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## U.S. CATTLE ON FEED DOWN 2 PERCENT

Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter market in the United States for feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head totaled 11.8 million head on November 1, 2007. The inventory was 2 percent below November 1, 2006, but 3 percent above November 1, 2005.

Placements in feedlots during October totaled 2.72 million, 12 percent above 2006, but 3 percent below 2005. Net placements were 2.67 million head. During October, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 855 thousand, 600-699 pounds were 745 thousand, 700-799 pounds were 556 thousand, and 800 pounds and greater were 560 thousand.

Marketings of fed cattle during October totaled 1.88 million, 6 percent above 2006 and 8 percent above 2005.

Other disappearance totaled 47.0 thousand during October, 42 percent below 2006 and 19 percent below 2005.

## CALIFORNIA CATTLE ON FEED

Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter in California feedlots totaled 545 thousand head on November 1, 2007, 1 percent above last month and 3 percent above November 2006. During October, placements of 67.0 thousand were 6 percent below the previous year. Marketings of 60.0 thousand head were 3 percent below October of 2006. Other disappearance totaled 2.00 thousand head.

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

State	Number On Feed October 1 1/			Placed During October		Marketed During October	
	2006	2007	2007/2006	2006	2007	2006	2007
	Thousand Head						
Arizona	336	350	104	34	39	27	27
California	525	540	103	71	67	62	60
Colorado	1,060	940	89	215	260	135	165
Idaho	265	210	79	71	69	50	43
Iowa	460	510	111	109	120	78	79
Kansas	2,450	2,310	94	520	530	395	410
Nebraska	2,220	2,140	96	560	620	330	350
New Mexico	143	133	93	14	22	13	19
Oklahoma	355	325	92	65	74	58	63
South Dakota	170	180	106	64	71	43	45
Texas	2,930	2,840	97	590	700	510	530
Washington	171	154	90	34	42	23	29
Other States	300	335	112	83	102	41	56
<b>UNITED STATES</b>	<b>11,385</b>	<b>10,967</b>	<b>96</b>	<b>2,430</b>	<b>2,716</b>	<b>1,765</b>	<b>1,876</b>
State	Other Disappearance During October 2/		Number On Feed November 1 1/		2007/2006		
	2006	2007	2006	2007			
	Thousand Head						
	Percent						
Arizona	1	2	342	360	105		
California	4	2	530	545	103		
Colorado	10	5	1,130	1,030	91		
Idaho	1	1	285	235	82		
Iowa	1	1	490	550	112		
Kansas	25	10	2,550	2,420	95		
Nebraska	10	10	2,440	2,400	98		
New Mexico	3	2	141	134	95		
Oklahoma	2	1	360	335	93		
South Dakota	1	1	190	205	108		
Texas	20	10	2,990	3,000	100		
Washington	1	1	181	166	92		
Other States	2	1	340	380	112		
<b>UNITED STATES</b>	<b>81</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>11,969</b>	<b>11,760</b>	<b>98</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 COMMERCIAL SLAUGHTER**

California's production of red meat during October 2007 totaled 146 million pounds (dressed weight), 19 percent above the previous month and 2 percent above October 2006. This figure includes slaughter in Federally-inspected and State-inspected plants, but excludes slaughter done on farms. In October 2007, the average live weight of cattle slaughtered was 1,291 pounds; calves were 131 pounds; and hogs were 243 pounds.

January to October 2007 commercial red meat production was 40.3 billion pounds, up 2 percent from 2006. Accumulated beef production was up 1 percent from last year, veal was down 3 percent, pork was up 3 percent, and lamb and mutton production was down 2 percent.

October 2006 contained 22 weekdays (including one holiday) and four Saturdays, while October 2007 contained 23 weekdays (including one holiday) and four Saturdays.

**PORK AND TOTAL RED MEAT PRODUCTION  
AT ALL TIME RECORD HIGH**

Commercial red meat production for the United States totaled 4.61 billion pounds in October, up 10 percent from the 4.20 billion pounds produced in October 2006.

Beef production, at 2.44 billion pounds, was 9 percent above the previous year. Cattle slaughter totaled 3.10 million head, up 8 percent from October 2006. The average live weight was up 9 pounds from the previous year, at 1,300 pounds.

Veal production totaled 11.1 million pounds, 16 percent below October a year ago. Calf slaughter totaled 65.2 thousand head, up 3 percent from October 2006. The average live weight was down 59 pounds from last year, at 288 pounds.

Pork production totaled 2.14 billion pounds, up 11 percent from the previous year. Hog kill totaled 10.7 million head, up 11 percent from October 2006. The average live weight was up 1 pound from the previous year, at 270 pounds.

Lamb and mutton production, at 16.4 million pounds, was up 5 percent from October 2006. Sheep slaughter totaled 248 thousand head, 5 percent above last year. The average live weight was 132 pounds, up 1 pound from October a year ago.

**OCTOBER COMMERCIAL SLAUGHTER 1/**

Species and Location	Number Slaughtered		Total Live Weight		Average Live Weight	
	2006	2007	2006	2007	2006	2007
	Thousand Head		Thousand Pounds		Pounds	
<b>CATTLE</b>						
California	138.9	138.3	180,746	175,607	1,333	1,291
U.S. Total	2,858.1	3,099.6	3,676,944	4,015,128	1,291	1,300
<b>CALVES</b>						
California	7.9	9.6	1,175	1,259	149	131
U.S. Total	63.6	65.2	21,900	18,559	347	288
<b>SHEEP &amp; LAMBS</b>						
California	---	---	---	---	---	---
U.S. Total	237.3	248.0	31,139	32,710	131	132
<b>HOGS</b>						
California	223.0	239.9	53,065	58,122	238	243
U.S. Total	9,632.0	10,654.4	2,589,179	2,870,108	269	270
<b>RED MEAT</b>	October 2006	September 2007	October 2007	Oct. 07 Oct. 06	Oct. 07 Sept. 07	
	Million Pounds			Percent		
California	142.5	122.2	145.9	102	119	
U.S. Total	4,197.2	3,864.1	4,613.5	110	119	

1/ Farm slaughter excluded.



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**Five Reasons to Respond**  
to the 2008 January Livestock Reports

- Creates a "Level Playing Field" - Official USDA reports derived from this survey will be made available to everyone at the same time. No individual or organization will have an unfair advantage due to early access to the data.
- Supports Export Programs -- Provides production estimates to build stronger markets abroad for U.S. commodities.
- Reduces Risk -- Provides for orderly marketing of commodities, with less price variation.
- Benefits Agriculture -- Farm associations use official USDA estimates to promote agriculture.
- Increases Efficiency -- Suppliers, transportation operators, and storage providers use this information to better allocate their resources and to meet expected needs geographically.

The USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) is conducting the 2008 January Cattle and Sheep & Goat surveys. These surveys will provide information on first of the year livestock inventories, as well as 2007 calf and lamb crops. The survey results will be available on the Internet at [www.usda.gov/nass/](http://www.usda.gov/nass/) after 12:00 p.m. PST on February 1, 2008. The results will also be published in the "California Livestock Review."

Survey results are based only on a sample of producers, so each farmer and rancher surveyed represents many others. Every response is critical. USDA-NASS representatives from the California Field Office will contact 2,300 livestock producers during late December and early January. The interview takes approximately 20 minutes. The benefits are immeasurable. **Thank you in advance for your participation!**

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

Commodity	Unit	CALIFORNIA			UNITED STATES		
		October 2006	September 2007	Oct. 15, 2007	October 2006	September 2007	Oct. 15, 2007
Dollars							
Hay, All Baled 2/ 3/	Ton	106.00	154.00	159.00	109.00	132.00	133.00
Hay, Alfalfa Baled 2/ 3/	Ton	114.00	164.00	172.00	113.00	135.00	137.00
Hogs 2/ 4/	Cwt.	---	---	---	46.50	46.60	42.60
Cows 2/	Cwt.	42.80	44.90	41.70	46.00	49.10	46.80
Steers and Heifers 2/	Cwt.	91.00	96.40	93.40	93.70	98.10	96.70
Calves 2/	Cwt.	113.00	112.00	106.00	128.00	127.00	125.00
Sheep 2/	Cwt.	36.00	30.50	---	31.40	26.20	---
Lambs 2/	Cwt.	91.50	94.50	---	98.50	99.10	---
Milk Cows 5/	Head	1,600.00	---	1,900.00	1,650.00	---	2,020.00
Milk, Wholesale 2/	Cwt.	11.96	20.40	20.00	13.60	21.70	21.20

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 October 15, 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.

**CASH INCOME BY COMMODITY GROUPS, CALIFORNIA, 2004-06 1/**

Source of Income	2004	2005	2006
	\$1,000		
<b>LIVESTOCK, POULTRY AND PRODUCTS</b>			
Aquaculture	12,612	13,385	12,891
Cattle and Calves	1,633,740	1,744,403	1,676,354
Chickens, All	714,602	714,788	629,605
Eggs	287,392	181,655	212,889
Hogs	39,855	35,736	34,930
Honey	17,726	25,200	19,365
Milk and Cream	5,365,992	5,223,062	4,492,229
Sheep and Lambs	57,612	56,135	46,788
Turkeys	169,937	170,216	196,963
Wool and Mohair	2,822	2,519	2,600
Other Livestock and Poultry	256,151	258,531	290,365
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>8,558,441</b>	<b>8,425,628</b>	<b>7,614,979</b>

Source of Income	2004	2005	2006
	\$1,000		
<b>VEGETABLE CROPS</b>	6,445,565	6,422,976	6,961,430
<b>FRUIT AND NUT CROPS</b>	9,570,529	11,160,916	10,242,724
<b>FIELD CROPS</b>	2,770,126	3,058,919	2,779,120
<b>NURSERY, GREENHOUSE AND FLORICULTURE</b>	3,576,428	3,688,288	3,795,453
<b>CHRISTMAS TREES</b>	8,089	9,026	9,000
<b>TOTAL CASH INCOME FROM MARKETINGS</b>	<b>30,929,178</b>	<b>32,765,753</b>	<b>31,402,706</b>
<b>FARM RELATED INCOME 2/</b>	<b>3,151,054</b>	<b>2,258,117</b>	<b>2,736,390</b>
<b>GROSS CASH INCOME FROM FARMING</b>	<b>34,080,232</b>	<b>35,023,870</b>	<b>34,139,096</b>

1/ Totals may not add due to rounding.

2/ Includes value of home consumption, value of inventory adjustments, machine hire and custom work, forest products sold, rental value of farm dwelling, government payments, and other miscellaneous farm income.

Source: USDA Economic Research Service