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CALIFORNIA CATTLE ON FEED

Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter in California feedlots totaled 435 thousand head on August 1, 2010, 1 percent above last month, and 3 percent below August 2009. During July, placements of 51.0 thousand head were 13 percent above the previous year. Marketings of 43.0 thousand head were 19 percent below July 2009. Other disappearance totaled 3.0 thousand head.

UNITED STATES CATTLE ON FEED UP 2 PERCENT

Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter market, in the United States for feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head, totaled 9.87 million head on August 1, 2010. The inventory was 2 percent above August 1, 2009.

Placements in feedlots during July totaled 1.75 million, 6 percent below 2009. Net placements were 1.71 million head. During July, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 415 thousand, 600-699 pounds were 305 thousand, 700-799 pounds were 449 thousand, and 800 pounds and greater were 585 thousand.

Marketings of fed cattle during July totaled 1.90 million, 2 percent below 2009. These are the lowest fed cattle marketings for the month of July since the series began in 1996.

Other disappearance totaled 48 thousand during July, 12 percent above 2009.

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

State	Number On Feed July 1 a/			Placed During July		Marketed During July	
	2009	2010	2010/2009	2009	2010	2009	2010
	1,000 Head		Percent	1,000 Head			
Arizona	287	255	89	25	21	36	27
California	460	430	93	45	51	53	43
Colorado	910	920	101	125	140	180	165
Idaho	200	200	100	33	31	37	45
Iowa	520	570	110	61	69	70	77
Kansas	1,920	2,010	105	480	500	470	460
Nebraska	1,920	2,000	104	410	370	400	400
Oklahoma	295	350	119	69	49	52	63
South Dakota	205	215	105	29	33	43	47
Texas	2,490	2,590	104	495	410	470	470
Washington	146	167	114	33	33	40	38
Other States	399	363	91	58	47	84	68
UNITED STATES	9,752	10,070	103	1,863	1,754	1,935	1,903

State	Other Disappearance During July b/		Number On Feed August 1 a/		2010
	2009	2010	2009	2010	2009
	1,000 Head		Percent		
Arizona	1	1	275	248	90
California	2	3	450	435	97
Colorado	5	5	850	890	105
Idaho	1	1	195	185	95
Iowa	1	2	510	560	110
Kansas	10	10	1,920	2,040	106
Nebraska	10	10	1,920	1,960	102
Oklahoma	2	1	310	335	108
South Dakota	1	1	190	200	105
Texas	5	10	2,510	2,520	100
Washington	1	1	138	161	117
Other States	4	3	369	339	92
UNITED STATES	43	48	9,637	9,873	102

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.

CATTLE AND CALVES BY CLASSES, CANADA AND UNITED STATES, JULY 1, 2009-2010 a/

Class	Canada b/			United States c/		
	2009	2010	2010 2009	2009	2010	2010 2009
	Thousands		Percent	Thousands		Percent
All Cattle & Calves	14,735	14,011	95	102,000	100,800	99
All Cows:	5,571	5,338	96	41,400	40,800	99
Beef	4,588	4,356	95	32,200	31,700	98
Milk	983	982	100	9,200	9,100	99
Heifers 500 Lbs. + d/	2,319	2,226	96	16,200	16,100	99
Beef Replacement	638	624	98	4,500	4,400	98
Milk Replacement	459	452	98	3,950	4,050	103
Other Heifers	1,222	1,150	94	7,750	7,650	99
Steers 500 Lbs. + d/	1,665	1,496	90	14,400	14,300	99
Bulls 500 Lbs. + d/	248	239	96	2,100	2,100	100
Calves Less Than 500 Lbs.	4,932	4,714	96	27,900	27,500	99
Calf Crop e/	5,080	---	---	35,819	35,400	99

- a/ Totals may not add due to rounding.
- b/ Source: Livestock and Annual Products Section, Statistics Canada.
- c/ Source: National Agricultural Statistics Service.
- d/ For Canada, one year and over with the exception of calves, which are under one year.
- e/ 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 2010 totaled 144.1 million pounds (dressed weight), 4 percent below the previous month, and slightly lower than July 2009. This figure includes slaughter in Federally-inspected and State-inspected plants, but excludes slaughter done on farms. In July 2010, the average live weight of cattle slaughtered was 1,280 pounds; calves 106 pounds, sheep and lambs 139 pounds, and hogs 238 pounds.

U.S. LAMB AND MUTTON PRODUCTION AT RECORD LOW FOR JULY

Commercial red meat production for the United States totaled 3.96 billion pounds in July, down 4 percent from the 4.12 billion pounds produced in July 2009.

Beef production, at 2.23 billion pounds, was 2 percent below the previous year. Cattle slaughter totaled 2.90 million head, down 1 percent from July 2009. The average live weight was down 9 pounds from the previous year, at 1,273 pounds.

Veal production totaled 10.9 million pounds, 1 percent above July a year ago. Calf slaughter totaled 75.1 thousand head, down 6 percent from July 2009. The average live weight was up 21 pounds from last year, at 251 pounds.

Pork production totaled 1.70 billion pounds, down 7 percent from the previous year. Hog kill totaled 8.47 million head, down 7

percent from July 2009. At 269 pounds, the average live weight was up 2 pounds from the previous year.

Lamb and mutton production, at 12.8 million pounds, was down 8 percent from July 2009. Sheep slaughter totaled 197.4 thousand head, 5 percent below last year. The average live weight was 131 pounds, down 4 pounds from July a year ago.

January to July 2010 commercial red meat production was 27.8 billion pounds, down 2 percent from 2009. Accumulated beef production was down 1 percent from last year, veal was down 2 percent, pork was down 4 percent from last year, and lamb and mutton production was down 3 percent.

July 2009 contained 23 weekdays (including one holiday) and 4 Saturdays. July 2010 contained 22 weekdays (including one holiday) and 5 Saturdays.

COMMERCIAL SLAUGHTER, JULY 2009-2010 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	141.3	148.4	178,537	187,039	1,282	1,280
U.S. Total	2,921.6	2,900.2	3,732,720	3,680,068	1,282	1,273
CALVES						
California	23.0	18.4	2,257	1,929	99	106
U.S. Total	80.1	75.1	18,270	18,571	230	251
SHEEP & LAMBS						
California	b/	27.0	b/	3,769	b/	139
U.S. Total	207.3	197.4	27,937	25,751	135	131
HOGS						
California	222.9	201.1	54,492	47,909	245	238
U.S. Total	9,148.3	8,469.2	2,444,787	2,275,363	267	269
RED MEAT	July 2009	June 2010	July 2010	July 10 Jul 09	July 10 Jun 10	
	Million Pounds		Percent			
California	144.7	149.5	144.1	100	96	
U.S.	4,124.5	4,177.0	3,956.4	96	95	

- a/ Farm slaughter excluded.
- b/ Withheld to avoid disclosing data for individual operations.

HOG AND PIG INVENTORY, CANADA AND UNITED STATES 2009-2010 a/ b/

Item	Canada July 1 Inventory c/			United States June 1 Inventory d/		
	2009	2010	2010	2009	2010	2010
			2009			2009
	1,000 Head		Percent	1,000 Head		Percent
All Hogs & Pigs	12,065	11,781	98	66,809	64,400	96
Kept for Breeding	1,373	1,305	95	5,968	5,788	97
Market	10,692	10,476	98	60,842	58,612	96
Sows Farrowed	737	705	96	3,018	2,875	95
Pig Crop	7,322	7,001	96	29,012	28,199	97

a/ Totals may not add due to rounding.

b/ Includes Boars.

c/ Source: Livestock and Animal Products Section, Statistics Canada.

d/ Source: National Agricultural Statistics Service.

CALIFORNIA MILK PRODUCTION

California milk producers produced 3.40 billion pounds of milk in July 2010. This was only slightly higher than June 2010, and 5 percent above July 2009.

Monthly milk per cow averaged 1,945 pounds, 5 pounds more than in June 2010, and 130 pounds higher than a year ago.

MILK PRODUCTION, CALIFORNIA AND UNITED STATES

Month	CALIFORNIA						Total Milk Receipts d/		UNITED STATES a/					
	Milk Cows b/		Milk Per Cow c/		Milk Production c/		2009	2010	Milk Cows b/		Milk Per Cow c/		Milk Production c/	
	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 e/	1,804	1,750	1,820	1,940	3,283	3,395	3,281	3,391	8,434	8,352	1,749	1,817	14,754	15,177
July	1,790	1,749	1,815	1,945	3,249	3,402	3,245		8,397	8,371	1,771	1,830	14,867	15,316
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	

a/ Twenty-three state total.

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

c/ Excludes milk sucked by calves.

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

e/ Revised June 2010.

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

Commodity	Unit	California			UNITED STATES		
		July 2009	June 2010	July 15, 2010	July 2009	June 2010	July 15, 2010
		Dollars					
All Hay, Baled b/ c/	Ton	98.00	112.00	111.00	116.00	114.00	112.00
Alfalfa, Baled b/ c/	Ton	99.00	121.00	121.00	120.00	119.00	117.00
Hogs b/ d/	Cwt.	---	---	---	43.30	58.30	57.80
Cows b/ e/	Cwt.	45.90	57.10	58.70	47.30	57.80	58.40
Steers and Heifers b/	Cwt.	84.70	94.90	93.40	85.30	94.80	95.10
Calves b/	Cwt.	95.00	111.00	112.00	108.00	121.00	119.00
Sheep b/	Cwt.	24.00	39.00	---	29.60	43.30	---
Lambs b/	Cwt.	92.50	104.00	---	102.00	120.00	---
Milk Cows f/	Head	1,100.00	---	1,300.00	1,280.00	---	1,320.00
All Milk, Wholesale b/ g/	Cwt.	10.01	14.26	15.20	11.30	15.50	16.00

a/ 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.

b/ Previous month revised to monthly average.

c/ California's July 2010 prices are for the full month.

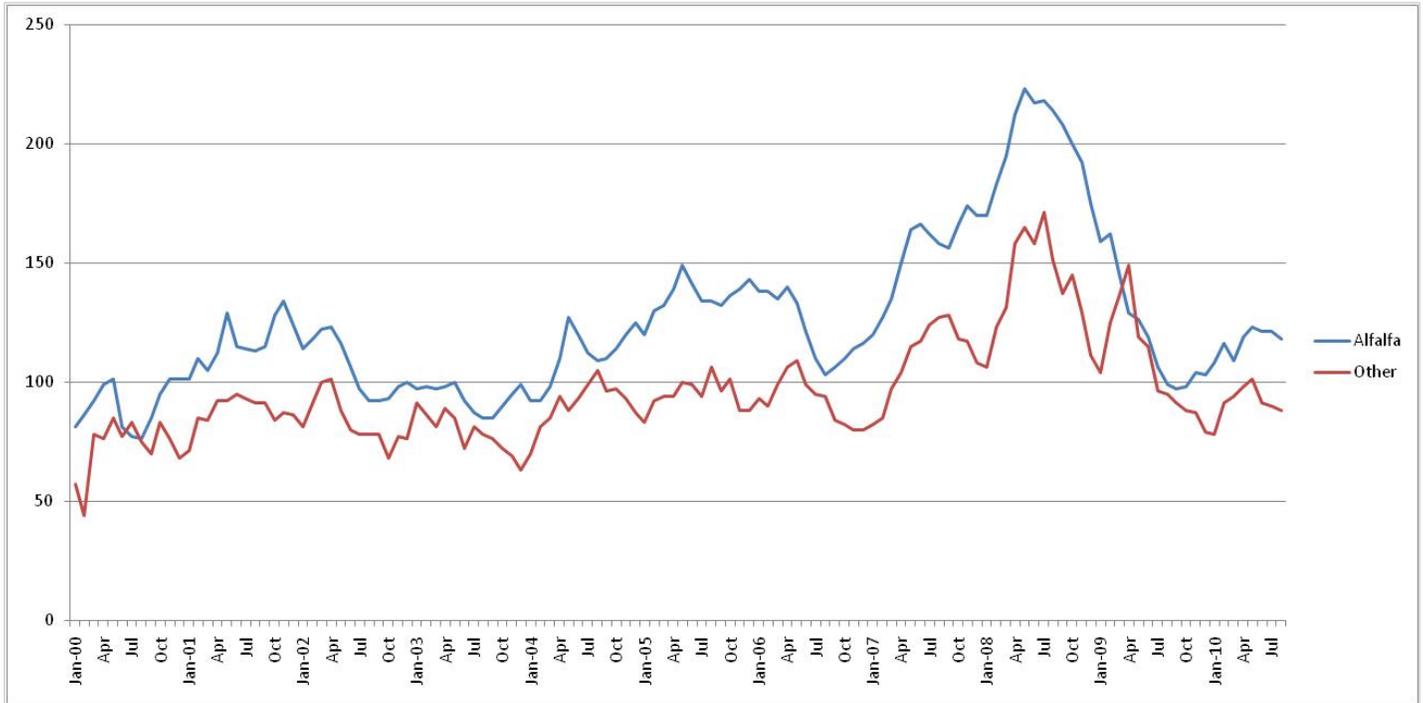
d/ Prices include barrows, gilts, and sows.

e/ Beef cows and cull dairy cows sold for slaughter.

f/ Animals sold for dairy herd replacement only. Prices published January, April, July and October.

g/ July 2010 Fat test percent: all milk; 3.51.

California Hay Prices: 2000-2010



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