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U.S. CATTLE ON FEED UP 4 PERCENT

Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter market in the United States for feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head totaled 12.0 million head on November 1, 2006. The inventory was 4 percent above November 1, 2005 and 6 percent above November 1, 2004. This is the highest November 1 inventory since the series began in 1996.

Placements in feedlots during October totaled 2.43 million, 13 percent below 2005 and 10 percent below 2004. Net placements were 2.34 million head. This is the second lowest placements for the month of October since the series began in 1996. During October, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 840 thousand, 600-699 pounds were 645 thousand, 700-799 pounds were 485 thousand, and 800 pounds and greater were 455 thousand.

Marketings of fed cattle during October totaled 1.77 million, 2 percent above 2005, but 2 percent below 2004.

Other disappearance totaled 81.0 thousand during October, 40 percent above 2005 and 23 percent above 2004.

CALIFORNIA CATTLE ON FEED

Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter in California feedlots totaled 530 thousand head on November 1, 2006, 1 percent above last month, but 3 percent below November 2005. During October, placements of 71.0 thousand were 11 percent above the previous year. Marketings of 62.0 thousand head were 24 percent above October of 2005. Other disappearance totaled 4.00 thousand head.

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

State	Number On Feed October 1 1/			Placed During October		Marketed During October	
	2005	2006	2006/2005	2005	2006	2005	2006
	Thousand Head						
Arizona	318	336	106	33	34	27	27
California	535	525	98	64	71	50	62
Colorado	900	1,060	118	285	210	150	140
Idaho	270	265	98	76	71	55	50
Iowa	410	460	112	131	109	65	78
Kansas	2,250	2,450	109	580	520	400	395
Nebraska	1,940	2,220	114	660	560	310	330
New Mexico	136	143	105	22	14	16	13
Oklahoma	335	355	106	79	65	53	58
South Dakota	130	170	131	68	64	35	43
Texas	2,830	2,930	104	670	590	520	510
Washington	153	171	112	34	34	23	23
Other States	275	300	109	86	83	35	41
UNITED STATES	10,482	11,385	109	2,788	2,425	1,739	1,770
State	Other Disappearance During October 2/		Number On Feed November 1 1/		2006/2005		
	2005	2006	2005	2006			
	Thousand Head						
	Percent						
Arizona	1	1	323	342	106		
California	4	4	545	530	97		
Colorado	5	10	1,030	1,120	109		
Idaho	1	1	290	285	98		
Iowa	1	1	475	490	103		
Kansas	20	25	2,410	2,550	106		
Nebraska	10	10	2,280	2,440	107		
New Mexico	1	3	141	141	100		
Oklahoma	1	2	360	360	100		
South Dakota	2	1	161	190	118		
Texas	10	20	2,970	2,990	101		
Washington	1	1	163	181	111		
Other States	1	2	325	340	105		
UNITED STATES	58	81	11,473	11,959	104		

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 COMMERCIAL SLAUGHTER

California's production of red meat during October 2006 totaled 144 million pounds (dressed weight), 11 percent above the previous month and 18 percent above October 2005. This figure includes slaughter in Federally-inspected and State-inspected plants, but excludes slaughter done on farms. In October 2006, the average live weight of cattle slaughtered was 1,366 pounds; calves, 148 pounds; and hogs, 238 pounds.

January to October 2006 commercial red meat production was 39.4 billion pounds, up 4 percent from 2005. Accumulated beef production was 6 percent above last year, veal was down 2 percent, pork was up 2 percent, and lamb and mutton production was down slightly.

October 2005 contained 21 weekdays (including one holiday) and five Saturdays, while October 2006 contained 22 weekdays (including one holiday) and four Saturdays.

U.S. PORK PRODUCTION AT RECORD HIGH FOR OCTOBER

Commercial red meat production for the United States totaled 4.18 billion pounds in October, up 7 percent from the 3.93 billion pounds produced in October 2005.

Beef production, at 2.23 billion pounds, was 7 percent above the previous year. Cattle slaughter totaled 2.86 million head, 7 percent above October 2005. The average live weight, at 1,288 pounds, was 8 pounds more than the previous year.

Veal production totaled 14.1 million pounds, 12 percent above October a year ago. Calf slaughter totaled 63.5 thousand head, 13 percent above October 2005. The average live weight was 362 pounds, 8 pounds below last year.

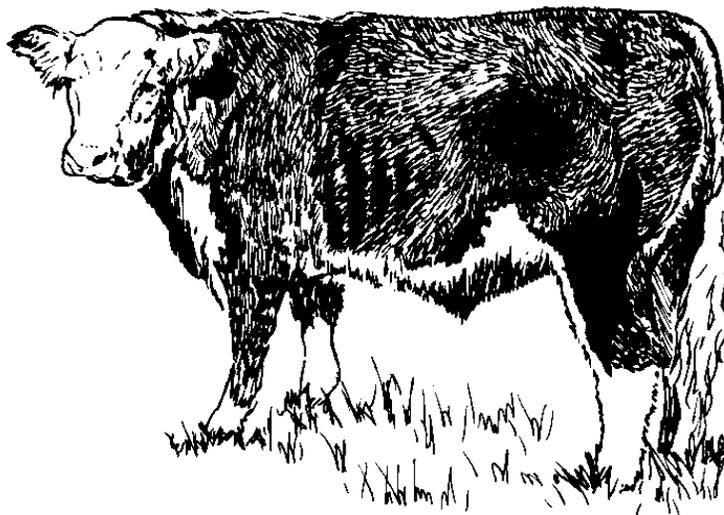
Pork production totaled 1.92 billion pounds, 6 percent more than the previous year. Hog kill totaled 9.64 million head, 6 percent above October 2005. The average live weight was unchanged from the previous year at 269 pounds.

Lamb and mutton production, at 15.6 million pounds, was down 1 percent from October 2005. Sheep slaughter totaled 236 thousand head, 3 percent above last year. The average live weight was 132 pounds, down 6 pounds from October a year ago.

OCTOBER COMMERCIAL SLAUGHTER 1/

Species and Location	Number Slaughtered		Total Live Weight		Average Live Weight	
	2005	2006	2005	2006	2005	2006
	Thousand Head		Thousand Pounds		Pounds	
CATTLE						
California	114.4	139.0	155,393	189,790	1,358	1,366
U.S. Total	2,679.2	2,855.5	3,428,297	3,678,846	1,280	1,288
CALVES						
California	5.8	7.9	977	1,164	169	148
U.S. Total	56.4	63.5	20,894	23,032	370	362
SHEEP & LAMBS						
California	---	---	---	---	---	---
U.S. Total	228.2	236.0	31,403	31,062	138	132
HOGS						
California	209.3	223.4	50,687	53,211	242	238
U.S. Total	9,118.1	9,636.2	2,449,676	2,596,678	269	269
RED MEAT	October 2005	September 2006	October 2006	Oct. 06 / Oct. 05	Oct. 06 / Sep. 06	
	Million Pounds			Percent		
California	121.9	130.4	144.2	118	111	
U.S. Total	3,925.1	3,932.6	4,182.1	107	106	

1/ Farm slaughter excluded.



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

Commodity	Unit	CALIFORNIA			UNITED STATES		
		October 2005	September 2006	Oct. 15, 2006	October 2005	September 2006	Oct. 15, 2006
		Dollars					
Hay, All Baled <u>2/</u> <u>3/</u>	Ton	132.00	103.00	104.00	97.70	107.00	107.00
Hay, Alfalfa Baled <u>2/</u> <u>3/</u>	Ton	139.00	108.00	114.00	105.00	112.00	112.00
Hogs <u>2/</u> <u>4/</u>	Cwt.	---	---	---	47.00	48.90	46.90
Cows <u>2/</u>	Cwt.	43.80	44.90	43.10	46.60	47.10	46.00
Steers and Heifers <u>2/</u>	Cwt.	92.10	92.50	91.30	96.10	95.80	94.40
Calves <u>2/</u>	Cwt.	121.00	113.00	114.00	135.00	135.00	131.00
Sheep <u>2/</u>	Cwt.	36.50	36.00	---	43.60	31.70	---
Lambs <u>2/</u>	Cwt.	93.50	90.00	---	108.00	98.50	---
Milk Cows <u>5/</u>	Head	1,950.00	---	1,600.00	1,870.00	---	1,650.00
Milk, Wholesale <u>2/</u>	Cwt.	14.31	11.62	11.60	15.60	12.90	13.30

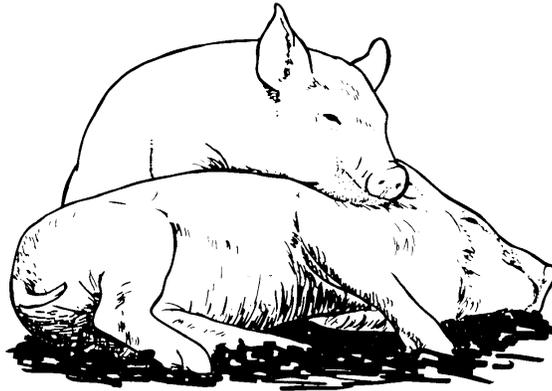
1/ The estimated prices in the table represent composite average prices received by farmers and are averages for all grades, classes, and methods of sale of each commodity for the State and U.S. as a whole.

2/ Previous month revised to monthly average.

3/ California's October 15, 2006 prices are for the full month.

4/ Prices include barrows, gilts, and sows.

5/ Animals sold for dairy herd replacement only. Prices published January, April, July and October.



HOG AND PIG INVENTORY, CANADA AND UNITED STATES 1/ 2/

Type	Canada October 1 Inventory <u>3/</u>			United States September 1 Inventory <u>4/</u>		
	2005	2006	2006/2005	2005	2006	2006/2005
	1,000 Head			1,000 Head		
All Hogs & Pigs	14,923	14,137	95	61,846	62,704	101
Kept for Breeding	1,648	1,620	98	5,972	6,079	102
Market	13,276	12,518	94	55,873	56,625	101
Sows Farrowed	885	855	97	2,918	2,924	100
Pig Crop	8,366	8,056	96	26,449	26,727	101

1/ Totals may not add due to rounding.

2/ Includes Boars.

3/ Source: Livestock and Animal Products Section, Statistics Canada.

4/ Source: National Agricultural Statistics Service



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- Creates a "Level Playing Field" - Official USDA reports derived from this survey will be made available to everyone at the same time. No individual or organization will have an unfair advantage due to early access to the data.
- Supports Export Programs -- Provides production estimates to build stronger markets abroad for U.S. commodities.
- Reduces Risk -- Provides for orderly marketing of commodities, with less price variation.
- Benefits Agriculture -- Farm associations use official USDA estimates to promote agriculture.
- Increases Efficiency -- Suppliers, transportation operators, and storage providers use this information to better allocate their resources and to meet expected needs geographically.

The USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) is conducting the 2007 January Cattle and Sheep & Goat surveys. These surveys will provide information on first of the year livestock inventories, as well as 2006 calf and lamb crops. The survey results will be available on the Internet at <http://www.usda.gov/nass/> after 12:00 p.m. PST on February 2, 2007. The results will also be published in the "California Livestock Review."

Survey results are based only on a sample of producers, so each farmer and rancher surveyed represents many others. Every response is critical. USDA-NASS representatives from the California Field Office will contact 2,300 livestock producers during late December and early January. The interview takes approximately 20 minutes. The benefits are immeasurable. **Thank you in advance for your participation!**