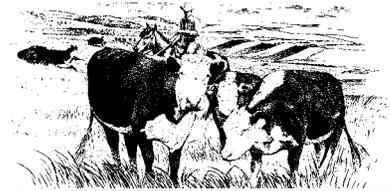


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## U.S. CATTLE ON FEED UP 3 PERCENT

Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter market in the United States for 1,000+ head capacity feedlots totaled 10.5 million head on October 1, 2004. The inventory was 3 percent above October 1, 2003 and up slightly from October 1, 2002. The inventory included 6.46 million steers and steer calves, up 4 percent from the previous year. This group accounted for 62 percent of the total inventory. Heifers and heifer calves accounted for 3.96 million head, up 1 percent from 2003. Placements in feedlots during September totaled 2.37 million, 4 percent below 2003, but 8 percent above 2002. Net placements were 2.31 million head. During September, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 623 thousand, 600-699 pounds were 474 thousand, 700-799 pounds were 557 thousand, and 800 pounds and greater were 720 thousand. Marketings of fed cattle during September totaled 1.80 million, 11 percent below 2003 and 3 percent below 2002. This is the second lowest fed-cattle marketings for the month of September since the series began in 1996. Other disappearance totaled 61.0 thousand during September, 3 percent below 2003, but 15 percent above 2002.

## CALIFORNIA CATTLE ON FEED

Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter in California feedlots totaled 520 thousand head on October 1, 2004, the same as last month, but 7 percent above October 2003. During September, placements of 64.0 thousand head were 5 percent above the previous year. Marketings of 60.0 thousand head were 5 percent below September of 2003. Other disappearance totaled 4.00 thousand head.

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

State	Number On Feed September 1/			Placed During September		Marketed During September	
	2003	2004	2004/2003	2003	2004	2003	2004
	Thousand Head						
Arizona	274	296	108	25	28	23	25
California	490	520	106	61	64	63	60
Colorado	900	930	103	255	275	200	180
Idaho	245	245	100	82	84	56	53
Iowa	300	375	125	80	70	69	69
Kansas	2,250	2,130	95	530	520	465	410
Nebraska	1,660	1,800	108	520	470	345	320
New Mexico	121	129	107	16	18	10	19
Oklahoma	345	325	94	81	80	73	62
South Dakota	134	138	103	49	41	37	35
Texas	2,700	2,670	99	620	600	580	490
Washington	185	160	86	53	48	41	32
Other States	235	255	109	102	76	70	45
<b>UNITED STATES</b>	<b>9,839</b>	<b>9,973</b>	<b>101</b>	<b>2,474</b>	<b>2,374</b>	<b>2,032</b>	<b>1,800</b>
State	Other Disappearance During September 2/		Number On Feed October 1 1/		2004/2003		
	2003	2004	2003	2004			
	Thousand Head				Percent		
Arizona	1	1	275	298	108		
California	3	4	485	520	107		
Colorado	5	5	950	1,020	107		
Idaho	1	1	270	275	102		
Iowa	1	1	310	375	121		
Kansas	15	20	2,300	2,220	97		
Nebraska	5	10	1,830	1,940	106		
New Mexico	4	3	123	125	102		
Oklahoma	3	3	350	340	97		
South Dakota	1	1	145	143	99		
Texas	20	10	2,720	2,770	102		
Washington	2	1	195	175	90		
Other States	2	1	265	285	108		
<b>UNITED STATES</b>	<b>63</b>	<b>61</b>	<b>10,218</b>	<b>10,486</b>	<b>103</b>		

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 MILK PRODUCTION

California milk producers produced 2.97 billion pounds of milk in September 2004. This was 3 percent below August 2004, but 5 percent above September 2003.

The monthly milk per cow averaged 1,710 pounds, 65 pounds less than in August 2004, but 40 pounds more than a year ago.

### CALIFORNIA MILK PRODUCTION

Month	CALIFORNIA 1/						Total Milk Receipts 2/		UNITED STATES 1/ 3/					
	Milk Cows 4/		Milk Per Cow 5/		Milk Production 5/		2003	2004	Milk Cows 4/		Milk Per Cow 5/		Milk Production 5/	
	2003	2004	2003	2004	2003	2004			2003	2004	2003	2004	2003	2004
	1,000 Head		Pounds		Million Pounds				1,000 Head		Pounds		Million Pounds	
January	1,672	1,701	1,790	1,755	2,993	2,985	2,989	2,993	7,810	7,716	1,615	1,619	12,616	12,491
February	1,676	1,705	1,655	1,670	2,774	2,847	2,768	2,856	7,811	7,716	1,489	1,528	11,628	11,787
March	1,681	1,710	1,850	1,810	3,110	3,095	3,108	3,100	7,810	7,717	1,666	1,658	13,014	12,798
April	1,685	1,716	1,800	1,790	3,033	3,072	3,028	3,070	7,800	7,721	1,627	1,630	12,693	12,588
May	1,685	1,720	1,835	1,830	3,092	3,148	3,090	3,144	7,787	7,722	1,671	1,684	13,013	13,007
June	1,684	1,724	1,765	1,755	2,972	3,026	2,971	3,021	7,785	7,742	1,596	1,603	12,428	12,410
July	1,690	1,729	1,755	1,780	2,966	3,078	2,965	3,076	7,780	7,759	1,597	1,616	12,421	12,541
August	1,693	1,733	1,755	1,775	2,971	3,076	2,967	3,075	7,771	7,766	1,571	1,594	12,207	12,376
September	1,695	1,737	1,670	1,710	2,831	2,970	2,826		7,764	7,770	1,511	1,529	11,731	11,879
October	1,698		1,720		2,921		2,917		7,743		1,561		12,083	
November	1,694		1,665		2,821		2,817		7,721		1,517		11,709	
December	1,697		1,740		2,953		2,948		7,713		1,596		12,313	

1/ Revised 2004 data.

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

3/ Twenty-state total.

4/ Includes dry cows, excludes heifers not yet fresh.

5/ Excludes milk sucked by calves.

### U.S. HOG INVENTORY UP 1 PERCENT

U.S. inventory of all hogs and pigs on September 1, 2004 was 61.4 million head. This was 1 percent above both September 1, 2003 and June 1, 2004.

Breeding inventory, at 5.98 million head, was up 1 percent from both September 1, 2003 and last quarter. Market hog inventory, at 55.4 million head, was 1 percent above last year and 2 percent above last quarter.

The June-August 2004 U.S. pig crop, at 26.0 million head, was up 1 percent from both 2003 and 2002. Sows farrowing during this period totaled 2.89 million head, 1 percent below last year. The sows farrowed during this quarter represented 49 percent of the breeding herd. The average pigs saved per litter was 9.00 for the June-August 2004 period, compared to 8.90 last year. Pigs saved per litter by size of operation ranged from 7.50 for operations with 1-99 hogs to 9.10 for operations with more than 5.00 thousand hogs and pigs.

U.S. hog producers intend to have 2.86 million sows farrow during the September-November 2004 quarter, 1 percent above the actual farrows during the same period in both 2003 and 2002. Intended farrowings for December 2004-February 2005, at 2.85 million sows, are up 1 percent from the same period in 2004 and up 3 percent from the same period in 2003.

The total number of hogs under contract, owned by operations with more than 5.00 thousand head, but raised by contractees, accounted for 39 percent of the total U.S. hog inventory, up from 35 percent last year.

**Revisions:** All inventory and pig crop estimates for September 2003 through June 2004 were reviewed using the final pig crop, official slaughter, death loss, and updated import and export data. Based on the findings of this review, small adjustments of less than one-half of 1 percent were made to September 2003 inventory components, December 2003 inventory components, September-November 2003 pig crop, and March 2004 inventory components. Adjustments of less than 1 percent were made to the December 2003-February 2004 pig crop and to the June 2004 inventory.

### U.S. HOG AND PIG INVENTORY, SEPTEMBER 1, 2002-04

Item	2002	2003	2004	2004/2002	2004/2003
	1,000 Head			Percent	
<b>September 1 Inventory</b>					
All Hogs And Pigs	60,753	60,859	61,384	101	101
Kept For Breeding	6,051	5,918	5,983	99	101
Market	54,702	54,941	55,400	101	101
<b>Market Hogs and Pigs by Weight Groups</b>					
Under 60 Pounds	20,038	20,368	20,540	103	101
60-119 Pounds	13,632	13,729	13,644	100	99
120-179 Pounds	11,113	11,334	11,236	101	99
180 Pounds And Over	9,919	9,510	9,982	101	105

## CALIFORNIA COMMERCIAL SLAUGHTER

California's production of red meat during September 2004 totaled 124.6 million pounds (dressed weight), 2 percent above last month and 3 percent above September 2003. This figure includes slaughter in Federally-inspected and State-inspected plants, but excludes slaughter done on farms. In September 2004, the average live weight of cattle slaughtered was 1,334 pounds, calves 140 pounds, and hogs 238 pounds.

## U.S. PORK PRODUCTION SETS RECORD MONTHLY HIGH FOR SEPTEMBER

Commercial red meat production for the United States totaled 3.91 billion pounds in September, down 3 percent from the 4.01 billion pounds produced in September 2003.

Beef production, at 2.10 billion pounds, was 9 percent below the previous year. Cattle slaughter totaled 2.74 million head, down 13 percent from September 2003. The average live weight, at 1,266 pounds, was up 38 pounds from the previous year.

Veal production totaled 13.0 million pounds, 15 percent below September a year ago. Calf slaughter totaled 67.3 thousand head, down 18 percent from September 2003. The average live weight was 13 pounds above last year at 321 pounds.

Pork production totaled 1.77 billion pounds, up 6 percent from the previous year. Hog kill totaled 9.00 million head, 5 percent above September 2003. The average live weight was 265 pounds, 2 pounds above the previous year.

Lamb and mutton production, at 16.3 million pounds, was down 4 percent from September 2003. Sheep slaughter totaled 244 thousand head, 5 percent below last year. The average live weight was 133 pounds, up 2 pounds from September a year ago.

January to September 2004 commercial red meat production was 33.8 billion pounds, down 3 percent from 2003. Accumulated beef production was down 9 percent from last year, veal was down 11 percent, pork was up 4 percent, and lamb and mutton production was down 2 percent.

September of 2003 and 2004 both contained 22 weekdays (including one holiday) and four Saturdays.

### COMMERCIAL SLAUGHTER, SEPTEMBER 2003-04 1/

Class and Location	Number Slaughtered		Total Live Weight		Average Live Weight	
	2003	2004	2003	2004	2003	2004
	1,000 Head		1,000 Pounds		Pounds	
<b>CATTLE</b>						
California	120.8	114.4	151,751	152,659	1,256	1,334
U.S. Total	3,128.9	2,735.5	3,841,020	3,462,349	1,228	1,266
<b>CALVES</b>						
California	11.1	8.0	2,108	1,122	190	140
U.S. Total	82.3	67.3	25,325	21,622	308	321
<b>SHEEP &amp; LAMBS</b>						
California	---	---	---	---	---	---
U.S. Total	257.2	243.6	33,652	32,334	131	133
<b>HOGS</b>						
California	199.4	223.0	47,151	53,052	236	238
U.S. Total	8,573.3	8,997.7	2,251,547	2,384,285	263	265
<b>RED MEAT</b>	September 2003	August 2004 2/	September 2004	Sept. 04 Sept. 03	Sept. 04 Aug. 04	
	Million Pounds			Percent		
California	120.8	122.0	124.6	103	102	
U.S. Total	4,014.3	3,878.4	3,905.3	97	101	

1/ Farm slaughter excluded.

2/ Revised U.S. data.

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

Commodity	Unit	California			United States		
		Sept. 2003	Aug. 2004	Sept. 15, 2004	Sept. 2003	Aug. 2004	Sept. 15, 2004
		Dollars					
All Hay, Baled 2/	Ton	85.00	107.00	110.00	84.40	89.80	87.70
Alfalfa, Baled 2/	Ton	88.00	109.00	113.00	90.10	97.40	95.50
Hogs 2/ 3/	Cwt.	---	---	---	39.70	55.40	53.70
Cows 2/	Cwt.	42.00	52.30	50.00	44.80	54.70	52.80
Steers and Heifers 2/	Cwt.	88.50	90.00	88.00	89.30	92.50	89.80
Calves 2/	Cwt.	99.00	108.00	113.00	109.00	131.00	129.00
Sheep 2/	Cwt.	32.50	30.50	---	32.50	38.50	38.50
Lambs 2/	Cwt.	88.50	86.00	---	95.10	97.80	97.80
Milk Cows 4/	Head	---	---	---	---	---	---
All Milk Wholesale 2/	Cwt.	13.32	13.60	13.90	14.50	15.00	15.10

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.