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U.S. CATTLE ON FEED DOWN 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 11.0 million head on October 1, 2007. The inventory was 4 percent below October 1, 2006, but 5 percent above October 1, 2005. The inventory included 6.83 million steers and steer calves, down 5 percent from the previous year. This group accounted for 62 percent of the total inventory. Heifers and heifer calves accounted for 4.07 million head, down 1 percent from 2006.

Placements in feedlots during September totaled 2.43 million, 9 percent above 2006 and 3 percent above 2005. Net placements were 2.37 million head. During September, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 610 thousand, 600-699 pounds were 505 thousand, 700-799 pounds were 570 thousand, and 800 pounds and greater were 740 thousand.

Marketings of fed cattle during September totaled 1.71 million, 3 percent below 2006 and 6 percent below 2005. This is the second lowest fed-cattle marketings for the month of September since the series began in 1996. Other disappearance totaled 54.0 thousand head during September, 21 percent below 2006 and 5 percent below 2005.

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

State	Number On Feed September 1/			Placed During September		Marketed During September	
	2006	2007	2007/2006	2006	2007	2006	2007
Thousand Head							
Arizona	336	348	104	28	28	26	24
California	520	530	102	72	60	64	47
Colorado	960	850	89	240	265	135	170
Idaho	235	205	87	72	48	41	41
Iowa	455	490	108	81	100	73	79
Kansas	2,390	2,140	90	500	540	420	355
Nebraska	2,050	1,930	94	500	540	320	320
New Mexico	142	131	92	21	17	16	13
Oklahoma	345	310	90	71	72	59	56
South Dakota	155	175	113	50	43	34	37
Texas	2,960	2,740	93	495	590	510	480
Washington	158	148	94	37	36	23	29
Other States	280	305	109	60	86	39	55
UNITED STATES	10,986	10,302	94	2,227	2,425	1,760	1,706
State	Other Disappearance During September 2/			Number On Feed October 1 1/		2007/2006	
	2006	2007		2006	2007	Percent	
Thousand Head							
Arizona	2	2		336	350	104	
California	3	3		525	540	103	
Colorado	5	5		1,060	940	89	
Idaho	1	2		265	210	79	
Iowa	3	1		460	510	111	
Kansas	20	15		2,450	2,310	94	
Nebraska	10	10		2,220	2,140	96	
New Mexico	4	2		143	133	93	
Oklahoma	2	1		355	325	92	
South Dakota	1	1		170	180	106	
Texas	15	10		2,930	2,840	97	
Washington	1	1		171	154	90	
Other States	1	1		300	335	112	
UNITED STATES	68	54		11,385	10,967	96	

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 MILK PRODUCTION

California milk producers produced 3.25 billion pounds of milk in September 2007. This was 6 percent below August 2007, but 3 percent above September 2006.

The monthly milk per cow averaged 1,785 pounds, 115 pounds less than in August 2007, but 10 pounds more than a year ago.

CALIFORNIA MILK PRODUCTION

Month	CALIFORNIA 1/						Total Milk		UNITED STATES 2/ 3/					
	Milk Cows 4/		Milk Per Cow 5/		Milk Production 5/		Receipts 6/		Milk Cows 4/		Milk Per Cow 5/		Milk Production 5/	
	2006	2007	2006	2007	2006	2007	2006	2007	2006	2007	2006	2007	2006	2007
	1,000 Head		Pounds		Million Pounds				1,000 Head		Pounds		Million Pounds	
January	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
February	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
March	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
April	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	3,472	8,257	8,286	1,782	1,795	14,712	14,874
June	1,786	1,805	1,795	1,850	3,206	3,339	3,204	3,338	8,269	8,294	1,697	1,713	14,033	14,204
July	1,774	1,811	1,760	1,905	3,122	3,450	3,118	3,449	8,258	8,316	1,688	1,743	13,937	14,493
August	1,770	1,818	1,860	1,900	3,292	3,454	3,290	3,453	8,255	8,330	1,676	1,721	13,838	14,332
September	1,773	1,822	1,775	1,785	3,147	3,252	3,142		8,251	8,342	1,613	1,644	13,307	13,715
October	1,778		1,815		3,227		3,222		8,255		1,652		13,637	
November	1,782		1,760		3,136		3,133		8,260		1,614		13,332	
December	1,787		1,845		3,297		3,296		8,276		1,690		13,983	

1/ Revised data for July and August 2007.

2/ Revised 2007 data.

3/ Twenty-three-state total.

4/ Includes dry cows, excludes heifers not yet fresh.

5/ Excludes milk sucked by calves.

6/ Milk receipts from California Department of Food and Agriculture, Dairy Marketing and Milk Pooling Branches. Excludes on-farm usage.

U.S. - CANADIAN HOG INVENTORY

U.S. inventory of all hogs and pigs on September 1, 2007 was 64.6 million head. This was up 3 percent from September 1, 2006. Breeding inventory, at 6.15 million head, was up 1 percent from last year. Market hog inventory, at 58.5 million head, was up 3 percent from last year. Sows farrowed during this period totaled 2.99 million head, up 3 percent from 2006.

Inventory of all hogs and pigs on October 1, 2007 in Canada was 14.4 million head, down 3 percent from last year. The breeding inventory, at 1.56 million head, was down 1 percent from last year. Market hog inventory, at 12.9 million head, was down 3 percent from last year. The pig crop, at 7.86 million head, was down 1 percent from 2006. Sows farrowed during this period totaled 804 thousand head, down 2 percent from last year.

HOG AND PIG INVENTORY, CANADA AND UNITED STATES 2006-07 1/ 2/

Type	Canada October Inventory 3/			United States September 1 Inventory 4/		
	2006	2007	2007/2006	2006	2007	2007/2006
	1,000 Head			1,000 Head		
All Hogs & Pigs	14,900	14,437	97	62,914	64,648	103
Kept for Breeding	1,582	1,560	99	6,079	6,145	101
Market	13,318	12,877	97	56,835	58,503	103
Sows Farrowed	816	804	98	2,912	2,986	103
Pig Crop	7,929	7,857	99	26,518	27,452	104

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

CALIFORNIA COMMERCIAL SLAUGHTER

California's production of red meat during September 2007 totaled 122 million pounds (dressed weight), 16 percent below the previous month, and 6 percent below September 2006. This figure includes slaughter in Federally-inspected and State-inspected plants, but excludes slaughter done on farms. In September 2007, the average live weight of cattle slaughtered was 1,283 pounds; calves 125 pounds; and hogs 235 pounds.

U.S. VEAL PRODUCTION SETS ALL TIME RECORD LOW

Commercial red meat production for the United States totaled 3.86 billion pounds in September, down 2 percent from the 3.95 billion pounds produced in September 2006.

Beef production, at 2.09 billion pounds, was 3 percent below the previous year. Cattle slaughter totaled 2.67 million head, down 4 percent from September 2006. The average live weight was up 5 pounds from the previous year, at 1,290 pounds.

Veal production totaled 9.4 million pounds, 22 percent below September a year ago. Calf slaughter totaled 56.0 thousand head, down 3 percent from September 2006. The average live weight was down 68 pounds from last year, at 283 pounds.

Pork production totaled 1.75 billion pounds, down slightly from the previous year. Hog kill totaled 8.77 million head, down 1 percent from September 2006. The average live weight was unchanged from the previous year, at 266 pounds.

Lamb and mutton production, at 13.6 million pounds, was down 5 percent from September 2006. Sheep slaughter totaled 211 thousand head, 4 percent below last year. The average live weight was 129 pounds, unchanged from September a year ago.

January to September 2007 commercial red meat production was 35.7 billion pounds, up 1 percent from 2006. Accumulated beef production was up slightly from last year, veal was down 2 percent, pork was up 2 percent from last year, and lamb and mutton production was down 3 percent.

September 2006 contained 21 weekdays (including one holiday) and five Saturdays, while September 2007 contained 20 weekdays (including one holiday) and five Saturdays.

COMMERCIAL SLAUGHTER, SEPTEMBER 2006-07 1/

Class 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	127.7	118.3	165,024	149,254	1,318	1,283
U.S. Total	2,766.6	2,665.0	3,542,417	3,426,441	1,285	1,290
CALVES						
California	7.2	9.7	1,131	1,205	158	125
U.S. Total	57.6	56.0	20,075	15,728	351	283
SHEEP & LAMBS						
California	---	---	---	---	---	---
U.S. Total	219.1	210.6	28,320	27,045	129	129
HOGS						
California	205.4	201.5	48,191	47,277	235	235
U.S. Total	8,832.7	8,774.4	2,348,584	2,334,741	266	266
RED MEAT	September 2006	August 2007 2/	September 2007	Sept. 07 Sept. 06	Sept. 07 Aug. 07	
	Million Pounds			Percent		
California	129.7	144.8	122.2	94	84	
U.S. Total	3,949.9	4,325.6	3,864.1	98	89	

1/ Farm slaughter excluded.

2/ Revised U.S. data.

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

Commodity	Unit	California			United States		
		Sept. 2006	Aug. 2007	Sept. 15, 2007	Sept. 2006	Aug. 2007	Sept. 15, 2007
		Dollars					
All Hay, Baled 2/ 3/	Ton	103.00	149.00	154.00	108.00	132.00	132.00
Alfalfa, Baled 2/ 3/	Ton	108.00	156.00	164.00	111.00	137.00	135.00
Hogs 2/ 4/	Cwt.	---	---	---	48.90	51.60	47.00
Cows 2/ 5/	Cwt.	44.90	47.00	47.10	47.10	51.60	50.30
Steers and Heifers 2/	Cwt.	92.50	94.20	96.40	95.20	95.80	98.10
Calves 2/	Cwt.	113.00	110.00	111.00	136.00	129.00	128.00
Sheep 2/	Cwt.	36.00	27.50	---	32.20	27.80	---
Lambs 2/	Cwt.	90.00	91.00	---	98.30	98.60	---
Milk Cows 6/	Head	---	---	---	---	---	---
All Milk Wholesale 2/	Cwt.	11.78	20.61	20.50	13.00	21.60	21.80

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 September 15, 2007 prices are for the full month.

4/ Prices include barrows, gilts, and sows.

5/ Beef cows and cull dairy cows sold for slaughter.

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