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U.S. CATTLE ON FEED DOWN 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 11.3 million head on May 1, 2007. The inventory was 2 percent below May 1, 2006, but 6 percent above May 1, 2005. This is the second highest May 1 inventory since the series began in 1996. Placements in feedlots during April totaled 1.57 million, 3 percent below 2006 and 5 percent below 2005. Net placements were 1.47 million. During April, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 375 thousand, 600-699 pounds were 263 thousand, 700-799 pounds were 430 thousand, and 800 pounds and greater were 505 thousand. Marketings of fed cattle during April totaled 1.82 million, 2 percent above 2006 and 1 percent above 2005. Other disappearance totaled 99.0 thousand during April, 14 percent above 2006 and 9 percent above 2005.

CALIFORNIA CATTLE ON FEED

Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter in California feedlots totaled 550 thousand head on May 1, 2007, 4 percent above last month and May 2006. During April, placements of 85.0 thousand were 42 percent above the previous year. Marketings of 61.0 thousand head were 2 percent above April of 2006. Other disappearance totaled 4.00 thousand head.

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

State	Number On Feed April 1 1/			Placed During April		Marketed During April	
	2006	2007	2007/2006	2006	2007	2006	2007
Thousand Head							
Arizona	351	340	97	27	31	24	30
California	535	530	99	60	85	60	61
Colorado	1,070	1,020	95	130	155	130	135
Idaho	250	245	98	31	35	34	40
Iowa	500	530	106	64	61	66	59
Kansas	2,590	2,480	96	375	355	410	445
Nebraska	2,400	2,480	103	320	290	390	340
New Mexico	139	131	94	18	12	24	24
Oklahoma	360	350	97	48	54	66	68
South Dakota	210	230	110	28	36	35	34
Texas	2,940	2,800	95	455	380	470	490
Washington	152	163	107	23	22	22	30
Other States	315	345	110	40	57	54	65
UNITED STATES	11,812	11,644	99	1,619	1,573	1,785	1,821
State	Other Disappearance During April 2/		Number On Feed May 1 1/		2007/2006		
	2006	2007	2006	2007			
Thousand Head							
Percent							
Arizona	9	1	345	340	99		
California	5	4	530	550	104		
Colorado	10	20	1,060	1,020	96		
Idaho	2	5	245	235	96		
Iowa	3	2	495	530	107		
Kansas	25	40	2,530	2,350	93		
Nebraska	10	10	2,320	2,420	104		
New Mexico	1	1	132	118	89		
Oklahoma	2	1	340	335	99		
South Dakota	3	2	200	230	115		
Texas	15	10	2,910	2,680	92		
Washington	1	1	152	154	101		
Other States	1	2	300	335	112		
UNITED STATES	87	99	11,559	11,297	98		

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.

AVERAGE PRICE RECEIVED BY FARMERS, CALIFORNIA AND UNITED STATES 1/

Commodity	Unit	CALIFORNIA			UNITED STATES		
		April 2006	March 2007	April 15, 2007	April 2006	March 2007	April 15, 2007
		Dollars					
All Hay, Baled <u>2/</u> <u>3/</u>	Ton	130.00	143.00	155.00	105.00	117.00	124.00
Alfalfa, Baled <u>2/</u> <u>3/</u>	Ton	134.00	150.00	164.00	108.00	120.00	128.00
Hogs <u>2/</u> <u>4/</u>	Cwt.	---	---	---	41.30	45.00	46.00
Cows <u>2/</u>	Cwt.	47.00	45.20	46.90	48.40	47.20	48.80
Steers and Heifers <u>2/</u>	Cwt.	85.20	95.70	99.60	89.20	97.70	100.00
Calves <u>2/</u>	Cwt.	125.00	112.00	118.00	137.00	124.00	126.00
Sheep <u>2/</u>	Cwt.	37.50	47.00	---	35.20	35.60	---
Lambs <u>2/</u>	Cwt.	73.50	90.50	---	87.20	95.80	---
Milk Cows <u>5/</u>	Head	1,600.00	---	1,700.00	1,770.00	---	1,730.00
All Milk Wholesale <u>2/</u>	Cwt.	10.91	14.32	15.20	12.10	15.60	16.40

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 April 2007 prices are for the full month

4/ Price includes barrows, gilts, and sows.

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

AVERAGE PRICES PAID BY FARMERS, PACIFIC REGION AND UNITED STATES 1/

Commodity	Unit	PACIFIC REGION <u>2/</u>		UNITED STATES	
		April 2006	April 15, 2007	April 2006	April 15, 2007
		Dollars			
Alfalfa Meal	Cwt.	20.20	21.80	16.40	18.20
Bran	Cwt.	18.50	20.50	16.10	17.40
Corn Meal	Cwt.	12.90	18.10	10.10	12.30
Cottonseed Meal, 41%	Cwt.	23.10	27.60	18.20	20.00
Dairy Feed, 16%	Ton	202.00	246.00	210.00	249.00
Soybean Meal, 44%	Cwt.	25.50	26.80	16.90	18.20

1/ Prices shown represent composite average prices paid by farmers for all grades, classes, and method of sale.

2/ Includes California, Oregon, and Washington.

HAY STOCKS ON FARMS

Stocks of hay on California farms totaled 190 thousand tons as of May 1, 2007. This is 11 percent of the December 1 stocks and was 1 percent below May 1, 2006.

United States May 1 stocks of hay on farms totaled 15.0 million tons of hay. This was 16 percent of the December 1 stocks and 30 percent below the previous year and the lowest since 1950.

HAY STOCKS ON FARMS

State	December 1			May 1		
	2004	2005	2006	2005	2006	2007
	1,000 Tons					
California	1,770	1,840	1,675	215	192	190
Arizona	250	350	350	35	40	35
Nevada	741	788	879	80	209	202
Oregon	2,366	1,790	1,840	362	210	180
Utah	1,383	1,370	1,410	300	266	185
UNITED STATES	114,516	105,205	96,397	27,758	21,345	14,988

CALIFORNIA COMMERCIAL SLAUGHTER

California's production of red meat during April 2007 totaled 136 million pounds (dressed weight), 4 percent below the previous month, but 12 percent above April 2006. This figure includes slaughter in Federally-inspected and State-inspected plants, but excludes slaughter done on farms. In April 2007, the average live weight of cattle slaughtered was 1,297 pounds; calves 148 pounds; and hogs 244 pounds.

U.S. RED MEAT PRODUCTION UP FROM PREVIOUS YEAR

Commercial red meat production for the United States totaled 3.75 billion pounds in April, up 4 percent from the 3.61 billion pounds produced in April 2006.

Beef production, at 2.02 billion pounds, was 2 percent above the previous year. Cattle slaughter totaled 2.70 million head, up 4 percent from April 2006. The average live weight was down 5 pounds from the previous year, at 1,235 pounds.

Veal production totaled 11.8 million pounds, 14 percent above April a year ago. Calf slaughter totaled 56.9 thousand head, up 19 percent from April 2006. The average live weight was 347 pounds, down 14 pounds from last year.

Pork production totaled 1.71 billion pounds, up 6 percent from the previous year. Hog kill totaled 8.47 million head, up 6 percent from April 2006. The average live weight was down 2 pounds from the previous year, at 270 pounds.

Lamb and mutton production, at 15.1 million pounds, was down 11 percent from April 2006. Sheep slaughter totaled 217 thousand head, 12 percent below last year. The average live weight was 139 pounds, up 3 pounds from April a year ago.

January to April 2007 commercial red meat production was 15.5 billion pounds, up 2 percent from 2006. Accumulated beef production was up 2 percent from last year, veal was up 12 percent, pork was up 2 percent, and lamb and mutton production was down 3 percent.

April 2006 contained 20 weekdays (including no holidays) and five Saturdays, while April 2007 contained 21 weekdays (including no holidays) and four Saturdays.

COMMERCIAL SLAUGHTER, APRIL 1/

Species and Location	Number Slaughtered		Total Live Weight		Average Live Weight	
	2006	2007	2006	2007	2006	2007
	Thousand Head		Thousand Pounds		Pounds	
CATTLE						
California	111.4	131.2	147,403	167,251	1,352	1,297
U.S. Total	2,608.6	2,701.6	3,222,245	3,324,260	1,240	1,235
CALVES						
California	6.0	7.7	932	1,132	155	148
U.S. Total	47.7	56.9	17,156	19,674	361	347
SHEEP & LAMBS						
California	---	---	---	---	---	---
U.S. Total	247.1	216.9	33,477	30,004	136	139
HOGS						
California	201.3	210.8	48,813	51,293	243	244
U.S. Total	7,959.3	8,465.3	2,160,169	2,284,018	272	270
RED MEAT	April 2006	March 2007	April 2007	Apr. 2007 Apr. 2006	Apr. 2007 Mar. 2007	
	Million Pounds			Percent		
California	121.7	142.1	136.4	112	96	
U.S. Total	3,614.8	4,011.9	3,753.0	104	94	

1/ Farm slaughter excluded.

HOG AND PIG INVENTORY, CANADA AND UNITED STATES 1/ 2/

Type	Canada April 1 Inventory 3/			United States March 1 Inventory 4/		
	2006	2007	2007/2006	2006	2007	2007/2006
	1,000 Head			1,000 Head		
All Hogs & Pigs	14,576	14,121	97	60,326	61,103	101
Kept for Breeding	1,638	1,612	98	6,025	6,081	101
Market	12,938	12,509	97	54,301	55,022	101
Sows Farrowed	893	877	98	2,840	2,874	101
Pig Crop	8,400	8,239	98	25,661	26,084	102

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 3.45 billion pounds of milk in April 2007. This was 3 percent below March 2007, but 4 percent above April 2006.

Monthly milk per cow averaged 1,920 pounds, 60 pounds less than in March 2007, but 65 pounds more than a year ago.

MILK PRODUCTION, CALIFORNIA AND UNITED STATES

Month	CALIFORNIA						Total Milk Receipts <u>5/</u>		UNITED STATES <u>1/</u>					
	Milk Cows <u>2/</u>		Milk Per Cow <u>3/ 4/</u>		Milk Production <u>3/ 4/</u>				Milk Cows <u>2/ 4/</u>		Milk Per Cow <u>3/ 4/</u>		Milk Production <u>3/ 4/</u>	
	2006	2007	2006	2007	2006	2007	2006	2007	2006	2007	2006	2007	2006	2007
	1,000 Head		Pounds		Million Pounds		1,000 Head		Pounds		Million Pounds			
Jan.	1,776	1,791	1,825	1,880	3,241	3,367	3,240	3,364	8,198	8,280	1,711	1,724	14,027	14,276
Feb.	1,779	1,793	1,710	1,755	3,042	3,147	3,037	3,145	8,206	8,277	1,586	1,582	13,018	13,098
Mar.	1,781	1,796	1,925	1,980	3,428	3,556	3,423	3,551	8,224	8,285	1,775	1,783	14,599	14,771
Apr.	1,784	1,797	1,855	1,920	3,309	3,450	3,308	3,445	8,240	8,279	1,726	1,745	14,222	14,443
May	1,785		1,895		3,383		3,381		8,257		1,782		14,712	
June	1,786		1,795		3,206		3,204		8,269		1,697		14,033	
July	1,774		1,760		3,122		3,118		8,258		1,688		13,937	
Aug.	1,770		1,860		3,292		3,290		8,255		1,676		13,838	
Sept.	1,773		1,775		3,147		3,142		8,251		1,613		13,307	
Oct.	1,778		1,815		3,227		3,222		8,255		1,652		13,637	
Nov.	1,782		1,760		3,136		3,133		8,260		1,614		13,332	
Dec.	1,787		1,845		3,297		3,296		8,276		1,690		13,983	

1/ Twenty-three state total.

2/ Includes dry cows, excludes heifers not yet fresh.

3/ Excludes milk sucked by calves.

4/ Revised March 2007.

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