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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 feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head totaled 11.7 million head on February 1, 2007. The inventory was 3 percent below February 1, 2006, but 3 percent above February 1, 2005.

Placements in feedlots during January totaled 1.69 million, 23 percent below 2006 and 10 percent below 2005. Net placements were 1.59 million. This is the second lowest placements for the month of January since the series began in 1996. During January, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 320 thousand, 600-699 pounds were 390 thousand, 700-799 pounds were 545 thousand, and 800 pounds and greater were 435 thousand.

Marketings of fed cattle during January totaled 1.84 million, up 2 percent from 2006 and 4 percent above 2005.

Other disappearance totaled 97.0 thousand during January, 17 percent above 2006 and 33 percent above 2005.

**CALIFORNIA CATTLE ON FEED**

Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter in California feedlots totaled 540 thousand head on February 1, 2007, 2 percent below last month and February 2006. During January, placements of 64.0 thousand were 10 percent below the previous year. Marketings of 72.0 thousand head were 16 percent above January of 2006. Other disappearance totaled 2.00 thousand head.

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

State	Number On Feed January 1 1/			Placed During January		Marketed During January	
	2006	2007	2007/2006	2006	2007	2006	2007
	1,000 Head						
Arizona	334	334	100	39	33	26	32
California	550	550	100	71	64	62	72
Colorado	1,080	1,100	102	225	155	185	200
Idaho	275	260	95	46	43	51	47
Iowa	510	520	102	81	76	69	64
Kansas	2,500	2,540	102	570	365	465	445
Nebraska	2,430	2,540	105	425	420	355	405
New Mexico	143	136	95	18	8	13	8
Oklahoma	370	350	95	65	50	57	48
South Dakota	205	225	110	38	50	32	42
Texas	2,920	2,870	98	540	340	420	390
Washington	152	184	121	33	27	31	33
Other States	335	365	109	48	59	44	55
<b>UNITED STATES</b>	<b>11,804</b>	<b>11,974</b>	<b>101</b>	<b>2,199</b>	<b>1,690</b>	<b>1,810</b>	<b>1,841</b>
State	Other Disappearance During January 2/		Number On Feed February 1 1/		2007/2006 Percent		
	2006	2007	2006	2007			
	1,000 Head						
Arizona	1	1	346	334	97		
California	9	2	550	540	98		
Colorado	10	15	1,110	1,040	94		
Idaho	5	1	265	255	96		
Iowa	2	2	520	530	102		
Kansas	25	30	2,580	2,430	94		
Nebraska	10	15	2,490	2,540	102		
New Mexico	2	1	146	135	92		
Oklahoma	3	2	375	350	93		
South Dakota	1	3	210	230	110		
Texas	10	20	3,030	2,800	92		
Washington	1	1	153	177	116		
Other States	4	4	335	365	109		
<b>UNITED STATES</b>	<b>83</b>	<b>97</b>	<b>12,110</b>	<b>11,726</b>	<b>97</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 CATTLE AND CALF INVENTORY**

All cattle and calves in California totaled 5.50 million head as of January 1, 2007, up 1 percent from the previous year. Beef cows, with 700 thousand head, were 3 percent above the previous year, and milk cows increased 1 percent to 1.79 million head. All heifers weighing more than 500 pounds were estimated at 1.09 million head, down slightly from the previous year and comprised the following: heifers for beef cow replacement were up 4 percent, heifers for milk cow replacement remained the same, and other heifers were down 6 percent from the previous year. Steers 500 pounds and over totaled 665 thousand, up 5 percent from last year, and bulls in the same weight category totaled 70.0 thousand head, down 7 percent from the previous year. Calves weighing less than 500 pounds, at 1.19 million, were 1 percent below a year ago.

**U.S. CATTLE INVENTORY UP SLIGHTLY**

All cattle and calves in the United States totaled 97.0 million head as of January 1, 2007, slightly above the 96.7 million on January 1, 2006.

All cows and heifers that have calved, at 42.0 million, were down slightly from the 42.1 million on January 1, 2006.

- Beef cows, at 32.9 million, were down slightly from January 1, 2006.
- Milk cows, at 9.13 million, were up 1 percent from January 1, 2006.

Other class estimates on January 1, 2007, and the change from January 1, 2006, are as follows:

- All heifers 500 pounds and over, 20.1 million, up 1 percent.
- Beef replacement heifers, 5.88 million, down slightly.
- Milk replacement heifers, 4.31 million, up 1 percent.
- Other heifers, 9.90 million, up 1 percent.
- Steers weighing 500 pounds and over, 17.2 million, up 2 percent.
- Bulls weighing 500 pounds and over, 2.22 million, down 2 percent.
- Calves under 500 pounds, 15.5 million, down slightly.
- Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter in all feedlots, 14.3 million, up 1 percent.
- The combined total of calves under 500 pounds, and other heifers and steers over 500 pounds outside of feedlots was 28.3 million, up 1 percent.

**ALL CATTLE AND CALVES  
TWELVE SELECTED STATES AND U.S. AS OF JANUARY 1**

State	2006	2007	2007/2006
	1,000 Head		Percent
Arizona	940	940	100
California	5,450	5,500	101
Colorado	2,650	2,700	102
Idaho	2,110	2,180	103
Iowa	3,800	3,950	104
Kansas	6,650	6,400	96
Nebraska	6,500	6,650	102
New Mexico	1,550	1,580	102
Oklahoma	5,450	5,250	96
South Dakota	3,750	3,700	99
Texas	14,100	14,000	99
Washington	1,100	1,140	104
<b>UNITED STATES</b>	<b>96,702</b>	<b>97,003</b>	<b>100</b>

**U.S. CALF CROP DOWN SLIGHTLY**

The 2006 calf crop was estimated at 37.6 million head, down slightly from 2005. Calves born during the first half of the year are estimated at 27.4 million, up slightly from 2005.

**CATTLE AND CALVES BY CLASSES FOR CALIFORNIA, UNITED STATES, AND CANADA, JANUARY 1, 2006-07 1/**

Class	California 2/			United States 2/			Canada 3/		
	2006	2007	2007/2006	2006	2007	2007/2006	2006	2007	2007/2006
	Thousands		Percent	Thousands		Percent	Thousands		Percent
All Cattle and Calves	5,450	5,500	101	96,702	97,003	100	14,830	14,315	97
All Cows:	2,450	2,490	102	42,056	42,023	100	6,313	6,041	96
Beef	680	700	103	32,994	32,894	100	5,264	5,001	95
Milk	1,770	1,790	101	9,063	9,129	101	1,049	1,040	99
Heifers 500 Lbs. + 4/	1,090	1,085	100	19,984	20,086	101	2,148	2,073	97
Beef Replacement	120	125	104	5,904	5,877	100	650	615	95
Milk Replacement	790	790	100	4,275	4,310	101	498	476	96
Other Heifers	180	170	94	9,805	9,899	101	1,000	982	98
Steers 500 Lbs. + 5/	635	665	105	16,933	17,222	102	1,173	1,179	101
Bulls 500 Lbs. + 6/	75	70	93	2,263	2,215	98	265	249	94
Calves Less Than 500 Lbs. 7/	1,200	1,190	99	15,465	15,456	100	4,932	4,774	97
	2005	2006	2006/2005	2005	2006	2006/2005	2005	2006	2006/2005
Calf Crop 8/	2,070	2,080	100	37,575	37,567	100	---	5,514	---

1/ Totals may not add due to rounding.  
 2/ Source: National Agricultural Statistics Service  
 3/ Source: Livestock and Animal Products Section, Statistics Canada  
 4/ Heifers one year and over for Canada.  
 5/ Steers one year and over for Canada.  
 6/ Bulls one year and over for Canada.  
 7/ Calves one year and over for Canada.  
 8/ January-December calf crop.

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

Commodity	Unit	California			United States		
		January 2006	December 2006	Jan. 15, 2007	January 2006	December 2006	Jan. 15, 2007
		Dollars					
All Hay, Baled 2/ 3/	Ton	128.00	110.00	116.00	93.10	108.00	112.00
Alfalfa, Baled 2/ 3/	Ton	135.00	118.00	125.00	96.40	112.00	115.00
Hogs 2/ 4/	Cwt.	---	---	---	40.70	43.50	41.40
Cows 2/	Cwt.	46.40	36.40	40.90	47.30	42.20	43.80
Steers and Heifers 2/	Cwt.	99.40	86.80	90.10	102.00	89.30	90.30
Calves 2/	Cwt.	136.00	108.00	109.00	141.00	115.00	115.00
Sheep 2/	Cwt.	48.00	43.00	---	47.70	35.30	---
Lambs 2/	Cwt.	80.50	89.50	---	96.10	93.20	---
Milk Cows 5/	Head	1,800.00	---	1,600.00	1,840.00	---	1,660.00
Milk Whsle. 2/	Cwt.	13.14	12.64	12.70	14.50	14.10	14.40

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 January 2007 prices are for the full month.

4/ Price includes barrows, gilts, and sows.

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

**CALIFORNIA AND U.S. GOATS**

California's goat inventory for angora goats totaled 3.00 thousand head on January 1, 2007. Milk goats totaled 30.0 thousand head, while meat and other goats totaled 100 thousand head.

The U.S. all goat inventory totaled 2.93 million head on January 1, 2007, up 3 percent from 2006. Breeding goat inventory totaled 2.44 million head up 3 percent from 2006. All market goats and kids totaled 494 thousand head, up 4 percent from a year ago. On January 1, 2007, meat and all other goats totaled 2.40 million head, up 5 percent from 2006. Milk goat inventory increased 2 percent to 296 thousand head, while angora goats were down 8 percent totaling 238 thousand head. The 2006 kid crop totaled 1.92 million head for all goats, up 4 percent from 2005.

**JANUARY 1 GOAT NUMBERS BY CLASS FOR 15 SELECTED STATES AND U.S.**

State	Angora Goats		Milk Goats		Meat and Other Goats	
	2006	2007	2006	2007	2006	2007
	Head		Head		Head	
Arizona	21,000	18,000	1,600	2,000	8,000	10,000
California	3,000	3,000	31,000	30,000	85,000	100,000
Colorado	1,000	1,000	7,000	8,000	30,000	35,000
Georgia	---	---	2,500	3,000	95,000	95,000
Idaho	---	---	2,800	3,000	5,900	7,500
Michigan	1,000	1,000	8,000	8,600	10,000	9,500
Missouri	1,700	1,500	9,900	11,000	64,000	68,500
Nebraska	1,150	1,800	2,600	3,000	17,000	20,000
New England 1/	1,100	1,000	11,400	11,000	9,500	10,100
New Mexico	8,000	7,000	4,000	3,000	14,000	15,000
Ohio	---	---	10,700	9,500	28,000	28,000
Oklahoma	1,000	1,000	10,000	8,000	74,000	81,000
Oregon	1,500	1,300	7,000	5,700	19,500	23,200
Texas	200,000	180,000	30,000	30,000	1,080,000	1,090,000
Washington	1,000	1,000	7,300	8,200	23,000	24,000
Other States 2/	15,550	17,100	1,750	1,400	1,500	2,000
<b>UNITED STATES</b>	<b>260,000</b>	<b>238,000</b>	<b>290,000</b>	<b>296,000</b>	<b>2,287,000</b>	<b>2,400,000</b>

1/ New England includes CT, ME, MA, NH, RI, and VT.

2/ For Angora Goats, Other States include AL, AK, AR, DE, FL, GA, HI, ID, IL, IN, IA, KS, KY, LA, MD, MS, MT, NV, NJ, NC, ND, OH, PA, SC, SD, TN, UT, VA, WV, and WY.

For Milk Goats, Other States include AK, DE, HI, and ND.

For Meat and Other Goats, Other States include AK and DE.

**CALIFORNIA SHEEP AND LAMB INVENTORY**

The inventory of all sheep and lambs in California totaled 610 thousand head on January 1, 2007, 6 percent below last year's level of 650 thousand head.

Breeding sheep and lambs totaled 340 thousand head, 5 percent above January 1, 2006. Ewe numbers totaled 280 thousand head, 4 percent above last year. The 2006 lamb crop was estimated at 250 thousand head, the same as the 2005 lamb crop. The 2006 lambing rate was 93 lambs per 100 ewes one year old or older on January 1, 2006, up 2 percent from 2005.

Market sheep and lambs totaled 270 thousand head, 17 percent below January 1, 2006. Market lambs comprised 96 percent of the total. Forty-four percent were less than 65 pounds, 13 percent were 65-84 pounds, 19 percent were 85-105 pounds, and 20 percent were more than 105 pounds.

**U.S. SHEEP AND LAMB INVENTORY**

The U.S. all sheep and lamb inventory totaled 6.19 million head on January 1, 2007, down 1 percent from 2006, but still 1 percent above 2005. After two consecutive year-to-year increases in inventory growth was hampered by extremely dry weather in the southwestern part of the United States.

Breeding sheep inventory decreased to 4.62 million head on January 1, 2007, down slightly from 4.64 million head on January 1, 2006. Ewes one year old and older, at 3.71 million head, were 1 percent above last year.

Market sheep and lambs on January 1, 2007, totaled 1.57 million head, down 2 percent from January 1, 2006. Market lambs comprised 94 percent of the total marketings. Twenty-five percent were lambs under 65 pounds, 14 percent were 65 - 84 pounds, 25 percent were 85 - 105 pounds, and 36 percent were over 105 pounds. Market sheep comprised the remaining 6 percent of total marketings.

The 2006 lamb crop of 4.09 million head, was down 1 percent from 2005. The 2006 lambing rate was 112 lambs per 100 ewes one year old and older on January 1, 2006, down 3 percent from 2005.

**JANUARY 1 SHEEP AND LAMB INVENTORY FOR SIXTEEN SELECTED STATES AND U.S.**

State	All Sheep and Lambs			Breeding Sheep and Lambs		Market Sheep and Lambs	
	2006	2007	2007/2006	2006	2007	2006	2007
	1,000 Head		Percent	1,000 Head		1,000 Head	
Arizona	105	110	105	70	72	35	38
California	650	610	94	325	340	325	270
Colorado	390	400	103	190	190	200	210
Idaho	260	260	100	220	220	40	40
Iowa	235	235	100	170	175	65	60
Kansas	100	107	107	65	77	35	30
Minnesota	155	150	97	110	105	45	45
Montana	295	290	98	270	265	25	25
New Mexico	155	130	84	130	110	25	20
North Dakota	104	100	96	76	78	28	22
Ohio	141	141	100	117	114	24	27
Oregon	220	215	98	145	144	75	71
South Dakota	385	380	99	280	285	105	95
Texas	1,090	1,070	98	870	820	220	250
Utah	280	295	105	260	270	20	25
Wyoming	450	460	102	350	350	100	110
Other States 1/	111	119	107	91	93	20	26
<b>U.S. TOTAL</b>	<b>6,230</b>	<b>6,185</b>	<b>99</b>	<b>4,640</b>	<b>4,620</b>	<b>1,590</b>	<b>1,565</b>

1/ Includes AL, AK, AR, DE, FL, GA, HI, LA, MS, NJ, and SC.

**WOOL PRODUCTION**

Shorn wool production in California during 2006 remained the same as 2005 at 3.50 million pounds. Sheep and lambs shorn, at 490 thousand head, were 2 percent below the previous year. The average price paid for wool sold in 2006 was \$0.72 per pound for a total value of \$2.52 million, compared to \$2.45 million in 2005.

Shorn wool production in the United States during 2006 was 36.0 million pounds, down 3 percent from 2005. Sheep and lambs shorn totaled 4.85 million head, down 4 percent from 2005. The average price paid for wool sold in 2006 was \$0.68 per pound for a total value of \$24.4 million, down 7 percent from \$26.3 million in 2005.

**WOOL PRODUCTION AND VALUE, SELECTED STATES AND U.S.**

State	Sheep Shorn		Weight Per Fleece		Production		Price Per Pound		Value 1/	
	2005	2006	2005	2006	2005	2006	2005	2006	2005	2006
	1,000 Head		Lbs.		1,000 Lbs.		Dollars		\$1,000	
California	500	490	7.0	7.1	3,500	3,500	0.70	0.72	2,450	2,520
Colorado	420	380	6.3	6.8	2,650	2,600	0.63	0.75	1,670	1,950
Iowa	220	200	5.8	6.2	1,270	1,230	0.27	0.24	343	295
Montana	260	255	9.6	9.2	2,490	2,350	0.98	0.91	2,440	2,139
New Mexico	155	125	7.4	7.5	1,150	940	1.20	0.90	1,380	846
Oregon	190	188	6.3	6.2	1,190	1,170	0.64	0.59	762	690
South Dakota	330	335	7.8	7.2	2,582	2,415	0.60	0.63	1,549	1,521
Texas	800	700	6.9	7.0	5,550	4,900	0.96	0.91	5,328	4,459
Utah	235	260	9.3	9.0	2,180	2,350	0.71	0.71	1,548	1,669
Wyoming	380	370	9.3	9.6	3,530	3,550	1.00	0.92	3,530	3,266
<b>UNITED STATES</b>	<b>5,072</b>	<b>4,852</b>	<b>7.3</b>	<b>7.4</b>	<b>37,232</b>	<b>36,019</b>	<b>0.71</b>	<b>0.68</b>	<b>26,272</b>	<b>24,414</b>

1/ Production multiplied by marketing-year average price for individual states. U.S. value is the summation of state values and may not add due to rounding.

**CALIFORNIA COMMERCIAL SLAUGHTER**

California's production of red meat during January 2007 totaled 148 million pounds (dressed weight), 5 percent above the previous month and 16 percent above January 2006. This figure includes slaughter in Federally-inspected and State-inspected plants, but excludes slaughter done on farms. In January 2007, the average live weight of cattle slaughtered was 1,357 pounds; calves 142 pounds; and hogs 241 pounds.

**U.S. RED MEAT PRODUCTION  
SETS RECORD HIGH FOR JANUARY**

Commercial red meat production for the United States totaled 4.09 billion pounds in January, up 5 percent from the 3.90 billion pounds produced in January 2006.

Beef production, at 2.16 billion pounds, was 6 percent above the previous year. Cattle slaughter totaled 2.80 million head, up 6 percent from January 2006. The average live weight was up 5 pounds from the previous year, at 1,290 pounds.

Veal production totaled 14.3 million pounds, 21 percent above January a year ago. Calf slaughter totaled 74.3 thousand head, 34 percent above January 2006. The average live weight was down 31 pounds from last year, at 324 pounds.

Pork production totaled 1.90 billion pounds, 4 percent above from the previous year. Hog kill totaled 9.37 million head, 5 percent above January 2006. The average live weight was down 2 pounds from the previous year, at 271 pounds.

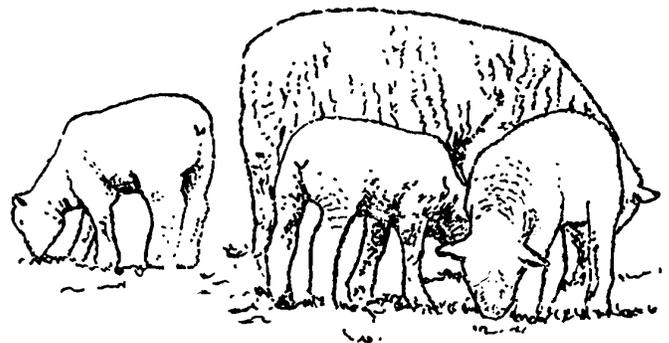
Lamb and mutton production, at 15.1 million pounds, was 7 percent below January 2006. Sheep slaughter totaled 217 thousand head, 3 percent below last year. The average live weight was 139 pounds, down 5 pounds from January a year ago.

January 2006 contained 22 weekdays (including two holidays) and four Saturdays, while January 2007 contained 23 weekdays (including two holidays) and four Saturdays.

**COMMERCIAL SLAUGHTER, JANUARY 2006-07 1/**

Species and Location	Number Slaughtered		Total Live Weight		Average Live Weight	
	2006	2007	2006	2007	2006	2007
	1,000 Head		1,000 Pounds		Pounds	
<b>CATTLE</b>						
California	120.0	144.1	159,705	191,955	1,362	1,357
U.S.	2,641.7	2,798.5	3,381,501	3,596,162	1,285	1,290
<b>CALVES</b>						
California	6.3	11.8	1,070	1,663	172	142
U.S.	55.5	74.3	19,525	23,858	355	324
<b>SHEEP &amp; LAMBS</b>						
California	---	---	---	---	---	---
U.S.	224.5	216.7	32,201	30,197	144	139
<b>HOGS</b>						
California	216.8	221.0	50,586	53,051	235	241
U.S.	8,915.1	9,365.5	2,426,925	2,535,125	273	271
<b>RED MEAT</b>	January 2006	December 2006	January 2007	Jan. 07 Jan. 06	Jan. 07 Dec. 06	
	Million Pounds			Percent		
California	127.8	141.3	148.4	116	105	
U.S.	3,898.5	3,873.6	4,092.3	105	106	

1/ Farm slaughter excluded.



**CALIFORNIA GRAZING FEES ANNUAL AVERAGE RATES 1/**

Year	Per Animal Unit 2/	Cow-Calf	Per Head
	Dollars Per Month		
1994	11.00	13.10	11.80
1995	10.50	12.80	11.10
1996	10.10	12.20	11.90
1997	10.60	13.00	12.00
1998	11.50	14.50	12.90
1999	12.10	15.00	12.50
2000	12.30	15.50	12.70
2001	13.00	16.00	13.50
2002	12.80	16.50	14.00
2003	13.50	17.50	14.30
2004	14.50	19.50	15.50
2005	15.40	20.50	17.00
2006	16.50	21.00	17.00

1/ The average rates are estimates based on survey indications of monthly lease rates for private, non-irrigated grazing land from the January 1, 2006 Cattle Survey.

2/ Includes animal unit plus cow-calf rates. Cow-calf rate converted to animal unit (AUM) using (1 aum=cow-calf \*0.833).

**HOG AND PIG INVENTORY, CANADA AND UNITED STATES <sup>1/ 2/</sup>**

Type	Canada January 1 Inventory <sup>3/</sup>			United States December 1 Inventory <sup>4/</sup>		
	2006	2007	2007/2006	2005	2006	2006/2005
	1,000 Head			1,000 Head		
All Hogs & Pigs	14,730	14,329	97	61,449	62,149	101
Kept for Breeding	1,641	1,624	99	6,011	6,088	101
Market	13,089	12,705	97	55,438	56,061	101
Sows Farrowed	887	892	101	2,900	2,909	100
Pig Crop	8,365	8,428	101	26,187	26,551	101

<sup>1/</sup> Totals may not add due to rounding.

<sup>2/</sup> Includes Boars.

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

<sup>4/</sup> Source: National Agricultural Statistics Service