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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 11.1 million head on November 1, 2009. The inventory was 1 percent above November 1, 2008.

Placements in feedlots during October totaled 2.47 million, 1 percent above 2008. Net placements were 2.42 million head. During October, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 615 thousand, 600-699 pounds were 645 thousand, 700-799 pounds were 579 thousand, and 800 pounds and greater were 635 thousand.

Marketings of fed cattle during October totaled 1.76 million, 3 percent below 2008. Other disappearance totaled 59.0 thousand during October, 12 percent below 2008.

CALIFORNIA CATTLE ON FEED

Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter in California feedlots totaled 470 thousand head on November 1, 2009, 1 percent above last month, but 6 percent below November 2008. During October, placements of 57.0 thousand head were 6 percent above the previous year. Marketings of 50.0 thousand head were 12 percent below October 2008. Other disappearance totaled 2.00 thousand head.

CATTLE AND CALVES ON FEED IN 1,000+ HEAD CAPACITY FEEDLOTS IN SELECTED STATES AND THE UNITED STATES

| State | Number On Feed October 1 1/ | | | Placed During October | | Marketed During October | |
|-----------------|---------------------------------------|--------|-----------|------------------------------|--------|-------------------------|-------|
| | 2008 | 2009 | 2009/2008 | 2008 | 2009 | 2008 | 2009 |
| | 1,000 Head | | Percent | 1,000 Head | | | |
| Arizona | 360 | 275 | 76 | 31 | 29 | 28 | 24 |
| California | 505 | 465 | 92 | 54 | 57 | 57 | 50 |
| Colorado | 870 | 960 | 110 | 245 | 245 | 150 | 160 |
| Idaho | 195 | 205 | 105 | 55 | 50 | 39 | 44 |
| Iowa | 475 | 520 | 109 | 104 | 123 | 93 | 100 |
| Kansas | 2,160 | 2,220 | 103 | 450 | 465 | 360 | 340 |
| Nebraska | 2,110 | 2,170 | 103 | 590 | 620 | 375 | 380 |
| New Mexico | 173 | 2/ | 2/ | 17 | 2/ | 17 | 2/ |
| Oklahoma | 315 | 355 | 113 | 75 | 83 | 68 | 60 |
| South Dakota | 175 | 195 | 111 | 70 | 65 | 43 | 54 |
| Texas | 2,590 | 2,600 | 100 | 630 | 610 | 495 | 465 |
| Washington | 157 | 147 | 94 | 38 | 38 | 31 | 29 |
| Other States 3/ | 330 | 362 | 4/ | 79 | 89 | 58 | 49 |
| UNITED STATES | 10,415 | 10,474 | 101 | 2,438 | 2,474 | 1,814 | 1,755 |
| State | Other Disappearance During October 5/ | | | Number On Feed November 1 1/ | | 2009 | |
| | 2008 | 2009 | | 2008 | 2009 | 2008 | 2009 |
| | 1,000 Head | | Percent | 1,000 Head | | | |
| Arizona | 1 | 1 | | 362 | 279 | | 77 |
| California | 2 | 2 | | 500 | 470 | | 94 |
| Colorado | 5 | 5 | | 960 | 1,040 | | 108 |
| Idaho | 1 | 1 | | 210 | 210 | | 100 |
| Iowa | 1 | 3 | | 485 | 540 | | 111 |
| Kansas | 20 | 15 | | 2,230 | 2,330 | | 104 |
| Nebraska | 15 | 10 | | 2,310 | 2,400 | | 104 |
| New Mexico | 1 | 2/ | | 172 | 2/ | | 2/ |
| Oklahoma | 2 | 3 | | 320 | 375 | | 117 |
| South Dakota | 2 | 1 | | 200 | 205 | | 103 |
| Texas | 15 | 15 | | 2,710 | 2,730 | | 101 |
| Washington | 1 | 1 | | 163 | 155 | | 95 |
| Other States 3/ | 1 | 2 | | 350 | 400 | | 4/ |
| UNITED STATES | 67 | 59 | | 10,972 | 11,134 | | 101 |

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/ Not published to avoid disclosure of individual operations.

3/ Includes unpublished New Mexico totals for 2009.

4/ Comparison to 2008 is not applicable.

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

CALIFORNIA COMMERCIAL SLAUGHTER

California's production of red meat during October 2009 totaled 144 million pounds (dressed weight), 3 percent above the previous month, but 3 percent below October 2008. This figure includes slaughter in Federally-inspected and State-inspected plants, but excludes slaughter done on farms. In October 2009, the average live weight of cattle slaughtered was 1,285 pounds; calves 109 pounds and hogs 244 pounds.

January to October 2009 commercial red meat production was 41.2 billion pounds, down 2 percent from 2008. Accumulated beef production was down 3 percent from last year, veal was down 4 percent, pork was down 2 percent from last year, and lamb and mutton production was down 3 percent.

October 2008 contained 23 weekdays (including one holiday) and 4 Saturdays. October 2009 contained 22 weekdays (including one holiday) and 5 Saturdays.

**U.S. LAMB AND MUTTON PRODUCTION
A RECORD LOW FOR OCTOBER**

Commercial red meat production for the United States totaled 4.39 billion pounds in October, down 3 percent from the 4.53 billion pounds produced in October 2008.

Beef production, at 2.28 billion pounds, was 3 percent below the previous year. Cattle slaughter totaled 2.89 million head, down 3 percent from October 2008. The average live weight was up 9 pounds from the previous year, at 1,312 pounds.

Veal production totaled 12.2 million pounds, 10 percent below October a year ago. Calf slaughter totaled 83.6 thousand head, down 13 percent from October 2008. The average live weight was up 5 pounds from last year, at 249 pounds.

Pork production totaled 2.09 billion pounds, down 3 percent from the previous year. Hog kill totaled 10.3 million head, down 4 percent from October 2008. The average live weight was up 3 pounds from the previous year, at 272 pounds.

Lamb and mutton production, at 14.3 million pounds, was down 5 percent from October 2008. Sheep slaughter totaled 219 thousand head, 3 percent below last year. The average live weight was 131 pounds, down 2 pounds from October a year ago.

OCTOBER COMMERCIAL SLAUGHTER 1/

| Species and Location | Number Slaughtered | | Total Live Weight | | Average Live Weight | |
|--------------------------|--------------------|----------------|-------------------|------------------|---------------------|-------|
| | 2008 | 2009 | 2008 | 2009 | 2008 | 2009 |
| | 1,000 Head | | 1,000 Pounds | | Pounds | |
| CATTLE | | | | | | |
| California | 137.3 | 140.2 | 175,281 | 177,840 | 1,294 | 1,285 |
| U.S. Total | 2,989.1 | 2,885.6 | 3,882,244 | 3,772,461 | 1,303 | 1,312 |
| CALVES | | | | | | |
| California | 18.9 | 19.8 | 2,150 | 2,116 | 116 | 109 |
| U.S. Total | 95.6 | 83.6 | 23,003 | 20,594 | 244 | 249 |
| SHEEP & LAMBS | | | | | | |
| California | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| U.S. Total | 225.3 | 218.8 | 29,903 | 28,624 | 133 | 131 |
| HOGS | | | | | | |
| California | 253.0 | 226.0 | 61,326 | 55,189 | 243 | 244 |
| U.S. Total | 10,746.1 | 10,319.4 | 2,892,531 | 2,800,158 | 269 | 272 |
| RED MEAT | October 2008 | September 2009 | October 2009 | Oct 09 Oct 08 | Oct 09 Sep 09 | |
| | Million Pounds | | | Percent | | |
| California | 148.3 | 140.1 | 144.4 | 97 | 103 | |
| U.S. Total 2/ | 4,529.3 | 4,261.9 | 4,391.1 | 97 | 103 | |

1/ Farm slaughter excluded.
2/ September 2009 Revised.

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

| Commodity | Unit | California | | | United States | | |
|------------------------|------|--------------|----------------|---------------|---------------|----------------|---------------|
| | | October 2008 | September 2009 | Oct. 15, 2009 | October 2008 | September 2009 | Oct. 15, 2009 |
| | | Dollars | | | | | |
| All Hay, Baled 2/ 3/ | Ton | 185.00 | 95.00 | 99.00 | 156.00 | 107.00 | 106.00 |
| Alfalfa, Baled 2/ 3/ | Ton | 203.00 | 97.00 | 104.00 | 171.00 | 110.00 | 109.00 |
| Hogs 2/ 4/ | Cwt. | --- | --- | --- | 48.50 | 37.70 | 37.20 |
| Cows 2/ 5/ | Cwt. | 41.40 | 44.10 | 45.10 | 48.40 | 44.40 | 43.70 |
| Steers and Heifers 2/ | Cwt. | 89.50 | 85.20 | 82.90 | 92.90 | 85.50 | 84.00 |
| Calves 2/ | Cwt. | 93.90 | 97.00 | 100.00 | 106.00 | 107.00 | 103.00 |
| Sheep 2/ | Cwt. | 27.00 | 27.00 | --- | 21.70 | 29.60 | --- |
| Lambs 2/ | Cwt. | 95.00 | 87.50 | --- | 97.40 | 98.40 | --- |
| Milk Cows 6/ | Head | 1,700.00 | --- | 1,200.00 | 1,920.00 | --- | 1,240.00 |
| All Milk, Wholesale 2/ | Cwt. | 16.35 | 11.52 | 12.30 | 17.80 | 12.90 | 13.80 |

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 October 2009 prices are for the full month.
4/ Prices include barrows, gilts, and sows.
5/ Beef cows and cull dairy cows sold for slaughter.
6/ Animals sold for dairy herd replacement only. Prices published January, April, July and October.

CASH INCOME BY COMMODITY GROUPS, CALIFORNIA, 2006-2008 1/

| Source of Income | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 |
|--|------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| | \$1,000 | | |
| LIVESTOCK, POULTRY AND PRODUCTS | | | |
| Aquaculture | 12,891 | 90,374 | 69,531 |
| Cattle and Calves | 1,673,050 | 1,784,101 | 1,822,857 |
| Chickens, All | 629,619 | 713,218 | 787,679 |
| Eggs | 223,903 | 346,426 | 440,730 |
| Hogs | 31,186 | 31,662 | 33,217 |
| Honey | 19,167 | 14,144 | 25,888 |
| Milk and Cream | 4,492,229 | 7,336,603 | 6,924,121 |
| Sheep and Lambs | 47,253 | 35,443 | 30,717 |
| Turkeys | 177,012 | 211,669 | 252,416 |
| Wool and Mohair | 2,630 | 2,789 | 3,702 |
| Other Livestock and Poultry | 273,896 | 252,404 | 241,418 |
| TOTAL | 7,582,836 | 10,818,833 | 10,632,276 |

| Source of Income | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 |
|---|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| | \$1,000 | | |
| VEGETABLE CROPS | 6,974,471 | 7,290,625 | 7,307,308 |
| FRUIT AND NUT CROPS | 10,280,121 | 11,013,164 | 10,874,762 |
| FIELD CROPS | 2,709,551 | 3,227,275 | 4,075,395 |
| NURSERY, GREENHOUSE AND FLORICULTURE | 3,881,917 | 3,998,157 | 3,288,894 |
| CHRISTMAS TREES | 8,785 | 6,547 | 8,100 |
| TOTAL CASH INCOME FROM MARKETINGS | 31,417,428 | 36,354,601 | 36,186,735 |
| FARM RELATED INCOME 2/ | 2,879,793 | 2,456,011 | 2,902,952 |
| GROSS CASH INCOME FROM FARMING | 34,297,221 | 38,810,612 | 39,089,687 |

1/ Totals may not add due to rounding.

2/ Includes value of home consumption, value of inventory adjustments, machine hire and custom work, forest products sold, rental value of farm dwelling, government payments, and other miscellaneous farm income.

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