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U.S. CATTLE ON FEED DOWN 5 PERCENT

Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter market in the United States for feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head totaled 9.8 million head on July 1, 2009. The inventory was 5 percent below July 1, 2008. The inventory included 5.99 million steers and steer calves, down 7 percent from the previous year. This group accounted for 61 percent of the total inventory. Heifers and heifer calves accounted for 3.72 million head, down 3 percent from 2008.

Placements in feedlots during June totaled 1.39 million, 8 percent below 2008. Net placements were 1.33 million head. During June, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 315 thousand, 600-699 pounds were 290 thousand, 700-799 pounds were 371 thousand and 800 pounds and greater were 415 thousand. This is the second lowest placements for the month of June since the series began in 1996.

Marketings of fed cattle during June totaled 1.99 million, 1 percent above 2008. This is the second lowest fed cattle marketings for the month of June since the series began in 1996. Other disappearance totaled 57.0 thousand during June, 5 percent below 2008.

CALIFORNIA CATTLE ON FEED

Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter in California feedlots totaled 460 thousand head on July 1, 2009, 2 percent below last month and 12 percent below July 2008. During June, placements of 43.0 thousand head were 17 percent below the previous year. Marketings of 51.0 thousand head were 7 percent below June 2008. 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 June 1 1/			Placed During June		Marketed During June	
	2008	2009	2009/2008	2008	2009	2008	2009
	1,000 Head		Percent	1,000 Head			
Arizona	365	301	82	32	21	40	34
California	525	470	90	52	43	55	51
Colorado	920	980	107	85	125	175	190
Idaho	215	205	95	33	32	47	36
Iowa	520	530	102	41	59	60	67
Kansas	2,190	2,080	95	330	305	430	455
Nebraska	2,250	2,110	94	290	270	475	440
New Mexico	150	105	70	32	17	27	27
Oklahoma	305	310	102	57	44	61	58
South Dakota	205	220	107	21	25	38	39
Texas	2,690	2,610	97	460	380	480	490
Washington	145	156	108	28	30	32	39
Other States	335	330	99	57	40	58	63
UNITED STATES	10,815	10,407	96	1,518	1,391	1,978	1,989

State	Other Disappearance During June 2/		Number On Feed July 1 1/		2009
	2008	2009	2008	2009	2008
	1,000 Head		1,000 Head		Percent
Arizona	1	1	356	287	81
California	2	2	520	460	88
Colorado	10	5	820	910	111
Idaho	1	1	200	200	100
Iowa	1	2	500	520	104
Kansas	10	10	2,080	1,920	92
Nebraska	15	20	2,050	1,920	94
New Mexico	1	1	154	94	61
Oklahoma	1	1	300	295	98
South Dakota	3	1	185	205	111
Texas	10	10	2,660	2,490	94
Washington	1	1	140	146	104
Other States	4	2	330	305	92
UNITED STATES	60	57	10,295	9,752	95

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.

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

All sheep and lamb inventory in the United States on July 1, 2009 totaled 7.05 million head, down 3 percent from July 1, 2008. Breeding sheep inventory at 4.28 million head on July 1, 2009 was down 3 percent from July 1, 2008. Market sheep and lambs (including newborn lambs), at 2.77 million head, were down 3 percent from last July.

The breeding herd consists of 3.47 million ewes one year old and older, 180 thousand rams one year old and older, and 630 thousand replacement lambs (including newborn lambs). Market lamb inventory at 2.69 million head was comprised of 1.60 million lambs under 65 pounds, 560 thousand lambs 65-84 pounds, 290 thousand lambs 85-105 pounds, and 240 thousand lambs over 105 pounds. Market sheep inventory was 80.0 thousand head.

ALL SHEEP AND LAMB INVENTORY BY CLASS, JULY 1, 2008-09

Item	2008	2009	<u>2009</u> <u>2008</u>
	1,000 Head		Percent
All Sheep and Lambs	7,270	7,050	97
Breeding Sheep and Lambs	4,400	4,280	97
Replacement Lambs			
Under One Year Old	630	630	100
Ewes - One Year Old and Older	3,590	3,470	97
Rams - One Year Old and Older	180	180	100
Market	2,870	2,770	97

U.S. HOG INVENTORY DOWN 2 PERCENT

U.S. inventory of all hogs and pigs on June 1, 2009 was 66.1 million head. This was down 2 percent from June 1, 2008 but up 1 percent from March 1, 2009.

Breeding inventory, at 5.97 million head, was down 3 percent from last year and down slightly from the previous quarter. Market hog inventory, at 60.1 million head, was down 2 percent from last year, but up 1 percent from last quarter.

The March-May 2009 pig crop, at 28.5 million head, was down slightly from 2008, but up 2 percent from 2007. Sows farrowing during this period totaled 2.97 million head, down 3 percent from 2008 and down 2 percent from 2007. The sows farrowed during this quarter represented 50 percent of the breeding herd. The average pigs saved per litter was a record high 9.61 for the March-May 2009 period, compared to 9.38 last year. Pigs saved per litter by size of operation ranged from 7.40 for operations with 1-99 hogs and pigs to 9.70 for operations with more than 5,000 hogs and pigs.

U.S. HOG AND PIG INVENTORY, JUNE 1, 2008-09

Item	2008	2009	<u>2009</u> <u>2008</u>
	Percent		
June 1 Inventory			
All Hogs and Pigs 1/	67,400	66,079	98
Kept for Breeding	6,131	5,967	97
Market	61,269	60,112	98
Market Hogs and Pigs By Weight Groups:			
Under 60 Pounds	22,197	21,673	98
60-119 Pounds	15,321	15,008	98
120-179 Pounds	12,892	12,584	98
180 Pounds and Over	10,860	10,847	100

CALIFORNIA MILK PRODUCTION

California milk producers produced 3.28 billion pounds of milk in June 2009. This was 7 percent below May 2009 and 4 percent below June 2008.

Monthly milk per cow averaged 1,810 pounds, 125 pounds less than in May 2009, and 40 pounds below a year ago.

MILK PRODUCTION, CALIFORNIA AND UNITED STATES

Month	CALIFORNIA 1/						Total Milk		UNITED STATES 2/ 3/					
	Milk Cows 3/ 4/		Milk Per Cow 5/		Milk Production 3/ 5/		Receipts 6/		Milk Cows 4/		Milk Per Cow 5/		Milk Production 5/	
	2008	2009	2008	2009	2008	2009	2008	2009	2008	2009	2008	2009	2008	2009
	1,000 Head		Pounds		Million Pounds		Million Pounds		1,000 Head		Pounds		Million Pounds	
Jan.	1,838	1,830	1,900	1,885	3,492	3,450	3,492	3,449	8,445	8,504	1,747	1,753	14,750	14,907
Feb.	1,840	1,825	1,810	1,720	3,330	3,139	3,325	3,137	8,457	8,486	1,656	1,606	14,007	13,627
Mar.	1,842	1,821	1,975	1,925	3,638	3,505	3,637	3,504	8,467	8,481	1,794	1,794	15,191	15,211
Apr.	1,845	1,821	1,905	1,885	3,515	3,433	3,509	3,433	8,482	8,481	1,757	1,759	14,901	14,916
May	1,847	1,815	1,940	1,935	3,583	3,512	3,581	3,511	8,496	8,473	1,819	1,833	15,451	15,529
June	1,847	1,810	1,850	1,810	3,417	3,276	3,414		8,500	8,444	1,736	1,746	14,760	14,741
July	1,847		1,850		3,417		3,412		8,515		1,744		14,848	
Aug.	1,846		1,840		3,397		3,397		8,515		1,718		14,626	
Sept.	1,845		1,775		3,275		3,272		8,510		1,650		14,041	
Oct.	1,845		1,835		3,386		3,382		8,512		1,700		14,469	
Nov.	1,845		1,795		3,312		3,307		8,519		1,654		14,089	
Dec.	1,840		1,870		3,441		3,438		8,519		1,729		14,728	

1/ Revised March 2009.

2/ Twenty-three state total.

3/ Revised May 2009.

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

5/ Excludes milk suckled by calves.

6/ Milk receipts are from the California Department of Food and Agriculture's Dairy Marketing and Milk Pooling branches. Excludes on-farm usage.

CALIFORNIA COMMERCIAL SLAUGHTER

California's production of red meat during June 2009 totaled 147 million pounds (dressed weight), 7 percent above the previous month and 8 percent above June 2008. This figure includes slaughter in Federally-inspected and State-inspected plants, but excludes slaughter done on farms. In June 2009, the average live weight of cattle slaughtered was 1,285 pounds; calves 108 pounds and hogs 247 pounds.

**U.S. RECORD HIGH
RED MEAT PRODUCTION FOR JUNE**

Commercial red meat production for the United States totaled 4.16 billion pounds in June, up 3 percent from the 4.05 billion pounds produced in June 2008.

Beef production, at 2.29 billion pounds, was 1 percent above the previous year. Cattle slaughter totaled 2.98 million head, up 1 percent from June 2008. The average live weight was up 8 pounds from the previous year, at 1,269 pounds.

Veal production totaled 11.5 million pounds, 2 percent below June a year ago. Calf slaughter totaled 77.2 thousand head, up 2 percent from June 2008. The average live weight was down 16 pounds from last year, at 251 pounds.

Pork production totaled 1.85 billion pounds, up 5 percent from the previous year. Hog kill totaled 9.18 million head, up 3 percent from June 2008. The average live weight was up 3 pounds from the previous year, at 269 pounds.

Lamb and mutton production, at 13.9 million pounds, was up 6 percent from June 2008. Sheep slaughter totaled 203 thousand head, 6 percent above last year. The average live weight was 137 pounds, unchanged from June a year ago.

January to June 2009 commercial red meat production was 24.3 billion pounds, down 3 percent from 2008. Accumulated beef production was down 3 percent from last year, veal was down 1 percent, pork was down 3 percent from last year, and lamb and mutton production was down 5 percent.

June 2008 contained 21 weekdays (including zero holidays) and 4 Saturdays, while June 2009 contained 22 weekdays (including zero holidays) and 4 Saturdays.

COMMERCIAL SLAUGHTER, JUNE 2008- 09 a/

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	128.8	145.0	164,582	183,655	1,294	1,285
U.S. Total	2,956.6	2,981.0	3,718,140	3,772,109	1,261	1,269
CALVES						
California	15.1	19.6	1,746	2,087	117	108
U.S. Total	75.3	77.2	19,832	19,222	267	251
SHEEP & LAMBS						
California	---	---	---	---	---	---
U.S. Total	192.4	203.0	26,240	27,737	137	137
HOGS						
California	211.9	217.8	49,975	53,761	236	247
U.S. Total	8,883.1	9,180.9	2,358,556	2,470,317	266	269
RED MEAT	June 2008	May 2009	June 2009	Jun 09 Jul 08	Jun 09 May 09	
	Million Pounds			Percent		
California	135.4	137.8	146.9	109	107	
U.S. Total	4,050.0	3,919.3	4,161.5	103	106	

a/ Farm slaughter excluded.

JULY 1 CATTLE INVENTORY DOWN 1 PERCENT

All cattle and calves in the United States as of July 1, 2009, totaled 101.8 million head, 1 percent below the 103.3 million on July 1, 2008.

All cows and heifers that have calved, at 41.4 million, were down 1 percent from July 1, 2008.

- Beef cows, at 32.2 million, were down 1 percent from July 1, 2008.
- Milk cows, at 9.2 million, were down 2 percent from July 1, 2008.

Other class estimates on July 1, 2009 and the changes from July 1, 2008, are as follows:

- All heifers 500 pounds and over, 16.1 million, down 1 percent.
- Beef replacement heifers, 4.5 million, down 2 percent.
- Milk replacement heifers, 3.9 million, unchanged.
- Other heifers, 7.7 million, down 1 percent.
- Steers weighing 500 pounds and over, 14.4 million, down 2 percent.
- Bulls weighing 500 pounds and over, 2.1 million, unchanged.
- Calves under 500 pounds, 27.8 million, down 1 percent
- All cattle and calves on feed for slaughter, 11.6 million, down 5 percent.

U.S. CALF CROP DOWN 1 PERCENT

The 2009 calf crop is expected to be 35.6 million, down 1 percent from 2008. Calves born during the first half of the year are estimated at 25.8 million, down 2 percent from 2008.

**CATTLE AND CALVES
NUMBER BY CLASS AND CALF CROP, U.S., JULY 1, 2008-09**

Class	2008	2009	2009 2008
	Thousand Head		Percent
Cattle and Calves	103,300	101,800	99
Cows and Heifers			
That Have Calved	42,000	41,400	99
Beef Cows 1/	32,650	32,200	99
Milk Cows 1/	9,350	9,200	98
Heifers 500 Lbs. and Over	16,300	16,100	99
For Beef Cow Replacement	4,600	4,500	98
For Milk Cow Replacement	3,900	3,900	100
Other Heifers	7,800	7,700	99
Steers 500 Lbs. and Over	14,700	14,400	98
Bulls 500 Lbs. and Over	2,100	2,100	100
Calves Less Than 500 Lbs.	28,200	27,800	99
Calf Crop	36,113	35,600	99

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

Commodity	Unit	California			UNITED STATES		
		June 2008	May 2009	June 15, 2009	June 2008	May 2009	June 15, 2009
		Dollars					
All Hay, Baled 2/ 3/	Ton	207.00	118.00	106.00	161.00	131.00	123.00
Alfalfa, Baled 2/ 3/	Ton	218.00	119.00	109.00	172.00	138.00	128.00
Hogs 2/ 4/	Cwt.	---	---	---	53.40	44.50	43.90
Cows 2/ 5/	Cwt.	44.80	43.90	40.50	54.40	49.10	45.50
Steers and Heifers 2/	Cwt.	95.80	86.20	83.50	96.50	87.80	85.40
Calves 2/	Cwt.	101.00	101.00	97.00	118.00	112.00	111.00
Sheep 2/	Cwt.	22.00	33.50	---	24.50	31.90	---
Lambs 2/	Cwt.	93.00	88.50	---	102.00	101.00	---
Milk Cows 6/	Head	---	---	---	---	---	---
All Milk, Wholesale 2/	Cwt.	18.27	10.53	10.40	19.30	11.60	11.40

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 June 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.