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**HIGHLIGHTS IN THIS REPORT**

- June 1 Livestock Slaughter
- July 1 Cattle Inventory
- July 1 Catfish Inventory
- Prices Received by Farmers

**Louisiana Livestock Slaughter**

Commercial red meat production in Louisiana during June totaled 500,000 pounds, unchanged from May but 29 percent below the previous year.

There were 600 head of **cattle** slaughtered during June, unchanged from May but 300 head below the previous year. Average live weight was 760 pounds, down 32 pounds from the previous month and 8 pounds below June 2006. Total live weight, at 461,000 pounds, was 6 percent below the previous month and 33 percent below the previous year.

**Calves** slaughtered during June totaled 200 head, the same as in May and the previous year. Live weight averaged 467 pounds, down 33 pounds from May but 9 pounds above June 2006. Total live weight, at 71,000 pounds, was down 41 percent from May and 15 percent below the previous year.

The number of **hogs** slaughtered during June totaled 1,100 head, down 100 head from the previous month and 200 head below the previous year. Average live weight was 194 pounds, down 3 pounds from May but 3 pounds above the previous year. Total live weight was 215,000 pounds, down 10 percent from May and 13 percent below the previous year.

The number of **sheep** slaughtered during June was 200 head, unchanged from May but 100 head above the previous year. Live weight averaged 84 pounds, up 9 pounds from the previous month and 1 pound above the previous year.

**United States Livestock Slaughter**

**Commercial red meat production** for the United States totaled 4.03 billion pounds in June, down 3 percent from the 4.14 billion pounds produced in June 2006.

June 2007 contained 21 weekdays (including no holidays) and 5 Saturdays. June 2006 contained 22 weekdays (including no holidays) and 4 Saturdays.

**Beef production**, at 2.35 billion pounds, was 4 percent below the previous year. Cattle slaughter totaled 3.08 million head, down 3 percent from June 2006. The average live weight was down 14 pounds from the previous year, at 1,250 pounds.

**Veal production** totaled 11.2 million pounds, 10 percent below June a year ago. Calf slaughter totaled 61,100 head, up 4 percent from June 2006. The average live weight was down 45 pounds from last year, at 308 pounds.

**Pork production** totaled 1.65 billion pounds, down 1 percent from the previous year. Hog kill totaled 8.30 million head, down 1 percent from June 2006. The average live weight was unchanged from the previous year, at 267 pounds.

**Lamb and mutton production**, at 13.7 million pounds, was down 5 percent from June 2006. Sheep slaughter totaled 200,400 head, 5 percent below last year. The average live weight was 137 pounds, up 2 pounds from June a year ago.

**January to June 2007 commercial red meat production** was 23.6 billion pounds, up 1 percent from 2006. Accumulated beef production was up 1 percent from last year, veal was up 6 percent, pork was up 2 percent from last year, and lamb and mutton production was down 3 percent.

**Commercial Livestock Slaughter and Red Meat Production**

Item	Louisiana					United States			
	May	June		January - June		June		January - June	
	2007	2006	2007	2006	2007	2006	2007	2006	2007
	-----Number, thousand head-----					-----Number, thousand head-----			
Cattle	0.6	0.9	0.6	4.7	4.1	3,159.4	3,076.6	16,650.2	16,983.9
Calves	0.2	0.2	0.2	1.6	1.7	58.6	61.1	330.6	389.0
Hogs	1.2	1.3	1.1	9.3	8.8	8,343.1	8,297.1	51,046.5	52,209.4
Sheep & Lambs	0.2	0.1	0.2	0.8	1.5	221.5	200.4	1,361.5	1,335.3
	-----Total live weight, thousand pounds-----					-----Total live weight, thousand pounds-----			
Cattle	492	687	461	3,960	3,491	3,981,738	3,833,829	20,962,758	21,257,370
Calves	121	84	71	834	862	20,540	18,663	118,043	125,669
Hogs	238	247	215	1,888	1,794	2,223,316	2,210,457	13,804,807	14,051,482
Sheep & Lambs	18	10	17	85	143	28,557	27,404	191,630	186,198
	-----Average live weight, pounds-----					-----Average live weight, pounds-----			
Cattle	792	768	760	843	851	1,264	1,250	1,263	1,256
Calves	500	458	467	521	505	353	308	359	325
Hogs	197	191	194	203	204	267	267	271	269
Sheep & Lambs	75	83	84	106	95	135	137	141	140
	-----Million pounds-----					-----Million pounds-----			
Red Meat	0.5	0.7	0.5	4.4	4.0	4,136.2	4,027.7	23,315.3	23,575.5

## July 1 Cattle Inventory Down Slightly

All cattle and calves in the United States as of July 1, 2007, totaled 104.8 million head, slightly below the 105.2 million on July 1, 2006, but 1 percent above the 104.2 million two years ago.

All cows and heifers that have calved, at 42.5 million, were down slightly from the 42.6 million on July 1, 2006, but the same as two years ago.

- **Beef cows**, at 33.4 million, were down slightly from July 1, 2006, and July 1, 2005.
- **Milk cows**, at 9.15 million, were unchanged from July 1, 2006, but up 1 percent from two years ago.

Other class estimates on July 1, 2007, and the changes from July 1, 2006 are:

- **All heifers 500 pounds and over**, 16.6 million, unchanged.
- **Beef replacement heifers**, 4.7 million, down 6 percent.
- **Milk replacement heifers**, 3.9 million, up 3 percent.
- **Other heifers**, 8.0 million, up 3 percent.
- **Steers** weighing 500 pounds and over, 14.9 million, down 1 percent.
- **Bulls** weighing 500 pounds and over, 2.1 million, unchanged.
- **Calves under 500 pounds**, 28.7 million, down 1 percent.
- **All cattle and calves on feed** for slaughter, 12.3 million, down 2 percent.

### Louisiana and United States Cattle and Calf Inventories

Class	Louisiana <sup>1</sup>	United States		
	Jan. 1, 2007	July 1, 2006	July 1, 2007	2007 as a percent of 2006
	-----Thousand Head-----			Percent
All Cattle and Calves	860	105,200	104,800	100
Cows and Heifers That Have Calved	520	42,600	42,500	100
Beef Cows	490	33,450	33,350	100
Milk Cows	30	9,150	9,150	100
Heifers 500 Pounds and Over	113	16,600	16,600	100
For Beef Cow Replacement	86	5,000	4,700	94
For Milk Cow Replacement	9	3,800	3,900	103
Other Heifers	18	7,800	8,000	103
Steers 500 Pounds and Over	21	15,000	14,900	99
Bulls 500 Pounds and Over	33	2,100	2,100	100
Calves Under 500 Pounds	173	28,900	28,700	99
Calf Crop <sup>2</sup>	415	37,567	37,400	100

<sup>1</sup> July 1 estimates are not published for Louisiana.

<sup>2</sup> For the U.S., the 2007 calf crop is all calves born before July 1, 2007, plus the number expected to be born on or after July 1.

## Louisiana Catfish Growers Survey

Commercial catfish operations in Louisiana had 9.5 million foodsize fish on hand July 1, 2007, up 58 percent from the July 1, 2006, total of 6.0 million. Live weight totaled 11.4 million pounds for all foodsize fish, 54 percent above July 1, 2006. The breakout of foodsize fish inventory numbers on July 1, 2007, with their respective percent change from the previous year are: large foodsize, 171,000, down 12 percent; medium foodsize, 1.2 million, down 34 percent; and small foodsize, 8.1 million, up 105 percent. The number of stockers on hand on July 1, 2007, totaled 3.1 million fish, down 45 percent from the 5.7 million fish on hand a year ago. Of the total number of stockers on hand, 1.9 million were large stockers, down 19 percent from the previous year. The remaining 1.3 million were small stockers, down 62 percent. Live weight totaled 1.0 million pounds for all stockers, 30 percent below July 1 of last year. Producers had 29.0 million fingerlings and fry on hand July 1, 2007, down 15 percent from the 34.1 million fingerlings and fry on hand July 1, 2006. Live weight, at 282,000 pounds, was up 2 percent from the 277,000 pounds a year ago.

## United States Catfish Growers Survey

Commercial catfish operations in the four major producing states (Alabama, Arkansas, Louisiana and Mississippi) had 260 million foodsize fish on hand on July 1, 2007, down 11 percent from the July 1, 2006, total of 291 million foodsize fish. The breakouts of foodsize fish inventory numbers on July 1, 2007, with their respective percent change from the previous year were: large foodsize, 6.19 million fish, down 13 percent; medium foodsize, 67.3 million fish, down 9 percent; and small foodsize, 187 million fish, down 11 percent. The four major states also had 791 thousand broodfish on hand on July 1, 2007, down 15 percent from last year's 930 thousand broodfish. The number of large stockers on hand on July 1, 2007, totaled 320 million fish, up 6 percent from the 301 million fish on hand a year ago. There were 326 million small stockers, down 3 percent from last year. Producers had 1.45 billion fingerlings and fry on hand on July 1, 2007, down slightly from the 1.46 billion fingerlings and fry on hand July 1, 2006. Live weight, at 20.3 million pounds, was down 12 percent from the 23.2 million pounds a year ago.

## Louisiana and United States Catfish Production, July 1, 2007

Item	Louisiana				United States			
	Total Number		Total Live Weight		Total Number		Total Live Weight	
	2006	2007	2006	2007	2006	2007	2006	2007
	-----1,000 Fish-----		-----1,000 Pounds-----		-----1,000 Fish-----		-----1,000 Pounds-----	
<b>Broodfish</b>	20	*	100	*	930	791	4,350	3,829
Large Foodsize	195	171	670	571	7,125	6,191	24,870	21,071
Medium Foodsize	1,860	1,230	3,250	2,700	73,660	67,330	136,450	129,100
Small Foodsize	3,950	8,110	3,450	8,100	210,050	186,610	208,150	183,300
<b>Total Foodsize</b>	<b>6,005</b>	<b>9,511</b>	<b>7,370</b>	<b>11,371</b>	<b>290,835</b>	<b>260,131</b>	<b>369,470</b>	<b>333,471</b>
Large Stockers	2,290	1,850	1,140	837	300,890	320,050	116,640	132,837
Small Stockers	3,420	1,290	315	175	335,820	326,290	32,845	33,375
<b>Total Stockers</b>	<b>5,710</b>	<b>3,140</b>	<b>1,455</b>	<b>1,012</b>	<b>636,710</b>	<b>646,340</b>	<b>149,485</b>	<b>166,212</b>
<b>Fingerlings/Fry</b>	<b>34,100</b>	<b>29,000</b>	<b>277</b>	<b>282</b>	<b>1,457,100</b>	<b>1,452,700</b>	<b>23,177</b>	<b>20,282</b>

\* Not published to avoid disclosure of individual operations.

## July Farm Prices Received Index Advanced 3 Points

The preliminary All Farm Products Index of Prices Received by Farmers in July, at 142 percent, based on 1990-92=100, increased 3 points from June. The Crop Index was up 2 points and the Livestock Index increased 3 points. Producers received higher commodity prices for milk, eggs, wheat and snap beans. Lower prices were received for corn, broilers, hogs and cantaloupes. The overall index was also affected by the seasonal change based on a 3-year average mix of commodities producers sell. Increased average marketings of grapes, wheat, hay and tomatoes offset decreased marketings of milk, cantaloupes and potatoes.

The preliminary All Farm Products Index was up 25 points from July 2006. The Food Commodities Index, at 144, increased 4 points from last month and 25 points from July 2006.

## Prices Paid Index Unchanged

The July Index of Prices Paid for Commodities and Services, Interest, Taxes, and Farm Wage Rate was 158 percent of the 1990-92 average. The index was unchanged from June but 9 points above July 2006. Lower prices in July for feed grains, feeder pigs, LP gas, and gasoline offset higher prices for feeder cattle, complete feeds, milk cows and nitrogen fertilizers.

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## Average Prices Received by Farmers: Louisiana and United States

Item	Louisiana			United States		
	Entire Month		Preliminary	Entire Month		Preliminary
	July 2006	June 2007	July 2007 <sup>1</sup>	July 2006	June 2007	July 2007 <sup>1</sup>
	-----Dollars-----			-----Dollars-----		
Soybeans, per bushel	5.81	7.37	8.30	5.61	7.51	7.92
Rice, per cwt	8.68	9.86	9.87	8.18	9.77	9.84
Upland cotton, per pound	.464	.452	.448 <sup>2</sup>	.468	.464	.468 <sup>2</sup>
Hay, all, baled, per ton	n/a	n/a	n/a	107.00	131.00	131.00
Beef Cattle, per cwt <sup>3</sup>	62.50	62.50	67.30	85.80	89.10	90.30
Steers & Heifers, per cwt	95.30	95.30	99.00	90.00	93.30	94.30
Cows, per cwt <sup>4</sup>	47.80	47.80	51.00	46.40	50.10	51.40
Calves, per cwt	111.00	111.00	114.00	137.00	125.00	125.00
Broilers, live, per pound	n/a	n/a	n/a	.410	.520	.510
Eggs, all, per dozen	n/a	n/a	n/a	.435	.677	.946
Milk, all, per cwt <sup>5</sup>	n/a	n/a	n/a	11.70	20.20	21.70

<sup>1</sup>Mid-month.

<sup>2</sup>Preliminary prices are based on sales during the first half of the month.

<sup>3</sup>"Cows" and "steers and heifers" combined.

<sup>4</sup>Beef cows and cull dairy cows sold for slaughter.

<sup>5</sup>Before deductions for hauling and government withholdings. Includes bulk tank, quantity and other premiums. Excludes hauling subsidies.  
n/a = not available.

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