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U.S. CATTLE ON FEED

Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter market in the United States, for feedlots with a capacity of one thousand or more head, totaled 12.1 million head on December 1, 2007. The inventory was 1 percent above December 1, 2006 and 3 percent above December 1, 2005. This is the highest December 1 inventory since the series began in 1996.

Placements in feedlots during November totaled 2.12 million, 12 percent above 2006 and 3 percent above 2005. Net placements were 2.06 million head. During November, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 685 thousand, 600-699 pounds were 650 thousand, 700-799 pounds were 420 thousand, and 800 pounds and greater were 361 thousand.

Marketings of fed cattle during November totaled 1.74 million, 3 percent below 2006, but 2 percent above 2005.

Other disappearance totaled 57.0 thousand during November, 31 percent below 2006 and 37 percent below 2005.

CATTLE ON FEED IN CALIFORNIA

Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter in California feedlots totaled 555 thousand head on December 1, 2007, 2 percent above last month and a 3 percent increase from December 2006. During November, placements of 73.0 thousand were 6 percent above the previous year. Marketings of 61.0 thousand head were 11 percent above November 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 November 1 1/			Placed During November		Marketed During November	
	2006	2007	2007/2006	2006	2007	2006	2007
	1,000 Head		Percent	1,000 Head			
Arizona	342	360	105	30	37	29	27
California	530	545	103	69	73	55	61
Colorado	1,130	1,030	91	145	190	145	145
Idaho	285	235	82	43	48	56	42
Iowa	490	550	112	82	96	70	75
Kansas	2,550	2,420	95	405	450	385	355
Nebraska	2,440	2,400	98	460	485	380	355
New Mexico	141	134	95	14	22	16	23
Oklahoma	360	335	93	50	62	57	50
South Dakota	190	205	108	56	50	35	38
Texas	2,990	3,000	100	435	510	500	490
Washington	181	166	92	31	31	26	27
Other States	340	380	112	64	62	43	50
UNITED STATES	11,969	11,760	98	1,884	2,116	1,797	1,738

State	Other Disappearance During November 2/		Number On Feed December 1 1/		2007
	2006	2007	2006	2007	2006
	1,000 Head				Percent
Arizona	2	3	341	367	108
California	4	2	540	555	103
Colorado	10	5	1,120	1,070	96
Idaho	2	1	270	240	89
Iowa	2	1	500	570	114
Kansas	20	15	2,550	2,500	98
Nebraska	10	10	2,510	2,520	100
New Mexico	2	2	137	131	96
Oklahoma	3	2	350	345	99
South Dakota	1	2	210	215	102
Texas	25	10	2,900	3,010	104
Washington	1	2	185	168	91
Other States	1	2	360	390	108
UNITED STATES	83	57	11,973	12,081	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 November 2007 totaled 141 million pounds (dressed weight), 4 percent below the previous month, and 2 percent above November 2006. This figure includes slaughter in Federally-inspected and State-inspected plants, but excludes slaughter done on farms. In November 2007, the average live weight of cattle slaughtered was 1,295 pounds; calves 126 pounds; and hogs 246 pounds.

BEEF, PORK AND RED MEAT PRODUCTION SET NOVEMBER RECORD HIGHS

Commercial red meat production for the United States totaled 4.30 billion pounds in November, up 4 percent from the 4.15 billion pounds produced in November 2006.

Beef production, at 2.23 billion pounds, was slightly above the previous year. Cattle slaughter totaled 2.83 million head, down slightly from November 2006. The average live weight was up 9 pounds from the previous year, at 1,304 pounds.

Veal production totaled 10.1 million pounds, 22 percent below November a year ago. Calf slaughter totaled 58,900 head, down 12 percent from November 2006. The average live weight was down 36 pounds from last year, at 291 pounds.

Pork production totaled 2.05 billion pounds, up 8 percent from the previous year. Hog kill totaled 10.1 million head, up 7 percent from November 2006. The average live weight was unchanged from the previous year, at 272 pounds.

Lamb and mutton production, at 16.1 million pounds, was up 5 percent from November 2006. Sheep slaughter totaled 236,700 head, 6 percent above last year. The average live weight was 136 pounds, down 1 pound from November a year ago.

COMMERCIAL SLAUGHTER, NOVEMBER 2005-06 a/

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	133.8	130.6	174,465	166,190	1,330	1,295
U.S. Total	2,842.4	2,831.2	3,666,824	3,677,910	1,295	1,304
CALVES						
California	8.9	9.6	1,291	1,208	145	126
U.S. Total	66.6	58.9	21,623	16,891	327	291
SHEEP & LAMBS						
California	---	---	---	---	---	---
U.S. Total	224.2	236.7	30,744	32,193	137	136
HOGS						
California	216.2	235.0	51,887	57,791	240	246
U.S. Total	9,364.9	10,050.7	2,542,375	2,735,130	272	272
RED MEAT	November 2006	October 2007 b/	November 2007	Nov 07 Dec 06	Nov 07 Oct 07	
	Million Pounds			Percent		
California	137.7	145.9	140.6	102	96	
U.S. Total	4,151.4	4,614.0	4,300.6	104	93	

a/ Farm slaughter excluded.

b/ Revised October 2007 U.S. Total.

FEDERALLY INSPECTED SLAUGHTER BY REGIONS AND UNITED STATES, JANUARY - NOVEMBER 2007 *

Standard Federal Regions	Cattle								Calves Total 2/					
	Total 2/	Steers	Heifers	Cows			Bulls & Stags							
				All	Dairy	Other								
				1,000 Head										
1	1.0	0.6	0.2	---	---	---	---	0.2						
2	4.7	1.8	0.3	2.3	1.9	0.4	0.3	19.2						
3	79.9	34.7	5.5	37.3	29.5	7.8	2.4	12.7						
4	70.9	1.0	0.4	60.6	10.9	49.7	8.9	---						
5	334.7	131.7	43.6	150.8	79.1	71.7	8.6	13.6						
6	512.3	254.9	161.8	85.0	13.6	71.3	10.8	1.1						
7	1,239.0	657.6	504.9	68.5	1.3	67.2	8.0	---						
8	253.4	122.2	111.9	---	---	---	---	---						
9	173.7	88.0	9.0	74.0	64.5	9.6	2.7	9.5						
10	117.6	47.9	35.5	31.0	11.5	19.5	3.1	---						
U.S. 2/	2,787.3	1,340.3	873.2	527.0	217.4	309.6	46.8	57.5						
Standard Federal Regions	Hogs				Sheep									
	Total 2/	Barrows & Gilts	Sows	Stags & Boars	Total 2/	Mature Sheep	Lambs & Yearlings							
								1,000 Head						
								1	1.4	1.3	---	---	---	---
2	11.8	11.5	0.1	0.1	11.5	1.4	10.2							
3	472.2	457.9	1.4	12.8	8.3	0.3	8.0							
4	1,450.8	1,363.2	85.7	2.0	3.1	1.0	2.0							
5	2,644.6	2,525.8	115.0	3.9	30.2	3.1	27.1							
6	476.7	447.6	26.4	2.6	1.5	0.8	0.8							
7	4,161.0	4,080.8	---	---	36.3	0.3	36.0							
8	486.3	486.1	0.1	---	99.1	1.6	97.5							
9	230.1	230.0	---	---	---	---	---							
10	29.6	29.4	0.1	---	2.2	0.1	2.1							
U.S. 2/	9,964.4	9,633.7	289.5	41.2	222.5	9.6	212.9							

* Accumulated totals based on unrounded data.

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		
		November 2006	October 2007	Nov. 15, 2007	November 2006	October 2007	Nov. 15, 2007
<i>Dollars</i>							
Hay, All Baled 2/ 3/	Ton	110.00	159.00	158.00	109.00	133.00	131.00
Hay, Alfalfa Baled 2/ 3/	Ton	116.00	172.00	169.00	110.00	137.00	135.00
Hogs 2/ 4/	Cwt.	---	---	---	44.90	42.10	38.50
Cows 2/	Cwt.	40.40	41.60	40.10	43.60	46.60	43.60
Steers and Heifers 2/	Cwt.	88.40	93.70	92.20	90.00	96.40	95.40
Calves 2/	Cwt.	105.00	104.00	104.00	119.00	122.00	118.00
Sheep 2/	Cwt.	38.00	28.00	---	30.30	25.30	---
Lambs 2/	Cwt.	91.50	92.50	---	95.60	97.00	---
Milk Cows 5/	Head	---	1,900.00	---	---	2,020.00	---
Milk, All Wholesale 2/	Cwt.	12.47	20.29	21.10	13.90	21.40	21.60

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 November 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.



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