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U.S. CATTLE ON FEED DOWN 6 PERCENT

Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter market in the United States for feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head totaled 10.3 million head on September 1, 2007. The inventory was 6 percent below September 1, 2006, but 3 percent above September 1, 2005.

Placements in feedlots during August totaled 2.12 million, 7 percent below 2006, but 6 percent above 2005. Net placements were 2.07 million. During August, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 490 thousand, 600-699 pounds were 440 thousand, 700-799 pounds were 549 thousand, and 800 pounds and greater were 640 thousand.

Marketings of fed cattle during August totaled 2.07 million, virtually unchanged from 2006, but 2 percent above 2005.

Other disappearance totaled 50.0 thousand during August, 15 percent below 2006 and 6 percent below 2005.

CATTLE ON FEED IN CALIFORNIA

Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter in California feedlots totaled 530 thousand head on September 1, 2007, 2 percent below last month, but 2 percent above September 2006. During August, placements of 54.0 thousand head were 18 percent below the previous year. Marketings of 62.0 thousand head were 5 percent above August of 2006. Other disappearance totaled 2.00 thousand head.

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

State	Number On Feed August 1/			Placed During August		Marketed During August	
	2006	2007	2007/2006	2006	2007	2006	2007
	Thousand Head						
Arizona	339	341	101	30	36	31	28
California	515	540	105	66	54	59	62
Colorado	940	870	93	200	170	175	185
Idaho	225	205	91	55	48	44	47
Iowa	445	500	112	80	71	69	80
Kansas	2,360	2,100	89	590	520	540	465
Nebraska	1,950	1,910	98	470	465	360	435
New Mexico	144	129	90	26	22	26	19
Oklahoma	345	305	88	77	75	76	69
South Dakota	165	175	106	30	37	37	36
Texas	2,970	2,780	94	570	520	570	550
Washington	154	144	94	35	35	30	30
Other States	270	300	111	61	66	50	60
UNITED STATES	10,822	10,299	95	2,290	2,119	2,067	2,066
State	Other Disappearance During August 2/		Number On Feed September 1 1/		2007/2006		
	2006	2007	2006	2007			
	Thousand Head					Percent	
Arizona	2	1	336	348	104		
California	2	2	520	530	102		
Colorado	5	5	960	850	89		
Idaho	1	1	235	205	87		
Iowa	1	1	455	490	108		
Kansas	20	15	2,390	2,140	90		
Nebraska	10	10	2,050	1,930	94		
New Mexico	2	1	142	131	92		
Oklahoma	1	1	345	310	90		
South Dakota	3	1	155	175	113		
Texas	10	10	2,960	2,740	93		
Washington	1	1	158	148	94		
Other States	1	1	280	305	109		
UNITED STATES	59	50	10,986	10,302	94		

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 August 2007 totaled 145 million pounds (dressed weight), 9 percent above the previous month and 4 percent above August 2006. This figure includes slaughter in Federally-inspected and State-inspected plants, but excludes slaughter done on farms. In August 2007, the average live weight of cattle slaughtered was 1,290 pounds; calves, 122 pounds; and hogs, 233 pounds.

January to August 2007 commercial red meat production was 31.8 billion pounds, up 2 percent from 2006. Accumulated beef production was up 1 percent from last year, veal was also up 1 percent, pork was up 3 percent, but lamb and mutton production was down 2 percent.

August 2006 and 2007 both contained 23 weekdays (including no holidays) and four Saturdays.

U.S. PORK AND TOTAL RED MEAT PRODUCTION AT RECORD HIGH FOR AUGUST

Commercial red meat production for the United States totaled 4.33 billion pounds in August, up 2 percent from the 4.26 billion pounds produced in August 2006.

Beef production, at 2.45 billion pounds, was slightly above the previous year. Cattle slaughter totaled 3.13 million head, down slightly from August 2006. The average live weight was up 3 pounds from the previous year, at 1,279 pounds.

Veal production totaled 10.3 million pounds, 20 percent below August a year ago. Calf slaughter totaled 65.4 thousand head, down 2 percent from August 2006. The average live weight, at 268 pounds, was down 54 pounds from last year.

Pork production totaled 1.85 billion pounds, up 4 percent from the previous year. Hog kill totaled 9.39 million head, up 3 percent from August 2006. The average live weight was 263 pounds, up 1 pound from the previous year.

Lamb and mutton production, at 14.7 million pounds, was up 1 percent from August 2006. Sheep slaughter totaled 228 thousand head, slightly above last year. The average live weight was 129 pounds, unchanged from August a year ago.

COMMERCIAL SLAUGHTER, AUGUST 1/

Class & Location	Number Slaughtered		Total Live Weight		Avg. Live Weight	
	2006	2007	2006	2007	2006	2007
	1,000 Head		1,000 Pounds		Pounds	
CATTLE						
California	136.8	141.3	174,882	179,408	1,307	1,290
U.S.	3,134.4	3,131.9	3,985,807	3,993,778	1,276	1,279
CALVES						
California	8.8	11.5	1,242	1,399	142	122
U.S.	66.7	65.4	21,325	17,412	322	268
SHEEP & LAMBS						
California	---	---	---	---	---	---
U.S.	227.1	227.5	29,160	29,203	129	129
HOGS						
California	232.2	230.9	53,540	53,621	231	233
U.S.	9,095.7	9,394.6	2,380,908	2,470,994	262	263
RED MEAT	Aug. 2006	July 2007	Aug. 2007	Aug. 07 Aug. 06	Aug. 07 July 07	
	Million Pounds			Percent		
California	138.9	133.2	144.8	104	109	
U.S.	4,257.6	3,938.9	4,325.5	102	110	

1/ Farm slaughter excluded.

FEDERALLY-INSPECTED SLAUGHTER FOR REGIONS AND U.S., JANUARY-AUGUST 2007 1/

Standard Federal Regions	Cattle								Calves Total 2/							
	Total 2/	Steers	Heifers	Cows			Bulls & Stags									
				All	Dairy	Other										
				1,000 Head												
1	6.9	3.3	1.1	---	---	---	---	1.0								
2	35.8	13.0	2.2	18.3	16.3	1.9	2.3	158.4								
3	651.7	303.8	56.6	271.5	214.9	56.6	19.9	120.8								
4	556.5	8.7	2.7	476.7	93.5	383.2	68.5	---								
5	2,622.1	1,199.1	304.1	1,057.6	563.2	494.4	61.4	126.3								
6	4,070.3	2,140.1	1,333.0	517.8	113.9	403.9	79.3	11.1								
7	10,500.1	6,002.7	3,950.3	481.3	10.4	470.9	65.8	0.3								
8	1,927.9	993.5	801.4	---	---	---	---	---								
9	1,417.7	720.1	87.8	579.3	491.2	88.1	30.5	80.8								
10	876.5	442.6	243.5	170.7	87.6	83.1	19.7	---								
U.S. 2/	22,665.5	11,826.8	6,782.6	3,692.0	1,630.6	2,061.4	364.1	508.9								
Standard Federal Regions	Hogs				Sheep											
	Total 2/	Barrows & Gilts	Sows	Stags & Boars	Total 2/	Mature Sheep	Lambs & Yearlings									
									1,000 Head							
									1,000 Head							
1	8.8	8.7	0.1	0.1	---	---	---									
2	89.3	87.3	1.1	0.9	99.4	10.1	89.3									
3	3,425.7	3,313.3	8.8	103.6	64.7	3.3	61.4									
4	10,455.5	9,890.3	552.7	12.5	22.2	7.5	14.7									
5	18,461.4	17,475.9	956.9	28.6	239.7	25.7	214.1									
6	3,583.7	3,416.6	166.2	0.9	6.8	3.2	3.6									
7	28,289.4	27,633.6	---	---	257.8	2.8	255.1									
8	3,080.5	3,060.2	20.2	0.1	727.2	14.4	712.8									
9	1,687.2	1,686.4	---	---	---	---	---									
10	253.0	252.3	0.6	0.1	18.7	1.4	17.2									
U.S. 2/	69,334.6	66,824.5	2,187.4	322.7	1,664.7	75.0	1,589.7									

1/ States included in regions are as follows: 1--CT, ME, NH, VT, MA & RI; 2--NY & NJ; 3--DE-MD, PA, WV & VA; 4--AL, FL, GA, KY, MS, NC, SC & TN; 5--IL, IN, MI, MN, OH & WI; 6--AR, LA, NM, OK & TX; 7--IA, KS, MO & NE; 8--CO, MT, ND, SD, UT & WY; 9--AZ, CA, HI & NV; 10--AK, ID, OR & WA.

2/ Totals may not add due to rounding.

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

Commodity	Unit	California			United States		
		August 2006	July 2007	August 15, 2007	August 2006	July 2007	August 15, 2007
Dollars							
All Hay, Baled 2/ 3/	Ton	100.00	152.00	149.00	106.00	131.00	132.00
Alfalfa, Baled 2/ 3/	Ton	105.00	159.00	156.00	109.00	137.00	137.00
Hogs 2/ 4/	Cwt.	---	---	---	51.60	52.20	53.20
Cows 2/	Cwt.	45.70	48.00	45.10	46.80	51.40	51.50
Steers and Heifers 2/	Cwt.	89.20	92.40	93.70	91.50	93.10	94.40
Calves 2/	Cwt.	115.00	110.00	110.00	136.00	127.00	129.00
Sheep 2/	Cwt.	26.50	24.00	---	27.90	28.70	---
Lambs 2/	Cwt.	88.50	92.50	---	95.40	98.60	---
Milk Cows 5/	Head	---	1,850.00	---	---	1,950.00	---
All Milk Wholesale 2/	Cwt.	10.92	20.53	20.70	12.00	21.70	21.70

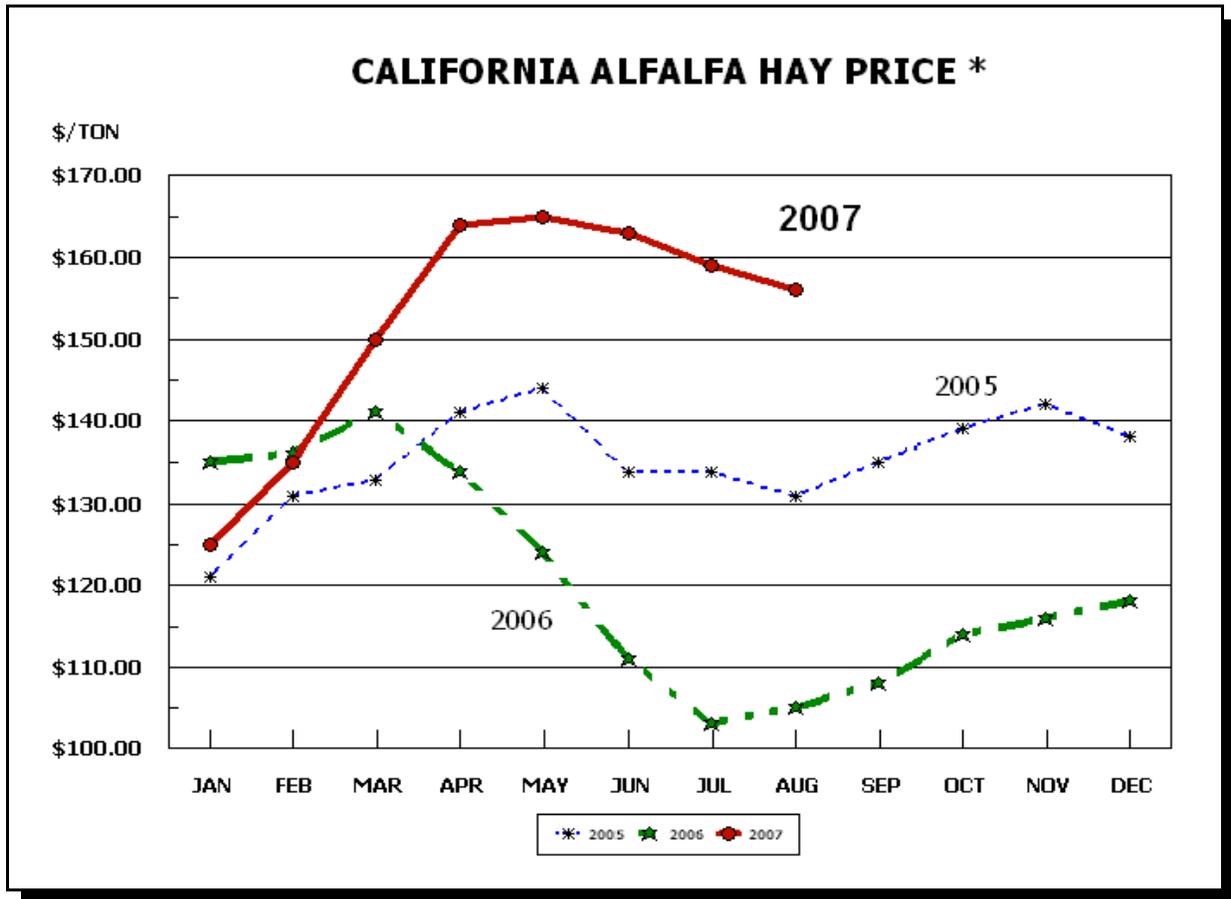
1/ The estimated prices in the table represent composite average prices received by farmers and are averages for all grades, classes, and methods of sale of each commodity for the State and U.S. as a whole.

2/ Previous month revised to monthly average.

3/ California's August 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.



*Includes All Qualities.

Source: USDA, NASS, California Field Office