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## CALIFORNIA CATTLE ON FEED

Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter in California feedlots totaled 455 thousand head on February 1, 2010, 2 percent below last month, and 5 percent below February 2009. During January, placements of 54.0 thousand head were 6 percent above the previous year. Marketings of 57.0 thousand head were 3 percent below January 2009. Other disappearance totaled 7.0 thousand head.

## U.S. CATTLE ON FEED DOWN 3 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 on February 1, 2010. The inventory was 3 percent below February 1, 2009.

Placements in feedlots during January totaled 1.83 million, 2 percent below 2009. Net placements were 1.76 million head. During January, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 400 thousand, 600-699 pounds were 445 thousand, 700-799 pounds were 560 thousand, and 800 pounds and greater were 420 thousand.

Marketings of fed cattle during January totaled 1.77 million, 2 percent above 2009. This is the third lowest fed cattle marketings for the month of January since the series began in 1996.

Other disappearance totaled 70.0 thousand during January, 4 percent above 2009.

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

State	Number On Feed January 1 1/			Placed During January		Marketed During January	
	2009	2010	2010/2009	2009	2010	2009	2010
	1,000 Head		Percent	1,000 Head			
Arizona 2/	358	287	80	27	28	35	24
California	490	465	95	51	54	59	57
Colorado	1,000	1010	101	200	130	170	170
Idaho	220	215	98	37	30	41	39
Iowa	500	570	114	81	95	59	62
Kansas	2,270	2250	99	435	475	430	475
Nebraska	2,370	2360	100	400	410	360	380
New Mexico	164	3/	3/	9	3/	13	3/
Oklahoma	335	365	109	54	60	57	58
South Dakota	220	235	107	43	35	35	34
Texas	2,790	2680	96	440	420	405	390
Washington	157	166	106	30	29	35	28
Other States 4/	360	405	5/	51	59	38	57
UNITED STATES 2/	11,234	*11,008	97	1,858	1,825	1,737	1,774

State	Other Disappearance During January 6/		Number On Feed February 1 1/		2010
	2009	2010	2009	2010	2009
	1,000 Head		1,000 Head		Percent
Arizona	1	1	349	290	83
California	2	7	480	455	95
Colorado	10	10	1,020	960	94
Idaho	1	1	215	205	95
Iowa	2	3	520	600	115
Kansas	15	10	2,260	2,240	99
Nebraska	10	20	2,400	2,370	99
New Mexico	2	3/	158	3/	3/
Oklahoma	2	2	330	365	111
South Dakota	3	1	225	235	104
Texas	15	10	2,810	2,700	96
Washington	1	1	151	166	110
Other States 4/	3	4	370	403	5/
UNITED STATES	67	70	11,288	10,989	97

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 2010 Number on Feed

3/ Withheld to avoid disclosing data for individual operations.

4/ Beginning in July 2009, New Mexico is included in the Other States total.

5/ Comparison to 2009 is not applicable.

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

**CALIFORNIA CATTLE AND CALF INVENTORY**

All cattle and calves in California as of January 1, 2010 totaled 5.15 million head, down 2 percent from the previous year. Beef cows, with 610 thousand head, were 2 percent below the previous year, and milk cows decreased 4 percent to 1.76 million head. All heifers weighing more than 500 pounds were estimated at 1.08 million head, 1 percent above the previous year. Steers 500 pounds and over totaled 580 thousand head, down 3 percent from last year, and bulls in the same weight category totaled 70.0 thousand head, 8 percent above the previous year. Calves weighing less than 500 pounds, at 1.05 million head, were 1 percent below a year ago.

**JANUARY 1 CATTLE INVENTORY DOWN 1 PERCENT**

All cattle and calves in the United States as of January 1, 2010, totaled 93.7 million head, 1 percent below the 94.5 million on January 1, 2009.

All cows and heifers that have calved, at 40.5 million, were down 1 percent from the 41.0 million on January 1, 2009.

- Beef cows, at 31.4 million, were down 1 percent from January 1, 2009.
- Milk cows, at 9.1 million, were down 3 percent from January 1, 2009.

Other class estimates on January 1, 2010, and the change from January 1, 2009, are as follows:

- All heifers 500 pounds and over, 19.7 million, up slightly.
- Beef replacement heifers, 5.4 million, down 2 percent.
- Milk replacement heifers, 4.5 million, up 2 percent.
- Other heifers, 9.7 million, up 1 percent.
- Steers weighing 500 pounds and over, 16.4 million, down 2 percent.
- Bulls weighing 500 pounds and over, 2.2 million, up slightly.
- Calves under 500 pounds, 14.9 million, up slightly.
- Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter in all feedlots, 13.6 million, down 2 percent.
- The combined total of calves under 500 pounds, and other heifers and steers over 500 pounds outside of feedlots was 27.5 million, down slightly.

**ALL CATTLE AND CALVES**

**TWELVE SELECTED STATES AND U.S. AS OF JANUARY 1**

State	2009	2010	<u>2010</u> 2009
	1,000 Head		Percent
Arizona	1,020	930	91
California	5,250	5,150	98
Colorado	2,600	2,600	100
Idaho	2,110	2,140	101
Iowa	3,950	3,850	97
Kansas	6,300	6,000	95
Nebraska	6,350	6,250	98
New Mexico	1,540	1,550	101
Oklahoma	5,400	5,450	101
South Dakota	3,700	3,800	103
Texas	13,600	13,300	98
Washington	1,080	1,040	96
UNITED STATES	94,521	93,701	99

**U.S. CALF CROP DOWN 1 PERCENT**

The 2009 calf crop was estimated at 35.8 million head, down 1 percent from 2008. Calves born during the first half of the year are estimated at 26.0 million, down 1 percent from 2008.

**CATTLE AND CALVES BY CLASSES FOR CALIFORNIA, UNITED STATES, AND CANADA, JANUARY 1, 2009-10 1/**

Class	California 2/			United States 2/			Canada 3/		
	2009	2010	2010/2009	2009	2010	2010/2009	2009	2010	2010/2009
	Thousands		Percent	Thousands		Percent	Thousands		Percent
All Cattle and Calves	5,250	5,150	98	94,521	93,701	99	13,180	13,015	99
All Cows:	2,460	2,370	96	41,045	40,456	99	5,629	5,452	97
Beef	620	610	98	31,712	31,376	99	4,650	4,471	96
Milk	1,840	1,760	96	9,333	9,081	97	979	981	100
Heifers 500 Lbs. + 4/	1,065	1,080	101	19,576	19,666	100	1,818	1,875	103
Beef Replacement	115	120	104	5,531	5,436	98	537	516	96
Milk Replacement	780	750	96	4,410	4,516	102	456	459	101
Other Heifers	170	210	124	9,635	9,714	101	825	900	109
Steers 500 Lbs. + 5/	600	580	97	16,769	16,440	98	1,058	1,141	108
Bulls 500 Lbs. + 6/	65	70	108	2,184	2,190	100	244	230	94
Calves Less Than 500 Lbs. 7/	1,060	1,050	99	14,948	14,949	100	4,433	4,317	97
Calf Crop 8/	2,010	1,990.00	99	36,152	35,819.00	99	5,110	---	---

- 1/ Totals may not add due to rounding.
- 2/ Source: National Agricultural Statistics Service.
- 3/ Source: Livestock and Animal Products Section, Statistics Canada.
- 4/ Heifers one year and over for Canada.
- 5/ Steers one year and over for Canada.
- 6/ Bulls one year and over for Canada.
- 7/ Calves one year and over for Canada.
- 8/ January-December calf crop.

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

Commodity	Unit	California			United States		
		January 2009	December 2009	Jan. 15, 2010	January 2009	December 2009	Jan. 15, 2010
Dollars							
All Hay, Baled 2/ 3/	Ton	159.00	99.00	110.00	135.00	107.00	109.00
Alfalfa, Baled 2/ 3/	Ton	163.00	104.00	115.00	148.00	110.00	113.00
Hogs 2/ 4/	Cwt.	---	---	---	42.80	45.00	47.30
Cows 2/ 5/	Cwt.	36.50	45.00	45.90	42.30	43.50	47.10
Steers and Heifers 2/	Cwt.	84.30	83.20	86.30	85.80	83.80	87.00
Calves 2/	Cwt.	100.00	104.00	110.00	106.00	105.00	109.00
Sheep 2/	Cwt.	45.50	44.00	---	31.40	45.20	---
Lambs 2/	Cwt.	91.50	82.50	---	101.00	98.10	---
Milk Cows 6/	Head	1,200.00	---	1,300.00	1,630.00	---	1,340.00
All Milk, Wholesale 2/	Cwt.	11.16	15.55	15.00	13.30	16.50	16.50

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 January 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.

**CALIFORNIA AND U.S. GOATS**

California's goat inventory on January 1, 2010 for angora goats totaled 3.50 thousand head, milk goats totaled 38.0 thousand head and meat and other goats totaled 93.0 thousand head.

U.S. meat and all other goats totaled 3.04 million head on January 1, 2010, down 1 percent from 2009. Milk goat inventory increased to 355 thousand head, 6 percent above January 1, 2009, while Angora goats were down 19 percent, totaling 150 thousand head.

**JANUARY 1 GOAT NUMBERS BY CLASS FOR SIXTEEN SELECTED STATES AND U.S.**

State	Angora Goats		Milk Goats		Meat and Other Goats	
	2009	2010	2009	2010	2009	2010
Head						
Arizona	24,000	16,000	2,000	2,000	14,000	25,000
California	4,000	3,500	37,000	38,000	95,000	93,000
Colorado	1,000	---	8,300	8,400	34,000	38,000
Georgia	---	---	4,500	3,000	80,500	79,000
Idaho	---	---	2,500	2,800	12,000	13,000
Michigan	---	---	9,100	10,900	13,500	16,000
Missouri	1,500	1,400	9,000	9,000	86,500	84,600
Nebraska	---	---	1,900	3,100	27,000	20,000
New England 1/	1,250	1,150	10,500	13,500	12,100	13,000
New Mexico	12,500	10,500	2,000	3,100	18,000	21,000
New York	---	---	13,400	13,000	27,000	35,000
Ohio	1,400	1,300	9,000	8,000	55,500	50,000
Oklahoma	1,000	---	8,000	8,300	105,000	90,000
Oregon	1,800	1,900	9,200	9,100	28,000	30,000
Texas	120,000	95,000	20,000	20,000	980,000	990,000
Washington	1,000	1,000	7,100	7,300	27,000	22,000
UNITED STATES	185,000	150,000	335,000	355,000	2,549,000	2,538,000

1/ New England includes CT, ME, MA, NH, RI, and VT.

**CALIFORNIA SHEEP AND LAMB INVENTORY**

The inventory of all sheep and lambs in California totaled 610 thousand head on January 1, 2010, 8 percent below last year's level of 660 thousand head.

Breeding sheep and lambs totaled 320 thousand head, 7 percent below January 1, 2009.

Market sheep and lambs totaled 290 thousand head, 8 percent below January 1, 2009. Market lambs comprised 97 percent of the total.

**U.S. ALL SHEEP AND LAMB INVENTORY DOWN 2 PERCENT**

All sheep and lamb inventory in the United States on January 1, 2010, totaled 5.63 million head, down 2 percent from 2009.

Breeding sheep inventory decreased to 4.19 million head on January 1, 2010, down 1 percent from 4.25 million head on January 1, 2009. Ewes one year old and older, at 3.34 million head, were 2 percent below last year.

Market sheep and lambs on January 1, 2010, totaled 1.44 million head, down 4 percent from January 1, 2009. Market lambs comprised 94 percent of the total marketings. Twenty-five percent were lambs under 65 pounds, 12 percent were 65 - 84 pounds, 19 percent were 85 - 105 pounds, and 38 percent were over 105 pounds. Market sheep comprised the remaining 6 percent of total marketings.

The 2009 lamb crop of 3.69 million head, was down 1 percent from 2008. The 2009 lambing rate was 108 lambs per 100 ewes one year old and older on January 1, 2009, up 3 percent from 2008.

**JANUARY 1 SHEEP AND LAMB INVENTORY FOR SIXTEEN SELECTED STATES AND U.S.**

State	All Sheep and Lambs			Breeding Sheep and Lambs		Market Sheep and Lambs	
	2009	2010	2010/2009	2009	2010	2009	2010
	1,000 Head		Percent	1,000 Head		1,000 Head	
Arizona	150	160	107	90	95	60	65
California	660	610	92	345	320	315	290
Colorado	410	375	91	205	190	205	185
Idaho	210	220	105	178	180	32	40
Iowa	200	210	105	145	145	55	65
Kansas	80	80	100	57	50	23	30
Minnesota	140	130	93	102	92	38	38
Montana	255	255	100	230	235	25	20
New Mexico	120	120	100	103	105	17	15
North Dakota	88	88	100	67	71	21	17
Ohio	130	128	98	100	103	30	25
Oregon	220	225	102	150	154	70	71
South Dakota	305	320	105	245	245	60	75
Texas	870	830	95	660	650	210	180
Utah	290	290	100	260	260	30	30
Wyoming	420	375	89	325	300	95	75
U.S. TOTAL	5,747	5,630	98	4,247	4,190	1,500	1,440

**WOOL PRODUCTION**

Shorn wool production in California during 2009 was 2.70 million pounds, down 18 percent from 2008. Sheep and lambs shorn at 440 thousand head, was 6 percent below the previous year. The average price paid for wool sold in 2009 was \$.85 per pound for a total value of \$2.30 million dollars, compared to \$3.63 million dollars in 2008.

Shorn wool production in the United States during 2009 was 30.9 million pounds, down 6 percent from 2008. Sheep and lambs shorn totaled 4.20 million head, down 5 percent from 2008. The average price paid for wool sold in 2009 was \$0.79 per pound for a total value of 24.4 million dollars, down 25 percent from 32.5 million dollars in 2008.

**WOOL PRODUCTION AND VALUE, SELECTED STATES AND U.S.**

State	Sheep Shorn		Weight Per Fleece		Production		Price Per Pound		Value 1/	
	2008	2009	2008	2009	2008	2009	2008	2009	2008	2009
	1,000 Head		Lbs.		1,000 Lbs.		Dollars		\$1,000	
California	470	440	7.0	6.1	3,300	2,700	1.10	0.85	3,630	2,295
Colorado	380	300	6.8	7.3	2,600	2,200	1.12	0.82	2,912	1,804
Iowa	195	195	6.1	5.9	1,180	1,150	0.35	0.27	413	311
Montana	230	230	9.3	9.3	2,150	2,150	1.40	1.10	3,010	2,365
New Mexico	105	100	7.6	7.3	800	730	1.70	1.00	1,360	730
Oregon	182	180	6.5	6.3	1,190	1,130	0.68	0.66	809	746
South Dakota	280	300	7.8	7.5	2,184	2,250	0.91	0.82	1,987	1,845
Texas	600	500	7.0	7.0	4,200	3,500	1.16	1.04	4,872	3,640
Utah	255	260	9.2	9.0	2,350	2,350	1.20	0.80	2,820	1,880
Wyoming	320	300	9.4	9.3	3,000	2,800	1.46	1.16	4,380	3,248
UNITED STATES 2/	4,434	4,197	7.4	7.4	32,963	30,862	0.99	0.79	32,486	24,387

1/ Production multiplied by marketing-year average price for individual states. U.S. value is the summation of state values and may not add due to rounding.

2/ U.S. Values may not add due to rounding.

**CALIFORNIA GRAZING FEES ANNUAL AVERAGE RATES 1/**

Year	Per Animal Unit 2/	Cow-Calf	Per Head
	Dollars Per Month		
1996	10.10	12.20	11.90
1997	10.60	13.00	12.00
1998	11.50	14.50	12.90
1999	12.10	15.00	12.50
2000	12.30	15.50	12.70
2001	13.00	16.00	13.50
2002	12.80	16.50	14.00
2003	13.50	17.50	14.30
2004	14.50	19.50	15.50
2005	15.40	20.50	17.00
2006	16.50	21.00	17.00
2007	16.50	21.50	17.30
2008	17.80	22.10	18.50
2009	16.70	21.00	17.50

1/ The average rates are estimates based on survey indications of monthly lease rates for private, non-irrigated grazing land from the January Cattle Survey.

2/ Includes animal unit plus cow-calf rates. Cow-calf rate converted to animal unit (AUM) using (1 aum=cow-calf \*0.833).

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

Type	Canada January 1 Inventory 3/			United States December 1 Inventory 4/		
	2009	2010	2010/2009	2008	2009	2009/2008
	1,000 Head					
All Hogs & Pigs	12,180	11,630	95	67,148	65,807	98
Kept for Breeding	1,395	1,335	96	6,062	5,850	97
Market	10,785	10,295	95	61,087	59,957	98
Sows Farrowed	787	725	92	3,028	2,974	98
Pig Crop	7,750	7,181	93	28,771	28,833	100

1/ Totals may not add due to rounding.

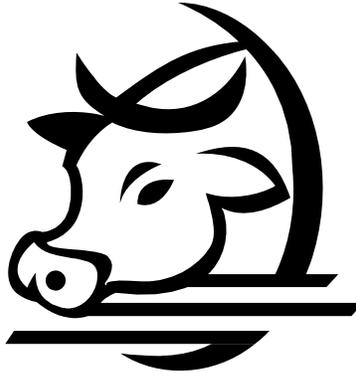
2/ Includes Boars.

3/ Source: Livestock and Animal Products Section, Statistics Canada.

4/ Source: National Agricultural Statistics Service

**CATFISH FOODSIZE SALES, CALIFORNIA AND UNITED STATES, 2008-09 1/**

State	Number Of Fish		Live Weight				Average Price		Total Sales	
			Average Per Fish		Total		Per Pound			
	2008	2009	2008	2009	2008	2009	2008	2009	2008	2009
	1,000 Fish		Pounds		1,000 Pounds		Dollars		\$1,000	
California	2,220	2,550	1.4	1.3	3,150	3,400	2.41	2.30	7,592	7,820
U.S.	304,010	266,310	1.7	1.8	514,920	475,950	0.76	0.74	389,290	352,013



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