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U.S. CATTLE ON FEED UP 3 PERCENT

Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter market, in the United States for feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head, totaled 10.1 million head on July 1, 2010. The inventory was 3 percent above July 1, 2009. The inventory included 6.25 million steers and steer calves, up 4 percent from the previous year. This group accounted for 62 percent of the total inventory. Heifers and heifer calves accounted for 3.77 million head, up 1 percent from 2009.

Placements in feedlots during June totaled 1.63 million, 17 percent above 2009. Net placements were 1.57 million head. During June, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 440 thousand, 600-699 pounds were 300 thousand, 700-799 pounds were 408 thousand, and 800 pounds and greater were 480 thousand.

Marketings of fed cattle during June totaled 2.00 million, slightly above 2009.

Other disappearance totaled 55.0 thousand during June, 4 percent below 2009.

CALIFORNIA CATTLE ON FEED

Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter in California feedlots totaled 430 thousand head on July 1, 2010, 1 percent above last month, and 7 percent below July 2009. During June, placements of 64.0 thousand head were 49 percent above the previous year. Marketings of 56.0 thousand head were 10 percent above June 2009. Other disappearance totaled 3.0 thousand head.

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

State	Number On Feed June 1 a/			Placed During June		Marketed During June	
	2009	2010	2010/2009	2009	2010	2009	2010
	1,000 Head		Percent	1,000 Head			
Arizona	301	263	87	21	21	34	27
California	470	425	90	43	64	51	56
Colorado	980	970	99	125	125	190	170
Idaho	205	210	102	32	34	36	43
Iowa	530	590	111	59	57	67	75
Kansas	2,080	2,130	102	305	365	455	475
Nebraska	2,110	2,140	101	270	310	440	435
Oklahoma	310	345	111	44	66	58	60
South Dakota	220	230	105	25	23	39	36
Texas	2,610	2,640	101	380	470	490	510
Washington	156	178	114	30	32	39	42
Other States	330	373	113	57	61	90	68
UNITED STATES	10,407	10,494	101	1,391	1,628	1,989	1,997

State	Other Disappearance During June b/		Number On Feed July 1 a/		2010
	2009	2010	2009	2010	2009
	1,000 Head		Percent		
Arizona	1	2	287	255	89
California	2	3	460	430	93
Colorado	5	5	910	920	101
Idaho	1	1	200	200	100
Iowa	2	2	520	570	110
Kansas	10	10	1,920	2,010	105
Nebraska	20	15	1,920	2,000	104
Oklahoma	1	1	295	350	119
South Dakota	1	2	205	215	105
Texas	10	10	2,490	2,590	104
Washington	1	1	146	167	114
Other States	3	3	399	363	91
UNITED STATES	57	55	9,752	10,070	103

a/ 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.

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

U.S. ALL SHEEP AND LAMB INVENTORY DOWN 2 PERCENT

All sheep and lamb inventory in the United States on July 1, 2010 totaled 6.90 million head, down 2 percent from July 1, 2009. Breeding sheep inventory at 4.16 million head on July 1, 2010 was down 3 percent from July 1, 2009. Market sheep and lambs (including newborn lambs), at 2.74 million head, were down 1 percent from last July.

The breeding herd consists of 3.37 million ewes one year old and older, 175 thousand rams one year old and older, and 620 thousand replacement lambs (including newborn lambs). Market lamb inventory at 2.65 million head was comprised of 1.58 million lambs under 65 pounds, 550 thousand lambs 65-84 pounds, 285 thousand lambs 85-105 pounds, and 235 thousand lambs over 105 pounds. Market sheep inventory was 90.0 thousand head.

The 2010 lamb crop in the United States is expected to total 3.60 million head, down 2 percent from the 2009 lamb crop of 3.69 million head. Lambs born during January through June 2010 totaled 3.15 million head, or 88 percent of the yearly total. An additional 450 thousand head are expected to be born during the period July through December 2010. The 2010 expected lambing rate of 108 lambs per 100 ewes is unchanged from last year.

ALL SHEEP AND LAMB INVENTORY BY CLASS, JULY 1, 2009-10

Item	2009	2010	2010 2009
	1,000 Head		Percent
	All Sheep and Lambs	7,050	6,900
Breeding Sheep and Lambs	4,280	4,160	97
Replacement Lambs			
Under One Year Old	630	620	98
Ewes - One Year Old and Older	3,470	3,365	97
Rams - One Year Old and Older	180	175	97
Market	2,770	2,740	99

U.S. HOG INVENTORY DOWN 4 PERCENT

U.S. inventory of all hogs and pigs on June 1, 2010 was 64.4 million head. This was down 4 percent from the June 1, 2009 total, but up 1 percent from March 1, 2010.

Breeding inventory, at 5.79 million head, was down 3 percent from last year, but up slightly from the previous quarter. Market hog inventory, at 58.6 million head, was down 4 percent from last year, but up 1 percent from last quarter.

The March-May 2010 pig crop, at 28.2 million head, was down 3 percent from 2009 and down 2 percent from 2008. Sows farrowing during this period totaled 2.87 million head, down 5 percent from 2009 and down 6 percent from 2008. The sows farrowed during this quarter represented 50 percent of the breeding herd.

The average pigs saved per litter was a record high 9.81 for the March-May 2010 period, compared to 9.61 last year. Pigs saved per litter by size of operation ranged from 7.70 for operations with 1-99 hogs and pigs, to 9.90 for operations with more than 5,000 hogs and pigs.

U.S. HOG AND PIG INVENTORY, JUNE 1, 2009-10

Item	2009	2010	2010 2009
	1,000 Head		Percent
June 1 Inventory			
All Hogs and Pigs 1/	66,809	64,400	96
Kept for Breeding	5,968	5,788	97
Market	60,842	58,612	96
Market Hogs and Pigs			
By Weight Groups:			
Under 50 Pounds	19,554	18,879	97
50-119 Pounds	17,838	16,877	95
120-179 Pounds	12,604	12,279	97
180 Pounds and Over	10,847	10,578	98

1/ May not add due to rounding.

CALIFORNIA MILK PRODUCTION

California milk producers produced 3.40 billion pounds of milk in June 2010. This was 3 percent below May 2010 and 3 percent above June 2009. Monthly milk per cow averaged 1,940 pounds, 85 pounds less than in May 2010, and 120 pounds higher than 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/	
	2009	2010	2009	2010	2009	2010	2009	2010	2009	2010	2009	2010	2009	2010
	1,000 Head		Pounds		Million Pounds		Million Pounds		1,000 Head		Pounds		Million Pounds	
Jan.	1,832	1,760	1,885	1,915	3,453	3,370	3,449	3,369	8,506	8,315	1,752	1,784	14,902	14,831
Feb.	1,825	1,760	1,720	1,755	3,139	3,089	3,137	3,087	8,486	8,319	1,605	1,642	13,624	13,660
Mar.	1,821	1,757	1,925	1,980	3,505	3,479	3,504	3,479	8,482	8,322	1,795	1,846	15,222	15,364
Apr.	1,821	1,751	1,885	1,960	3,433	3,432	3,433	3,431	8,480	8,328	1,760	1,824	14,922	15,192
May	1,815	1,750	1,935	2,025	3,512	3,544	3,511	3,541	8,475	8,337	1,834	1,893	15,541	15,781
June	1,804	1,751	1,820	1,940	3,283	3,397	3,281		8,434	8,347	1,749	1,816	14,754	15,154
July	1,790		1,815		3,249		3,245		8,397		1,771		14,867	
Aug.	1,782		1,820		3,243		3,242		8,372		1,745		14,606	
Sept.	1,769		1,735		3,069		3,067		8,335		1,675		13,957	
Oct.	1,767		1,815		3,207		3,205		8,316		1,720		14,306	
Nov.	1,765		1,775		3,133		3,131		8,314		1,681		13,979	
Dec.	1,762		1,865		3,286		3,283		8,311		1,761		14,632	

1/ Revised March 2010.

2/ Twenty-three State total.

3/ Revised May 2010.

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 2010 totaled 149.5 million pounds (dressed weight), 9 percent above the previous month, and 2 percent above June 2009. This figure includes slaughter in Federally-inspected and State-inspected plants, but excludes slaughter done on farms. In June 2010, the average live weight of cattle slaughtered was 1,299 pounds; calves 114 pounds; sheep and lambs 146 pounds; and hogs 238 pounds.

COMMERCIAL SLAUGHTER, JUNE 2009-10 a/

Species and Location	Number Slaughtered		Total Live Weight		Average Live Weight	
	2009	2010	2009	2010	2009	2010
	1,000 Head		1,000 Pounds		Pounds	
CATTLE						
California	145.1	149.5	183,749	190,856	1,285	1,299
U.S. Total	2,981.5	3,050.5	3,772,664	3,835,502	1,269	1,261
CALVES						
California	19.7	15.3	2,109	1,707	109	114
U.S. Total	77.3	68.6	19,243	18,226	251	269
SHEEP & LAMBS						
California	b/	38.0	b/	5,530	b/	146
U.S. Total	202.8	212.0	27,685	28,283	137	134
HOGS						
California	217.9	211.3	53,796	50,326	247	238
U.S. Total	9,182.3	9,044.7	2,470,661	2,449,389	269	271
RED MEAT	June 2009	May 2010	June 2010	Jun 10 Jun 09	Jun 10 May 10	
	Million Pounds			Percent		
California	147.0	137.4	149.5	102	109	
U.S. Total	4,162.1	3,731.7	4,177.0	100	112	

a/ Farm slaughter excluded.

b/ Withheld to avoid disclosing data for individual operations.

RECORD RED MEAT PRODUCTION FOR JUNE

Commercial red meat production for the United States totaled 4.18 billion pounds in June, up slightly from the 4.16 billion pounds produced in June 2009.

Beef production, at 2.32 billion pounds, was 1 percent above the previous year. Cattle slaughter totaled 3.05 million head, up 2 percent from June 2009. The average live weight was down 8 pounds from the previous year, at 1,261 pounds.

Veal production totaled 10.8 million pounds, 7 percent below June a year ago. Calf slaughter totaled 68.6 thousand head, down 11 percent from June 2009. The average live weight was up 18 pounds from last year, at 269 pounds.

Pork production totaled 1.83 billion pounds, down 1 percent from the previous year. Hog kill totaled 9.04 million head, down 1 percent from June 2009. The average live weight was up 2 pounds from the previous year, at 271 pounds.

Lamb and mutton production, at 14.1 million pounds, was up 2 percent from June 2009. Sheep slaughter totaled 212 thousand head, 5 percent above last year. The average live weight was 134 pounds, down 3 pounds from June a year ago.

January to June 2010 commercial red meat production was 23.9 billion pounds, down 2 percent from 2009. Accumulated beef production was down slightly from last year, veal was down 3 percent, pork was down 3 percent from last year, and lamb and mutton production was down 2 percent.

June 2009 contained 22 weekdays (including no holidays) and 4 Saturdays. June 2010 contained 22 weekdays (including no holidays) and 4 Saturdays.

U.S. CALF CROP DOWN 1 PERCENT

The 2010 calf crop is expected to be 35.4 million, down 1 percent from 2009. Calves born during the first half of the year are estimated at 25.7 million, down 1 percent from 2009.

**CATTLE AND CALVES
NUMBER BY CLASS AND CALF CROP, U.S., JULY 1, 2009-10**

Class	2009	2010	2010 2009
	Thousand Head		Percent
Cattle and Calves	102,000	100,800	99
Cows and Heifers That Have Calved	41,400	40,800	99
Beef Cows	32,200	31,700	98
Milk Cows	9,200	9,100	99
Heifers 500 Lbs. and Over	16,200	16,100	99
For Beef Cow Replacement	4,500	4,400	98
For Milk Cow Replacement	3,950	4,050	103
Other Heifers	7,750	7,650	99
Steers 500 Lbs. and Over	14,400	14,300	99
Bulls 500 Lbs. and Over	2,100	2,100	100
Calves Less Than 500 Lbs.	27,900	27,500	99
Calf Crop	35,819	35,400	99

**JULY 1 CATTLE INVENTORY
DOWN 1 PERCENT**

All cattle and calves in the United States as of July 1, 2010, totaled 100.8 million head, 1 percent below the 102.0 million on July 1, 2009.

All cows and heifers that have calved, at 40.8 million, were down 1 percent from July 1, 2009.

- Beef cows, at 31.7 million, were down 2 percent from July 1, 2009.
- Milk cows, at 9.1 million, were down 1 percent from July 1, 2009.

Other class estimates on July 1, 2010 and the changes from July 1, 2009, are as follows:

- All heifers 500 pounds and over, 16.1 million, down 1 percent.
- Beef replacement heifers, 4.4 million, down 2 percent.
- Milk replacement heifers, 4.1 million, up 3 percent.
- Other heifers, 7.7 million, down 1 percent.
- Steers weighing 500 pounds and over, 14.3 million, down 1 percent.
- Bulls weighing 500 pounds and over, 2.1 million, unchanged.
- Calves under 500 pounds, 27.5 million, down 1 percent.
- All cattle and calves on feed for slaughter, 12.0 million, up 3 percent.

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

Commodity	Unit	California			UNITED STATES		
		June 2009	May 2010	June 15, 2010	June 2009	May 2010	June 15, 2010
		Dollars					
All Hay, Baled 2/ 3/	Ton	106.00	114.00	112.00	123.00	116.00	114.00
Alfalfa, Baled 2/ 3/	Ton	109.00	123.00	121.00	128.00	121.00	119.00
Hogs 2/ 4/	Cwt.	---	---	---	43.30	62.10	57.70
Cows 2/ 5/	Cwt.	41.80	59.40	57.70	45.40	59.20	58.20
Steers and Heifers 2/	Cwt.	95.80	99.50	94.90	84.90	99.70	95.70
Calves 2/	Cwt.	96.00	117.00	111.00	109.00	122.00	121.00
Sheep 2/	Cwt.	29.00	42.00	---	28.90	46.10	---
Lambs 2/	Cwt.	96.00	101.00	---	104.00	123.00	---
Milk Cows 6/	Head	---	---	---	---	---	---
All Milk, Wholesale 2/	Cwt.	10.11	13.80	14.50	11.30	15.10	15.80

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 June 2010 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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