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on January 1, 2010. The inventory was 2 percent below January 1, 2009. The inventory included 6.88 million steers and steer calves, down 3 percent from the previous year. This group accounted for 62 percent of the total inventory. Heifers and heifer calves accounted for 4.07 million head, down 1 percent from 2009.

### CALIFORNIA CATTLE ON FEED

Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter in California feedlots totaled 465 thousand head on January 1, 2010, unchanged from last month, and 5 percent below January 2009. During December, placements of 63.0 thousand head were 7 percent above the previous year. Marketings of 59.0 thousand head were 2 percent below December 2008. Other disappearance totaled 4.0 thousand head.

Placements in feedlots during December totaled 1.55 million, 6 percent below 2008. Net placements were 1.47 million head. During December, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 430 thousand, 600-699 pounds were 420 thousand, 700-799 pounds were 401 thousand, and 800 pounds and greater were 295 thousand.

### 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 11.0 million head

Marketings of fed cattle during December totaled 1.74 million, 4 percent above 2008.

Other disappearance totaled 72 thousand during December, 5 percent below 2008.

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

State	Number On Feed December 1/			Placed During December		Marketed During December	
	2008	2009	2009/2008	2008	2009	2008	2009
	1,000 Head		Percent	1,000 Head			
Arizona	359	282	79	29	32	29	25
California	495	465	94	59	63	60	59
Colorado	1,010	1,060	105	150	110	155	155
Idaho 2/	225	210	93	36	41	39	35
Iowa	500	560	112	66	85	64	73
Kansas	2,310	2,330	101	380	375	405	445
Nebraska	2,380	2,410	101	345	320	340	350
New Mexico	168	3/	3/	16	3/	18	3/
Oklahoma	335	375	112	49	50	46	58
South Dakota	220	235	107	38	38	37	36
Texas	2,810	2,760	98	405	350	405	410
Washington	169	172	102	28	29	38	34
Other States 4/	365	418	5/	46	53	47	62
UNITED STATES 2/	11,346	11,277	99	1,647	1,546	1,683	1,742

State	Other Disappearance During December 6/		Number On Feed January 1 1/		
	2008	2009	2009	2010	2010/2009
	1,000 Head		Percent		
Arizona	1	1	358	288	80
California	4	4	490	465	95
Colorado	5	5	1,000	1,010	101
Idaho	2	1	220	215	98
Iowa	2	2	500	570	114
Kansas	15	10	2,270	2,250	99
Nebraska	15	20	2,370	2,360	100
New Mexico	2	3/	164	3/	3/
Oklahoma	3	2	335	365	109
South Dakota	1	2	220	235	107
Texas	20	20	2,790	2,680	96
Washington	2	1	157	166	106
Other States 4/	4	4	360	405	5/
UNITED STATES 2/	76	72	11,234	11,009	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/ Revised number on feed, Dec 2009.

3/ Not published to avoid disclosure of individual operations.

4/ Includes unpublished New Mexico totals for Dec 2009 and Jan 2010.

5/ Comparison to previous year not applicable.

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

### CALIFORNIA MILK PRODUCTION

California milk producers produced 3.28 billion pounds of milk in December 2009. This was 5 percent above November 2009, and 5 percent below December 2008.

Monthly milk per cow averaged 1,860 pounds in December 2009, 85 pounds more than in November 2009, and 10 pounds below a year ago.

### MILK PRODUCTION, CALIFORNIA AND UNITED STATES

Month	California 1/						Total Milk Receipts 6/	United States 2/ 3/						
	Milk Cows 4/		Milk Per Cow 5/		Milk Production 5/			Milk Cows 4/		Milk Per Cow 5/		Milk Production 5/		
	2008	2009	2008	2009	2008	2009		2008	2009	2008	2009	2008	2009	
	1,000 Head		Pounds		Million Pounds			1,000 Head		Pounds		Million Pounds		
Jan.	1,838	1,830	1,900	1,885	3,492	3,450	3,492	3,449	8,445	8,504	1,747	1,753	14,750	14,907
Feb.	1,840	1,825	1,810	1,720	3,330	3,139	3,325	3,137	8,457	8,486	1,656	1,606	14,007	13,627
Mar.	1,842	1,821	1,975	1,925	3,638	3,505	3,637	3,504	8,467	8,481	1,794	1,794	15,191	15,211
Apr.	1,845	1,821	1,905	1,885	3,515	3,433	3,509	3,443	8,482	8,481	1,757	1,759	14,901	14,916
May	1,847	1,815	1,940	1,935	3,583	3,512	3,581	3,511	8,496	8,473	1,819	1,833	15,451	15,529
June	1,847	1,804	1,850	1,820	3,417	3,283	3,414	3,281	8,500	8,434	1,736	1,752	14,760	14,775
July	1,847	1,791	1,850	1,815	3,417	3,251	3,412	3,245	8,515	8,400	1,744	1,767	14,848	14,845
Aug.	1,846	1,782	1,840	1,820	3,397	3,243	3,397	3,242	8,515	8,374	1,718	1,746	14,626	14,617
Sept.	1,845	1,769	1,775	1,735	3,275	3,069	3,272	3,067	8,510	8,338	1,650	1,675	14,041	13,965
Oct.	1,845	1,767	1,835	1,815	3,386	3,207	3,382	3,205	8,512	8,316	1,700	1,720	14,469	14,301
Nov.	1,845	1,765	1,795	1,775	3,312	3,133	3,307	3,131	8,519	8,313	1,654	1,682	14,089	13,979
Dec.	1,840	1,764	1,870	1,860	3,441	3,281	3,438	3,283	8,519	8,313	1,729	1,758	14,728	14,614

1/ Revised September, October, November 2009 data.

2/ Twenty-three state total.

3/ Revised November 2009 data.

4/ Includes dry cows, but excludes heifers not yet fresh.

5/ Excludes milk sucked by calves.

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

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

Commodity	Unit	California			United States		
		December 2008	November 2009	Dec. 15, 2009	December 2008	November 2009	Dec. 15, 2009
		Dollars					
All Hay, Baled 2/ 3/	Ton	149.00	97.00	99.00	138.00	107.00	107.00
Alfalfa, Baled 2/ 3/	Ton	159.00	102.00	104.00	152.00	110.00	110.00
Hogs 2/ 4/	Cwt.	---	---	---	41.90	40.20	43.70
Cows 2/ 5/	Cwt.	36.90	44.40	45.00	40.20	41.70	42.90
Steers and Heifers 2/	Cwt.	84.20	85.10	82.80	85.70	85.40	83.50
Calves 2/	Cwt.	91.80	100.00	104.00	98.90	105.00	105.00
Sheep 2/	Cwt.	39.50	43.50	---	32.90	36.80	---
Lambs 2/	Cwt.	92.50	83.00	---	101.00	98.00	---
Milk Cows 6/	Cwt.	---	---	---	---	---	---
All Milk, Wholesale 2/	Cwt.	13.35	13.94	15.40	15.50	15.30	16.30

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 2009 prices are for the full month.

4/ Price includes 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.

### CALIFORNIA COMMERCIAL SLAUGHTER

California's production of red meat during December 2009 totaled 151.8 million pounds (dressed weight), 11 percent above the previous month, and 1 percent above December 2008. This figure includes slaughter in Federally-inspected and State-inspected plants, but excludes slaughter done on farms. In December 2009, the average live weight of cattle slaughtered was 1,298 pounds, calves 104 pounds, and hogs 241 pounds.

### U. S. DECEMBER RED MEAT PRODUCTION

Commercial red meat production for the United States totaled 4.15 billion pounds in December, down slightly from the 4.16 billion pounds produced in December 2008.

Beef production, at 2.13 billion pounds, was 2 percent above the previous year. Cattle slaughter totaled 2.75 million head, up 3 percent from December 2008. The average live weight was down 7 pounds from the previous year, at 1,296 pounds.

Veal production totaled 13.1 million pounds, 2 percent below December a year ago. Calf slaughter totaled 92.3 thousand head, down 2 percent from December 2008. The average live weight was down 5 pounds from last year, at 240 pounds.

Pork production totaled 1.99 billion pounds, down 3 percent from the previous year. Hog kill totaled 9.83 million head, down 3 percent from December 2008. The average live weight was unchanged from the previous year, at 270 pounds.

Lamb and mutton production, at 15.9 million pounds, was up 3 percent from December 2008. Sheep slaughter totaled 235.3 thousand head, 2 percent above last year. The average live weight was 136 pounds, up 2 pounds from December a year ago.

January to December 2009 commercial red meat production was 49.3 billion pounds, down 2 percent from 2008. Accumulated beef production was down 2 percent from last year, veal was down 3 percent, pork was down 2 percent from last year, and lamb and mutton production was down 2 percent.

December 2008 contained 23 weekdays (including one holiday) and 4 Saturdays. December 2009 contained 23 weekdays (including one holiday) and 4 Saturdays.

### COMMERCIAL SLAUGHTER, DECEMBER 2008-09 a/

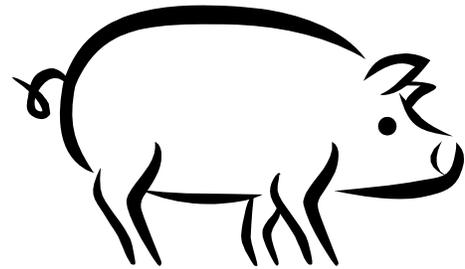
Species and Location	Number Slaughtered		Total Live Weight		Average Live Weight	
	2008	2009	2008	2009	2008	2009
	1,000 Head		1,000 Pounds		Pounds	
<b>CATTLE</b>						
California	137.1	141.0	176,505	180,918	1,306	1,298
U.S. Total	2,671.5	2,752.8	3,468,180	3,556,432	1,303	1,296
<b>CALVES</b>						
California	22.6	21.7	2,594	2,229	117	104
U.S. Total	94.1	92.3	22,713	21,904	245	240
<b>SHEEP &amp; LAMBS</b>						
California	---	---	---	---	---	---
U.S. Total	230.9	235.3	30,876	31,853	134	136
<b>HOGS</b>						
California	262.1	263.3	62,824	63,496	240	241
U.S. Total	10,144.9	9,832.9	2,739,561	2,653,968	270	270

RED MEAT	December 2008	November 2009	December 2009	Dec 09 Dec 08	Dec 09 Nov 09
	Million Pounds			Percent	
California	149.6	137.2	151.8	101	111
U.S. Total b/	4,162.8	3,962.9	4,147.5	100	105

a/ Farm slaughter excluded.

b/ Revised November.



### CALIFORNIA AND U.S. HOG INVENTORY DECEMBER 1, 2008-09 AND ANNUAL FARROWINGS DECEMBER-NOVEMBER 2008-09 a/

Inventory by Type	CALIFORNIA			UNITED STATES		
	2008	2009	2009/2008	2008	2009	2009/2008
	1,000 Head		Percent	1,000 Head		Percent
Total Breeding and Market	80	100	125	67,148	65,807	98
Breeding	10	7	70	6,062	5,850	97
Market	70	93	133	61,087	59,957	98
Market By Weight:						
Under 50 Lbs.	23	26	113	19,428	19,085	98
50-119 Lbs.	17	18	106	17,396	17,062	98
120-179 Lbs.	20	19	95	12,731	12,529	98
180+ Lbs.	10	30	300	11,533	11,282	98
Total Pig Crop	196	118	60	115,030	115,174	100
Sows Farrowing	21	14	67	12,225	11,969	98
	Head		Percent	Head		Percent
Pigs Per Liter	9.3	8.4	90	9.4	9.6	102

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

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