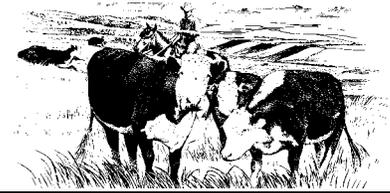


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U.S. CATTLE ON FEED UP 3 PERCENT

Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter market in the United States for 1,000+ head capacity feedlots totaled 10.4 million head on July 1, 2005. The inventory was 3 percent above July 1, 2004 and 5 percent above July 1, 2003. The inventory included 6.81 million steers and steer calves, up 7 percent from the previous year. This group accounted for 65 percent of the total inventory. Heifers and heifer calves accounted for 3.53 million head, down 5 percent from 2004.

CALIFORNIA CATTLE ON FEED

Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter in California feedlots totaled 520 thousand head on July 1, 2005, 1 percent above last month, but the same as July 2004. During June, placements of 73.0 thousand head were 6 percent higher than the previous year. Marketings of 63.0 thousand head during June were 2 percent above June 2004. Other disappearance totaled 5.00 thousand head.

Placements in feedlots during June totaled 1.77 million, 7 percent above 2004 and 6 percent above 2003. Net placements were 1.71 million. During June, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 412 thousand, 600-699 pounds were 347 thousand, 700-799 pounds were 480 thousand, and 800 pounds and greater were 530 thousand.

Marketings of fed cattle during June totaled 2.07 million, 1 percent below 2004 and 7 percent below 2003. Other disappearance totaled 63.0 thousand during June, 10 percent below 2004, but 3 percent above 2003.

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	
	2004	2005	2005/2004	2004	2005	2004	2005
Thousand Head							
Arizona	294	329	112	31	29	28	35
California	520	515	99	69	73	62	63
Colorado	1,010	970	96	145	130	205	180
Idaho	255	245	96	47	70	60	54
Iowa	400	435	109	50	49	59	68
Kansas	2,250	2,280	101	400	400	540	465
Nebraska	2,010	2,050	102	285	290	435	510
New Mexico	118	127	108	26	26	19	18
Oklahoma	330	325	98	52	54	64	58
South Dakota	188	186	99	20	26	34	48
Texas	2,810	2,890	103	455	550	495	480
Washington	170	137	81	37	41	41	35
Other States	285	280	98	30	31	43	59
UNITED STATES	10,640	10,769	101	1,647	1,769	2,085	2,073

State	Other Disappearance During June 2/		Number On Feed July 1 1/		2005/2004
	2004	2005	2004	2005	
Thousand Head					
Percent					
Arizona	2	1	295	322	109
California	7	5	520	520	100
Colorado	10	10	940	910	97
Idaho	2	1	240	260	108
Iowa	1	1	390	415	106
Kansas	20	15	2,090	2,200	105
Nebraska	10	10	1,850	1,820	98
New Mexico	1	3	124	132	106
Oklahoma	3	1	315	320	102
South Dakota	1	3	173	161	93
Texas	10	10	2,760	2,950	107
Washington	1	1	165	142	86
Other States	2	2	270	250	93
UNITED STATES	70	63	10,132	10,402	103

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 ALL SHEEP AND LAMB INVENTORY UP 2 PERCENT

U.S. all sheep and lamb inventory totaled 7.80 million head on July 1, 2005, 2 percent above July 1, 2004. The breeding sheep inventory, at 4.66 million head on July 1, 2005, was 2 percent above July 1, 2004. Market sheep and lambs (including newborn lambs), at 3.14 million head, were 1 percent above last July.

The breeding herd consists of 3.79 million ewes one year old and older, 185 thousand rams one year old and older, and 680 thousand replacement lambs (including newborn lambs). Market lamb inventory, at 3.06 million head, comprised 1.81 million lambs weighing less than 65 pounds, 635 thousand lambs 65-84 pounds, 350 thousand lambs 85-105 pounds, and 260 thousand lambs weighing more than 105 pounds. Market sheep inventory was 90.0 thousand.

The 2005 lamb crop in the United States is expected to total 4.12 million head, up 1 percent from the 2004 lamb crop of 4.10 million head. Lambs born during January through June 2005 totaled 3.65 million head or 89 percent of the yearly total. An additional 470 thousand head are expected to be born during the period July through December 2005.

ALL SHEEP AND LAMBS INVENTORY: BY REGION AND UNITED STATES, JULY 1, 2004-2005

Regions 1/	All Sheep And Lambs			Breeding Sheep And Lambs		Market Sheep And Lambs	
	2004	2005	2005/2004	2004	2005	2004	2005
	1,000 Head		Percent	1,000 Head		1,000 Head	
Region 1	1,290	1,300	101	810	805	480	495
Region 2	1,470	1,500	102	960	1,000	510	500
Region 3	2,600	2,650	102	1,430	1,460	1,170	1,190
Region 4	1,180	1,200	102	650	665	530	535
Region 5	1,110	1,150	104	695	725	415	425
UNITED STATES	7,650	7,800	102	4,545	4,655	3,105	3,145

1/ States included in regions are as follows: 1 — AZ, CA, ID, NV, OR, and WA; 2 — NM and TX; 3 — CO, MT, SD, UT, and WY; 4 — IA, KS, MN, MO, NE, ND, and OK; 5 — all other States.

U.S. HOG INVENTORY UP SLIGHTLY

U.S. inventory of all hogs and pigs was 60.8 million head on June 1, 2005. This was up slightly from June 1, 2004 and up 2 percent from March 1, 2005.

Breeding inventory, at 5.98 million head, was up 1 percent from both June 1, 2004 and last quarter. Market hog inventory, at 54.8 million head, was up slightly from last year and up 2 percent from last quarter.

The March-May 2005 U.S. pig crop, at 25.9 million head, was up 1 percent from both 2004 and 2003. Sows farrowing during this period totaled 2.87 million head, unchanged from last year. The sows farrowed during this quarter represented 48 percent of the breeding herd. The average number of pigs saved per litter was 9.02 for the March-May 2005 period, compared to 8.93 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 AND PIG INVENTORY, JUNE 1, 2003-05

Item	2003	2004	2005	2005	2005
	1,000 Head			Percent	
June 1 Inventory					
All Hogs and Pigs	59,602	60,698	60,812	102	100
Kept for Breeding	6,026	5,937	5,977	99	101
Market	53,576	54,760	54,834	102	100
Market Hogs and Pigs By Weight Groups:					
Under 60 Pounds	20,433	20,292	20,223	99	100
60-119 Pounds	12,952	13,500	13,456	104	100
120-179 Pounds	10,828	11,256	11,343	105	101
180 Pounds and Over	9,363	9,714	9,813	105	101

MILK PRODUCTION

California milk producers produced 3.18 billion pounds of milk in June 2005. This was 3 percent below May 2005, but 5 percent above June 2004.

Monthly milk per cow averaged 1,810 pounds, 65 pounds less than in May 2005, but 55 pounds more than a year ago.

MILK PRODUCTION, CALIFORNIA AND UNITED STATES

Month	CALIFORNIA 1/						Total Milk Receipts 5/		UNITED STATES 1/ 2/					
	Milk Cows 3/		Milk Per Cow 4/		Milk Production 4/		Receipts 5/		Milk Cows 3/		Milk Per Cow 4/		Milk Production 4/	
	2004	2005	2004	2005	2004	2005	2004	2005	2004	2005	2004	2005	2004	2005
	1,000 Head		Pounds		Million Pounds		Million Pounds		1,000 Head		Pounds		Million Pounds	
Jan.	1,701	1,739	1,760	1,770	2,994	3,078	2,993	3,074	8,044	8,083	1,624	1,640	13,061	13,258
Feb.	1,706	1,742	1,675	1,635	2,858	2,848	2,856	2,843	8,051	8,076	1,531	1,519	12,329	12,270
Mar.	1,710	1,748	1,815	1,845	3,104	3,225	3,100	3,221	8,059	8,095	1,661	1,702	13,387	13,779
Apr.	1,716	1,751	1,790	1,820	3,072	3,187	3,070	3,182	8,063	8,109	1,636	1,683	13,194	13,647
May	1,720	1,754	1,830	1,875	3,148	3,289	3,144	3,144	8,064	8,121	1,692	1,757	13,641	14,266
June	1,724	1,757	1,755	1,810	3,026	3,180	3,021	3,180	8,083	8,130	1,607	1,683	12,988	13,684
July	1,729		1,780		3,078		3,076		8,096		1,623		13,143	
Aug.	1,733		1,775		3,076		3,075		8,102		1,601		12,970	
Sept.	1,737		1,715		2,979		2,974		8,104		1,533		12,426	
Oct.	1,740		1,770		3,080		3,077		8,103		1,583		12,824	
Nov.	1,741		1,700		2,960		2,956		8,102		1,531		12,404	
Dec.	1,741		1,775		3,090		3,087		8,097		1,610		13,037	

1/ Revised 2005 data.

2/ Twenty-three-state total.

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

4/ Excludes milk sucked by calves.

5/ Milk receipts are from the California Department of Food and Agriculture's Dairy Marketing and Milk Pooling branches. Excludes on-farm usage.

CALIFORNIA COMMERCIAL SLAUGHTER

California's production of red meat during June 2005 totaled 128.5 million pounds (dressed weight), 9 percent above the previous month and 5 percent above June 2004. This figure includes slaughter in Federally-inspected and State-inspected plants, but excludes slaughter done on farms. In June 2005, the average live weight of cattle slaughtered was 1,331 pounds; calves 171 pounds; and hogs 239 pounds.

**U.S. COMMERCIAL SLAUGHTER
RED MEAT PRODUCTION AT RECORD HIGH FOR JUNE**

Commercial red meat production for the United States totaled 3.96 billion pounds in June, up 1 percent from the 3.93 billion pounds produced in June 2004.

Beef production, at 2.23 billion pounds, was slightly above the previous year. Cattle slaughter totaled 2.94 million head, down 2 percent from June 2004. The average live weight was up 21 pounds from the previous year, at 1,246 pounds.

Veal production totaled 13.2 million pounds, 1 percent below June a year ago. Calf slaughter totaled 58.9 thousand head, down 11 percent from June 2004. The average live weight, at 368 pounds, was 31 pounds above last year.

Pork production totaled 1.71 billion pounds, up 2 percent from the previous year. Hog kill totaled 8.55 million head, 1 percent above June 2004. The average live weight was 268 pounds, 4 pounds above the previous year.

Lamb and mutton production, at 15.3 million pounds, was down 1 percent from June 2004. Sheep slaughter totaled 223 thousand head, 4 percent below last year. The average live weight was 138 pounds, up 4 pounds from June a year ago.

January to June 2005 commercial red meat production was 22.2 billion pounds, down slightly from 2004. Accumulated beef production was down 1 percent from last year, veal was down 9 percent, pork was up 1 percent from last year, and lamb and mutton production was down 4 percent.

June 2004 and 2005 both contained 22 weekdays (including no holidays) and four Saturdays.

COMMERCIAL SLAUGHTER, JUNE 2004-05 a/

Species and Location	Number Slaughtered		Total Live Weight		Average Live Weight	
	2004	2005	2004	2005	2004	2005
	Thousand Head		Thousand Pounds		Pounds	
CATTLE						
California	113.0	119.0	147,796	158,362	1,308	1,331
U.S. Total	2,994.1	2,936.8	3,667,614	3,657,843	1,225	1,246
CALVES						
California	8.3	7.0	1,155	1,188	140	171
U.S. Total	66.3	58.9	22,340	21,719	337	368
SHEEP & LAMBS						
California	---	---	---	---	---	---
U.S. Total	231.6	222.9	31,090	30,667	134	138
HOGS						
California	214.8	219.6	52,203	52,430	243	239
U.S. Total	8,505.4	8,553.6	2,246,201	2,295,652	264	268
RED MEAT	June 2004	May 2005	June 2005	June 05 June 04	June 05 May 05	
	Million Pounds			Percent		
California	122.6	117.8	128.5	105	109	
U.S. Total	3,927.6	3,714.4	3,963.1	101	107	

a/ Farm slaughter excluded.

JULY 1 CATTLE INVENTORY UP 1 PERCENT

All cattle and calves in the United States totaled 104.5 million head as of July 1, 2005, 1 percent above the 103.6 million on July 1, 2004 and 1 percent above the 103.9 million two years ago.

All cows and heifers that have calved, at 42.8 million, were 1 percent above the 42.5 million on July 1, 2004 and slightly above the 42.7 million two years ago.

- Beef cows, at 33.8 million, were up 1 percent from July 1, 2004 and up slightly from two years ago.
- Milk cows, at 9.05 million, were up 1 percent from July 1, 2004, but down 1 percent from two years ago.

Other class estimates on July 1, 2005 and the changes from July 1, 2004, are as follows:

- All heifers 500 pounds and over, 16.2 million, up 2 percent.
- Beef replacement heifers, 5.00 million, up 4 percent.
- Milk replacement heifers, 3.70 million, up 3 percent.
- Other heifers, 7.50 million, down 1 percent.
- Steers weighing 500 pounds and over, 14.4 million, up 1 percent.
- Bulls weighing 500 pounds and over, 2.10 million, up 2 percent.
- Calves under 500 pounds, 29.0 million, up slightly.
- All cattle and calves on feed for slaughter, 12.0 million, up 2 percent.

CALF CROP UP SLIGHTLY

The 2005 calf crop is expected to be 37.8 million, up slightly from 2004, but down slightly from 2003. Calves born during the first half of the year are estimated at 27.5 million, up slightly from 2004, but down 1 percent from 2003.

**CATTLE AND CALVES
NUMBER BY CLASS AND CALF CROP, U.S., JULY 1, 2003-05**

Class	2003	2004	2005	2005 2004
	Thousand Head			Percent
	Cattle and Calves	103,900	103,600	104,500
Cows and Heifers That Have Calved	42,700	42,500	42,800	101
Beef Cows	33,600	33,500	33,750	101
Milk Cows	9,100	9,000	9,050	101
Heifers 500 Lbs. and Over	15,900	15,950	16,200	102
For Beef Cow Replacement	4,600	4,800	5,000	104
For Milk Cow Replacement	3,600	3,600	3,700	103
Other Heifers	7,700	7,550	7,500	99
Steers 500 Lbs. and Over	14,200	14,200	14,400	101
Bulls 500 Lbs. and Over	2,100	2,050	2,100	102
Calves Less Than 500 Lbs.	29,000	28,900	29,000	100
Calf Crop	37,903	37,625	37,800	100

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

Commodity	Unit	California			United States		
		June 2004	May 2005	June 15, 2005	June 2004	May 2005	June 15, 2005
Dollars							
All Hay, Baled ^{2/}	Ton	112.00	136.00	133.00	95.20	107.00	102.00
Alfalfa, Baled ^{2/}	Ton	115.00	144.00	141.00	102.00	116.00	112.00
Hogs ^{2/ 3/}	Cwt.	---	---	---	56.70	54.90	51.00
Cows ^{2/}	Cwt.	48.80	55.50	55.40	53.70	58.50	57.30
Steers and Heifers ^{2/}	Cwt.	93.30	92.20	89.10	93.80	96.40	93.10
Calves ^{2/}	Cwt.	110.00	128.00	125.00	125.00	141.00	140.00
Sheep ^{2/}	Cwt.	28.00	48.00	---	31.30	44.50	---
Lambs ^{2/}	Cwt.	94.00	103.00	---	105.00	115.00	---
Milk Cows ^{4/}	Head	---	---	---	---	---	---
All Milk Wholesale ^{2/}	Cwt.	16.26	13.62	13.50	18.20	14.80	14.60

^{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.