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**U.S. CATTLE ON FEED UP 1 PERCENT**

Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter market in the United States for feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head totaled 12.0 million head on January 1, 2007. The inventory was 1 percent above January 1, 2006 and 6 percent above January 1, 2005. This is the highest January 1 inventory since the series began in 1996. The inventory included 7.57 million steers and steer calves, up slightly from the previous year. This group accounted for 63 percent of the total inventory. Heifers and heifer calves accounted for 4.30 million head, up 4 percent from January 1, 2006.

Placements in feedlots during December totaled 1.71 million, 9 percent below 2005 and 7 percent below 2004. Net placements were 1.63 million. During December, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 470 thousand, 600-699 pounds were 504 thousand, 700-799 pounds were 420 thousand, and 800 pounds and greater were 320 thousand.

Marketings of fed cattle during December totaled 1.63 million, 5 percent below 2005 and 9 percent below 2004. This is the lowest fed-cattle marketing for the month of December since the series began in 1996.

Other disappearance totaled 88.0 thousand during December, 3 percent below 2005 and 4 percent below 2004.

**CALIFORNIA CATTLE ON FEED**

Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter in California feedlots totaled 550 thousand head on January 1, 2007, 2 percent above last month and unchanged from January 2006. During December, placements of 77.0 thousand were 12 percent above the previous year. Marketings of 63.0 thousand head were 5 percent above December of 2005. Other disappearance totaled 4.00 thousand head.

**CATTLE AND CALVES ON FEED IN 1,000+ CAPACITY FEEDLOTS IN CALIFORNIA AND UNITED STATES**

State	Number On Feed December 1 a/			Placed During December		Marketed During December	
	2005	2006	2006/2005	2005	2006	2005	2006
	1,000 Head						
Arizona	328	341	104	35	26	27	31
California	550	540	98	69	77	60	63
Colorado	1,070	1,120	105	155	135	140	150
Idaho	280	270	96	48	39	50	41
Iowa	500	500	100	65	82	53	59
Kansas	2,470	2,550	103	495	410	435	390
Nebraska	2,400	2,510	105	350	390	305	350
New Mexico	137	137	100	20	15	13	15
Oklahoma	365	350	96	64	46	57	42
South Dakota	190	210	111	46	50	28	32
Texas	2,940	2,900	99	465	370	470	385
Washington	161	185	115	26	24	34	24
Other States	335	360	107	46	50	43	43
United States	11,726	11,973	102	1,884	1,714	1,715	1,625
State	Other Disappearance During December b/		Number On Feed January 1 a/		2007/2006		
	2005	2006	2006	2007			
	1,000 Head					Percent	
Arizona	2	2	334	334	100		
California	9	4	550	550	100		
Colorado	5	5	1,080	1,100	102		
Idaho	3	8	275	260	95		
Iowa	2	3	510	520	102		
Kansas	30	30	2,500	2,540	102		
Nebraska	15	10	2,430	2,540	105		
New Mexico	1	1	143	136	95		
Oklahoma	2	4	370	350	95		
South Dakota	3	3	205	225	110		
Texas	15	15	2,920	2,870	98		
Washington	1	1	152	184	121		
Other States	3	2	335	365	109		
United States	91	88	11,804	11,974	101		

a/ 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.

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

**CALIFORNIA MILK PRODUCTION**

California milk producers produced 3.30 billion pounds of milk in December 2006. This was 5 percent above November 2006 and 4 percent above December 2005.

Monthly milk per cow averaged 1,850 pounds, 90 pounds more than in November 2006 and 55 pounds more than a year ago.

**CALIFORNIA MILK PRODUCTION**

Month	California						Total Milk Receipts <u>7/</u>		United States <u>1/</u>					
	Milk Cows <u>2/ 3/</u>		Milk Per Cow <u>4/ 5/</u>		Milk Production <u>3/ 5/ 6/</u>				Milk Cows <u>3/ 8/</u>		Milk Per Cow <u>5/</u>		Milk Production <u>5/ 8/</u>	
	2005	2006	2005	2006	2005	2006	2005	2006	2005	2006	2005	2006	2005	2006
	1,000 Head		Pounds		Million Pounds		1,000 Head		Pounds		Million Pounds			
Jan.	1,739	1,776	1,770	1,825	3,078	3,241	3,076	3,239	8,087	8,195	1,643	1,710	13,287	14,014
Feb.	1,742	1,782	1,635	1,705	2,848	3,038	2,845	3,037	8,084	8,206	1,522	1,587	12,301	13,022
Mar.	1,744	1,785	1,850	1,920	3,226	3,427	3,223	3,423	8,099	8,228	1,707	1,775	13,825	14,604
Apr.	1,747	1,785	1,825	1,855	3,188	3,311	3,184	3,308	8,117	8,240	1,690	1,727	13,717	14,228
May	1,751	1,785	1,880	1,895	3,292	3,383	3,288	3,381	8,131	8,257	1,760	1,780	14,311	14,700
June	1,753	1,783	1,815	1,800	3,182	3,209	3,178	3,204	8,138	8,269	1,690	1,695	13,755	14,017
July	1,756	1,772	1,780	1,760	3,126	3,119	3,122	3,118	8,151	8,259	1,683	1,686	13,715	13,925
Aug.	1,759	1,769	1,795	1,860	3,157	3,290	3,153	3,290	8,162	8,252	1,671	1,680	13,640	13,861
Sept.	1,762	1,772	1,750	1,775	3,084	3,145	3,079	3,142	8,167	8,244	1,599	1,615	13,057	13,312
Oct.	1,765	1,776	1,785	1,815	3,151	3,223	3,147	3,222	8,168	8,245	1,637	1,656	13,373	13,652
Nov.	1,770	1,781	1,725	1,760	3,053	3,135	3,049	3,133	8,167	8,251	1,592	1,617	13,002	13,341
Dec.	1,771	1,785	1,795	1,850	3,179	3,302	3,178	3,296	8,179	8,265	1,663	1,689	13,599	13,963

- 1/ Twenty-three-state total.
- 2/ Revised October and December 2005 data.
- 3/ Includes dry cows, but excludes heifers not yet fresh.
- 4/ Revised October 2005 data.
- 5/ Excludes milk sucked by calves.
- 6/ Revised December 2005 data.
- 7/ Milk receipts are from the California Department of Food and Agriculture's Dairy Marketing and Milk Pooling Branches. Excludes on farm usage.
- 8/ Revised September 2006 data.



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

Commodity	Unit	California			United States		
		December 2005	November 2006	Dec. 15, 2006	December 2005	November 2006	Dec. 15, 2006
		Dollars					
All Hay, Baled <u>2/ 3/</u>	Ton	131.00	110.00	110.00	92.00	106.00	108.00
Alfalfa, Baled <u>2/ 3/</u>	Ton	138.00	116.00	118.00	96.90	109.00	112.00
Hogs <u>2/ 4/</u>	Cwt.	---	---	---	44.30	44.80	43.20
Cows <u>2/</u>	Cwt.	44.80	40.40	38.00	47.10	43.40	42.90
Steers and Heifers <u>2/</u>	Cwt.	95.60	88.40	86.70	99.60	90.20	89.20
Calves <u>2/</u>	Cwt.	128.00	105.00	104.00	137.00	118.00	115.00
Sheep <u>2/</u>	Cwt.	48.00	38.00	---	49.30	30.90	---
Lambs <u>2/</u>	Cwt.	89.50	91.50	---	100.00	95.00	---
Milk Cows <u>5/</u>	Cwt.	---	---	---	---	---	---
All Milk, Wholesale <u>2/</u>	Cwt.	13.67	12.43	12.50	14.80	13.90	14.20

- 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 December 2006 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.

**CALIFORNIA COMMERCIAL SLAUGHTER**

California's production of red meat during December 2006 totaled 142 million pounds (dressed weight), 2 percent above the previous month and 6 percent above December 2005. This figure includes slaughter in Federally-inspected and State-inspected plants, but excludes slaughter done on farms. In December 2006, the average live weight of cattle slaughtered was 1,373 pounds; calves 139 pounds; and hogs 238 pounds.

**U.S. RED MEAT PRODUCTION  
DOWN 9 PERCENT FROM THE PREVIOUS MONTH**

Commercial red meat production for the United States totaled 3.86 billion pounds in December, down 2 percent from the 3.95 billion pounds produced in December 2005.

Beef production, at 2.04 billion pounds, was 1 percent below the previous year. Cattle slaughter totaled 2.61 million head, down 2 percent from December 2005. The average live weight was 1,297 pounds, up 17 pounds from the previous year.

Veal production totaled 14.4 million pounds, 7 percent above December a year ago. Calf slaughter totaled 68.1 thousand, up 13 percent from December 2005. The average live weight, at 346 pounds, was 25 pounds below last year.

Pork production totaled 1.79 billion pounds, down 4 percent from the previous year. Hog kill totaled 8.88 million head, 4 percent below December 2005. The average live weight was 272 pounds, unchanged the previous year.

Lamb and mutton production, at 15.3 million pounds, was down 8 percent from December 2005. Sheep slaughter totaled 224 thousand head, 3 percent below last year. The average live weight was 136 pounds, down 7 pounds from December a year ago.

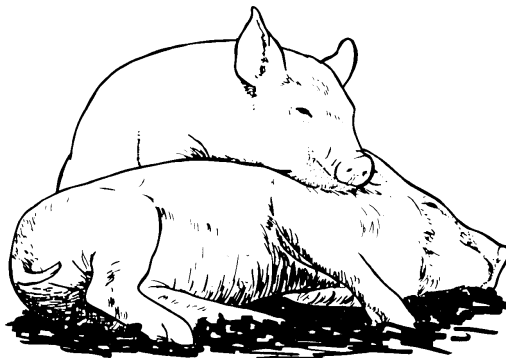
January to December 2006 commercial red meat production was 47.4 billion pounds, up 4 percent from 2005. Accumulated beef production was up 6 percent from last year, veal was up slightly, pork was up 2 percent, and lamb and mutton production was down 1 percent.

December 2005 contained 22 weekdays (including one holiday) and five Saturdays, while December 2006 contained 21 weekdays (including one holiday) and five Saturdays.

**COMMERCIAL SLAUGHTER, DECEMBER 2005-06 a/**

Species and Location	Number Slaughtered		Total Live Weight		Average Live Weight	
	2005	2006	2005	2006	2005	2006
	1,000 Head		1,000 Pounds		Pounds	
<b>CATTLE</b>						
California	121.4	137.3	167,801	188,450	1,382	1,373
U.S. Total	2,667.1	2,609.1	3,415,148	3,382,844	1,280	1,297
<b>CALVES</b>						
California	4.8	10.0	925	1,391	192	139
U.S. Total	60.0	68.1	22,259	23,557	371	346
<b>SHEEP &amp; LAMBS</b>						
California	---	---	---	---	---	---
U.S. Total	230.8	223.7	32,899	30,456	143	136
<b>HOGS</b>						
California	235.8	219.1	57,094	52,209	242	238
U.S. Total	9,234.5	8,883.1	2,510,536	2,418,256	272	272
<b>RED MEAT</b>	December 2005	November 2006	December 2006	Dec. 06 Dec. 05	Dec. 06 Nov. 06	
	Million Pounds			Percent		
California	134.6	139.5	142.1	106	102	
U.S. Total	3,953.6	4,137.2	3,863.0	98	93	

a/ Farm slaughter excluded.



**CALIFORNIA AND U.S. HOG INVENTORY DECEMBER 1, 2005-06 AND ANNUAL FARROWINGS DECEMBER-NOVEMBER 2005-06 a/**

Inventory by Type	CALIFORNIA			UNITED STATES		
	2005	2006	2006/2005	2005	2006	2006/2005
	1,000 Head		Percent	1,000 Head		Percent
Total Breeding and Market	145	150	103	61,449	62,149	101
Breeding	20	20	100	6,011	6,088	101
Market	125	130	104	55,438	56,061	101
Market By Weight:						
Under 60 Lbs.	40	42	105	20,055	20,334	101
60-119 Lbs.	35	40	114	13,524	13,603	101
120-179 Lbs.	25	20	80	11,293	11,544	102
180+ Lbs.	25	28	112	10,567	10,580	100
Total Pig Crop	306	340	111	103,965	105,423	101
Sows Farrowing	32	34	106	11,535	11,590	100
	Head		Percent	Head		Percent
Pigs Per Liter	9.6	10.0	104	9.0	9.1	101

a/ December of preceding year for farrowings. May not add due to rounding.

## **Financial FACTS** **for the 2007 Farm Bill**

Respond to USDA's Agricultural Resource Management Survey to provide the financial facts policymakers will use to craft the 2007 Farm Bill.

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