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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 11.3 million head on February 1, 2009. The inventory was 6 percent below February 1, 2008.

Placements in feedlots during January totaled 1.86 million, 4 percent above 2008. Net placements were 1.79 million head. During January, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 380 thousand, 600-699 pounds were 505 thousand, 700-799 pounds were 553 thousand and 800 pounds and greater were 420 thousand.

Marketings of fed cattle during January totaled 1.74 million, 6 percent below 2008. This is the lowest fed cattle marketings for the month of January since the series began in 1996.

Other disappearance totaled 67.0 thousand during January, 12 percent above 2008.

CALIFORNIA CATTLE ON FEED

Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter in California feedlots totaled 480 thousand head on February 1, 2009, 2 percent below last month and 14 percent below February 2008. During January, placements of 51.0 thousand head were 33 percent below the previous year. Marketings of 59.0 thousand head were 18 percent below January 2008. Other disappearance totaled 2.00 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	
	2008	2009	2009/2008	2008	2009	2008	2009
	1,000 Head		Percent	1,000 Head			
Arizona	368	358	97	35	27	29	35
California	560	490	88	76	51	72	59
Colorado	1,100	1,000	91	180	200	185	170
Idaho	235	220	94	43	37	42	41
Iowa	570	500	88	72	81	69	59
Kansas	2,480	2,270	92	405	435	445	430
Nebraska	2,530	2,370	94	380	400	390	360
New Mexico	160	164	103	16	9	15	13
Oklahoma	350	335	96	54	54	47	57
South Dakota	230	220	96	45	43	43	35
Texas	2,960	2,790	94	400	440	420	405
Washington 2/	164	157	96	27	30	31	35
Other States	390	360	92	54	51	65	38
UNITED STATES 2/	12,097	11,234	93	1,787	1,858	1,853	1,737

State	Other Disappearance During January 3/		Number On Feed February 1 1/		2009
	2008	2009	2008	2009	2008
	1,000 Head		Percent		
Arizona	1	1	373	349	94
California	9	2	555	480	86
Colorado	5	10	1,090	1,020	94
Idaho	1	1	235	215	91
Iowa	3	2	570	520	91
Kansas	10	15	2,430	2,260	93
Nebraska	10	10	2,510	2,400	96
New Mexico	1	2	160	158	99
Oklahoma	2	2	355	330	93
South Dakota	2	3	230	225	98
Texas	10	15	2,930	2,810	96
Washington	2	1	153	151	99
Other States	4	3	375	370	99
UNITED STATES	60	67	11,966	11,288	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/ Revised 2008 Marketings.

3/ 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, 2009 totaled 5.25 million head, down 4 percent from the previous year. Beef cows, with 615 thousand head, were 6 percent below the previous year, but milk cows increased 1 percent to 1.85 million head. All heifers weighing more than 500 pounds were estimated at 1.07 million head, 2 percent below the previous year. Steers 500 pounds and over totaled 600 thousand head, down 5 percent from last year, and bulls in the same weight category totaled 65.0 thousand head, 7 percent below the previous year. Calves weighing less than 500 pounds, at 1.06 million head, were 9 percent below a year ago.

Special Note

Data from the 2007 Census of Agriculture were used in the review process for the 2009 and 2008 estimates. The impact of the 5-year historical revision process may cause a discontinuity in the data series. January 1, 2008 and prior estimates will be republished in the *Cattle, Final Estimates 2004-2008* publication which is scheduled for release on March 5, 2009. This report was approved on January 30, 2009.

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

State	2008	2009	<u>2009</u> 2008
	1,000 Head		Percent
Arizona	1,000	1,020	102
California	5,450	5,250	96
Colorado	2,750	2,600	95
Idaho	2,210	2,110	95
Iowa	4,000	3,950	99
Kansas	6,650	6,300	95
Nebraska	6,450	6,350	98
New Mexico	1,530	1,540	101
Oklahoma	5,400	5,400	100
South Dakota	3,700	3,700	100
Texas	13,600	13,600	100
Washington	1,090	1,080	99
UNITED STATES	96,035	94,491	98

JANUARY 1 CATTLE INVENTORY DOWN 2 PERCENT

All cattle and calves in the United States as of January 1, 2009, totaled 94.5 million head, 2 percent below the 96.0 million on January 1, 2008.

All cows and heifers that have calved, at 41.0 million, were down 2 percent from the 41.7 million on January 1, 2008.

- Beef cows, at 31.7 million, were down 2 percent from January 1, 2008.
- Milk cows, at 9.33 million, were up 1 percent from January 1, 2008.

Other class estimates on January 1, 2009, and the change from January 1, 2008, are as follows::

- All heifers 500 pounds and over, 19.6 million, down 1 percent.
- Beef replacement heifers, 5.53 million, down 2 percent.
- Milk replacement heifers, 4.41 million, down slightly.
- Other heifers, 9.65 million, down 1 percent.
- Steers weighing 500 pounds and over, 16.8 million, down 2 percent.
- Bulls weighing 500 pounds and over, 2.18 million, down 1 percent.
- Calves under 500 pounds, 14.9 million, down 1 percent.
- Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter in all feedlots, 13.9 million, down 7 percent.
- The combined total of calves under 500 pounds, and other heifers and steers over 500 pounds outside of feedlots was 27.5 million, up 1 percent.

U.S. CALF CROP DOWN 2 PERCENT

The 2008 calf crop was estimated at 36.1 million head, down 2 percent from 2007. Calves born during the first half of the year are estimated at 26.3 million, down 1 percent from 2007.

CATTLE AND CALVES BY CLASSES FOR CALIFORNIA, UNITED STATES, AND CANADA, JANUARY 1, 2008-09 1/

Class	California 2/			United States 2/			Canada 3/		
	2008	2009	2009/2008	2008	2009	2009/2008	2008	2009	2009/2008
	Thousands		Percent	Thousands		Percent	Thousands		Percent
All Cattle and Calves	5,450	5,250	96	96,035	94,491	98	13,895	13,180	95
All Cows:	2,490	2,460	99	41,692	41,005	98	5,966	5,633	94
Beef	655	615	94	32,435	31,671	98	4,982	4,655	93
Milk	1,835	1,845	101	9,257	9,333	101	984	978	99
Heifers 500 Lbs. + 4/	1,090	1,065	98	19,854	19,586	99	2,049	1,818	89
Beef Replacement	110	110	100	5,647	5,526	98	595	537	90
Milk Replacement	800	780	98	4,415	4,410	100	471	456	97
Other Heifers	180	175	97	9,793	9,650	99	983	825	84
Steers 500 Lbs. + 5/	630	600	95	17,163	16,774	98	1,102	1,058	96
Bulls 500 Lbs. + 6/	70	65	93	2,207	2,184	99	247	243	98
Calves Less Than 500 Lbs. 7/	1,170	1,060	91	15,118	14,943	99	4,532	4,430	98
Calf Crop 8/	2,010	---	---	36,113	---	---	5,300	---	---

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 2008	December 2008	Jan. 15, 2009	January 2008	December 2008	Jan. 15, 2009
		Dollars					
All Hay, Baled 2/ 3/	Ton	169.00	149.00	159.00	126.00	141.00	136.00
Alfalfa, Baled 2/ 3/	Ton	182.00	159.00	163.00	136.00	155.00	149.00
Hogs 2/ 4/	Cwt.	---	---	---	37.20	41.90	41.90
Cows 2/ 5/	Cwt.	40.60	36.90	38.10	46.30	40.40	42.20
Steers and Heifers 2/	Cwt.	92.90	84.20	85.30	93.40	85.60	86.30
Calves 2/	Cwt.	110.00	91.80	100.00	117.00	100.00	105.00
Sheep 2/	Cwt.	43.00	39.50	---	31.90	31.70	---
Lambs 2/	Cwt.	89.00	92.50	---	97.50	100.00	---
Milk Cows 6/	Head	1,800.00	---	1,200.00	1,960.00	---	1,630.00
All Milk, Wholesale 2/	Cwt.	18.53	13.36	11.20	20.50	15.60	13.80

- 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 January 2009 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.

CALIFORNIA AND U.S. GOATS

California's goat inventory on January 1, 2009 for angora goats totaled 4.00 thousand head, milk goats totaled 37.0 thousand head, and meat and other goats totaled 95.0 thousand head.

The U.S. milk goat inventory on January 1, 2009 increased 4 percent to 335 thousand head, while angora goats were down 10 percent, totaling 185 thousand head. Meat and all other goats totaled 2.55 million head, down 2 percent from 2008.

Special Note

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

State	Angora Goats		Milk Goats		Meat and Other Goats	
	2008	2009	2008	2009	2008	2009
	Head					
Arizona	25,000	24,000	2,000	2,000	13,000	12,000
California	4,000	4,000	36,000	37,000	89,000	95,000
Colorado	1,400	1,000	8,000	8,300	39,000	34,000
Georgia	---	---	4,000	4,500	79,000	80,300
Idaho	---	---	3,000	2,500	12,000	12,000
Michigan	---	---	8,400	8,700	12,000	12,500
Missouri	1,400	1,500	9,000	9,000	86,200	86,500
Nebraska	1,000	---	2,500	1,900	30,000	27,000
New England 1/	1,300	1,250	12,000	10,500	14,000	12,100
New Mexico	13,600	12,500	3,000	2,000	18,000	17,000
New York	---	---	12,000	13,550	25,000	27,000
Ohio	1,300	1,400	10,000	9,000	50,000	55,600
Oklahoma	1,000	1,000	8,000	8,000	115,000	115,000
Oregon	1,700	1,800	8,000	9,200	27,000	27,000
Texas	134,000	120,000	21,000	20,000	1,030,000	980,000
Washington	1,000	1,000	8,300	7,100	23,000	27,000
UNITED STATES	205,000	185,000	323,000	335,000	2,590,000	2,550,000

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

CALIFORNIA SHEEP AND LAMB INVENTORY

The inventory of all sheep and lambs in California totaled 660 thousand head on January 1, 2009, 6 percent above last year's level of 620 thousand head.

Breeding sheep and lambs totaled 345 thousand head, 1 percent above January 1, 2008.

Market sheep and lambs totaled 315 thousand head, 13 percent above January 1, 2008. Market lambs comprised 96 percent of the total.

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U.S. ALL SHEEP AND LAMB INVENTORY DOWN 3 PERCENT

The U.S. sheep and lamb inventory on January 1, 2009, totaled 5.75 million head, down 3 percent from 2008.

Breeding sheep inventory decreased to 4.25 million head on January 1, 2009, down 4 percent from 4.43 million head on January 1, 2008. Ewes one year old and older at 3.40 million head, were 4 percent below last year.

Market sheep and lambs on January 1, 2009, totaled 1.50 million head, down 1 percent from January 1, 2008. Market lambs comprised 95 percent of the total marketings. Twenty-three percent were lambs under 65 pounds, 11 percent were 65 - 84 pounds, 21 percent were 85 - 105 pounds, and 39 percent were over 105 pounds. Market sheep comprised the remaining 5 percent of total marketings.

The 2008 lamb crop of 3.71 million head, was down 5 percent from 2007. The 2008 lambing rate was 105 lambs per 100 ewes one year old and older on January 1, 2008, down 3 percent from 2007.

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	
	2008	2009	2009/2008	2008	2009	2008	2009
	1,000 Head		Percent	1,000 Head		1,000 Head	
Arizona	155	150	97	90	90	65	60
California	620	660	106	340	345	280	315
Colorado	420	410	98	210	205	210	205
Idaho	235	210	89	197	178	38	32
Iowa	225	200	89	162	145	63	55
Kansas	90	80	89	67	57	23	23
Minnesota	145	140	97	106	102	39	38
Montana	270	255	94	245	230	25	25
New Mexico	130	120	92	112	103	18	17
North Dakota	93	88	95	72	67	21	21
Ohio	125	130	104	100	100	25	30
Oregon	220	220	100	149	150	71	70
South Dakota	340	305	90	270	245	70	60
Texas	960	870	91	730	660	230	210
Utah	280	290	104	250	260	30	30
Wyoming	425	420	99	330	325	95	95
U.S. TOTAL	5,950	5,747	97	4,432	4,247	1,519	1,500

WOOL PRODUCTION

Shorn wool production in California during 2008 was 3.30 millions pounds, up 6 percent from 2007. Sheep and lambs shorn at 470 thousand head, was 2 percent above the previous year. The average price paid for wool sold in 2008 was \$1.10 per pound for a total value of \$3.63 million dollars, compared to \$2.64 million dollars in 2007.

Shorn wool production in the United States during 2008 was 33.0 million pounds, down 5 percent from 2007. Sheep and lambs shorn totaled 4.43 million head, down 5 percent from 2007. The average price paid for wool sold in 2008 was \$0.99 per pound for a total value of 32.5 million dollars, up 7 percent from 30.2 million dollars in 2007.

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

State	Sheep Shorn		Weight Per Fleece		Production		Price Per Pound		Value 1/	
	2007	2008	2007	2008	2007	2008	2007	2008	2007	2008
	1,000 Head		Lbs.		1,000 Lbs.		Dollars		\$1,000	
California	460	470	6.7	7.0	3,100	3,300	0.85	1.10	2,635	3,630
Colorado	400	380	6.8	6.8	2,700	2,600	1.00	1.12	2,700	2,912
Iowa	215	195	6.2	6.1	1,330	1,180	0.31	0.35	412	413
Montana	245	230	9.2	9.3	2,250	2,150	1.30	1.40	2,925	3,010
New Mexico	120	105	7.5	7.6	900	800	1.40	1.70	1,260	1,360
Oregon	195	182	6.5	6.5	1,270	1,190	0.56	0.68	711	809
South Dakota	295	280	7.7	7.8	2,270	2,184	0.85	0.91	1,930	1,987
Texas	620	600	7.3	7.0	4,500	4,200	1.21	1.16	5,445	4,872
Utah	255	255	9.2	9.2	2,345	2,350	0.90	1.20	2,111	2,820
Wyoming	330	320	9.5	9.4	3,150	3,000	1.26	1.46	3,969	4,380
UNITED STATES	4,657	4,434	7.5	7.4	34,723	32,963	0.87	0.99	30,242	32,486

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 2009 totaled 148 million pounds (dressed weight), 1 percent below the previous month, and slightly below January 2008. This figure includes slaughter in Federally-inspected and State-inspected plants, but excludes slaughter done on farms. In January 2009, the average live weight of cattle slaughtered was 1,304 pounds, calves 112 pounds and hogs 238 pounds.

**U.S. RED MEAT PRODUCTION
UP SLIGHTLY FROM DECEMBER**

Commercial red meat production for the United States totaled 4.17 billion pounds in January, down 6 percent from the 4.42 billion pounds produced in January 2008.

Beef production, at 2.12 billion pounds, was 5 percent below the previous year. Cattle slaughter totaled 2.72 million head, down 6 percent from January 2008. The average live weight was up 15 pounds from the previous year, at 1,306 pounds.

Veal production totaled 12.0 million pounds, 6 percent above January a year ago. Calf slaughter totaled 84.7 thousand head, 19 percent above January 2008. The average live weight was down 24 pounds from last year, at 245 pounds.

Pork production totaled 2.03 billion pounds, 6 percent below the previous year. Hog kill totaled 9.92 million head, 6 percent below January 2008. The average live weight was down 1 pound from the previous year, at 272 pounds.

Lamb and mutton production, at 13.3 million pounds, was 10 percent below January 2008. Sheep slaughter totaled 189 thousand head, 11 percent below last year. The average live weight was 141 pounds, up 2 pounds from January a year ago.

January 2008 contained 23 weekdays (including two holidays) and 4 Saturdays. January 2009 contained 22 weekdays (including two holidays) and 5 Saturdays.

COMMERCIAL SLAUGHTER, JANUARY 2008-09 1/

Species and Location	Number Slaughtered		Total Live Weight		Average Live Weight	
	2008	2009	2008	2009	2008	2009
	1,000 Head		1,000 Pounds		Pounds	
CATTLE						
California	142.2	144.5	182,388	185,634	1,308	1,304
U.S.	2,898.4	2,718.4	3,728,444	3,537,601	1,291	1,306
CALVES						
California	15.0	23.7	1,755	2,617	118	112
U.S.	71.5	84.7	18,985	20,463	269	245
SHEEP & LAMBS						
California	---	---	---	---	---	---
U.S.	213.4	189.4	29,649	26,649	139	141
HOGS						
California	232.4	229.8	56,304	54,562	243	238
U.S.	10,557.1	9,922.3	2,875,469	2,696,971	273	272

RED MEAT	January 2008	December 2008	January 2009	Jan 09 Jan 08	Jan 09 Dec 08
	Million Pounds			Percent	
	California	148.4	149.6	147.9	100
U.S.	4,415.9	4,162.7	4,169.6	94	100

1/ Farm slaughter excluded.

CALIFORNIA GRAZING FEES ANNUAL AVERAGE RATES 1/

Year	Per Animal Unit 2/	Cow-Calf	Per Head
	Dollars Per Month		
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
2008	17.80	22.10	18.50

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/		
	2008	2009	2009/2008	2007	2008	2008/2007
	1,000 Head					
All Hogs & Pigs	13,810	12,400	90	68,177	66,708	98
Kept for Breeding	1,512	1,405	93	6,233	6,081	98
Market	12,298	10,996	89	61,944	60,627	98
Sows Farrowed	829	799	96	3,180	2,990	94
Pig Crop	8,131	7,864	97	29,513	28,410	96

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, 2007-08 1/

State	Number Of Fish		Live Weight				Average Price		Total Sales	
			Average Per Fish		Total		Per Pound			
	2007	2008	2007	2008	2007	2008	2007	2008	2007	2008
	1,000 Fish		Pounds		1,000 Pounds		Dollars		\$1,000	
California	3,400	2,220	1.5	1.4	5,100	3,150	2.41	2.41	12,291	7,592
U.S.	365,770	304,010	1.5	1.7	563,900	514,920	0.75	0.76	423,736	389,290

1/ Revised 2007 data. Revisions were made after a thorough review of survey and administrative data, and information from the 2007 Census of Agriculture. The 2007 estimates are considered final and will not be revised again.