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## U.S. CATTLE ON FEED UP 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 12.0 million head on February 1, 2008. The inventory was 2 percent above February 1, 2007 but 1 percent below February 1, 2006. This is the second highest February 1 inventory since the series began in 1996.

Placements in feedlots during January totaled 1.79 million, 6 percent above 2007 but 19 percent below 2006. Net placements were 1.73 million head. During January, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 400 thousand, 600-699 pounds were 467 thousand, 700-799 pounds were 525 thousand, and 800 pounds and greater were 395 thousand.

Marketings of fed cattle during January totaled 1.86 million, 1 percent above 2007 and 3 percent above 2006.

Other disappearance totaled 60.0 thousand during January, 38 percent below 2007 and 28 percent below 2006.

## CALIFORNIA CATTLE ON FEED

Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter in California feedlots totaled 555 thousand head on February 1, 2008, 1 percent below last month, but a 3 percent increase from February 2007. During January placements of 76.0 thousand was 19 percent above the previous year. Marketings of 72.0 thousand head remained the same as January of 2007. Other disappearance totaled 9.00 thousand head.

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

State	Number On Feed January 1 1/			Placed During January		Marketed During January	
	2007	2008	2008/2007	2007	2008	2007	2008
	1,000 Head		Percent	1,000 Head			
Arizona	334	368	110	33	35	32	29
California	550	560	102	64	76	72	72
Colorado	1,100	1,100	100	155	180	200	185
Idaho	260	235	90	43	43	47	42
Iowa	520	570	110	76	72	64	69
Kansas	2,540	2,480	98	365	405	445	445
Nebraska	2,540	2,530	100	420	380	405	390
New Mexico	136	160	118	8	16	8	15
Oklahoma	350	350	100	50	54	48	47
South Dakota	225	230	102	50	45	42	43
Texas	2,870	2,960	103	340	400	390	420
Washington	184	164	89	27	27	33	36
Other States	365	390	107	59	54	55	65
UNITED STATES	11,974	12,097	101	1,690	1,787	1,841	1,858

State	Other Disappearance During January 2/		Number On Feed February 1 1/		2008
	2007	2008	2007	2008	2007
	1,000 Head				Percent
Arizona	1	1	334	373	112
California	2	9	540	555	103
Colorado	15	5	1,040	1,090	105
Idaho	1	1	255	235	92
Iowa	2	3	530	570	108
Kansas	30	10	2,430	2,430	100
Nebraska	15	10	2,540	2,510	99
New Mexico	1	1	135	160	119
Oklahoma	2	2	350	355	101
South Dakota	3	2	230	230	100
Texas	20	10	2,800	2,930	105
Washington	1	2	177	153	86
Other States	4	4	365	375	103
UNITED STATES	97	60	11,726	11,966	102

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 CATTLE AND CALF INVENTORY**

All cattle and calves in California as of January 1, 2008 totaled 5.45 million head, down 1 percent from the previous year. Beef cows, with 655 thousand head, were 6 percent below the previous year, and milk cows increased 3 percent to 1.84 million head. All heifers weighing more than 500 pounds were estimated at 1.09 million head, slightly above the previous year and comprised of the following: heifers for beef cow replacement were down 12 percent, heifers for milk cow replacement were up 1 percent, and other heifers were up 6 percent from the previous year. Steers 500 pounds and over totaled 630 thousand, down 5 percent from last year, and bulls in the same weight category remained the same at 70.0 thousand head from the previous year. Calves weighing less than 500 pounds, at 1.17 million, were 2 percent below a year ago.

**ALL CATTLE AND CALVES  
TWELVE SELECTED STATES AND U.S. AS OF JANUARY 1**

State	2007	2008	<u>2008</u> 2007
	1,000 Head		Percent
Arizona	940	970	103
California	5,500	5,450	99
Colorado	2,700	2,750	102
Idaho	2,180	2,230	102
Iowa	3,950	4,000	101
Kansas	6,400	6,700	105
Nebraska	6,650	6,550	98
New Mexico	1,580	1,530	97
Oklahoma	5,250	5,400	103
South Dakota	3,700	3,700	100
Texas	14,000	13,800	99
Washington	1,140	1,090	96
UNITED STATES	97,003	96,669	100

**U.S. CATTLE INVENTORY DOWN SLIGHTLY**

All cattle and calves in the United States as of January 1, 2008, totaled 96.7 million head, slightly below the 97.0 million on January 1, 2007.

All cows and heifers that have calved, at 41.8 million, were down 1 percent from the 42.0 million on January 1, 2007.

- Beef cows, at 32.6 million, were down 1 percent from January 1, 2007.
- Milk cows, at 9.22 million, were up 1 percent from January 1, 2007.

Other class estimates on January 1, 2008, and the change from January 1, 2007, are as follows:

- All heifers 500 pounds and over, 20.0 million, down slightly.
- Beef replacement heifers, 5.67 million, down 4 percent.
- Milk replacement heifers, 4.46 million, up 3 percent.
- Other heifers, 9.88 million, down slightly.
- Steers weighing 500 pounds and over, 17.3 million, up slightly.
- Bulls weighing 500 pounds and over, 2.21 million, down slightly.
- Calves under 500 pounds, 15.4 million, down 1 percent.
- Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter in all feedlots, 14.3 million, up slightly.
- The combined total of calves under 500 pounds, and other heifers and steers over 500 pounds outside of feedlots was 28.2 million, down slightly.

**U.S. CALF CROP DOWN SLIGHTLY**

The 2007 calf crop was estimated at 37.4 million head, down slightly from 2006. Calves born during the first half of the year are estimated at 27.2 million, down 1 percent from 2006.

**CATTLE AND CALVES BY CLASSES FOR CALIFORNIA, UNITED STATES, AND CANADA, JANUARY 1, 2007-08 1/**

Class	California 2/			United States 2/			Canada 3/		
	2007	2008	2008/2007	2007	2008	2008/2007	2007	2008	2008/2007
	Thousands		Percent	Thousands		Percent	Thousands		Percent
All Cattle and Calves	5,500	5,450	99	97,003	96,669	100	14,155	13,945	99
All Cows:	2,490	2,490	100	42,023	41,777	99	6,015	5,971	99
Beef	700	655	94	32,891	32,553	99	5,010	4,982	99
Milk	1,790	1,835	103	9,132	9,224	101	1,005	989	98
Heifers 500 Lbs. + 4/	1,085	1,090	100	20,086	20,003	100	2,031	2,049	101
Beef Replacement	125	110	88	5,877	5,670	96	587	595	101
Milk Replacement	790	800	101	4,310	4,457	103	480	471	98
Other Heifers	170	180	106	9,899	9,876	100	964	983	102
Steers 500 Lbs. + 5/	665	630	95	17,222	17,305	100	1,145	1,102	96
Bulls 500 Lbs. + 6/	70	70	100	2,215	2,207	100	245	247	101
Calves Less Than 500 Lbs. 7/	1,190	1,170	98	15,456	15,378	99	4,720	4,577	97
	2006	2007	2007/2006	2006	2007	2007/2006	2006	2007	2007/2006
Calf Crop 8/	2,080	2,010	97	37,519	37,361	100	5,339	5,476	103

1/ Totals may not add due to rounding.  
 2/ Source: National Agricultural Statistics Service  
 3/ Source: Livestock and Animal Products Section, Statistics Canada  
 4/ Heifers one year and over for Canada.  
 5/ Steers one year and over for Canada.  
 6/ Bulls one year and over for Canada.  
 7/ Calves one year and over for Canada.  
 8/ January-December calf crop.

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

Commodity	Unit	California			United States		
		January 2007	December 2007	January 15, 2008	January 2007	December 2007	January 15, 2008
		<i>Dollars</i>					
All Hay, Baled 2/ 3/	Ton	116.00	156.00	169.00	109.00	133.00	129.00
Alfalfa, Baled 2/ 3/	Ton	125.00	170.00	182.00	112.00	136.00	135.00
Hogs 2/ 4/	Cwt.	---	---	---	42.70	39.60	36.50
Cows 2/	Cwt.	40.60	40.20	41.80	44.40	44.90	46.20
Steers and Heifers 2/	Cwt.	88.90	95.10	96.00	89.80	95.10	95.20
Calves 2/	Cwt.	106.00	109.00	110.00	115.00	118.00	116.00
Sheep 2/	Cwt.	43.00	35.00	---	37.10	29.70	---
Lambs 2/	Cwt.	87.50	89.00	---	96.50	98.50	---
Milk Cows 5/	Head	1,600.00	---	1,800.00	1,660.00	---	1,960.00
Milk Whsle. 2/	Cwt.	14.20	20.00	18.70	14.50	21.50	20.70

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 January 2008 prices are for the full month.

4/ Price includes barrows, gilts, and sows.

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

**CALIFORNIA AND U.S. GOATS**

California's goat inventory on January 1, 2008 for angora goats totaled 4.00 thousand head, milk goats totaled 30.0 thousand head, and meat and other goats totaled 100 thousand head.

The U.S. all goat inventory totaled 3.02 million head on January 1, 2008, up 3 percent from 2007. Breeding goat inventory totaled 2.50 million head, up 2 percent from 2007. All market goats and kids totaled 520 thousand head, up 4 percent from a year ago. On January 1, 2008, meat and all other goats totaled 2.50 million head, up 4 percent from 2007. Milk goat inventory increased 4 percent to 305 thousand head, while angora goats were down 12 percent totaling 210 thousand head. The 2007 kid crop totaled 1.94 million head for all goats, up 1 percent from 2006.

**JANUARY 1 GOAT NUMBERS BY CLASS FOR 16 SELECTED STATES AND U.S.**

State	Angora Goats		Milk Goats		Meat and Other Goats	
	2007	2008	2007	2008	2007	2008
	<i>Head</i>					
Arizona	18,000	18,000	2,000	2,000	10,000	11,000
California	3,000	4,000	30,000	30,000	100,000	100,000
Colorado	1,500	2,000	8,000	9,000	35,000	32,000
Georgia	---	---	3,000	4,000	95,000	100,000
Idaho	---	---	3,000	3,000	7,500	7,900
Michigan	1,000	---	8,600	7,900	9,500	10,200
Missouri	1,500	1,400	11,000	13,000	68,500	80,000
Nebraska	1,300	1,500	3,000	2,500	20,000	22,000
New England 1/	1,000	1,300	9,000	11,600	12,100	12,600
New Mexico	7,000	7,500	3,000	4,000	15,000	15,000
New York	1,000	---	12,000	13,000	18,800	20,500
Ohio	---	1,200	9,500	9,200	28,000	31,500
Oklahoma	1,000	1,000	8,000	8,000	81,000	86,000
Oregon	1,300	1,400	5,700	5,700	23,200	24,800
Texas	180,000	150,000	30,000	25,000	1,090,000	1,090,000
Washington	1,000	1,000	8,200	8,400	24,000	25,000
Other States 2/ 3/ 4/	17,100	17,200	1,400	1,700	2,000	3,000
<b>UNITED STATES</b>	<b>238,000</b>	<b>210,000</b>	<b>294,000</b>	<b>305,000</b>	<b>2,402,000</b>	<b>2,500,000</b>

1/ New England includes CT, ME, MA, NH, RI, and VT.

2/ Individual state estimates are not available for some states, but are included in Other States.

3/ For Angora Goats, Ohio is included in Other States for 2007.

4/ For Angora Goats, Michigan and New York are included in Other States for 2008.

**CALIFORNIA SHEEP AND LAMB INVENTORY**

The inventory of all sheep and lambs in California totaled 600 thousand head on January 1, 2008, 2 percent below last year's level of 610 thousand head.

Breeding sheep and lambs totaled 340 thousand head, unchanged from January 1, 2007. Ewe numbers totaled 280 thousand head, unchanged from last year. The 2007 lamb crop was estimated at 240 thousand head, 4 percent below the 2006 lamb crop. The 2007 lambing rate was 86 lambs per 100 ewes one year old or older on January 1, 2007, down 8 percent from 2006.

Market sheep and lambs totaled 260 thousand head, 4 percent below January 1, 2007. Market lambs comprised 96 percent of the total. Forty percent were less than 65 pounds, 12 percent were 65-84 pounds, 21 percent were 85-105 pounds, and 23 percent were more than 105 pounds.

**U.S. SHEEP AND LAMB INVENTORY**

The U.S. all sheep and lamb inventory in the United States on January 1, 2008, totaled 6.06 million head, down 2 percent from 2007. After consecutive increases in 2005 and 2006, inventory has now declined for the past two years.

Breeding sheep inventory decreased to 4.51 million head on January 1, 2008, down 2 percent from 4.61 million head on January 1, 2007. Ewes one year old and older, at 3.62 million head, were 2 percent below last year.

Market sheep and lambs on January 1, 2008, totaled 1.55 million head, down slightly from January 1, 2007. Market lambs comprised 95 percent of the total marketings. Twenty-four percent were lambs under 65 pounds, 14 percent were 65-84 pounds, 26 percent were 85-105 pounds, and 36 percent were over 105 pounds. Market sheep comprised the remaining 5 percent of total marketings.

The 2007 lamb crop, of 4.05 million head, was down slightly from 2006. The 2007 lambing rate was 110 lambs per 100 ewes one year old and older on January 1, 2007, down 1 percent from 2006.

**JANUARY 1 SHEEP AND LAMB INVENTORY FOR SIXTEEN SELECTED STATES AND U.S.**

State	All Sheep and Lambs			Breeding Sheep and Lambs		Market Sheep and Lambs	
	2007	2008	2008/2007	2007	2008	2007	2008
	1,000 Head		Percent	1,000 Head		1,000 Head	
Arizona	110	120	109	72	70	38	50
California	610	600	98	340	340	270	260
Colorado	400	420	105	190	190	210	230
Idaho	260	240	92	220	200	40	40
Iowa	235	260	111	175	180	60	80
Kansas	107	98	92	77	71	30	27
Minnesota	150	145	97	105	100	45	45
Montana	290	290	100	265	265	25	25
New Mexico	130	130	100	110	112	20	18
North Dakota	100	95	95	78	72	22	23
Ohio	141	139	99	114	111	27	28
Oregon	215	220	102	144	147	71	73
South Dakota	380	355	93	285	285	95	70
Texas	1,050	1,000	95	810	770	240	230
Utah	295	275	93	270	250	25	25
Wyoming	460	440	96	350	340	110	100
Other States 1/	119	130	109	93	103	26	27
<b>U.S. TOTAL</b>	<b>6,165</b>	<b>6,055</b>	<b>98</b>	<b>4,610</b>	<b>4,505</b>	<b>1,555</b>	<b>1,550</b>

1/ Individual state estimates are not available for some states, but are included in Other States.

**WOOL PRODUCTION**

Shorn wool production in California during 2007 was 3.10 millions pounds, down 11 percent from 2006. Sheep and lambs shorn at 460 thousand head, was 6 percent below the previous year. The average price paid for wool sold in 2007 was \$0.85 per pound for a total value of \$2.64 million dollars, compared to \$2.52 million dollars in 2006.

Shorn wool production in the United States during 2007 was 34.5 million pounds, down 4 percent from 2006. Sheep and lambs shorn totaled 4.71 million head, down 3 percent from 2006. The average price paid for wool sold in 2007 was \$0.88 per pound for a total value of 30.3 million dollars, up 23 percent from 24.5 million dollars in 2006.

**WOOL PRODUCTION AND VALUE, SELECTED STATES AND U.S.**

State	Sheep Shorn		Weight Per Fleece		Production		Price Per Pound		Value 1/	
	2006	2007	2006	2007	2006	2007	2006	2007	2006	2007
	1,000 Head		Pounds		1,000 Pounds		Dollars		\$1,000	
California	490	460	7.1	6.7	3,500	3,100	0.72	0.85	2,520	2,635
Colorado	380	400	6.8	6.8	2,600	2,700	0.75	1.00	1,950	2,700
Iowa	200	250	6.2	5.1	1,230	1,280	0.24	0.31	295	397
Montana	255	255	9.2	9.2	2,350	2,350	0.91	1.30	2,139	3,055
New Mexico	125	120	7.5	7.5	940	900	0.90	1.40	846	1,260
Oregon	188	195	6.2	6.5	1,170	1,270	0.59	0.56	690	711
South Dakota	335	295	7.2	7.7	2,415	2,270	0.63	0.85	1,521	1,930
Texas	700	600	7.0	7.3	4,900	4,400	0.91	1.21	4,459	5,324
Utah	260	255	9.0	8.5	2,350	2,180	0.71	0.90	1,669	1,962
Wyoming	370	360	9.6	9.2	3,550	3,325	0.92	1.26	3,266	4,190
<b>UNITED STATES</b>	<b>4,852</b>	<b>4,705</b>	<b>7.4</b>	<b>7.3</b>	<b>36,019</b>	<b>34,533</b>	<b>0.68</b>	<b>0.88</b>	<b>24,510</b>	<b>30,258</b>

1/ Production multiplied by marketing-year average price for individual states. U.S. value is the summation of state values and may not add due to rounding.

**CALIFORNIA COMMERCIAL SLAUGHTER**

California's production of red meat during January 2008 totaled 148 million pounds (dressed weight), 4 percent above the previous month, and unchanged from January 2007. This figure includes slaughter in federally inspected and State-inspected plants, but excludes slaughter done on farms. In January 2008, the average live weight of cattle slaughtered was 1,308 pounds; calves 118 pounds; and hogs 243 pounds.

**U.S. RED MEAT PRODUCTION  
SETS RECORD HIGH FOR JANUARY**

Commercial red meat production for the United States totaled 4.42 billion pounds in January, up 8 percent from the 4.09 billion pounds produced in January 2007.

Beef production, at 2.23 billion pounds, was 3 percent above the previous year. Cattle slaughter totaled 2.90 million head, up 4 percent from January 2007. The average live weight was up 1 pound from the previous year, at 1,291 pounds.

Veal production totaled 11.3 million pounds, 21 percent below January a year ago. Calf slaughter totaled 71.5 thousand head, 4 percent below January 2007. The average live weight was down 55 pounds from last year, at 269 pounds.

Pork production totaled 2.16 billion pounds, 14 percent above the previous year. Hog kill totaled 10.6 million head, 13 percent above January 2007. The average live weight was up 2 pounds from the previous year, at 273 pounds.

Lamb and mutton production, at 14.8 million pounds, was 2 percent below January 2007. Sheep slaughter totaled 213 thousand head, 2 percent below last year. The average live weight was 139 pounds, unchanged from January a year ago.

January 2007 contained 23 weekdays (including two holidays) and 4 Saturdays. January 2008 contained 23 weekdays (including two holidays) and 4 Saturdays.

**COMMERCIAL SLAUGHTER, JANUARY 2007-08 1/**

Species and Location	Number Slaughtered		Total Live Weight		Average Live Weight	
	2007	2008	2007	2008	2007	2008
	1,000 Head		1,000 Pounds		Pounds	
<b>CATTLE</b>						
California	144.1	142.2	191,955	182,388	1,357	1,308
U.S.	2,798.7	2,898.6	3,596,488	3,728,434	1,290	1,291
<b>CALVES</b>						
California	11.8	15.0	1,663	1,755	142	118
U.S.	74.3	71.5	23,857	18,985	324	269
<b>SHEEP &amp; LAMBS</b>						
California	---	---	---	---	---	---
U.S.	216.7	213.4	30,197	29,649	139	139
<b>HOGS</b>						
California	221.0	232.4	53,051	56,304	241	243
U.S.	9,365.5	10,557.1	2,535,127	2,875,461	271	273
<b>RED MEAT</b>	January 2007	December 2007	January 2008	Jan 08 Jan 07	Jan 08 Dec 07	
	Million Pounds			Percent		
California	148.4	142.9	148.4	100	104	
U.S. 2/	4,092.5	4,059.9	4,415.9	108	109	

1/ Farm slaughter excluded.

2/ Revised U.S. total for December

**CALIFORNIA GRAZING FEES ANNUAL AVERAGE RATES 1/**

Year	Per Animal Unit 2/	Cow-Calf	Per Head
	Dollars Per Month		
1995	10.50	12.80	11.10
1996	10.10	12.20	11.90
1997	10.60	13.00	12.00
1998	11.50	14.50	12.90
1999	12.10	15.00	12.50
2000	12.30	15.50	12.70
2001	13.00	16.00	13.50
2002	12.80	16.50	14.00
2003	13.50	17.50	14.30
2004	14.50	19.50	15.50
2005	15.40	20.50	17.00
2006	16.50	21.00	17.00
2007	16.50	21.50	17.30

1/ The average rates are estimates based on survey indications of monthly lease rates for private, non-irrigated grazing land from the January Cattle Survey.

2/ Includes animal unit plus cow-calf rates. Cow-calf rate converted to animal unit (AUM) using (1 aum=cow-calf \*0.833).

**HOG AND PIG INVENTORY, CANADA AND UNITED STATES 1/ 2/**

Type	Canada January 1 Inventory 3/			United States December 1 Inventory 4/		
	2007	2008	2008/2007	2006	2007	2007/2006
	<i>1,000 Head</i>					
All Hogs & Pigs	14,907	14,010	94	62,490	65,110	104
Kept for Breeding	1,579	1,549	98	6,087	6,157	101
Market	13,328	12,461	93	56,402	58,953	105
Sows Farrowed	846	837	99	2,949	3,029	103
Pig Crop	8,217	8,199	100	26,857	27,998	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

**CATFISH FOODSIZE SALES, CALIFORNIA AND UNITED STATES, 2006-07 1/**

State	Number Of Fish		Live Weight				Average Price		Total Sales	
			Average Per Fish		Total		Per Pound			
	2006	2007	2006	2007	2006	2007	2006	2007	2006	2007
	<i>1,000 Fish</i>		<i>Pounds</i>		<i>1,000 Pounds</i>		<i>Dollars</i>		<i>\$1,000</i>	
California	1,680	2,300	1.8	1.5	3,050	3,380	2.34	2.41	7,137	8,146
U.S.	370,872	352,651	1.6	1.6	587,081	548,397	0.78	0.75	455,095	408,750

1/ Revised 2006 data.