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U.S. CATTLE ON FEED DOWN 4 PERCENT

Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter market in the United States for feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head totaled 10.3 million head on July 1, 2008. The inventory was 4 percent below July 1, 2007 and 5 percent below July 1, 2006. The inventory included 6.43 million steers and steer calves, down 5 percent from the previous year. This group accounted for 62 percent of the total inventory. Heifers and heifer calves accounted for 3.82 million head, down 3 percent from 2007.

Placements in feedlots during June totaled 1.51 million, 9 percent below 2007 and 22 percent below 2006. Net placements were 1.45 million head. During June, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 365 thousand, 600-699 pounds were 325 thousand, 700-799 pounds were 383 thousand and 800 pounds and greater were 440 thousand.

Marketings of fed cattle during June totaled 1.97 million, 8 percent below 2007 and 10 percent below 2006. This is the lowest fed cattle marketings for the month of June since the series began in 1996. Other disappearance totaled 60.0 thousand during June, 15 percent above 2007, but 5 percent below 2006.

CALIFORNIA CATTLE ON FEED

Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter in California feedlots totaled 520 thousand head on July 1, 2008, 1 percent below last month and 5 percent below July 2007. During June, placements of 52.0 thousand head were 2 percent below the previous year. Marketings of 55.0 thousand head were 8 percent below the previous year. 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 June 1 1/ | | | Placed During June | | Marketed During June | |
|------------------|--------------------------|--------|-----------|--------------------|-------|----------------------|-------|
| | 2007 | 2008 | 2008/2007 | 2007 | 2008 | 2007 | 2008 |
| | 1,000 Head | | Percent | 1,000 Head | | | |
| Arizona | 340 | 365 | 107 | 39 | 32 | 35 | 40 |
| California | 555 | 525 | 95 | 53 | 52 | 60 | 55 |
| Colorado | 1,020 | 920 | 90 | 120 | 80 | 190 | 170 |
| Idaho | 230 | 215 | 93 | 37 | 33 | 46 | 47 |
| Iowa | 520 | 520 | 100 | 52 | 41 | 61 | 60 |
| Kansas | 2,290 | 2,190 | 96 | 375 | 330 | 515 | 430 |
| Nebraska | 2,290 | 2,250 | 98 | 330 | 290 | 560 | 475 |
| New Mexico 2/ | 128 | 150 | 117 | 22 | 32 | 17 | 27 |
| Oklahoma | 340 | 305 | 90 | 52 | 57 | 66 | 61 |
| South Dakota | 215 | 205 | 95 | 24 | 21 | 39 | 38 |
| Texas | 2,870 | 2,690 | 94 | 485 | 460 | 475 | 480 |
| Washington | 149 | 145 | 97 | 31 | 28 | 30 | 32 |
| Other States | 325 | 335 | 103 | 37 | 57 | 46 | 58 |
| UNITED STATES 2/ | 11,272 | 10,815 | 96 | 1,657 | 1,513 | 2,140 | 1,973 |

| State | Other Disappearance During June 3/ | | Number On Feed July 1 1/ | | 2008 |
|---------------|------------------------------------|------|--------------------------|--------|---------|
| | 2007 | 2008 | 2007 | 2008 | 2007 |
| | 1,000 Head | | 1,000 Head | | Percent |
| Arizona | 1 | 1 | 343 | 356 | 104 |
| California | 3 | 2 | 545 | 520 | 95 |
| Colorado | 10 | 10 | 940 | 820 | 87 |
| Idaho | 1 | 1 | 220 | 200 | 91 |
| Iowa | 1 | 1 | 510 | 500 | 98 |
| Kansas | 10 | 10 | 2,140 | 2,080 | 97 |
| Nebraska | 10 | 15 | 2,050 | 2,050 | 100 |
| New Mexico | 1 | 1 | 132 | 154 | 117 |
| Oklahoma | 1 | 1 | 325 | 300 | 92 |
| South Dakota | 3 | 3 | 197 | 185 | 94 |
| Texas | 10 | 10 | 2,870 | 2,660 | 93 |
| Washington | 0 | 1 | 150 | 140 | 93 |
| Other States | 1 | 4 | 315 | 330 | 105 |
| UNITED STATES | 52 | 60 | 10,737 | 10,295 | 96 |

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/ Revised Number On Feed June 2008.

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

U.S. ALL SHEEP AND LAMB INVENTORY DOWN 3 PERCENT

All sheep and lamb inventory in the United States on July 1, 2008 totaled 7.35 million head, down 3 percent from July 1, 2007 and 5 percent below July 1, 2006. Breeding sheep inventory at 4.42 million head on July 1, 2008 was down 3 percent from July 1, 2007. Market sheep and lambs (including newborn lambs), at 2.93 million head, were down 4 percent from last July.

The breeding herd consists of 3.62 million ewes one year old and older, 180 thousand rams one year old and older, and 620 thousand replacement lambs (including newborn lambs). Market lamb inventory, at 2.86 million head, was comprised of 1.67 million lambs under 65 pounds, 595 thousand lambs 65-84 pounds, 340 thousand lambs 85-105 pounds, and 250 thousand lambs over 105 pounds. Market sheep inventory was 75.0 thousand head.

ALL SHEEP AND LAMB INVENTORY BY CLASS, JULY 1, 2006-08

| Item | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | <u>2008</u> <u>2007</u> |
|-------------------------------|------------|-------|-------|----------------------------|
| | 1,000 Head | | | Percent |
| All Sheep and Lambs | 7,770 | 7,600 | 7,350 | 97 |
| Breeding Sheep and Lambs | 4,635 | 4,540 | 4,420 | 97 |
| Replacement Lambs | | | | |
| Under One Year Old | 670 | 645 | 620 | 96 |
| Ewes - One Year Old and Older | 3,780 | 3,710 | 3,620 | 98 |
| Rams - One Year Old and Older | 185 | 185 | 180 | 97 |
| Market | 3,135 | 3,060 | 2,930 | 96 |

U.S. HOG INVENTORY UP 6 PERCENT

U.S. inventory of all hogs and pigs on June 1, 2008 was 67.7 million head. This was up 6 percent from June 1, 2007, and up 1 percent from March 1, 2008.

Breeding inventory, at 6.07 million head, was down 1 percent from last year, and down 1 percent from the previous quarter. Market hog inventory, at 61.6 million head, was up 7 percent from last year, and up 1 percent from last quarter.

The March-May 2008 pig crop, at 29.0 million head, was up 4 percent from 2007 and up 9 percent from 2006. Sows farrowing during this period totaled 3.09 million head, up 2 percent from 2007 and up 6 percent from 2006. The sows farrowed during this quarter represented 51 percent of the breeding herd. The average pigs saved per litter was 9.38 for the March-May 2008 period, compared to 9.20 last year. Pigs saved per litter by size of operation ranged from 7.70 to 9.40.

U.S. HOG AND PIG INVENTORY, JUNE 1, 2006-08

| Item | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | <u>2008</u> <u>2006</u> | <u>2008</u> <u>2007</u> |
|---|------------|--------|--------|----------------------------|----------------------------|
| | 1,000 Head | | | Percent | |
| June 1 Inventory | | | | | |
| All Hogs and Pigs | 61,687 | 63,951 | 67,661 | 110 | 106 |
| Kept for Breeding | 6,060 | 6,120 | 6,069 | 100 | 99 |
| Market | 55,627 | 57,830 | 61,591 | 111 | 107 |
| Market Hogs and Pigs By Weight Groups: | | | | | |
| Under 60 Pounds | 20,808 | 21,782 | 22,587 | 109 | 104 |
| 60-119 Pounds | 13,692 | 14,339 | 15,167 | 111 | 106 |
| 120-179 Pounds | 11,485 | 11,790 | 12,907 | 112 | 109 |
| 180 Pounds and Over | 9,643 | 9,920 | 10,931 | 113 | 110 |

CALIFORNIA MILK PRODUCTION

California milk producers produced 3.42 billion pounds of milk in June 2008. This was 5 percent below May 2008, but 2 percent above June 2007.

Monthly milk per cow averaged 1,850 pounds, 90 pounds less than in May 2008, but 5 pounds more than a year ago.

MILK PRODUCTION, CALIFORNIA AND UNITED STATES

| Month | CALIFORNIA | | | | | | Total Milk | | UNITED STATES 1/ 2/ | | | | | |
|-------|-----------------|-------|-----------------|-------|-----------------------|-------|----------------|-------|---------------------|-------|-----------------|-------|-----------------------|--------|
| | Milk Cows 3/ 4/ | | Milk Per Cow 5/ | | Milk Production 3/ 5/ | | Receipts 6/ | | Milk Cows 3/ 4/ | | Milk Per Cow 5/ | | Milk Production 3/ 5/ | |
| | 2007 | 2008 | 2007 | 2008 | 2007 | 2008 | 2007 | 2008 | 2007 | 2008 | 2007 | 2008 | 2007 | 2008 |
| | 1,000 Head | | Pounds | | Million Pounds | | Million Pounds | | 1,000 Head | | Pounds | | Million Pounds | |
| Jan. | 1,792 | 1,839 | 1,880 | 1,900 | 3,369 | 3,494 | 3,364 | 3,492 | 8,284 | 8,413 | 1,726 | 1,746 | 14,302 | 14,688 |
| Feb. | 1,795 | 1,843 | 1,755 | 1,805 | 3,150 | 3,327 | 3,145 | 3,325 | 8,286 | 8,427 | 1,584 | 1,654 | 13,125 | 13,942 |
| Mar. | 1,799 | 1,846 | 1,975 | 1,970 | 3,553 | 3,637 | 3,551 | 3,637 | 8,295 | 8,436 | 1,783 | 1,794 | 14,787 | 15,134 |
| Apr. | 1,801 | 1,847 | 1,915 | 1,900 | 3,449 | 3,509 | 3,445 | 3,509 | 8,292 | 8,448 | 1,745 | 1,757 | 14,470 | 14,839 |
| May | 1,806 | 1,848 | 1,925 | 1,940 | 3,477 | 3,585 | 3,472 | 3,581 | 8,298 | 8,459 | 1,791 | 1,818 | 14,860 | 15,375 |
| June | 1,811 | 1,848 | 1,845 | 1,850 | 3,341 | 3,419 | 3,338 | 3,422 | 8,302 | 8,460 | 1,712 | 1,737 | 14,216 | 14,697 |
| July | 1,816 | | 1,900 | | 3,450 | | 3,449 | | 8,322 | | 1,742 | | 14,500 | |
| Aug. | 1,819 | | 1,900 | | 3,456 | | 3,453 | | 8,330 | | 1,719 | | 14,323 | |
| Sept. | 1,822 | | 1,785 | | 3,252 | | 3,248 | | 8,341 | | 1,645 | | 13,718 | |
| Oct. | 1,826 | | 1,870 | | 3,415 | | 3,413 | | 8,355 | | 1,697 | | 14,176 | |
| Nov. | 1,830 | | 1,810 | | 3,312 | | 3,311 | | 8,369 | | 1,654 | | 13,843 | |
| Dec. | 1,835 | | 1,885 | | 3,459 | | 3,458 | | 8,389 | | 1,718 | | 14,414 | |

1/ Twenty-three-state total.

2/ Revised May 2008.

3/ Revised April 2008.

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 2008 totaled 136 million pounds (dressed weight), 2 percent below the previous month, and 5 percent below June 2007. This figure includes slaughter in federally inspected and State-inspected plants, but excludes slaughter done on farms. In June 2008, the average live weight of cattle slaughtered was 1,294 pounds; calves 117 pounds; and hogs 236 pounds.

**U.S. PORK PRODUCTION
STAYS ABOVE PREVIOUS YEAR IN JUNE**

Commercial red meat production for the United States totaled 4.05 billion pounds in June, up 1 percent from the 4.03 billion pounds produced in June 2007.

Beef production, at 2.26 billion pounds, was 4 percent below the previous year. Cattle slaughter totaled 2.96 million head, down 4 percent from June 2007. The average live weight was up 11 pounds from the previous year, at 1,261 pounds.

Veal production totaled 11.7 million pounds, 5 percent above June a year ago. Calf slaughter totaled 75.4 thousand head, up 23 percent from June 2007. The average live weight was down 41 pounds from last year, at 266 pounds.

Pork production totaled 1.76 billion pounds, up 7 percent from the previous year. Hog kill totaled 8.88 million head, up 7 percent from June 2007. The average live weight was down 1 pound from the previous year, at 266 pounds.

Lamb and mutton production, at 13.1 million pounds, was down 4 percent from June 2007. Sheep slaughter totaled 192 thousand head, 4 percent below last year. The average live weight was 137 pounds, unchanged from June a year ago.

January to June 2008 commercial red meat production was 25.0 billion pounds, up 6 percent from 2007. Accumulated beef production was up 3 percent from last year, veal was down 9 percent, pork was up 10 percent from last year, and lamb and mutton production was down 4 percent.

June 2007 contained 21 weekdays (including no holidays) and 5 Saturdays, while June 2008 contained 21 weekdays (including no holidays) and 4 Saturdays.

COMMERCIAL SLAUGHTER, JUNE 2007- 08 a/

| Species and Location | Number Slaughtered | | Total Live Weight | | Average Live Weight | |
|--------------------------|--------------------|----------|-------------------|---------------|---------------------|-------|
| | 2007 | 2008 | 2007 | 2008 | 2007 | 2008 |
| | 1,000 Head | | 1,000 Pounds | | Pounds | |
| CATTLE | | | | | | |
| California | 138.8 | 128.9 | 176,782 | 164,653 | 1,295 | 1,294 |
| U.S. Total | 3,076.5 | 2,955.5 | 3,833,514 | 3,716,859 | 1,250 | 1,261 |
| CALVES | | | | | | |
| California | 10.1 | 15.1 | 1,255 | 1,748 | 125 | 117 |
| U.S. Total | 61.3 | 75.4 | 18,664 | 19,833 | 307 | 266 |
| SHEEP & LAMBS | | | | | | |
| California | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| U.S. Total | 200.6 | 192.4 | 27,412 | 26,279 | 137 | 137 |
| HOGS | | | | | | |
| California | 210.9 | 213.0 | 50,244 | 50,163 | 238 | 236 |
| U.S. Total | 8,297.2 | 8,884.7 | 2,210,482 | 2,358,949 | 267 | 266 |
| RED MEAT | June 2007 | May 2008 | June 2008 | Jun 08 Jul 07 | Jun 08 May 08 | |
| | Million Pounds | | | Percent | | |
| California | 142.2 | 138.6 | 135.6 | 95 | 98 | |
| U.S. Total | 4,027.5 | 4,222.3 | 4,049.6 | 101 | 96 | |

a/ Farm slaughter excluded.

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 105.2 million two years ago.

All cows and heifers that have calved, at 42.4 million, was down slightly from both July 1, 2007 and July 1, 2006.

- Beef cows, at 33.2 million, were down 1 percent from July 1, 2007 and 1 percent below two years ago.
- Milk cows, at 9.25 million, were up 1 percent from July 1, 2007 and 1 percent above two years ago.

Other class estimates on July 1, 2008 and the changes from July 1, 2007, are as follows:

- All heifers 500 pounds and over, 16.5 million, down 1 percent.
- Beef replacement heifers, 4.6 million, down 2 percent.
- Milk replacement heifers, 3.9 million, unchanged.
- Other heifers, 8.0 million, unchanged.
- Steers weighing 500 pounds and over, 14.7 million, down 1 percent.
- Bulls weighing 500 pounds and over, 2.1 million, unchanged.
- Calves under 500 pounds, 28.6 million, down slightly.
- All cattle and calves on feed for slaughter, 11.7 million, down 5 percent.

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, U.S., JULY 1, 2006-08**

| Class | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | <u>2008</u> <u>2007</u> |
|---------------------------|---------------|---------|---------|----------------------------|
| | Thousand Head | | | Percent |
| 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 Lbs. 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 Lbs. and Over | 15,000 | 14,900 | 14,700 | 99 |
| Bulls 500 Lbs. and Over | 2,100 | 2,100 | 2,100 | 100 |
| Calves Less Than 500 Lbs. | 28,900 | 28,700 | 28,600 | 100 |
| Calf Crop | 37,519 | 37,361 | 37,250 | 100 |

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

| Commodity | Unit | CALIFORNIA | | | UNITED STATES | | |
|-----------------------|------|------------|----------|---------------|---------------|----------|---------------|
| | | June 2007 | May 2008 | June 15, 2008 | June 2007 | May 2008 | June 15, 2008 |
| Dollars | | | | | | | |
| All Hay, Baled 2/ 3/ | Ton | 154.00 | 204.00 | 207.00 | 131.00 | 166.00 | 161.00 |
| Alfalfa, Baled 2/ 3/ | Ton | 163.00 | 218.00 | 218.00 | 137.00 | 177.00 | 172.00 |
| Hogs 2/ 4/ | Cwt. | --- | --- | --- | 54.30 | 55.30 | 53.60 |
| Cows 2/ | Cwt. | 47.80 | 44.90 | 43.20 | 50.10 | 53.90 | 53.80 |
| Steers and Heifers 2/ | Cwt. | 90.40 | 95.30 | 94.90 | 93.20 | 95.90 | 95.90 |
| Calves 2/ | Cwt. | 112.00 | 104.00 | 101.00 | 124.00 | 119.00 | 120.00 |
| Sheep 2/ | Cwt. | 23.50 | 20.00 | --- | 28.20 | 27.70 | --- |
| Lambs 2/ | Cwt. | 91.00 | 86.00 | --- | 96.80 | 100.00 | --- |
| Milk Cows 5/ | Head | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| All Milk Wholesale 2/ | Cwt. | 19.64 | 17.65 | 18.20 | 20.20 | 18.40 | 19.40 |

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 2008 prices are for the full month.

4/ Prices include barrows, gilts, and sows.

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