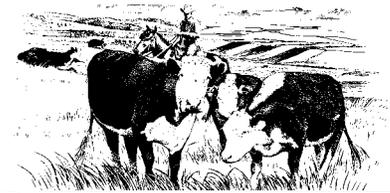


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U.S. CATTLE ON FEED DOWN 3 PERCENT

Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter market in the United States for 1,000+ head capacity feedlots totaled 9.83 million head on September 1, 2003. The inventory was 3 percent below September 1, 2002 and 9 percent below September 1, 2001. Placements in feedlots during August totaled 2.37 million, 7 percent above 2002 and 8 percent above 2001. Net placements were 2.31 million. During August, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 592 thousand, 600-699 pounds were 529 thousand, 700-799 pounds were 659 thousand, and 800 pounds and greater were 594 thousand. Marketings of fed cattle during August totaled 2.08 million, 3 percent below 2002 and 5 percent below 2001. Other disappearance totaled 60.0 thousand during August, 40 percent above 2002 and 11 percent above 2001.

CATTLE ON FEED IN CALIFORNIA

Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter in California feedlots totaled 485 thousand head on September 1, 2003, the same as last month, but 1 percent below September 2002. During August, placements of 60.0 thousand head remained the same as the previous year. Marketings of 57.0 thousand head were 10 percent above August of 2002. Other disappearance totaled 3.00 thousand head.

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

State	Number On Feed August 1/			Placed During August		Marketed During August	
	2002	2003 2/	2003/2002	2002	2003	2002	2003
Thousand Head							
Arizona	285	271	95	30	28	29	23
California	485	485	100	60	60	52	57
Colorado	990	860	87	245	240	230	195
Idaho	285	240	84	58	58	67	52
Iowa	320	295	92	56	79	65	73
Kansas	2,140	2,180	102	570	580	470	500
Nebraska	1,790	1,570	88	445	470	380	370
New Mexico	109	116	106	22	23	15	15
Oklahoma	310	335	108	74	84	78	72
South Dakota	160	148	93	24	30	38	43
Texas	2,740	2,690	98	530	610	580	580
Washington	165	170	103	40	46	49	35
Other States	310	230	74	64	66	82	60
UNITED STATES	10,089	9,590	95	2,218	2,374	2,135	2,075
State	Other Disappearance During August 3/			Number On Feed September 1 1/		2003/2002	
	2002	2003		2002	2003	Percent	
Thousand Head							
Arizona	1	2		285	274	96	
California	3	3		490	485	99	
Colorado	5	5		1,000	900	90	
Idaho	1	1		275	245	89	
Iowa	1	1		310	300	97	
Kansas	10	10		2,230	2,250	101	
Nebraska	5	10		1,850	1,660	90	
New Mexico	2	3		114	121	106	
Oklahoma	1	2		305	345	113	
South Dakota	1	1		145	134	92	
Texas	10	20		2,680	2,700	101	
Washington	1	1		155	180	116	
Other States	2	1		290	235	81	
UNITED STATES	43	60		10,129	9,829	97	

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/ Data revised for Iowa and the United States.

3/ 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 August 2003 totaled 115.5 million pounds (dressed weight), 6 percent below last month and 2 percent below August 2002. This figure includes slaughter in Federally-inspected and State-inspected plants, but excludes slaughter done on farms. In August 2003, the average live weight of cattle slaughtered was 1,256 pounds; calves 188 pounds; and hogs 230 pounds.

Lamb and mutton production, at 15.7 million pounds, was down 6 percent from August 2002 and was a new monthly low. Sheep slaughter totaled 241.2 thousand head, 9 percent below last year. The average live weight was 129 pounds, up 3 pounds from August a year ago.

January to August 2003 commercial red meat production was 31.0 billion pounds, down 1 percent from 2002. Accumulated beef production was down 1 percent from last year, both veal and pork were down slightly, and lamb and mutton production was down 10 percent.

RECORD LOW VEAL AND LAMB AND MUTTON PRODUCTION

Commercial red meat production for the United States totaled 3.91 billion pounds in August, down 5 percent from the 4.14 billion pounds produced in August 2002.

August 2002 contained 22 weekdays and five Saturdays. August 2003 contained 21 weekdays and five Saturdays.

Beef production, at 2.33 billion pounds, was 6 percent below the previous year. Cattle slaughter totaled 3.13 million head, down 2 percent from August 2002. The average live weight was down 34 pounds from the previous year to 1,225 pounds.

Veal production totaled 14.2 million pounds, a new monthly low and 15 percent below August a year ago. Calf slaughter totaled 79.7 thousand head, down 17 percent from August 2002. The average live weight, at 294 pounds, was 5 pounds above last year.

Pork production totaled 1.56 billion pounds, down 5 percent from the previous year. Hog kill totaled 8.04 million head, 6 percent below August 2002. The average live weight was 260 pounds, 1 pound above the previous year.

COMMERCIAL SLAUGHTER, AUGUST 1/

Class & Location	Number Slaughtered		Total Live Weight		Avg. Live Weight	
	2002	2003	2002	2003	2002	2003
	1,000 Head		1,000 Pounds		Pounds	
CATTLE						
California	115.5	114.6	146,580	144,004	1,269	1,256
U.S.	3,212.8	3,134.1	4,044,479	3,840,340	1,259	1,225
CALVES						
California	11.4	11.4	1,401	2,143	123	188
U.S.	96.1	79.7	27,751	23,460	289	294
SHEEP & LAMBS						
California	---	---	---	---	---	---
U.S.	265.1	241.2	33,381	31,228	126	129
HOGS						
California	213.7	199.5	48,301	45,873	226	230
U.S.	8,545.8	8,043.1	2,211,899	2,094,310	259	260
RED MEAT	Aug. 2002	July 2003	Aug. 2003	Aug. 03 Aug. 02	Aug. 03 July 03	
	Million Pounds			Percent		
California	117.7	122.3	115.5	98	94	
U.S.	4,139.6	4,046.1	3,912.9	95	97	

1/ Farm slaughter excluded.

FEDERALLY-INSPECTED SLAUGHTER FOR REGIONS AND U.S., JANUARY-AUGUST 2003 1/

Standard Federal Regions 2/	Cattle							Calves Total 3/						
	Total 3/	Steers	Heifers	Cows			Bulls & Stags							
				All	Dairy	Other								
				1,000 Head										
1	11.4	2.1	1.3	6.6	6.3	0.2	1.4	18.6						
2	51.4	12.4	2.4	32.7	25.9	6.8	3.8	156.9						
3	730.7	318.8	56.3	331.7	248.4	83.3	23.9	121.4						
4	573.0	12.1	2.4	475.0	160.0	315.0	83.5	13.4						
5	2,596.4	1,066.5	343.4	1,111.1	713.4	397.7	75.4	219.6						
6	4,449.0	2,275.1	1,537.7	540.2	89.4	450.8	95.9	12.8						
7	10,813.7	6,003.7	4,245.1	516.9	12.7	504.1	48.1	0.2						
8	2,265.4	1,127.7	1,005.1	114.4	31.2	83.2	18.2	---						
9	1,298.1	641.3	71.5	554.5	476.9	77.6	30.8	89.5						
10	1,056.5	504.2	305.4	217.5	93.6	124.0	29.4	7.6						
U.S. 3/	23,845.6	11,964.0	7,570.7	3,900.6	1,857.8	2,042.8	410.3	640.0						
Standard Federal Regions 2/	Hogs				Sheep									
	Total 3/	Barrows & Gilts	Sows	Stags & Boars	Total 3/	Mature Sheep	Lambs & Yearlings							
								1,000 Head						
								1,000 Head						
1	13.5	13.2	0.2	0.1	14.1	3.7	10.4							
2	85.6	83.5	1.5	0.6	88.8	11.7	77.1							
3	4,262.2	4,248.9	12.6	0.7	76.0	5.8	70.3							
4	10,320.6	9,699.6	609.0	11.9	17.1	7.3	9.8							
5	16,531.5	15,663.8	842.7	25.0	257.9	28.4	229.6							
6	3,276.6	3,103.5	167.0	6.1	244.1	13.7	230.4							
7	24,454.2	23,948.6	384.7	120.9	273.4	0.3	273.1							
8	3,086.2	3,008.7	77.3	0.2	503.9	14.8	489.1							
9	1,556.9	1,555.9	0.8	0.2	355.4	3.8	351.5							
10	241.7	240.2	1.4	0.2	14.5	3.0	11.5							
U.S. 3/	63,829.0	61,566.0	2,097.1	165.9	1,845.2	92.5	1,752.7							

1/ Accumulated totals based on unrounded data.

2/ 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.

3/ Totals may not add due to rounding.

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

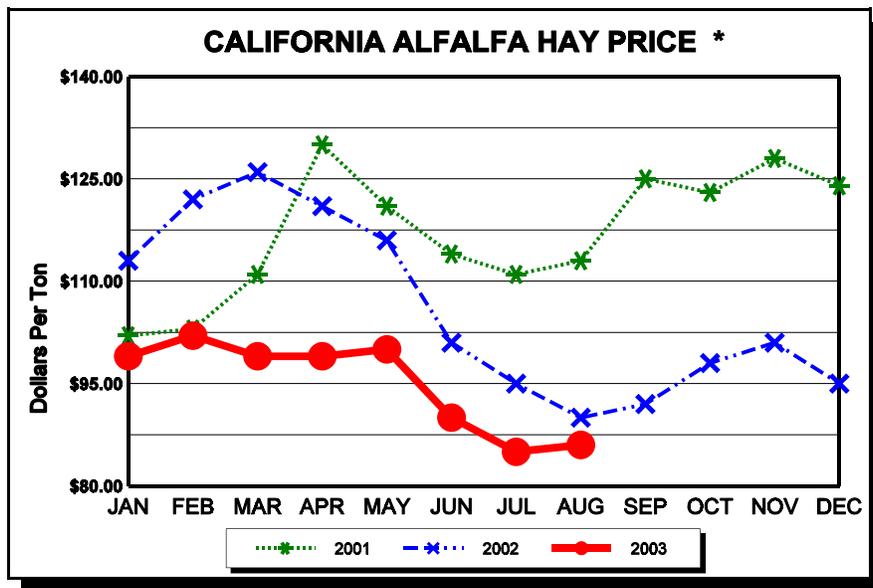
Commodity	Unit	California			United States		
		August 2002	July 2003	August 15, 2003	August 2002	July 2003	August 15, 2003
Dollars							
All Hay, Baled 2/	Ton	88.00	84.00	85.00	92.40	89.00	85.30
Alfalfa, Baled 2/	Ton	90.00	85.00	86.00	101.00	92.70	91.00
Hogs 2/ 3/	Cwt.	---	---	---	31.90	42.80	41.10
Cows 2/	Cwt.	35.00	44.50	45.00	36.40	44.90	44.80
Steers and Heifers 2/	Cwt.	65.00	76.50	80.00	67.30	78.80	81.70
Calves 2/	Cwt.	79.00	93.00	93.00	94.90	103.00	105.00
Sheep 2/	Cwt.	29.50	28.00	---	25.60	28.60	---
Lambs 2/	Cwt.	73.50	85.00	---	75.30	89.40	---
Milk Cows 4/	Head	---	1,230.00	---	---	1,310.00	---
All Milk Wholesale 2/	Cwt.	10.34	11.21	12.30	11.30	12.00	13.00

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.



* Includes All Qualities.

Source: California Agricultural Statistic Service

California Cash Income by Commodity Groups, 2000-02

Source of Income	2000	2001	2002
	\$1,000		
LIVESTOCK, POULTRY AND PRODUCTS			
Aquaculture	13,738	14,385	12,966
Cattle and Calves	1,218,220	1,353,837	1,228,722
Chickens, All	471,081	532,452	452,353
Eggs	237,561	235,921	200,051
Hogs	35,563	26,853	22,188
Honey	18,172	19,061	30,083
Milk and Cream	3,707,255	4,625,431	3,812,371
Sheep and Lambs	58,156	52,975	50,388
Turkeys	210,816	211,815	158,026
Wool	1,160	1,313	1,643
Other Livestock/Poultry	280,346	269,012	272,841
TOTAL	6,252,068	7,343,055	6,241,632

Source of Income	2000	2001	2002
	\$1,000		
VEGETABLE CROPS	6,534,390	6,152,917	6,210,517
FIELD CROPS	2,338,847	2,569,799	2,722,309
FRUIT AND NUT CROPS	7,172,892	7,125,039	7,859,822
NURSERY AND GREENHOUSE PROD.	3,115,620	3,176,410	3,061,859
CHRISTMAS TREES	10,669	10,345	10,500
TOTAL CASH INCOME FROM MARKETINGS	25,424,486	26,377,565	26,106,639
FARM RELATED INCOME	1,758,075	1,742,305	1,371,347
GROSS CASH INCOME FROM FARMING 1/	27,182,561	28,119,870	27,477,986

1/ Includes value of home consumption, value of inventory adjustments, machine hire and custom work, forest products sold, rental value of farm dwelling, government payments, and other miscellaneous farm income.

Source: USDA Economic Research Service