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## U.S. CATTLE ON FEED DOWN 4 PERCENT

Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter market in the United States for feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head totaled 10.8 million head on April 1, 2010. The inventory was 4 percent below April 1, 2009. The inventory included 6.71 million steers and steer calves, down 4 percent from the previous year. This group accounted for 62 percent of the total inventory. Heifers and heifer calves accounted for 4.02 million head, down 3 percent from 2009.

Placements in feedlots during March totaled 1.86 million, 3 percent above 2009. Net placements were 1.80 million head. During March, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 395 thousand, 600-699 pounds were 375 thousand, 700-799 pounds were 602 thousand, and 800 pounds and greater were 485 thousand.

Marketings of fed cattle during March totaled 1.90 million, 4 percent above 2009.

Other disappearance totaled 60.0 thousand during March, 20 percent above 2009. This is the second lowest other disappearance for the month of March since the series began in 1996.

Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter in California feedlots totaled 440 thousand head on April 1, 2010, 2 percent below last month, and 1 percent below March 2009. During March, placements of 47.0 thousand head were 2 percent below the previous year. Marketings of 51.0 thousand head were 15 percent below March 2009. Other disappearance totaled 6.0 thousand head.

## CALIFORNIA CATTLE ON FEED

NUMBER OF CATTLE AND CALVES ON FEED IN 1,000+ CAPACITY FEEDLOTS, SELECTED STATES AND UNITED STATES

State	Number On Feed March 1 a/			Placed During March		Marketed During March	
	2009	2010	2010/2009	2009	2010	2009	2010
	1,000 Head		Percent	1,000 Head			
Arizona	342	286	84	24	20	35	27
California	460	450	98	48	47	60	51
Colorado	1,040	940	90	165	185	155	190
Idaho	215	195	91	26	34	30	23
Iowa b/	520	610	117	77	77	66	84
Kansas	2,290	2,220	97	395	440	395	410
Nebraska	2,330	2,350	101	360	380	365	430
New Mexico c/	148	---	---	10	---	19	---
Oklahoma	330	355	108	68	64	66	77
South Dakota	225	240	107	46	42	44	45
Texas	2,820	2,650	94	510	490	510	485
Washington	153	168	110	35	32	27	28
Other States c/	355	410	---	44	46	52	52
UNITED STATES b/	11,228	10,864	97	1,808	1,857	1,824	1,902

State	Other Disappearance During March d/		Number On Feed April 1 a/		2010
	2009	2010	2009	2010	2009
	1,000 Head		1,000 Head		Percent
Arizona	1	1	330	278	84
California	3	6	445	440	99
Colorado	10	5	1,040	930	89
Idaho	1	1	210	205	98
Iowa b/	1	3	530	600	113
Kansas	10	10	2,280	2,240	98
Nebraska	5	10	2,320	2,290	99
New Mexico c/	2	---	137	---	---
Oklahoma	2	2	330	340	103
South Dakota	2	2	225	235	104
Texas	10	15	2,810	2,640	94
Washington	1	1	160	171	107
Other States c/	2	4	345	400	---
UNITED STATES b/	50	60	11,162	10,769	96

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/ Revised 2010 values.

c/ Beginning in July 2009, New Mexico is included in the Other State total.

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

**CALIFORNIA MILK PRODUCTION**

California milk producers produced 3.48 billion pounds of milk in March 2010. This was 13 percent above February 2010 and 1 percent below March 2009.

Monthly milk per cow averaged 1,980 pounds, 225 pounds more than in February 2010, and 55 pounds above a year ago.

**MILK PRODUCTION, CALIFORNIA AND UNITED STATES**

Month	CALIFORNIA a/ b/						Total Milk		UNITED STATES a/ b/ c/					
	Milk Cows d/		Milk Per Cow e/		Milk Production e/		Receipts f/		Milk Cows d/		Milk Per Cow e/		Milk Production e/	
	2009	2010	2009	2010	2009	2010	2009	2010	2009	2010	2009	2010	2009	2010
	1,000 Head		Pounds		Million Pounds		Million Pounds		1,000 Head		Pounds		Million Pounds	
Jan.	1,832	1,760	1,885	1,915	3,453	3,370	3,449	3,369	8,506	8,315	1,752	1,784	14,902	14,831
Feb.	1,825	1,760	1,720	1,755	3,139	3,089	3,137	3,086	8,486	8,319	1,605	1,642	13,624	13,660
Mar.	1,821	1,758	1,925	1,980	3,505	3,481	3,504		8,482	8,320	1,795	1,846	15,222	15,355
Apr.	1,821		1,885		3,433		3,433		8,480		1,760		14,922	
May	1,815		1,935		3,512		3,511		8,475		1,834		15,541	
June	1,804		1,820		3,283		3,281		8,434		1,749		14,754	
July	1,790		1,815		3,249		3,245		8,397		1,771		14,867	
Aug.	1,782		1,820		3,243		3,242		8,372		1,745		14,606	
Sept.	1,769		1,735		3,069		3,067		8,335		1,675		13,957	
Oct.	1,767		1,815		3,207		3,205		8,316		1,720		14,306	
Nov.	1,765		1,775		3,133		3,131		8,314		1,681		13,979	
Dec.	1,762		1,865		3,286		3,283		8,311		1,761		14,632	

- a/ Revised 2009 data.
- b/ Revised data for January and February 2010.
- c/ Twenty-three state total.
- d/ Includes dry cows, but excludes heifers not yet fresh.
- e/ Excludes milk suckled by calves.
- f/ Milk receipts are from the California Department of Food and Agriculture's Dairy Marketing and Milk Pooling branches. Excludes on-farm usage.

**AVERAGE PRICES RECEIVED BY FARMERS, CALIFORNIA AND UNITED STATES a/**

Commodity	Unit	CALIFORNIA			UNITED STATES		
		March 2009	February 2010	March 15, 2010	March 2009	February 2010	March 15, 2010
		Dollars					
All Hay, Baled b/ c/	Tons	132.00	103.00	115.00	129.00	107.00	108.00
Alfalfa, Baled b/ c/	Tons	129.00	109.00	118.00	138.00	111.00	111.00
Hogs b/ d/	Cwt.	---	---	---	43.90	48.80	52.80
Cows b/ e/	Cwt.	64.10	51.50	52.50	44.40	51.60	52.40
Steers and Heifers b/	Cwt.	83.90	89.00	91.60	84.00	90.50	93.90
Calves b/	Cwt.	103.00	114.00	110.00	106.00	112.00	113.00
Sheep b/	Cwt.	36.00	48.00	---	32.10	55.00	---
Lambs b/	Cwt.	88.00	90.00	---	100.00	106.00	---
Milk Cows f/	Head	---	---	---	---	---	---
All Milk, Wholesale b/	Cwt.	10.53	14.22	13.50	11.80	15.90	15.10

- a/ 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.
- b/ Previous month revised to monthly average.
- c/ California's March 2010 prices are for the full month.
- d/ Prices include barrows, gilts, and sows.
- e/ Beef cows and cull dairy cows sold for slaughter.

**RED MEAT PRODUCTION IN 2009**

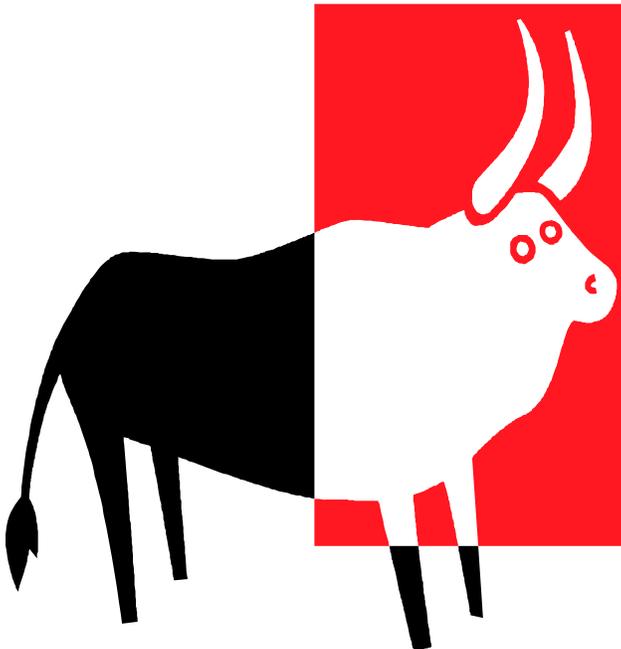
California's production of red meat in commercial plants during 2009 totaled 1.70 billion pounds, 2 percent higher than the 2008 figure of 1.66 billion pounds. The month of December had the largest red meat production at 152 million pounds.

Red meat production in commercial plants for the United States totaled 49.3 billion pounds in 2009, down 2 percent from last year's production of 50.2 billion pounds. The month of October had the largest red meat production at 4.39 billion pounds.

**RED MEAT PRODUCTION BY MONTH a/**

Month	CALIFORNIA		UNITED STATES	
	2008	2009	2008	2009
	Million Pounds			
January	148.4	147.9	4,417.7	4,170.1
February	134.4	133.3	3,967.4	3,827.0
March	132.8	143.7	4,089.8	4,141.9
April	142.7	139.0	4,298.2	4,085.0
May	138.7	137.7	4,222.0	3,919.5
June	135.4	147.0	4,050.0	4,162.1
July	133.3	144.7	4,250.1	4,124.5
August	133.2	137.3	4,095.2	4,077.0
September	136.0	140.2	4,272.9	4,262.7
October	148.3	144.1	4,529.3	4,391.2
November	129.4	137.0	3,869.5	3,964.0
December	149.6	151.8	4,162.8	4,148.6
TOTAL b/	1,662.2	1,703.7	50,224.6	49,274.1

- a/ Includes total beef, veal, pork, and lamb and mutton, but excludes farm slaughter.
- b/ Totals based on unrounded data and may not equal sum of parts.



**CALIFORNIA COMMERCIAL SLAUGHTER**

California's production of red meat during March 2010 totaled 148.1 million pounds (dressed weight), 17 percent above the previous month, and 3 percent above March 2009. This figure includes slaughter in Federally-inspected and State-inspected plants, but excludes slaughter done on farms. In March 2010, the average live weight of cattle slaughtered was 1,293 pounds; calves 106 pounds and hogs 240 pounds.

**RECORD COMMERCIAL RED MEAT PRODUCTION IN MARCH**

Commercial red meat production for the United States totaled 4.28 billion pounds in March, up 3 percent from the 4.14 billion pounds produced in March 2009.

Beef production, at 2.21 billion pounds, was 3 percent above the previous year. Cattle slaughter totaled 2.91 million head, up 7 percent from March 2009. The average live weight was down 32 pounds from the previous year, at 1,273 pounds.

Veal production totaled 12.2 million pounds, slightly below March a year ago. Calf slaughter totaled 79.8 thousand head, up slightly from March 2009. The average live weight was down 4 pounds from last year, at 259 pounds.

Pork production totaled 2.04 billion pounds, up 4 percent from the previous year. Hog kill totaled 10.0 million head, up 4 percent from March 2009. The average live weight was unchanged from the previous year, at 272 pounds.

Lamb and mutton production, at 17.6 million pounds, was up 11 percent from March 2009. Sheep slaughter totaled 262.3 thousand head, 18 percent above last year. The average live weight was 135 pounds, down 8 pounds from March a year ago.

January to March 2010 commercial red meat production was 11.9 billion pounds, down 2 percent from 2009. Accumulated beef production was up slightly from last year, veal was down 2 percent, pork was down 4 percent from last year, and lamb and mutton production was up 2 percent.

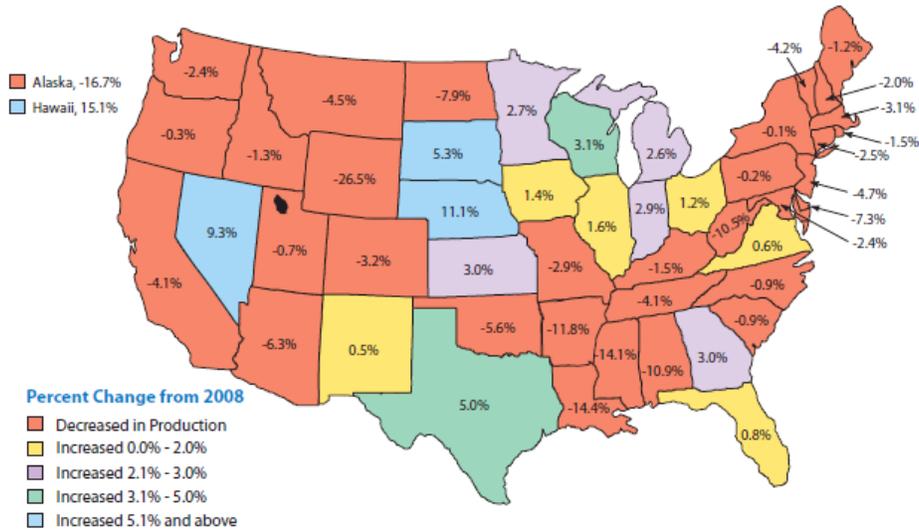
March 2009 contained 22 weekdays (including no holidays) and 4 Saturdays. March 2010 contained 23 weekdays (including no holidays) and 4 Saturdays.

**COMMERCIAL SLAUGHTER, MARCH 2009-10 a/**

Species and Location	Number Slaughtered		Total Live Weight		Average Live Weight	
	2009	2010	2009	2010	2009	2010
	1,000 Head		1,000 Pounds		Pounds	
<b>CATTLE</b>						
California	137.2	149.4	177,621	189,845	1,314	1,293
U.S.	2,729.5	2,912.7	3,548,711	3,693,228	1,305	1,273
<b>CALVES</b>						
California	22.2	21.2	2,467	2,212	113	106
U.S.	79.8	79.8	20,771	20,382	263	259
<b>SHEEP &amp; LAMBS</b>						
California	b/	31.3	b/	4,518	b/	145
U.S.	221.4	262.3	31,734	35,254	143	135
<b>HOGS</b>						
California	222.5	215.7	54,386	51,770	245	240
U.S.	9,656.9	10,030.5	2,623,944	2,723,773	272	272
<b>RED MEAT</b>	March 2009	February 2010	March 2010	Mar 10 Mar 09	Mar 10 Feb 10	
	Million Pounds			Percent		
California	143.7	126.4	148.1	103.0	117.0	
U.S. c/	4141.9	3736.2	4281.7	103.0	115.0	

a/ Farm slaughter excluded.

### U.S. Milk Production, 2009 Percent Change from 2008



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