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### U.S. CATTLE ON FEED DOWN 4 PERCENT

Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter market in the United States for feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head totaled 9.6 million head on August 1, 2009. The inventory was 2 percent below August 1, 2008.

Placements in feedlots during July totaled 1.86 million, 13 percent above 2008. Net placements were 1.82 million head. During July, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 455,000, 600-699 pounds were 365,000, 700-799 pounds were 458,000 and 800 pounds and greater were 585,000.

Marketings of fed cattle during July totaled 1.93 million, 5 percent below 2008. This is the third lowest marketings for the month of July since the series began in 1996.

Other disappearance totaled 43 thousand head during July, 4 percent below 2008. This is the lowest other disappearance for the month of July since the series began in 1996.

### CALIFORNIA CATTLE ON FEED

Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter in California feedlots totaled 450 thousand head on August 1, 2009, 2 percent below last month and 13 percent below August 2008. During July, placements of 45 thousand head unchanged from the previous year. Marketings of 53 thousand head were 10 percent above July 2008. Other disappearance totaled 2 thousand head.

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

State	Number On Feed July 1 1/			Placed During July		Marketed During July	
	2008	2009	2009/2008	2008	2009	2008	2009
	1,000 Head		Percent	1,000 Head			
Arizona	356	287	81	37	25	35	36
California	520	460	88	45	45	48	53
Colorado	820	910	111	110	125	175	180
Idaho	200	200	100	29	33	48	37
Iowa	500	520	104	51	61	75	70
Kansas	2,080	1,920	92	430	480	490	470
Nebraska	2,050	1,920	94	320	410	440	400
New Mexico	154	94	61	32	13	21	18
Oklahoma	300	295	98	46	69	55	52
South Dakota	185	205	111	21	29	35	43
Texas	2,660	2,490	94	460	495	520	470
Washington	140	146	104	32	33	38	40
Other States	330	305	92	43	45	57	59
UNITED STATES	10,295	9,752	95	1,656	1,863	2,037	1,928

State	Other Disappearance During July 2/		Number On Feed August 1 1/		2009
	2008	2009	2008	2009	2008
	1,000 Head		Percent		
Arizona	1	1	357	275	77
California	2	2	515	450	87
Colorado	5	5	750	850	113
Idaho	1	1	180	195	108
Iowa	1	1	475	510	107
Kansas	10	10	2,010	1,920	96
Nebraska	10	10	1,920	1,920	100
New Mexico	1	3	164	86	52
Oklahoma	1	2	290	310	107
South Dakota	1	1	170	190	112
Texas	10	5	2,590	2,510	97
Washington	1	1	133	138	104
Other States	1	1	315	290	92
UNITED STATES	45	43	9,869	9,644	99

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.

**CATTLE AND CALVES BY CLASSES, CANADA AND UNITED STATES, JULY 1, 2008- 09 1/**

Class	Canada 2/			United States 3/		
	2008	2009	<u>2009</u> 2008	2008	2009	<u>2009</u> 2008
	Thousands		Percent	Thousands		Percent
All Cattle & Calves	15,195	14,840	98	103,300	101,800	99
All Cows:	5,844	5,571	95	42,000	41,400	99
Beef	4,862	4,588	94	32,650	32,200	99
Milk	982	983	100	9,350	9,200	98
Heifers 500 Lbs. + 4/	2,308	2,319	100	16,300	16,100	99
Beef Replacement	655	638	97	4,600	4,500	98
Milk Replacement	477	459	96	3,900	3,900	100
Other Heifers	1,176	1,222	104	7,800	7,700	99
Steers 500 Lbs. + 4/	1,576	1,668	106	14,700	14,400	98
Bulls 500 Lbs. + 4/	261	253	97	2,100	2,100	100
Calves Less Than 500 Lbs.	5,207	5,029	97	28,200	27,800	99
Calf Crop 5/	5,288	4,402	---	36,113	35,600	99

1/ Totals may not add due to rounding.

2/ Source: Livestock and Annual Products Section, Statistics Canada.

3/ Source: National Agricultural Statistics Service.

4/ For Canada, one year and over with the exception of calves, which are under one year.

5/ January-December with the exception for Canada's current year, which is January-June.

**CALIFORNIA COMMERCIAL SLAUGHTER**

California's production of red meat during July 2009 totaled 145 million pounds (dressed weight), 2 percent below the previous month and 8 percent above July 2008. This figure includes slaughter in Federally-inspected and State-inspected plants, but excludes slaughter done on farms. In July 2009, the average live weight of cattle slaughtered was 1,281 pounds; calves 99 pounds and hogs 245 pounds.

**JULY RED MEAT PRODUCTION BELOW PREVIOUS YEAR LEVEL**

Commercial red meat production for the United States totaled 4.12 billion pounds in July, down 3 percent from the 4.25 billion pounds produced in July 2008.

Beef production, at 2.27 billion pounds, was 4 percent below the previous year. Cattle slaughter totaled 2.92 million head, down 5 percent from July 2008. The average live weight was up 9 pounds from the previous year, at 1,282 pounds.

Veal production totaled 10.8 million pounds, 12 percent below July a year ago.

Calf slaughter totaled 79,900 head, down 9 percent from July 2008. The average live weight was down 13 pounds from last year, at 230 pounds.

Pork production totaled 1.83 billion pounds, down 1 percent from the previous year. Hog kill totaled 9.15 million head, down 3 percent from July 2008. The average live weight was up 5 pounds from the previous year, at 267 pounds.

Lamb and mutton production, at 13.9 million pounds, was up 2 percent from July 2008. Sheep slaughter totaled 207,400 head, slightly above last year. The average live weight was 135 pounds, up 3 pounds from July a year ago.

January to July 2009 commercial red meat production was 28.4 billion pounds, down 3 percent from 2008. Accumulated beef production was down 3 percent from last year, veal was down 3 percent, pork was down 3 percent from last year, and lamb and mutton production was down 4 percent.

July 2008 contained 23 weekdays (including one holiday) and 4 Saturdays. July 2009 contained 23 weekdays (including one holiday) and 4 Saturdays.

**COMMERCIAL SLAUGHTER, JULY 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	
<b>CATTLE</b>						
California	127.5	141.3	159,381	178,492	1,268	1,281
U.S. Total	3,062.5	2,920.6	3,886,174	3,731,439	1,273	1,282
<b>CALVES</b>						
California	19.3	23.0	2,276	2,236	119	99
U.S. Total	87.9	79.9	21,032	18,216	243	230
<b>SHEEP &amp; LAMBS</b>						
California	---	---	---	---	---	---
U.S. Total	207.1	207.4	27,305	27,937	132	135
<b>HOGS</b>						
California	224.8	223.1	52,446	54,539	233	245
U.S. Total	9,462.8	9,146.7	2,479,550	2,444,531	262	267
<b>RED MEAT</b>						
	July 2008	June 2009	July 2009	July 2009	Jul 09 Jul 08	Jul 09 Jun 09
	Million Pounds			Percent		
California	133.3	146.9	144.6	108	98	
U.S.	4,250.1	4,161.5	4,123.6	97	99	

a/ Farm slaughter excluded.

**HOG AND PIG INVENTORY, CANADA AND UNITED STATES 2008 - 2009 1/ 2/**

Item	Canada July 1 Inventory 3/			United States June 1 Inventory 4/		
	2008	2009	<u>2009</u> 2008	2008	2009	<u>2009</u> 2008
	1,000 Head		Percent	1,000 Head		Percent
All Hogs & Pigs	12,980	12,105	93	67,400	66,079	98
Kept for Breeding	1,446	1,380	95	6,131	5,967	97
Market	11,534	10,725	93	61,269	60,112	98
Sows Farrowed	794	739	93	3,052	2,971	97
Pig Crop	7,802	7,303	94	28,630	28,547	100

- 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

**CALIFORNIA MILK PRODUCTION**

California milk producers produced 3.25 billion pounds of milk in July 2009. This was 1 percent below June 2009 and 5 percent below July 2008.

Monthly milk per cow averaged 1,810 pounds, 10 pounds less than in June 2009, and 40 pounds below than a year ago.

**MILK PRODUCTION, CALIFORNIA AND UNITED STATES**

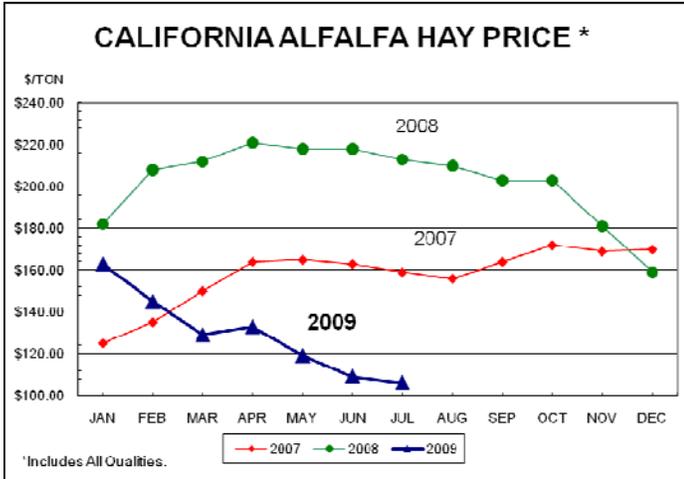
Month	CALIFORNIA						Total Milk Receipts 4/		UNITED STATES 1/					
	Milk Cows 2/		Milk Per Cow 3/		Milk Production 3/		2008	2009	Milk Cows 2/ 5/		Milk Per Cow 3/ 5/		Milk Production 3/ 5/	
	2008	2009	2008	2009	2008	2009			2008	2009	2008	2009	2008	2009
	1,000 Head		Pounds		Million Pounds		Million Pounds		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	1,804	1,850	1,820	3,417	3,283	3,414	3,281	8,500	8,434	1,736	1,752	14,760	14,775
July	1,847	1,793	1,850	1,810	3,417	3,245	3,412		8,515	8,400	1,744	1,769	14,848	14,858
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/ Twenty-three state total.
- 2/ Includes dry cows, but excludes heifers not yet fresh.
- 3/ Excludes milk suckled by calves.
- 4/ Milk receipts are from the California Department of Food and Agriculture's Dairy Marketing and Milk Pooling branches. Excludes on-farm usage.
- 5/ Data was revised for June 2009.

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

Commodity	Unit	California			UNITED STATES		
		July 2008	June 2009	July 15, 2009	July 2008	June 2009	July 15, 2009
		Dollars					
All Hay, Baled 2/ 3/	Ton	197.00	106.00	104.00	164.00	123.00	116.00
Alfalfa, Baled 2/ 3/	Ton	213.00	109.00	106.00	177.00	128.00	120.00
Hogs 2/ 4/	Cwt.	---	---	---	54.30	43.30	43.40
Cows 2/ 5/	Cwt.	46.10	41.80	46.50	56.50	45.70	48.30
Steers and Heifers 2/	Cwt.	98.70	83.20	85.40	99.60	85.00	85.70
Calves 2/	Cwt.	100.00	96.00	95.00	114.00	110.00	109.00
Sheep 2/	Cwt.	23.00	29.00	---	26.10	29.00	---
Lambs 2/	Cwt.	95.50	96.00	---	103.00	104.00	---
Milk Cows 6/	Head	1,800.00	---	1,100.00	1,980.00	---	1,280.00
All Milk, Wholesale 2/	Cwt.	17.83	10.32	10.20	19.30	11.30	11.30

- 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 July 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.



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