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U.S. CATTLE ON FEED DOWN 1 PERCENT

Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter market in the United States for feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head totaled 9.88 million head on September 1, 2009. The inventory was 1 percent below September 1, 2008. Placements in feedlots during August totaled 2.11 million, 2 percent above 2008. Net placements were 2.06 million head. During August, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 425 thousand, 600-699 pounds were 395 thousand, 700-799 pounds were 515 thousand, and 800 pounds and greater were 775 thousand.

Marketings of fed cattle during August totaled 1.81 million, 4 percent below 2008. This is the lowest fed cattle marketings for the month of August since the series began in 1996. Other disappearance totaled 55.0 thousand during August, 12 percent above 2008.

CALIFORNIA CATTLE ON FEED

Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter in California feedlots totaled 455 thousand head on September 1, 2009, 1 percent above last month, but 10 percent below September 2008. During August, placements of 53.0 thousand head were 43 percent above the previous year. Marketings of 46.0 thousand head were 2 percent above August 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 August 1/			Placed During August		Marketed During August	
	2008	2009	2009/2008	2008	2009	2008	2009
	1,000 Head		Percent	1,000 Head			
Arizona	357	275	77	33	28	27	27
California	515	450	87	37	53	45	46
Colorado	750	850	113	190	205	165	190
Idaho	180	195	108	45	42	44	40
Iowa	475	510	107	72	74	75	73
Kansas	2,010	1,920	96	520	550	430	405
Nebraska	1,920	1,920	100	445	460	395	350
New Mexico	164	2/	---	27	2/	23	2/
Oklahoma	290	310	107	70	73	54	56
South Dakota	170	190	112	28	36	32	40
Texas	2,590	2,510	97	510	500	510	490
Washington	133	138	104	36	31	30	28
Other States 3/	315	369	117	48	58	54	65
UNITED STATES 4/	9,869	9,637	98	2,061	2,110	1,884	1,810
State	Other Disappearance During August 5/			Number On Feed September 1 1/		2009	
	2008	2009		2008	2009	2008	
	1,000 Head		Percent	Percent			
Arizona	1	1	100	362	275	76	
California	2	2	100	505	455	90	
Colorado	5	5	100	770	860	112	
Idaho	1	2	200	180	195	108	
Iowa	2	1	50	470	510	109	
Kansas	10	15	150	2,090	2,050	98	
Nebraska	10	10	100	1,960	2,020	103	
New Mexico	1	2/	200	167	2/	---	
Oklahoma	1	2	200	305	325	107	
South Dakota	1	1	100	165	185	112	
Texas	10	10	100	2,580	2,510	97	
Washington	1	1	100	138	140	101	
Other States 3/	4	5	125	305	357	---	
UNITED STATES	49	55	110	9,997	9,882	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/ Not published to avoid disclosure of individual operations.
 3/ Includes unpublished New Mexico totals for 2009.
 4/ Revised Number On Feed for 2009.
 5/ Includes death losses, movement from feedlot to pastures and shipments to other feedlots for further feeding.

COMMERCIAL SLAUGHTER, AUGUST 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	125.0	134.0	157,343	170,290	1,277	1,287
U.S.	2,908.3	2,781.9	3,723,750	3,587,090	1,284	1,293
CALVES						
California	17.0	21.9	1,982	2,267	118	105
U.S.	79.2	76.7	19,148	17,772	245	234
SHEEP & LAMBS						
California	---	---	---	---	---	---
U.S.	200.2	202.9	26,445	26,668	132	132
HOGS						
California	231.5	214.5	54,581	51,960	236	242
U.S.	9,263.7	9,337.0	2,414,624	2,499,544	261	268
RED MEAT	August 2008	July 2009	August 2009	Aug 09 Aug 08	Aug 09 Jul 09	
	Million Pounds			Percent		
California	133.2	144.6	137.4	103	95	
U.S. 2/	4,095.2	4,123.5	4,076.6	100	99	

1/ Farm slaughter excluded.

2/ July 2009 revised.

CALIFORNIA COMMERCIAL SLAUGHTER

California's production of red meat during August 2009 totaled 137 million pounds (dressed weight), 5 percent below the previous month, but 3 percent above August 2008. This figure includes slaughter in Federally-inspected and State-inspected plants, but excludes slaughter done on farms. In August 2009, the average live weight of cattle slaughtered was 1,287 pounds; calves 105 pounds and hogs 242 pounds.

RECORD HIGH PORK PRODUCTION FOR U.S. IN AUGUST

Commercial red meat production for the United States totaled 4.08 billion pounds in August, down slightly from the 4.10 billion pounds produced in August 2008.

Beef production, at 2.18 billion pounds, was 4 percent below the previous year. Cattle slaughter totaled 2.78 million head, down 4 percent from August 2008. The average live weight was up 9 pounds from the previous year, at 1,293 pounds.

Veal production totaled 10.6 million pounds, 6 percent below August a year ago.

Calf slaughter totaled 76.7 thousand head, down 3 percent from August 2008. The average live weight was down 11 pounds from last year, at 234 pounds.

Pork production totaled 1.87 billion pounds, up 4 percent from the previous year. Hog kill totaled 9.34 million head, up 1 percent from August 2008. The average live weight was up 7 pounds from the previous year, at 268 pounds.

Lamb and mutton production, at 13.3 million pounds, was up slightly from August 2008. Sheep slaughter totaled 203 thousand head, 1 percent above last year. The average live weight was 132 pounds, unchanged from August a year ago.

January to August 2009 commercial red meat production was 32.5 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 2 percent from last year, and lamb and mutton production was down 4 percent.

August 2008 contained 21 weekdays (including no holidays) and 5 Saturdays. August 2009 contained 21 weekdays (including no holidays) and 5 Saturdays.

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

Commodity	Unit	California			United States		
		August 2008	July 2009	Aug. 15, 2009	August 2008	July 2009	Aug. 15, 2009
		Dollars					
All Hay, Baled 2/ 3/	Ton	192.00	98.00	95.00	163.00	116.00	109.00
Alfalfa, Baled 2/ 3/	Ton	210.00	99.00	96.00	179.00	120.00	111.00
Hogs 2/ 4/	Cwt.	---	---	---	60.70	43.20	39.70
Cows 2/ 5/	Cwt.	50.20	45.90	46.90	57.60	47.40	46.70
Steers and Heifers 2/	Cwt.	98.60	84.70	83.90	100.00	85.30	84.60
Calves 2/	Cwt.	100.00	95.00	95.00	117.00	110.00	110.00
Sheep 2/	Cwt.	25.00	24.00	---	26.60	29.50	---
Lambs 2/	Cwt.	95.00	92.50	---	99.90	101.00	---
Milk Cows 6/	Head	---	1,100.00	---	---	1,280.00	---
All Milk, Wholesale 2/	Cwt.	16.92	10.20	11.00	18.40	11.30	11.80

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.

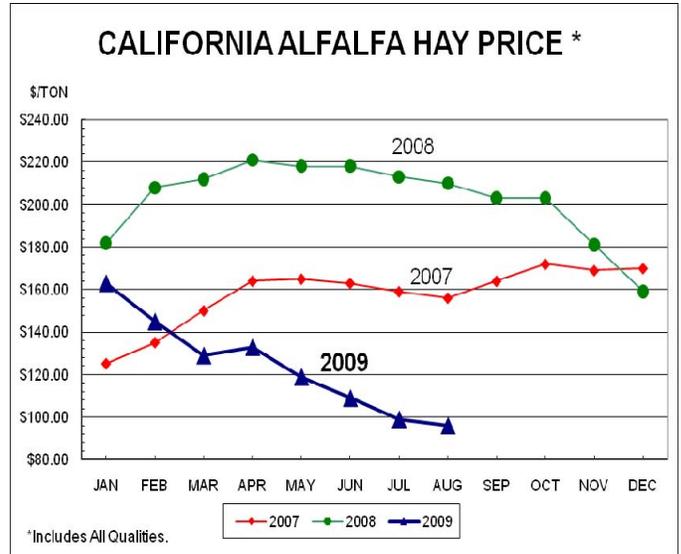
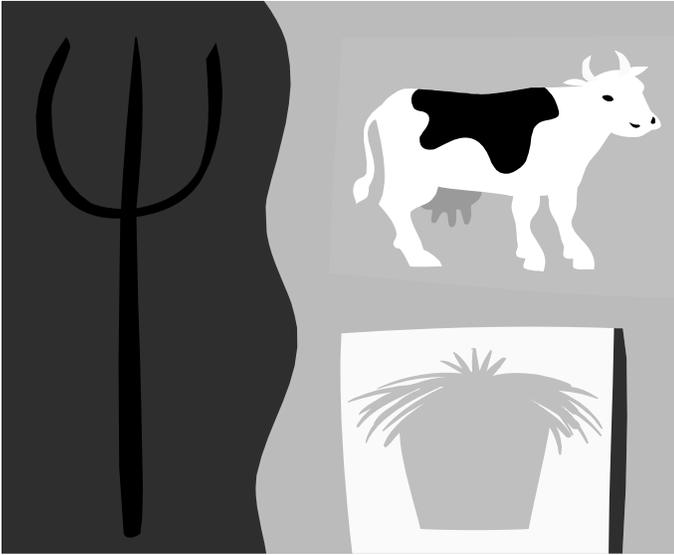
2/ Previous month revised to monthly average.

3/ California's August 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.

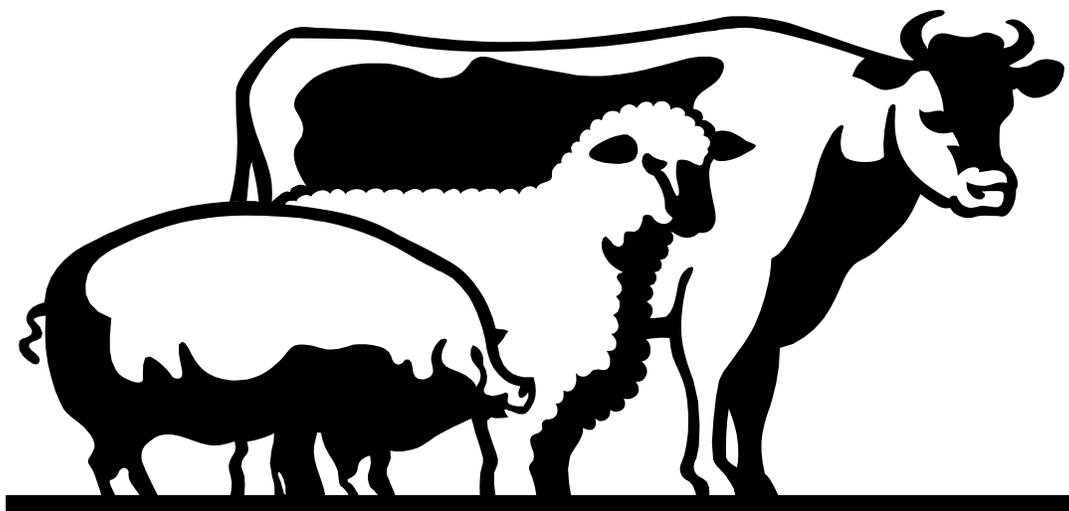


FEDERALLY-INSPECTED SLAUGHTER FOR REGIONS AND U.S., JANUARY-AUGUST 2008 1/

Standard Federal Regions	Cattle							CalvesTotal 2/						
	Total 2/	Steers	Heifers	Cows			Bulls & Stags							
				All	Dairy	Other								
				1,000 Head										
1	8.2	3.5	1.6	---	---	---	---	22.4						
2	41.3	13.6	2.4	22.0	19.0	3.0	3.4	135.0						
3	636.3	253.5	58.6	313.2	249.2	64.0	11.1	88.3						
4	532.5	13.3	4.9	438.1	102.0	336.1	76.3	2.4						
5	2,665.4	1,192.2	353.9	1,052.9	571.6	481.2	66.4	154.2						
6	4,481.8	2,354.4	1,355.2	687.1	171.5	515.6	85.1	24.4						
7	9,113.3	5,081.1	3,518.9	454.9	13.7	441.1	58.5	---						
8	2,057.5	1,101.5	814.4	---	---	---	---	---						
9	1,451.5	678.4	91.0	656.9	574.9	81.9	25.3	161.0						
10	922.2	357.5	276.0	259.3	156.4	103.0	29.4	---						
U.S. 2/	21,910.1	11,048.9	6,476.9	4,011.5	1,911.9	2,099.6	372.8	597.2						
Standard Federal Regions	Hogs				Sheep									
	Total 2/	Barrows & Gilts	Sows	Stags & Boars	Total 2/	Mature Sheep	Lambs & Yearlings							
								1,000 Head						
								1	9.9	9.5	0.2	0.1	23.1	3.0
2	79.3	77.8	0.8	0.7	108.4	11.6	96.8							
3	3,303.3	3,210.1	9.8	83.3	75.7	3.3	72.5							
4	10,693.3	10,104.9	576.1	12.3	27.6	8.2	19.3							
5	19,077.9	18,178.2	871.1	28.5	184.5	23.1	161.4							
6	3,840.4	3,667.4	171.7	1.3	---	---	---							
7	31,475.6	30,826.1	493.8	155.7	244.5	3.3	241.2							
8	3,036.3	3,033.0	3.2	0.1	614.1	16.0	598.1							
9	1,695.6	1,694.9	0.6	0.2	---	---	---							
10	193.6	193.1	0.4	0.1	16.8	1.5	15.3							
U.S. 2/	73,405.0	70,995.1	2,127.6	282.3	1,497.7	85.6	1,412.2							

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/ Regions with no data printed are still included in the US and Region total, data not printed to avoid disclosing individual operations. Totals may not add due to rounding.



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