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Dairy slaughter for the week ending September 7 was 56,500 head, 600 head more than the number slaughtered from the same week last year and 6,100 head less than the week prior. Through the first 36 weeks of the year, slaughter is outpacing 2012 by 52,000 head (+2.48 percent).

The U.S. average price for dairy cows in August was \$82.20 per hundredweight (cwt), up \$0.90 per cwt from a revised July price of \$81.30 per cwt. Sympathetic to tighter fall beef supplies, the U.S. average cull price has now increased in back-to-back months during the time of year where prices typically decline.

On September 20, the USDA reported that feedlot placements in August were down 11 percent from 2012 and below market expectations. The 1.79 million head placed is the lowest recorded for the month of August since 1996 (when placement tracking began). Traders expected a drop of 8.4 percent. The USDA was already expecting a 4.6 percent decline in fourth quarter beef production year-over-year. This indicates tighter-than-expected supplies later this year and early next year.

Live cattle futures gapped higher on the Monday following report. The December futures contract traded as high as \$130.75 per cwt, up \$1 per cwt in early trade. The February contract was up \$0.80 to \$132.325 per cwt. Since the low was put in on May 20, the December and February contracts are up roughly \$8 per cwt. **PD**

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