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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 9.87 million head on August 1, 2008. The inventory was 4 percent below August 1, 2007 and 9 percent below August 1, 2006.

Placements in feedlots during July totaled 1.66 million, 2 percent above 2007 but 15 percent below 2006. Net placements were 1.62 million head. This is the second lowest placements for the month of July since the series began in 1996. During July, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 360,000, 600-699 pounds were 320,000, 700-799 pounds were 476,000 and 800 pounds and greater were 505,000.

Marketings of fed cattle during July totaled 2.04 million, 2 percent above 2007 and 5 percent above 2006. Other disappearance totaled 45.0 thousand during July, 26 percent below 2007 and 22 percent below 2006.

CALIFORNIA CATTLE ON FEED

Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter in California feedlots totaled 515 thousand head on August 1, 2008, 1 percent below last month, and 5 percent below August 2007. During July, placements of 45.0 thousand head were 12 percent below the previous year. Marketings of 48.0 thousand head were 11 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 July 1 1/			Placed During July		Marketed During July	
	2007	2008	2008/2007	2007	2008	2007	2008
	1,000 Head		Percent	1,000 Head			
Arizona	343	356	104	32	37	33	35
California	545	520	95	51	45	54	48
Colorado	940	820	87	115	105	175	170
Idaho	220	200	91	35	29	49	48
Iowa	510	500	98	64	51	73	75
Kansas	2,140	2,080	97	430	440	450	500
Nebraska	2,050	2,050	100	350	320	480	440
New Mexico	132	154	117	12	32	14	21
Oklahoma	325	300	92	48	46	67	55
South Dakota	197	185	94	22	21	42	35
Texas	2,870	2,660	93	390	460	470	520
Washington	150	140	93	27	32	32	38
Other States	315	330	105	46	43	60	57
UNITED STATES	10,737	10,295	96	1,622	1,661	1,999	2,042

State	Other Disappearance During July 2/		Number On Feed August 1 1/		2008
	2007	2008	2007	2008	2007
	1,000 Head		1,000 Head		Percent
Arizona	1	1	341	357	105
California	2	2	540	515	95
Colorado	10	5	870	750	86
Idaho	1	1	205	180	88
Iowa	1	1	500	475	95
Kansas	20	10	2,100	2,010	96
Nebraska	10	10	1,910	1,920	101
New Mexico	1	1	129	164	127
Oklahoma	1	1	305	290	95
South Dakota	2	1	175	170	97
Texas	10	10	2,780	2,590	93
Washington	1	1	144	133	92
Other States	1	1	300	315	105
UNITED STATES	61	45	10,299	9,869	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/ 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, 2007- 08 1/

Class	Canada 2/			United States 3/		
	2007	2008	2008 2007	2007	2008	2008 2007
	Thousands		Percent	Thousands		Percent
All Cattle & Calves	15,885	15,195	96	104,800	104,300	100
All Cows:	6,084	5,844	96	42,500	42,400	100
Beef	5,105	4,862	95	33,350	33,150	99
Milk	979	982	100	9,150	9,250	101
Heifers 500 Lbs. + 4/	2,445	2,308	94	16,600	16,500	99
Beef Replacement	668	655	98	4,700	4,600	98
Milk Replacement	488	477	98	3,900	3,900	100
Other Heifers	1,289	1,176	91	8,000	8,000	100
Steers 500 Lbs. + 4/	1,790	1,576	88	14,900	14,700	99
Bulls 500 Lbs. + 4/	263	261	99	2,100	2,100	100
Calves Less Than 500 Lbs.	5,303	5,207	98	28,700	28,600	100
Calf Crop 5/	5,541	4,449	---	37,361	37,250	100

1/ Totals may not add due to rounding.

2/ Source: Livestock and Annual Products Section, Statistics Canada.

3/ Source: National Agricultural Statistics Service.

4/ For Canada, one year and over with the exception of calves, which are under one year.

5/ 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 2008 totaled 134 million pounds (dressed weight), 2 percent below the previous month, but slightly above July 2007. This figure includes slaughter in Federally-inspected and State-inspected plants, but excludes slaughter done on farms. In July 2008, the average live weight of cattle slaughtered was 1,269 pounds; calves 120 pounds; and hogs 233 pounds.

Veal production totaled 12.3 million pounds, 16 percent above July a year ago. Calf slaughter totaled 87,900 head, up 41 percent from July 2007. The average live weight was down 46 pounds from last year, at 243 pounds.

Pork production totaled 1.85 billion pounds, up 12 percent from the previous year. Hog kill totaled 9.47 million head, up 13 percent from July 2007. The average live weight was down 2 pounds from the previous year, at 262 pounds.

Lamb and mutton production, at 13.7 million pounds, was up 1 percent from July 2007. Sheep slaughter totaled 207,800 head, 1 percent above last year. The average live weight was 132 pounds, up 1 pound from July a year ago.

JULY PORK AND TOTAL RED MEAT PRODUCTION ABOVE PREVIOUS YEAR

Commercial red meat production for the United States totaled 4.25 billion pounds in July, up 8 percent from the 3.94 billion pounds produced in July 2007.

January to July 2008 commercial red meat production was 29.3 billion pounds, up 6 percent from 2007. Accumulated beef production was up 3 percent from last year, veal was down 6 percent, pork was up 11 percent from last year, and lamb and mutton production was down 4 percent.

Beef production, at 2.37 billion pounds, was 5 percent above the previous year. Cattle slaughter totaled 3.06 million head, up 6 percent from July 2007. The average live weight was up 4 pounds from the previous year, at 1,273 pounds.

July 2007 contained 22 weekdays (including one holiday) and 4 Saturdays, while July 2008 contained 23 weekdays (including one holiday) and 4 Saturdays.

COMMERCIAL SLAUGHTER, JULY 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	130.2	127.5	165,029	159,400	1,288	1,269
U.S. Total	2,903.1	3,064.0	3,673,852	3,888,150	1,269	1,273
CALVES						
California	12.2	19.3	1,502	2,295	124	120
U.S. Total	62.5	87.9	17,883	21,052	289	243
SHEEP & LAMBS						
California	---	---	---	---	---	---
U.S. Total	206.0	207.8	26,985	27,411	131	132
HOGS						
California	206.4	225.7	48,295	52,615	234	233
U.S. Total	8,399.0	9,465.2	2,217,224	2,480,080	264	262
RED MEAT						
	July 2007	June 2008	July 2008	July 2008	Jul 08 Jul 07	Jul 08 Jun 08
	Million Pounds		Percent			
California	133.4	135.6	133.5	100	98	
U.S.	3,940.4	4,049.6	4,251.6	108	105	

a/ Farm slaughter excluded.

HOG AND PIG INVENTORY, CANADA AND UNITED STATES 2007 - 2008 1/2/

Item	Canada July 1 Inventory 3/			United States June 1 Inventory 4/		
	2007	2008	2008 2007	2007	2008	2008 2007
	1,000 Head		Percent	1,000 Head		Percent
All Hogs & Pigs	14,690	12,985	88	63,951	67,661	106
Kept for Breeding	1,565	1,493	95	6,120	6,069	99
Market	13,125	11,492	88	57,830	61,591	107
Sows Farrowed	810	802	99	3,033	3,092	102
Pig Crop	7,903	7,884	100	27,896	29,000	104

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 MILK PRODUCTION

California milk producers produced 3.42 billion pounds of milk in July 2008. This was slightly below June 2008, and 1 percent below July 2007.

Monthly milk per cow averaged 1,850 pounds, the same as June 2008, but 50 pounds less than a year ago.

MILK PRODUCTION, CALIFORNIA AND UNITED STATES

Month	CALIFORNIA						Total Milk		UNITED STATES 1/					
	Milk Cows 2/		Milk Per Cow 3/		Milk Production 3/		Receipts 4/		Milk Cows 2/ 5/		Milk Per Cow 3/ 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	3,414	8,302	8,460	1,712	1,735	14,216	14,678
July	1,816	1,846	1,900	1,850	3,450	3,415	3,449		8,322	8,465	1,742	1,742	14,500	14,750
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/ Includes dry cows, but excludes heifers not yet fresh.

3/ Excludes milk suckled by calves.

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

5/ Data was revised for June 2008.

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

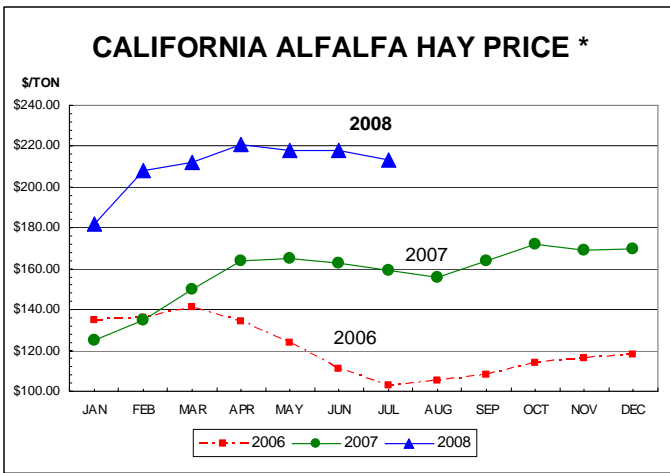
Commodity	Unit	California			UNITED STATES		
		July 2007	June 2008	July 15, 2008	July 2007	June 2008	July 15, 2008
		Dollars					
All Hay, Baled 2/	Ton	152.00	207.00	197.00	131.00	161.00	164.00
Alfalfa, Baled 2/	Ton	159.00	218.00	213.00	137.00	172.00	177.00
Hogs 2/ 3/	Cwt.	---	---	---	52.20	53.30	52.50
Cows 2/	Cwt.	48.00	44.80	46.10	51.50	54.30	56.40
Steers and Heifers 2/	Cwt.	92.40	95.80	99.80	93.00	96.40	100.00
Calves 2/	Cwt.	110.00	101.00	101.00	126.00	118.00	115.00
Sheep 2/	Cwt.	24.00	22.00	---	29.20	24.80	---
Lambs 2/	Cwt.	92.50	93.00	---	98.70	102.00	---
Milk Cows 4/	Head	1,850.00	---	1,800.00	1,950.00	---	1,990.00
All Milk Wholesale 2/	Cwt.	20.53	18.27	18.10	21.60	19.30	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/ California's July 2008 prices are for the full month.

3/ Prices include barrows, gilts, and sows.

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



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