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Dear Cattle Feeders:

Information contained herein is the result of mail, phone and personal interview surveys conducted during the past few weeks. Special recognition and appreciation are extended to all producers and agribusinesses who provided data making these reports possible.

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Cattle on Feed: Number on Feed, Placements, Marketings and Other Disappearance, 1,000+ Capacity Feedlots, by Month, State, and United States, 2007-2008

State	July 1 Number on Feed ¹			June Placements			June Marketings			June Other Disappearance ²		
	2007	2008	<u>2008</u> 2007	2007	2008	<u>2008</u> 2007	2007	2008	<u>2008</u> 2007	2007	2008	<u>2008</u> 2007
	1,000 Head	Percent		1,000 Head	Percent		1,000 Head	Percent		1,000 Head	Percent	
Arizona	343	356	104	39	32	82	35	40	114	1	1	100
California	545	520	95	53	52	98	60	55	92	3	2	67
Colorado	940	820	87	120	80	67	190	170	89	10	10	100
Idaho	220	200	91	37	33	89	46	47	102	1	1	100
Iowa	510	500	98	52	41	79	61	60	98	1	1	100
Kansas	2,140	2,080	97	375	330	88	515	430	83	10	10	100
Nebraska	2,050	2,050	100	330	290	88	560	475	85	10	15	150
New Mexico	132	154	117	22	32	145	17	27	159	1	1	100
Oklahoma	325	300	92	52	57	110	66	61	92	1	1	100
South Dakota	197	185	94	24	21	88	39	38	97	3	3	100
Texas	2,870	2,660	93	485	460	95	475	480	101	10	10	100
Washington	150	140	93	31	28	90	30	32	107	0	1	
Other States	315	330	105	37	57	154	46	58	126	1	4	400
United States	10,737	10,295	96	1,657	1,513	91	2,140	1,973	92	52	60	115

¹ Cattle and calves on feed are animals for slaughter market being fed a ration of grain or other concentrates and are expected to produce a carcass that will grade select or better.

² Includes death loss, movement from feedlots to pastures, and shipments to other feedlots for further feeding.

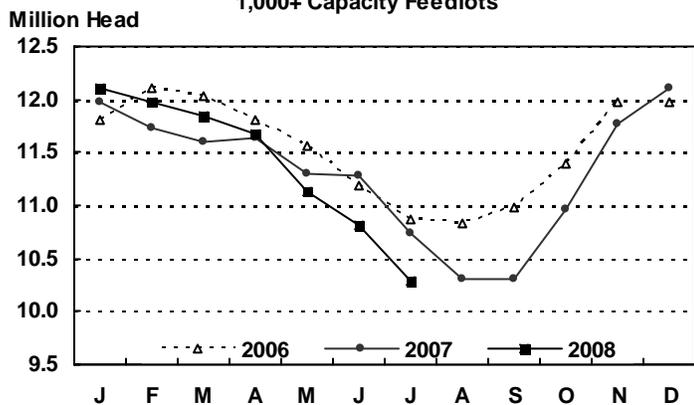
Source: USDA NASS Cattle on Feed, July 25, 2008

Cattle on Feed: Number Placed on Feed by Weight Group, 1,000+ Capacity Feedlots, by Month, State, and United States, 2007-2008

State	During June									
	Under 600		600-699		700-799		800 Plus		Total	
	2007	2008	2007	2008	2007	2008	2007	2008	2007	2008
	<i>1,000 Head</i>									
Colorado	15	20	20	10	35	25	50	25	120	80
Kansas	80	60	70	75	125	100	100	95	375	330
Nebraska	75	40	55	40	70	70	130	140	330	290
Texas	110	135	135	140	160	120	80	65	485	460
Other States	125	110	45	60	67	68	110	115	347	353
United States	405	365	325	325	457	383	470	440	1,657	1,513

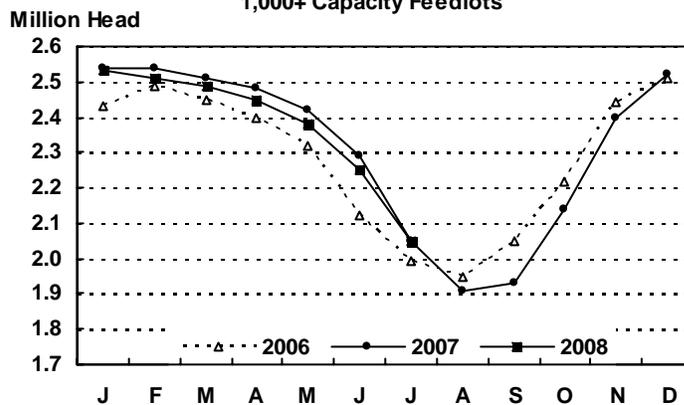
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**United States Cattle on Feed
1,000+ Capacity Feedlots**



Source: USDA NASS Nebraska Field Office

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Federally Inspected Red Meat Production: United States¹

Class	Jun 2007	May 2008	Jun 2008	Jun 08 % of		Jan-Jun ²		
				Jun 2007	May 2008	2007	2008	08 as % of 07
	Million Pounds	Million Pounds	Million Pounds	Percent	Percent	Million Pounds	Million Pounds	Percent
Beef	2,321.8	*2,351.2	2,234.2	96	95	12,711.6	13,090.4	103
Veal	11.0	11.2	11.5	105	102	73.9	67.2	91
Pork	1,641.2	*1,801.7	1,747.9	107	97	10,442.5	11,530.1	110
Lamb & Mutton	13.1	14.4	12.5	95	87	89.7	85.6	95
Total Red Meat³	3,987.1	4,178.5	4,006.2	100	96	23,317.6	24,773.4	106

* Revised. ¹Based on packers' dressed weights and excludes farm slaughter. ²Accumulated totals and percentages based on unrounded data. ³Totals may not equal sum of the parts due to rounding.

Source: USDA NASS Livestock Slaughter July 25, 2008

Classification of Livestock Slaughtered Under Federal Inspection: United States

Item	Jun 2007	May 2008	Jun 2008	Jan-Jun ¹		Jun 2007	May 2008	Jun 2008	Jan-Jun ¹	
				2007	2008				2007	2008
	1,000 Head	1,000 Head	1,000 Head	1,000 Head	1,000 Head	Percent of Total	Percent of Total	Percent of Total	Percent of Total	Percent of Total
Class²										
Cattle										
Steers	1,621	1,654	1,553	8,623	8,693	53.4	53.4	53.3	51.6	51.0
Heifers	927	878	820	5,016	5,087	30.5	28.4	28.2	30.0	29.8
All Cows	438	510	485	2,810	2,979	14.4	16.5	16.7	16.8	17.5
Dairy Cows	174	195	181	1,239	1,260	5.7	6.3	6.2	7.4	7.4
Other Cows	265	315	304	1,572	1,720	8.7	10.2	10.5	9.4	10.1
Bulls & Stags	49	53	53	267	290	1.6	1.7	1.8	1.6	1.7
Total¹	3,035	3,095	2,912	16,716	17,049	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Calves & Vealers	60	70	74	383	425	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Hogs										
Barrows & Gilts	7,912	8,646	8,458	49,857	55,024	96.3	96.3	96.1	96.4	96.5
Sows	266	295	305	1,628	1,783	3.2	3.3	3.5	3.1	3.1
Stags & Boars	40	39	37	243	235	0.5	0.4	0.4	0.5	0.4
Total¹	8,218	8,980	8,800	51,727	57,042	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Sheep										
Mature Sheep	9	11	11	55	60	4.8	5.9	5.9	4.4	5.0
Lambs & Yrlngs	179	*184	170	1,206	1,146	95.2	94.1	94.1	95.6	95.0
Total¹	188	195	181	1,262	1,205	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

* Revised. ¹Total and percentages based on unrounded data. ²Species totals and classification reported by meat inspectors, Inspection Operations, FSIS.

Source: USDA NASS Livestock Slaughter July 25, 2008

U.S. July 1 Cattle Inventory Down Slightly

All cattle and calves in the United States as of July 1, 2008, totaled 104.3 million head, slightly below the 104.8 million on July 1, 2007 and down 1 percent from the 105.2million two years ago according to the National Agricultural Statistics Service.

U.S. Calf Crop Down Slightly

The 2008 calf crop is expected to be 37.3 million, down slightly from 2007 and 1 percent below 2006. Calves born during the first half of the year are estimated at 27.1 million, down slightly from 2007 and 1 percent below 2006.

Cattle and Calves: Number by Class and Calf Crop, United States, July 1, 2006-2008

Class	2006	2007	2008	2008 as % of 2007
		<i>1,000 head</i>		<i>Percent</i>
Cattle and calves	105,200	104,800	104,300	100
Cows and heifers that have calved	42,600	42,500	42,400	100
Beef cows	33,450	33,350	33,150	99
Milk cows	9,150	9,150	9,250	101
Heifers 500 pounds and over	16,600	16,600	16,500	99
For beef cow replacement	5,000	4,700	4,600	98
For milk cow replacement	3,800	3,900	3,900	100
Other heifers	7,800	8,000	8,000	100
Steers 500 pounds and over	15,000	14,900	14,700	99
Bulls 500 pounds and over	2,100	2,100	2,100	100
Calves under 500 pounds	28,900	28,700	28,600	100
Calf crop - annual	37,519	37,361	37,250	100
Calf crop - Jan 1 - Jun 30	27,300	27,150	27,050 ¹	100
Calf crop - Jul 1 - Dec 31	10,219	10,211	10,200 ¹	100

¹ Preliminary.

Source: USDA NASS Cattle July 25, 2008

Feeder Cattle Supply: United States July 1, 2008

Item	2007	2008	2008 as % of 2007
			<i>1,000 head</i>
<u>Cattle Inventory</u>			
Calves <500 lbs.	28,700	28,600	100
Steers & Heifers >500 lbs.	22,900	22,700	99
Total Supply	51,600	51,300	99
<u>U.S. Cattle on Feed</u>			
Cattle on Feed	10,737	10,295	96
<u>Supply Outside Feedlots</u>			
Total Supply	40,863	41,005	100

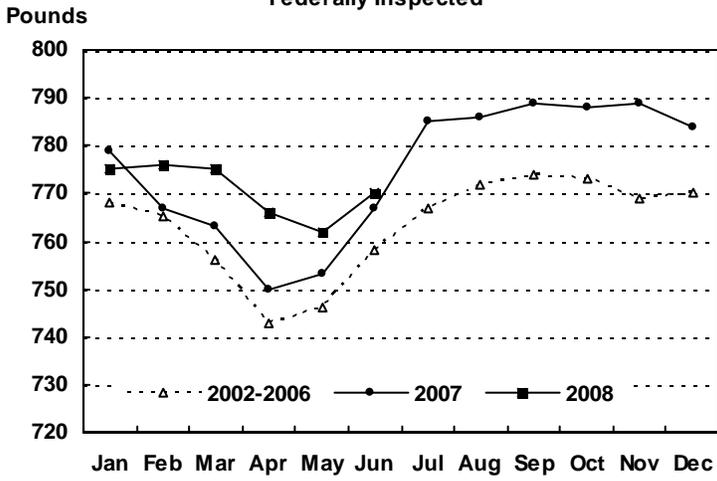
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F.I. Cattle Slaughter: United States January - June

Item	2007	2008	2008 as % of 2007
			<i>Thousand head</i>
Steers	8,623	8,693	101
Heifers	5,016	5,087	101
Dairy Cows	1,239	1,260	102
Other Cows	1,572	1,720	109
Bulls	267	290	109
Total	16,716	17,049	102

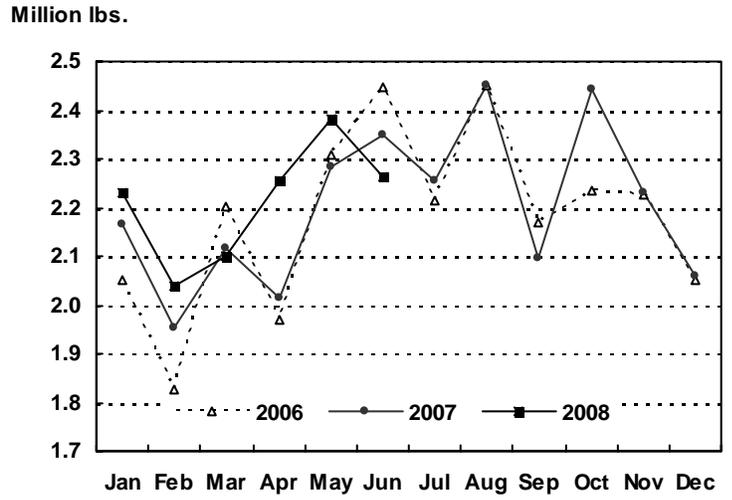
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Cattle Carcass Weights Federally Inspected



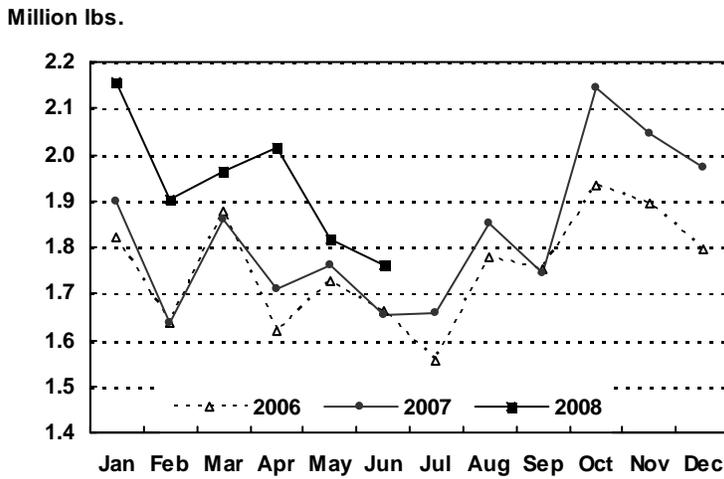
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Commercial Beef Production



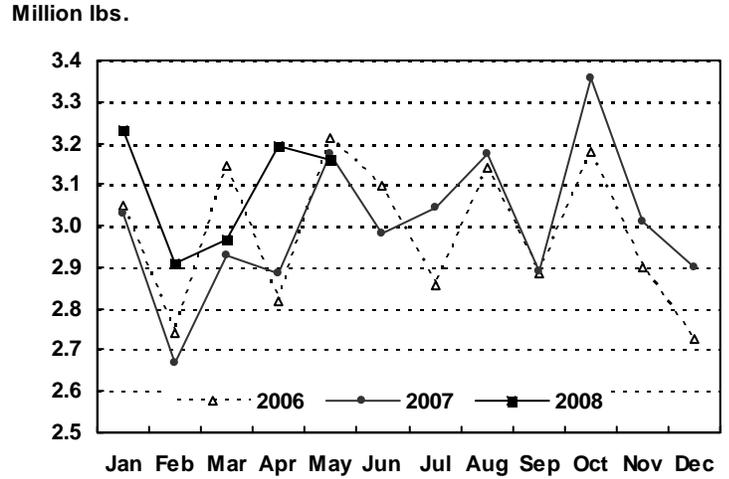
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Commercial Pork Production



Source: USDA NASS Nebraska Field Office

Certified Broiler Slaughter



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