	91	104	100	96	820	740	90
IA	4,000	3,900	98	1,240	1,240	100	1,030	1,040	101	210	200	95	1,110	1,120	101
KS	6,550	6,600	101	1,650	1,670	101	1,547	1,568	101	103	102	99	1,510	1,520	101
MO	4,650	4,600	99	2,180	2,150	99	2,043	2,020	99	137	130	95	2,090	2,100	100
MT	3,350	3,400	101	1,480	1,500	101	1,462	1,482	101	18	18	100	1,490	1,500	101
NE	7,050	6,600	94	2,030	1,950	96	1,963	1,886	96	67	64	96	1,820	1,760	97
OK	5,600	5,600	100	2,100	2,100	100	2,012	2,014	100	88	86	98	1,930	2,000	104
SD	5,000	4,850	97	2,020	1,980	98	1,923	1,890	98	97	90	93	1,840	1,760	96
TX	15,000	15,500	103	6,100	6,200	102	5,795	5,888	102	305	312	102	5,000	5,200	104
WI	3,550	3,550	100	1,510	1,510	100	245	255	104	1,265	1,255	99	1,350	1,350	100
Other States	42,100	41,400	98	19,310	19,200	99	14,204	14,147	100	5,106	5,053	99	17,193	16,920	98
U.S.	105,100	103,900	99	42,900	42,700	100	33,750	33,600	100	9,150	9,100	99	38,193	38,000	99

a/ Preliminary.