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U.S. CATTLE ON FEED DOWN 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 10.7 million head on July 1, 2007. The inventory was 1 percent below July 1, 2006, but 3 percent above July 1, 2005. The inventory included 6.74 million steers and steer calves, down 5 percent from the previous year. This group accounted for 63 percent of the total inventory. Heifers and heifer calves accounted for 3.93 million head, up 6 percent from 2006.

Placements in feedlots during June totaled 1.66 million, 15 percent below 2006 and 6 percent below 2005. Net placements were 1.61 million. During June, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 405 thousand, 600-699 pounds were 325 thousand, 700-799 pounds were 457 thousand, and 800 pounds and greater were 470 thousand.

Marketings of fed cattle during June totaled 2.14 million, 3 percent below 2006, but up 3 percent from 2005. Other disappearance totaled 52.0 thousand during June, down 17 percent from 2006 and 2005.

CALIFORNIA CATTLE ON FEED

Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter in California feedlots totaled 545 thousand head on July 1, 2007, 2 percent below last month, but 3 percent above July 2006. During June, placements of 53.0 thousand were 27 percent below the previous year. Marketings of 60.0 thousand head were 19 percent below June 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 June 1 1/			Placed During June		Marketed During June	
	2006	2007	2007/2006	2006	2007	2006	2007
Thousand Head							
Arizona	341	340	100	34	39	30	35
California	535	555	104	73	53	74	60
Colorado	1,030	1,020	99	170	120	210	190
Idaho	230	230	100	58	37	55	46
Iowa	470	520	111	59	52	66	61
Kansas	2,400	2,290	95	445	375	550	515
Nebraska	2,120	2,290	108	370	330	490	560
New Mexico	135	128	95	33	22	27	17
Oklahoma	345	340	99	63	52	67	66
South Dakota	195	215	110	29	24	41	39
Texas	2,960	2,870	97	530	485	500	475
Washington	141	149	106	39	31	31	30
Other States	285	325	114	43	37	57	46
UNITED STATES	11,187	11,272	101	1,946	1,657	2,198	2,140

State	Other Disappearance During June 2/		Number On Feed July 1 1/		2007/2006
	2006	2007	2006	2007	
Thousand Head					
Percent					
Arizona	1	1	344	343	100
California	4	3	530	545	103
Colorado	10	10	980	940	96
Idaho	3	1	230	220	96
Iowa	3	1	460	510	111
Kansas	15	10	2,280	2,140	94
Nebraska	10	10	1,990	2,050	103
New Mexico	1	1	140	132	94
Oklahoma	1	1	340	325	96
South Dakota	3	3	180	197	109
Texas	10	10	2,980	2,870	96
Washington	1	0	148	150	101
Other States	1	1	270	315	117
UNITED STATES	63	52	10,872	10,737	99

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.

ALL SHEEP AND LAMB INVENTORY DOWN 1 PERCENT

All sheep and lamb inventory in the United States on July 1, 2007 totaled 7.73 million head, down slightly from July 1, 2006 and 1 percent below July 1, 2005. Breeding sheep inventory, at 4.61 million head on July 1, 2007, was down slightly from July 1, 2006. Market sheep and lambs (including newborn lambs), at 3.12 million head, were also down slightly from last July.

The breeding herd consists of 3.76 million ewes one year old and older, 185 thousand rams one year old and older, and 665 thousand replacement lambs (including newborn lambs). Market lamb inventory, at 3.06 million head, comprised 1.81 million lambs under 65 pounds, 635 thousand lambs 65-84 pounds, 360 thousand lambs 85-105 pounds, and 250 thousand lambs over 105 pounds. Market sheep inventory was 65.0 thousand head.

The 2007 lamb crop in the United States is expected to total 4.12 million head, up 1 percent from the 2006 lamb crop of 4.09 million head. Lambs born during January through June 2007 totaled 3.64 million head or 88 percent of the yearly total. An additional 480 thousand head are expected to be born during the period July through December 2007.

ALL SHEEP AND LAMBS INVENTORY: BY REGION AND UNITED STATES, JULY 1, 2006-07

Regions 1/	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	
Region 1	1,280	1,260	98	800	785	480	475
Region 2	1,470	1,420	97	980	950	490	470
Region 3	2,650	2,670	101	1,460	1,470	1,190	1,200
Region 4	1,200	1,200	100	665	665	535	535
Region 5	1,170	1,180	101	730	740	440	440
UNITED STATES	7,770	7,730	99	4,635	4,610	3,135	3,120

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 2 PERCENT

U.S. inventory of all hogs and pigs on June 1, 2007 was 62.8 million head. This was up 2 percent from both June 1, 2006 and March 1, 2007.

Breeding inventory, at 6.12 million head, was up 1 percent from last year and 2 percent above the previous quarter. Market hog inventory, at 56.6 million head, was up 2 percent from both last year and last quarter.

The March-May 2007 pig crop, at 27.1 million head, was up 2 percent from 2006 and 4 percent above 2005. Sows farrowing during this period totaled 2.97 million head, up 1 percent from 2006 and up 3 percent 2005. The sows farrowed during this quarter represented 49 percent of the breeding herd. The average pigs saved per litter was 9.15 for the March-May 2007 period, compared to 9.08 last year. Pigs saved per litter by size of operation ranged from 7.60 for operations with 1-99 hogs and pigs to 9.20 for operations with more than 5.00 thousand hogs and pigs.

U.S. HOG AND PIG INVENTORY, JUNE 1, 2005-07

Item	2005	2006	2007	2007 2005	2007 2006
	1,000 Head			Percent	
June 1 Inventory					
All Hogs and Pigs	60,732	61,687	62,750	103	102
Kept for Breeding	5,977	6,060	6,116	102	101
Market	54,754	55,627	56,634	103	102
Market Hogs and Pigs By Weight Groups:					
Under 60 Pounds	20,423	20,808	21,182	104	102
60-119 Pounds	13,376	13,692	13,894	104	101
120-179 Pounds	11,143	11,485	11,624	104	101
180 Pounds and Over	9,813	9,643	9,934	101	103

MILK PRODUCTION

California milk producers produced 3.34 billion pounds of milk in June 2007. This was 4 percent below May 2007, but 4 percent above June 2006.

Monthly milk per cow averaged 1,850 pounds, 80 pounds less than in May 2007, but 55 pounds more than a year ago.

MILK PRODUCTION, CALIFORNIA AND UNITED STATES

Month	CALIFORNIA						Total Milk Receipts 5/		UNITED STATES 1/ 2/					
	Milk Cows 3/		Milk Per Cow 4/		Milk Production 4/		2006	2007	Milk Cows 3/		Milk Per Cow 4/		Milk Production 4/	
	2006	2007	2006	2007	2006	2007			2006	2007	2006	2007	2006	2007
	1,000 Head		Pounds		Million Pounds		1,000 Head		Pounds		Million Pounds			
Jan.	1,776	1,791	1,825	1,880	3,241	3,367	3,240	3,364	8,198	8,280	1,711	1,724	14,027	14,276
Feb.	1,779	1,793	1,710	1,755	3,042	3,147	3,037	3,145	8,206	8,277	1,586	1,582	13,018	13,098
Mar.	1,781	1,796	1,925	1,980	3,428	3,556	3,423	3,551	8,224	8,285	1,775	1,783	14,599	14,771
Apr.	1,784	1,797	1,855	1,920	3,309	3,450	3,308	3,445	8,240	8,280	1,726	1,746	14,222	14,457
May	1,785	1,800	1,895	1,930	3,383	3,474	3,381	3,471	8,257	8,286	1,782	1,795	14,712	14,874
June	1,786	1,804	1,795	1,850	3,206	3,337	3,204	3,320	8,269	8,288	1,697	1,713	14,033	14,198
July	1,774		1,760		3,122		3,118		8,258		1,688		13,937	
Aug.	1,770		1,860		3,292		3,290		8,255		1,676		13,838	
Sept.	1,773		1,775		3,147		3,142		8,251		1,613		13,307	
Oct.	1,778		1,815		3,227		3,222		8,255		1,652		13,637	
Nov.	1,782		1,760		3,136		3,133		8,260		1,614		13,332	
Dec.	1,787		1,845		3,297		3,296		8,276		1,690		13,983	

1/ Revised 2007 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 2007 totaled 142 million pounds (dressed weight), fractionally above the previous month, but 2 percent below June 2006. This figure includes slaughter in Federally-inspected and State-inspected plants, but excludes slaughter done on farms. In June 2007, the average live weight of cattle slaughtered was 1,295 pounds; calves 127 pounds; and hogs 238 pounds.

**U.S. COMMERCIAL SLAUGHTER
LAMB AND VEAL PRODUCTION AT RECORD LOW FOR JUNE**

Commercial red meat production for the United States totaled 4.03 billion pounds in June, down 3 percent from the 4.14 billion pounds produced in June 2006.

Beef production, at 2.35 billion pounds, was 4 percent below the previous year. Cattle slaughter totaled 3.08 million head, down 3 percent from June 2006. The average live weight was down 14 pounds from the previous year, at 1,250 pounds.

Veal production totaled 11.2 million pounds, 10 percent below June a year ago. Calf slaughter totaled 61.1 thousand head, up 4 percent from June 2006. The average live weight was 308 pounds, down 45 pounds from last year.

Pork production totaled 1.65 billion pounds, down 1 percent from the previous year. Hog kill totaled 8.30 million head, down 1 percent from June 2006. The average live weight was unchanged from the previous year, at 267 pounds.

Lamb and mutton production, at 13.7 million pounds, was down 5 percent from June 2006. Sheep slaughter totaled 200 thousand head, 5 percent below last year. The average live weight was 137 pounds, up 2 pounds from June a year ago.

January to June 2007 commercial red meat production was 23.6 billion pounds, up 1 percent from 2006. Accumulated beef production was up 1 percent from last year, veal was up 6 percent, pork was up 2 percent, but lamb and mutton production was down 3 percent.

June 2006 contained 22 weekdays (including no holidays) and four Saturdays, while June 2007 contained 21 weekdays (including no holidays) and five Saturdays.

COMMERCIAL SLAUGHTER, JUNE 2006-07 a/

Species and Location	Number Slaughtered		Total Live Weight		Average Live Weight	
	2006	2007	2006	2007	2006	2007
	Thousand Head		Thousand Pounds		Pounds	
CATTLE						
California	138.0	138.8	183,565	176,819	1,353	1,295
U.S. Total	3,159.4	3,076.6	3,981,738	3,833,829	1,264	1,250
CALVES						
California	8.2	10.0	1,244	1,269	153	127
U.S. Total	58.6	61.1	20,540	18,663	353	308
SHEEP & LAMBS						
California	---	---	---	---	---	---
U.S. Total	211.5	200.4	28,557	27,404	135	137
HOGS						
California	221.8	211.0	52,804	50,241	239	238
U.S. Total	8,343.1	8,297.1	2,223,316	2,210,457	267	267
RED MEAT	June 2006	May 2007	June 2007	June 07 June 06	June 07 May 07	
	Million Pounds			Percent		
California	144.6	142.1	142.2	98	100	
U.S. Total b/	4,136.2	4,075.0	4,027.7	97	99	

a/ Farm slaughter excluded.
b/ Revised May 2007 data.

JULY 1 CATTLE INVENTORY DOWN SLIGHTLY

All cattle and calves in the United States as of July 1, 2007 totaled 104.8 million head, slightly below the 105.2 million on July 1, 2006, but 1 percent above the 104.2 million two years ago.

All cows and heifers that have calved, at 42.5 million, were down slightly from the 42.6 million on July 1, 2006, but unchanged from two years ago.

- Beef cows, at 33.4 million, were down slightly from July 1, 2006 and July 1, 2005.
- Milk cows, at 9.15 million, were unchanged from July 1, 2006, but up 1 percent from two years ago.

Other class estimates on July 1, 2007 and the changes from July 1, 2006, are as follows:

- All heifers 500 pounds and over, 16.6 million, unchanged.
- Beef replacement heifers, 4.70 million, down 6 percent.
- Milk replacement heifers, 3.90 million, up 3 percent.
- Other heifers, 8.00 million, up 3 percent.
- Steers weighing 500 pounds and over, 14.9 million, down 1 percent.
- Bulls weighing 500 pounds and over, 2.10 million, unchanged.
- Calves under 500 pounds, 28.7 million, down 1 percent.
- All cattle and calves on feed for slaughter, 12.3 million, down 2 percent.

CALF CROP DOWN SLIGHTLY

The 2007 calf crop is expected to be 37.4 million, down slightly from 2006 and 2005. Calves born during the first half of the year are estimated at 27.2 million, down 1 percent from 2006 and 2005.

**CATTLE AND CALVES
NUMBER BY CLASS AND CALF CROP, U.S., JULY 1, 2005-07**

Class	2005	2006	2007	<u>2007</u> <u>2006</u>
	Thousand Head			Percent
Cattle and Calves	104,200	105,200	104,800	100
Cows and Heifers That Have Calved	42,500	42,600	42,500	100
Beef Cows	33,450	33,450	33,350	100
Milk Cows	9,050	9,150	9,150	100
Heifers 500 Lbs. and Over	16,200	16,600	16,600	100
For Beef Cow Replacement	5,000	5,000	4,700	94
For Milk Cow Replacement	3,700	3,800	3,900	103
Other Heifers	7,500	7,800	8,000	103
Steers 500 Lbs. and Over	14,500	15,000	14,900	99
Bulls 500 Lbs. and Over	2,100	2,100	2,100	100
Calves Less Than 500 Lbs.	28,900	28,900	28,700	99
Calf Crop	37,575	37,567	37,400	100

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

Commodity	Unit	California			United States		
		June 2006	May 2007	June 15, 2007	June 2006	May 2007	June 15, 2007
		Dollars					
All Hay, Baled ^{2/} ^{3/}	Ton	108.00	153.00	154.00	109.00	138.00	131.00
Alfalfa, Baled ^{2/} ^{3/}	Ton	111.00	165.00	163.00	115.00	144.00	137.00
Hogs ^{2/} ^{4/}	Cwt.	---	---	---	53.80	53.00	52.50
Cows ^{2/}	Cwt.	44.40	48.30	48.00	46.80	51.60	50.00
Steers and Heifers ^{2/}	Cwt.	86.70	96.50	92.50	88.20	98.10	94.00
Calves ^{2/}	Cwt.	117.00	112.00	109.00	135.00	126.00	125.00
Sheep ^{2/}	Cwt.	28.00	30.00	---	28.20	30.30	---
Lambs ^{2/}	Cwt.	83.50	89.00	---	92.10	96.60	---
Milk Cows ^{5/}	Head	---	---	---	---	---	---
All Milk Wholesale ^{2/}	Cwt.	10.72	17.22	19.60	11.90	18.00	20.00

^{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 June 2007 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.