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U.S. CATTLE ON FEED UP 1 PERCENT

Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter market in the United States for feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head totaled 11.3 million head on June 1, 2007. The inventory was 1 percent above June 1, 2006 and 5 percent above June 1, 2005. This is highest June 1 inventory since the series began in 1996. Placements in feedlots during May totaled 2.16 million, 13 percent above 2006, but 3 percent below 2005. Net placements were 2.06 million. During May, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 420 thousand, 600-699 pounds were 374 thousand, 700-799 pounds were 645 thousand, and 800 pounds and greater were 720 thousand. Marketings of fed cattle during May totaled 2.09 million, 3 percent below 2006, but 4 percent above 2005. Other disappearance totaled 99.0 thousand during May, 14 percent below 2006, but 3 percent above 2005.

CALIFORNIA CATTLE ON FEED

Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter in California feedlots totaled 555 thousand head on June 1, 2007, 1 percent above last month and 4 percent above June 2006. During May, placements of 73.0 thousand were 9 percent below the previous year. Marketings of 65.0 thousand head were 7 percent below May of 2006. 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 May 1 1/			Placed During May		Marketed During May	
	2006	2007	2007/2006	2006	2007	2006	2007
Thousand Head							
Arizona	345	340	99	29	36	27	32
California	530	550	104	80	73	70	65
Colorado	1,060	1,020	96	165	175	175	155
Idaho	245	235	96	37	43	47	42
Iowa	495	530	107	51	54	74	63
Kansas	2,530	2,350	93	415	465	520	500
Nebraska	2,320	2,420	104	340	390	520	500
New Mexico	132	118	89	25	34	21	23
Oklahoma	340	335	99	76	71	70	65
South Dakota	200	230	115	33	34	34	45
Texas	2,910	2,680	92	590	710	520	510
Washington	152	154	101	20	29	30	33
Other States	300	335	112	42	45	52	52
UNITED STATES	11,559	11,297	98	1,903	2,159	2,160	2,085
State	Other Disappearance During May 2/		Number On Feed June 1 1/		2007/2006		
	2006	2007	2006	2007			
Thousand Head					Percent		
Arizona	6	4	341	340	100		
California	5	3	535	555	104		
Colorado	20	20	1,030	1,020	99		
Idaho	5	6	230	230	100		
Iowa	2	1	470	520	111		
Kansas	25	25	2,400	2,290	95		
Nebraska	20	20	2,120	2,290	108		
New Mexico	1	1	135	128	95		
Oklahoma	1	1	345	340	99		
South Dakota	4	4	195	215	110		
Texas	20	10	2,960	2,870	97		
Washington	1	1	141	149	106		
Other States	5	3	285	325	114		
UNITED STATES	115	99	11,187	11,272	101		

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 May 2007 totaled 142 million pounds (dressed weight), 4 percent above the previous month and 5 percent above May 2006. This figure includes slaughter in Federally-inspected and State-inspected plants, but excludes slaughter done on farms. In May 2007, the average live weight of cattle slaughtered was 1,294 pounds; calves 140 pounds; and hogs 245 pounds.

U.S. RED MEAT PRODUCTION AT RECORD HIGH FOR MAY

Commercial red meat production for the United States totaled 4.08 billion pounds in May, up slightly from the 4.06 billion pounds produced in May 2006.

Beef production, at 2.28 billion pounds, was 1 percent below the previous year. Cattle slaughter totaled 3.05 million head, up slightly from May 2006. The average live weight was down 12 pounds from the previous year to 1,232 pounds.

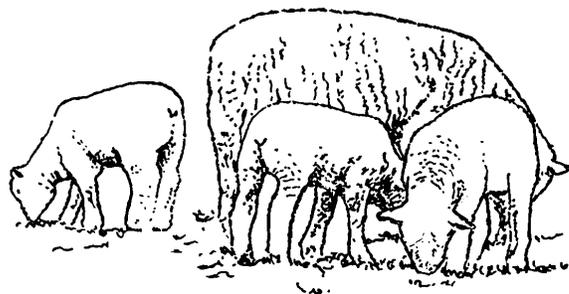
Veal production totaled 12.4 million pounds, 3 percent below May a year ago. Calf slaughter totaled 59.0 thousand head, up 4 percent from May 2006. The average live weight, at 349 pounds, was down 23 pounds from last year.

Pork production totaled 1.76 billion pounds, up 2 percent from the previous year. Hog kill totaled 8.76 million head, up 3 percent from May 2006. The average live weight was down 1 pound from the previous year, at 269 pounds.

Lamb and mutton production, at 15.5 million pounds, was down 4 percent from May 2006. Sheep slaughter totaled 218 thousand head, 3 percent below last year. The average live weight was 142 pounds, unchanged from May a year ago.

January to May 2007 commercial red meat production was 19.5 billion pounds, up 2 percent from 2006. Accumulated beef production was up 2 percent from last year, veal was up 9 percent, pork was 2 percent above, but lamb and mutton production was 3 percent below last year.

May 2006 and 2007 both contained 23 weekdays (including one holiday) and four Saturdays.



COMMERCIAL SLAUGHTER, MAY 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	
CATTLE						
California	124.7	135.2	165,340	172,178	1,349	1,294
U.S. Total	3,039.1	3,051.0	3,768,689	3,747,840	1,244	1,232
CALVES						
California	7.0	8.7	1,096	1,221	157	140
U.S. Total	56.9	59.0	21,051	20,485	372	349
SHEEP & LAMBS						
California	---	---	---	---	---	---
U.S. Total	225.6	218.2	32,055	30,949	142	142
HOGS						
California	220.5	221.8	53,921	54,348	246	245
U.S. Total	8,536.5	8,760.0	2,306,430	2,352,965	270	269
RED MEAT	May 2006	April 2007	May 2007	May 07 May 06	May 07 Apr. 07	
	Million Pounds			Percent		
California	136.0	136.4	142.1	105	104	
U.S. Total 2/	4,063.8	3,753.4	4,075.1	100	109	

1/ Farm slaughter excluded.

2/ Revised April 2007 data.

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

Commodity	Unit	California			United States		
		May 2006	April 2007	May 15, 2007	May 2006	April 2007	May 15, 2007
Dollars							
All Hay, Baled <u>2/</u> <u>3/</u>	Ton	119.00	155.00	153.00	113.00	124.00	138.00
Alfalfa, Baled <u>2/</u> <u>3/</u>	Ton	124.00	164.00	165.00	117.00	128.00	144.00
Hogs <u>2/</u> <u>4/</u>	Cwt.	---	---	---	48.20	47.30	52.00
Cows <u>2/</u>	Cwt.	44.70	47.40	47.80	47.40	49.20	51.60
Steers and Heifers <u>2/</u>	Cwt.	84.00	98.20	96.90	86.30	99.90	98.60
Calves <u>2/</u>	Cwt.	118.00	116.00	115.00	134.00	127.00	126.00
Sheep <u>2/</u>	Cwt.	30.50	42.00	---	32.50	33.80	---
Lambs <u>2/</u>	Cwt.	72.00	87.00	---	88.90	97.20	---
Milk Cows <u>5/</u>	Head	---	1,700.00	---	---	1,130.00	---
All Milk Wholesale <u>2/</u>	Cwt.	10.74	15.42	17.00	11.90	16.60	17.80

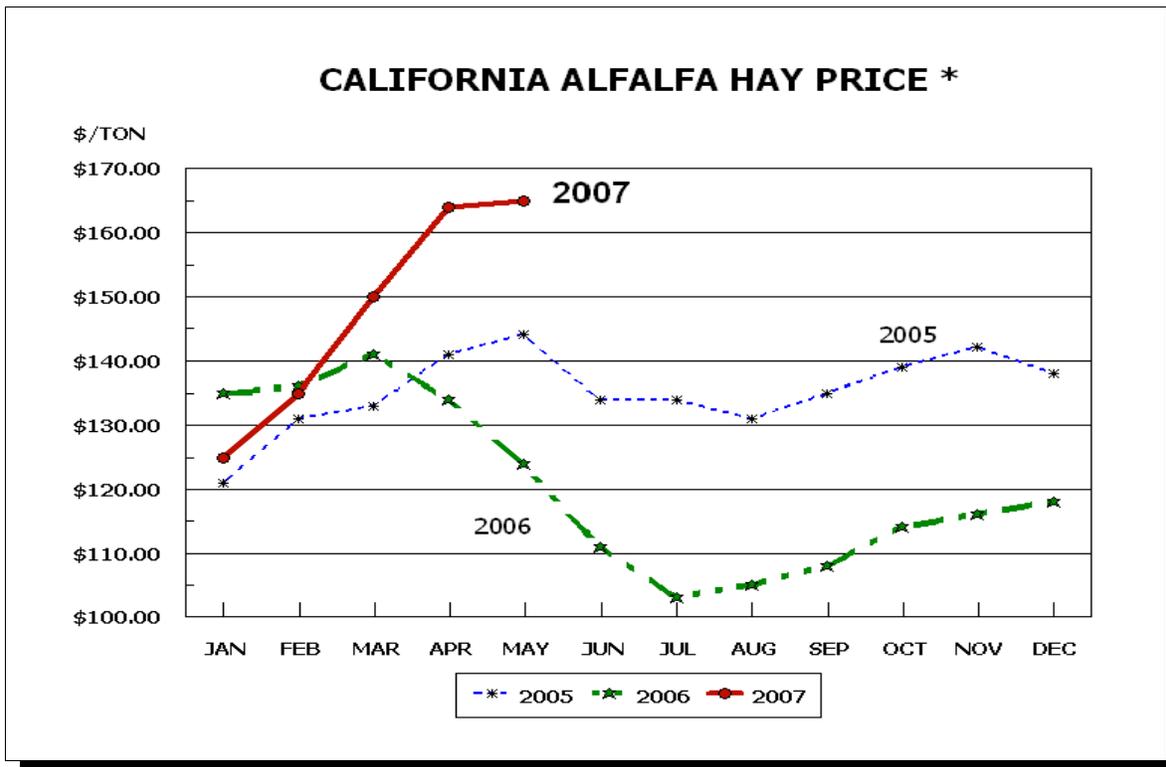
1/ The estimated prices in the table represent composite average prices received by farmers and are averages for all grades, classes, and methods of sale of each commodity for the State and U.S. as a whole.

2/ Previous month revised to monthly average.

3/ California's May 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.



* Includes All Qualities

Source: USDA, National Agricultural Statistics Service, California Field Office