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U.S. CATTLE ON FEED UP 2 PERCENT

Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter market in the United States for 1,000+ head capacity feedlots totaled 10.1 million head on August 1, 2005. The inventory was 2 percent above August 1, 2004 and 5 percent above August 1, 2003.

Placements in feedlots during July totaled 1.68 million, 2 percent below 2004 and 16 percent below 2003. This is the lowest number of placements for the month of July since the series began in 1996. Net placements were 1.62 million. During July, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 400 thousand, 600-699 pounds were 338 thousand, 700-799 pounds were 465 thousand, and 800 pounds and greater were 475 thousand.

Marketings of fed cattle during July totaled 1.92 million, slightly below 2004 and 16 percent below 2003. This is the lowest number of fed-cattle marketings for the month of July since the series began in 1996. Other disappearance totaled 60.0 thousand during July, 3 percent above 2004, but unchanged from 2003.

CALIFORNIA CATTLE ON FEED

Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter in California feedlots totaled 530 thousand head on August 1, 2005, 2 percent above both last month and August 2004. During July, placements of 72.0 thousand head were 11 percent above the previous year. Marketings of 59.0 thousand head were 2 percent below July 2004. 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 July 1 1/			Placed During July		Marketed During July	
	2004	2005	2005/2004	2004	2005	2004	2005
	Thousand Head		Percent	Thousand Head			
Arizona	295	322	109	32	29	31	37
California	520	520	100	65	72	60	59
Colorado 2/	940	900	96	145	125	200	200
Idaho	240	260	108	43	36	47	45
Iowa	390	415	106	52	49	60	63
Kansas	2,090	2,200	105	520	480	475	470
Nebraska	1,850	1,820	98	310	325	405	405
New Mexico	124	132	106	22	23	17	18
Oklahoma	315	320	102	61	62	59	61
South Dakota	173	161	93	12	15	26	30
Texas	2,760	2,950	107	395	400	470	450
Washington	165	142	86	33	26	32	30
Other States	270	250	93	29	36	43	50
UNITED STATES 2/	10,132	10,392	103	1,719	1,678	1,925	1,918
State	Other Disappearance During July 3/		Number On Feed August 1 1/		2005/2004		
	2004	2005	2004	2005	Percent		
	Thousand Head						
Arizona	2	1	294	313	106		
California	5	3	520	530	102		
Colorado	5	5	880	820	93		
Idaho	1	1	235	250	106		
Iowa	2	1	380	400	105		
Kansas	15	20	2,120	2,190	103		
Nebraska	5	10	1,750	1,730	99		
New Mexico	2	3	127	134	106		
Oklahoma	2	1	315	320	102		
South Dakota	2	3	157	143	91		
Texas	15	10	2,670	2,890	108		
Washington	1	1	165	137	83		
Other States	1	1	255	235	92		
UNITED STATES	58	60	9,868	10,092	102		

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/ Number on feed revised for July 2005.

3/ Includes death losses, movement from feedlot to pastures and shipments to other feedlots for further feeding.

CATTLE AND CALVES BY CLASSES, CANADA AND UNITED STATES, JULY 1, 2004-05 1/

Class	Canada 2/			United States 3/		
	2004	2005	2005/2004	2004	2005	2005/2004
	Thousands		Percent	Thousands		Percent
All Cattle & Calves	16,758	17,295	103	103,600	104,500	101
All Cows:	6,408	6,568	102	42,500	42,800	101
Beef	5,339	5,506	103	33,500	33,750	101
Milk	1,069	1,062	99	9,000	9,050	101
Heifers 500 Lbs. +	2,612	2,722	104	15,950	16,200	102
Beef Replacement	824	862	105	4,800	5,000	104
Milk Replacement	513	508	99	3,600	3,700	103
Other Heifers	1,275	1,352	106	7,550	7,500	99
Steers 500 Lbs. +	1,732	1,776	103	14,200	14,400	101
Bulls 500 Lbs. +	286	289	101	2,050	2,100	102
Calves Less Than 500 Lbs.	5,721	5,941	104	28,900	29,000	100
Calf Crop 4/	5,562	4,945	5/	37,625	37,800	100

1/ Totals may not add due to rounding.

2/ Source: Livestock and Annual Products Section, Statistics Canada.

3/ Source: National Agricultural Statistics Service.

4/ January-December calf crop for U.S.

5/ January-June calf crop for 2005 only.

CALIFORNIA COMMERCIAL SLAUGHTER

California's production of red meat during July 2005 totaled 115.2 million pounds (dressed weight), 10 percent below the previous month and fractionally below July 2004. This figure includes slaughter in Federally-inspected and State-inspected plants, but excludes slaughter done on farms. In July 2005, the average live weight of cattle slaughtered was 1,329 pounds; calves 154 pounds; and hogs 239 pounds.

Pork production totaled 1.51 billion pounds, down 5 percent from the previous year. Hog kill totaled 7.66 million head, 5 percent below July 2004. The average live weight, at 264 pounds, was 2 pounds above the previous year.

Lamb and mutton production, at 13.5 million pounds, was down 5 percent from July 2004. Sheep slaughter totaled 201 thousand head, 9 percent below last year. The average live weight was 134 pounds, up 6 pounds from July a year ago.

UNITED STATES COMMERCIAL SLAUGHTER

Commercial red meat production for the United States totaled 3.62 billion pounds in July, down 2 percent from the 3.71 billion pounds produced in July 2004.

January to July 2005 commercial red meat production was 25.9 billion pounds, down 1 percent from 2004. Accumulated beef production was down 1 percent from last year, veal was down 8 percent, pork was up 1 percent, and lamb and mutton production was down 4 percent.

Beef production, at 2.08 billion pounds, was 1 percent below the previous year. Cattle slaughter totaled 2.72 million head, down 2 percent from July 2004. The average live weight was up 15 pounds from the previous year to 1,254 pounds.

July 2004 contained 22 weekdays (including one holiday) and five Saturdays, while July 2005 contained 21 weekdays (including one holiday) and five Saturdays.

Veal production totaled 12.4 million pounds, 7 percent below July a year ago. Calf slaughter totaled 58.6 thousand head, down 15 percent from July 2004. The average live weight was 350 pounds, 26 pounds above last year.

COMMERCIAL SLAUGHTER, JULY 2004-05 a/

Class and Location	Number Slaughtered		Total Live Weight		Average Live Weight	
	2004	2005	2004	2005	2004	2005
	1,000 Head		1,000 Pounds		Pounds	
CATTLE						
California	106.9	107.4	140,484	142,822	1,315	1,329
U.S.	2,787.2	2,718.4	3,454,091	3,410,124	1,239	1,254
CALVES						
California	8.4	7.2	1,142	1,101	135	154
U.S.	68.8	58.6	22,316	20,537	324	350
SHEEP AND LAMBS						
California	---	---	---	---	---	---
U.S.	220.9	200.8	28,378	26,881	128	134
HOGS						
California	207.4	202.4	49,547	47,505	239	239
U.S.	8,095.8	7,662.0	2,123,485	2,025,963	262	264
RED MEAT	July 2004	June 2005 b/	July 2005		July 2005 July 2004	July 2005 June 2005
	Million Pounds				Percent	
California	115.5	128.4	115.2		100	90
U.S.	3,707.9	3,963.0	3,615.9		98	91

a/ Farm slaughter excluded.

b/ Revised.

MILK PRODUCTION

California milk producers produced 3.12 billion pounds of milk in July 2005. This was 2 percent below June 2005, but 1 percent above July 2004.

Monthly milk per cow averaged 1,775 pounds, 35 pounds less than in June 2005 and 5 pounds below a year ago.

MILK PRODUCTION

Month	California						Total Milk Receipts ^{4/}		United States ^{1/}					
	Milk Cows ^{2/}		Milk Per Cow ^{3/}		Milk Production ^{3/}		2004	2005	Milk Cows ^{2/}		Milk Per Cow ^{3/}		Milk Production ^{3/}	
	2004	2005	2004	2005	2004	2005			2004	2005	2004	2005	2004	2005
	Thousand Head		Pounds		Million Pounds		Thousand Head		Pounds		Million Pounds			
Jan.	1,701	1,739	1,760	1,770	2,994	3,078	2,993	3,076	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	2,845	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	3,223	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	3,184	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	3,288	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	3,178	8,083	8,132	1,607	1,686	12,988	13,712
July	1,729	1,760	1,780	1,775	3,078	3,124	3,076		8,096	8,144	1,623	1,682	13,143	13,698
Aug.	1,733		1,775		3,075		3,075		8,102		1,601		12,970	
Sept.	1,737		1,715		2,974		2,974		8,104		1,533		12,426	
Oct.	1,740		1,770		3,077		3,077		8,103		1,583		12,824	
Nov.	1,741		1,700		2,956		2,956		8,102		1,531		12,404	
Dec.	1,741		1,775		3,087		3,087		8,097		1,610		13,037	

^{1/} Twenty-three-state total. Revised data for 2005.

^{2/} Includes dry cows, excludes heifers not yet fresh.

^{3/} Excludes milk sucked by calves.

^{4/} Milk receipts are from California's Department of Food and Agriculture, Dairy Marketing and Milk Pooling Branches. Excludes on farm usage.

AVERAGE FARM PRICES RECEIVED BY FARMERS ^{1/}

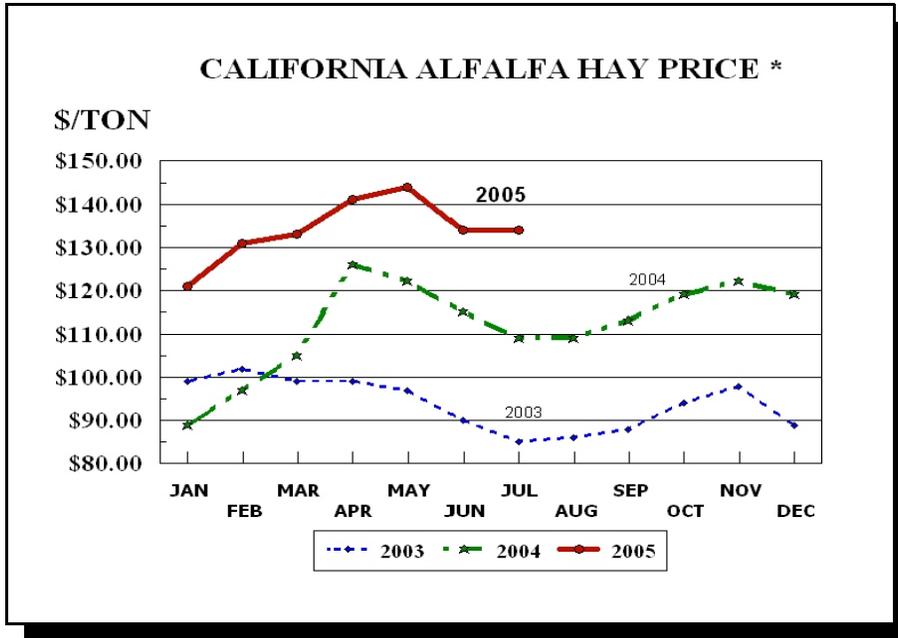
Commodity	Unit	California			United States		
		July 2004	June 2005	July 15, 2005	July 2004	June 2005	July 15, 2005
		Dollars					
All Hay, Baled ^{2/}	Ton	109.00	128.00	130.00	90.40	102.00	99.70
Alfalfa, Baled ^{2/}	Ton	109.00	134.00	134.00	98.40	112.00	109.00
Hogs ^{2/ 3/}	Cwt.	---	---	---	57.10	49.60	49.30
Cows ^{2/}	Cwt.	53.70	54.50	52.80	56.30	57.00	55.60
Steers and Heifers ^{2/}	Cwt.	93.50	88.20	87.10	91.40	91.90	89.60
Calves ^{2/}	Cwt.	112.00	121.00	119.00	130.00	138.00	133.00
Sheep ^{2/}	Cwt.	28.50	40.00	---	37.10	40.90	---
Lambs ^{2/}	Cwt.	89.00	104.00	---	101.00	114.00	---
Milk Cows ^{4/}	Head	1,700.00	---	1,800.00	1,720.00	---	1,830.00
All Milk Wholesale ^{2/}	Cwt.	13.85	13.42	13.80	16.10	14.50	14.80

^{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/} 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: USDA, NASS, California Field Office