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U.S. CATTLE ON FEED UP 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 10.5 million head on October 1, 2009. The inventory was 1 percent above October 1, 2008. The inventory included 6.42 million steers and steer calves, down 1 percent from the previous year. This group accounted for 61 percent of the total inventory. Heifers and heifer calves accounted for 4.01 million head, up 4 percent from 2008.

CALIFORNIA CATTLE ON FEED

Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter in California feedlots totaled 465 thousand head on October 1, 2009, 2 percent above last month, but 8 percent below October 2008. During September, placements of 56.0 thousand head were 2 percent above the previous year. Marketings of 44.0 thousand head were 17 percent below September 2008. Other disappearances totaled 2.00 thousand head.

Placements in feedlots during September totaled 2.39 million, 5 percent above 2008. Net placements were 2.34 million head. During September, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 490 thousand, 600-699 pounds were 450 thousand, 700-799 pounds were 593 thousand, and 800 pounds and greater were 855 thousand.

Marketings of fed cattle during September totaled 1.75 million, 4 percent below 2008. This is the third lowest fed cattle marketings for the month of September since the series began in 1996. Other disappearance totaled 47.0 thousand during September, 8 percent below 2008.

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

State	Number On Feed September 1/			Placed During September		Marketed During September	
	2008	2009	2009/2008	2008	2009	2008	2009
	1,000 Head		Percent	1,000 Head			
Arizona	362	275	76	24	27	25	26
California	505	455	90	55	56	53	44
Colorado	770	860	112	255	260	150	155
Idaho	180	195	108	57	53	41	42
Iowa	470	510	109	81	105	75	94
Kansas	2,090	2,050	98	485	510	400	330
Nebraska	1,960	2,020	103	550	550	390	395
New Mexico	167	2/	---	27	2/	20	2/
Oklahoma	305	325	107	60	80	49	48
South Dakota	165	185	112	56	52	44	41
Texas 3/	2,580	2,530	98	510	570	490	485
Washington	138	140	101	44	35	24	27
Other States 3/ 4/	305	334	---	77	90	51	59
UNITED STATES 3/	9,997	9,879	99	2,281	2,388	1,812	1,746

State	Other Disappearance During September 2/		Number On Feed October 1 1/		2009
	2008	2009	2008	2009	2008
	1,000 Head		1,000 Head		Percent
Arizona	1	1	360	275	76
California	2	2	505	465	92
Colorado	5	5	870	960	110
Idaho	1	1	195	205	105
Iowa	1	1	475	520	109
Kansas	15	10	2,160	2,220	103
Nebraska	10	5	2,110	2,170	103
New Mexico	1	2/	173	2/	---
Oklahoma	1	2	315	355	113
South Dakota	2	1	175	195	111
Texas	10	15	2,590	2,600	100
Washington	1	1	157	147	94
Other States	1	3	330	362	---
UNITED STATES	51	47	10,415	10,474	101

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/ Revised Number On Feed for 2009.

4/ Includes unpublished New Mexico totals for 2009.

5/ Includes death losses, movement from feedlot to pastures and shipments to other feedlots for further feeding.

CALIFORNIA MILK PRODUCTION

California milk producers produced 3.07 billion pounds of milk in September 2009. This was 5 percent below August 2009 and 6 percent below September 2008.

Monthly milk per cow averaged 1,730 pounds in September 2009, 90 pounds less than in August 2009, and 45 pounds below a year ago.

MILK PRODUCTION, CALIFORNIA AND UNITED STATES

Month	CALIFORNIA 1/						Total Milk		UNITED STATES 1/ 2/					
	Milk Cows 3/		Milk Per Cow 4/		Milk Production 4/		Receipts 5/		Milk Cows 3/		Milk Per Cow 4/		Milk Production 4/	
	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	1,804	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	1,791	1,850	1,815	3,417	3,251	3,412	3,245	8,515	8,400	1,744	1,767	14,848	14,845
Aug.	1,846	1,782	1,840	1,820	3,397	3,243	3,397	3,242	8,515	8,374	1,718	1,746	14,626	14,617
Sept.	1,845	1,772	1,775	1,730	3,275	3,066	3,272		8,510	8,342	1,650	1,672	14,041	13,949
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 July and August 2009 data.

2/ Twenty-three state total.

3/ Includes dry cows, excludes heifers not yet fresh.

4/ Excludes milk sucked by calves.

5/ Milk receipts from California Department of Food and Agriculture, Dairy Marketing and Milk Pooling Branches. Excludes on-farm usage.

U.S. – CANADIAN HOG INVENTORY

U.S. inventory of all hogs and pigs on September 1, 2009 was 66.6 million head. This was down 2 percent from September 1, 2008, but up 1 percent from June 1, 2009. The breeding inventory, at 5.87 million head, was down 3 percent from last year and down 2 percent from the previous quarter. Market hog inventory, at 60.8 million head, was down 2 percent from last year, but up 1 percent from last quarter. The pig crop, at 28.8 million head, was down 2 percent from 2008. Sows farrowed during this period totaled 2.97 million head, down 4 percent from last year.

Inventory in Canada for all hogs and pigs on October 1, 2009 was 11.8 million head. This was down 7 percent from October 1, 2008. The breeding inventory, at 1.35 million head, was down 5 percent from last year and down 2 percent from last quarter. Market hog inventory, at 10.5 million head, was down 8 percent from last year and down 2 percent from last quarter. The pig crop, at 7.3 million head, was down 4 percent from 2008. Sows farrowed during this period totaled 732 thousand head, down 5 percent from last year.

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

Type	Canada October 1 Inventory 3/			United States September 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	12,745	11,820	93	68,196	66,626	98
Kept for Breeding	1,417	1,353	95	6,061	5,874	97
Market	11,328	10,467	92	62,135	60,752	98
Sows Farrowed	773	732	95	3,075	2,966	96
Pig Crop	7,579	7,256	96	29,240	28,772	98

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 COMMERCIAL SLAUGHTER

California's production of red meat during September 2009 totaled 140 million pounds (dressed weight), 2 percent above the previous month, and 3 percent above September 2008. This figure includes slaughter in Federally-inspected and State-inspected plants, but excludes slaughter done on farms. In September 2009, the average live weight of cattle slaughtered was 1,284 pounds; calves 104 pounds, and hogs 243 pounds.

U.S. PORK PRODUCTION SETS RECORD HIGH FOR SEPTEMBER

Commercial red meat production for the United States totaled 4.26 billion pounds in September, down slightly from the 4.27 billion pounds produced in September 2008.

Beef production, at 2.23 billion pounds, was 2 percent below the previous year. Cattle slaughter totaled 2.81 million head, down 3 percent from September 2008. The average live weight, at 1,311 pounds, was up 14 pounds from the previous year.

Veal production totaled 11.7 million pounds, 8 percent below September a year ago. Calf slaughter totaled 81,200 head, down 7 percent from September 2008. The average live weight was down 7 pounds from last year, at 244 pounds.

Pork production totaled 2.00 billion pounds, up 1 percent from the previous year. Hog kill totaled 9.94 million head, down slightly from September 2008. The average live weight was up 4 pounds from the previous year, at 270 pounds.

Lamb and mutton production, at 14.8 million pounds, was up 2 percent from September 2008. Sheep slaughter totaled 225 thousand head, 1 percent above last year. The average live weight was 130 pounds, up 1 pound from September a year ago.

January to September 2009 commercial red meat production was 36.8 billion pounds, down 2 percent from 2008. Accumulated beef production was down 3 percent from last year, veal was down 4 percent, pork was down 1 percent from last year, and lamb and mutton production was down 3 percent.

September 2008 contained 22 weekdays (including one holiday) and 4 Saturdays.

COMMERCIAL SLAUGHTER, SEPTEMBER 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	126.4	135.6	160,604	171,931	1,288	1,284
U.S. Total	2,889.4	2,814.4	3,737,069	3,676,548	1,297	1,311
CALVES						
California	16.9	20.9	1,941	2,121	116	104
U.S. Total	87.4	81.2	21,683	19,646	251	244
SHEEP & LAMBS						
California	---	---	---	---	---	---
U.S. Total	223.7	225.4	28,846	29,359	129	130
HOGS						
California	232.7	221.1	55,836	53,778	240	243
U.S. Total	9,969.5	9,935.6	2,645,765	2,678,810	266	270

RED MEAT	September 2008	August 2009	September 2009	Sept 09 Sept 08	Sept 09 Aug 09
	Million Pounds			Percent	
	California	136.0	137.4	140.1	103
U.S. Total	4,272.9	4,076.6	4,261.8	100	105

1/ Farm slaughter excluded.

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

Commodity	Unit	California			United States		
		September 2008	August 2009	Sept 15, 2009	September 2008	August 2009	Sept 15, 2009
		Dollars					
All Hay, Baled 2/ 3/	Ton	190.00	95.00	95.00	161.00	109.00	107.00
Alfalfa, Baled 2/ 3/	Ton	203.00	96.00	97.00	175.00	111.00	110.00
Hogs 2/ 4/	Cwt.	---	---	---	52.60	37.40	37.80
Cows 2/ 5/	Cwt.	48.60	43.60	43.20	54.80	45.70	44.10
Steers and Heifers 2/	Cwt.	97.10	83.00	85.00	99.30	85.10	85.90
Calves 2/	Cwt.	98.80	98.50	97.00	113.00	110.00	107.00
Sheep 2/	Cwt.	23.00	26.00	---	24.50	31.40	---
Lambs 2/	Cwt.	91.50	89.00	---	99.40	97.40	---
Milk Cows 6/	Head	---	---	---	---	---	---
All Milk, Wholesale 2/	Cwt.	16.93	10.81	11.40	18.20	12.00	12.70

- 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 September 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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