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CALIFORNIA CATTLE ON FEED

Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter in California feedlots totaled 435 thousand head on May 1, 2010, 1 percent below last month, and 3 percent below May 2009. During April, placements of 49.0 thousand head were 28 percent below the previous year. Marketings of 51.0 thousand head were 16 percent below March 2009. Other disappearance totaled 3.0 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 10.5 million head on May 1, 2010. The inventory was 3 percent below May 1, 2009.

Placements in feedlots during April totaled 1.63 million, 2 percent above 2009. Net placements were 1.54 million head. During April, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 365 thousand, 600-699 pounds were 300 thousand, 700-799 pounds were 469 thousand, and 800 pounds and greater were 495 thousand.

Marketings of fed cattle during April totaled 1.85 million, 1 percent below 2009.

Other disappearance totaled 89.0 thousand during April, 29 percent above 2009.

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

State	Number On Feed April 1 a/			Placed During April		Marketed During April	
	2009	2010	2010/2009	2009	2010	2009	2010
	1,000 Head		Percent	1,000 Head			
Arizona	330	278	84	21	16	38	24
California	445	440	99	68	49	61	51
Colorado	1,040	930	89	150	170	165	145
Idaho	210	205	98	30	27	29	21
Iowa	530	600	113	79	76	68	72
Kansas	2,280	2,240	98	330	315	410	405
Nebraska	2,320	2,290	99	350	400	395	435
New Mexico b/	137	c/	---	11	c/	25	c/
Oklahoma	330	340	103	52	57	66	70
South Dakota	225	235	104	39	39	33	38
Texas	2,810	2,640	94	395	400	510	510
Washington	160	171	107	26	29	24	24
Other States d/	345	398	---	49	51	47	59
UNITED STATES d/	11,162	10,767	96	1,600	1,629	1,871	1,854

State	Other Disappearance During April e/		Number On Feed May 1 a/		2010
	2009	2010	2009	2010	2009
	1,000 Head		1,000 Head		Percent
Arizona	2	2	311	268	86
California	2	3	450	435	97
Colorado	15	15	1,010	940	93
Idaho	1	1	210	210	100
Iowa	1	4	540	600	111
Kansas	20	20	2,180	2,130	98
Nebraska	5	15	2,270	2,240	99
New Mexico	3	c/	120	c/	---
Oklahoma	1	2	315	325	103
South Dakota	1	1	230	235	102
Texas	15	20	2,680	2,510	94
Washington	1	1	161	175	109
Other States	2	5	345	385	---
UNITED STATES	69	89	10,822	10,453	97

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/ Withheld to avoid disclosing data for individual operations.

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

d/ Revised Number on Feed April 2010.

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

AVERAGE PRICE RECEIVED BY FARMERS, CALIFORNIA AND UNITED STATES a/

Commodity	Unit	CALIFORNIA			UNITED STATES		
		April 2009	March 2010	April 15, 2010	April 2009	March 2010	April 15, 2010
		Dollars					
All Hay, Baled b/ c/	Ton	133.00	115.00	115.00	126.00	108.00	109.00
Alfalfa, Baled b/ c/	Ton	133.00	118.00	119.00	131.00	111.00	113.00
Hogs b/ d/	Cwt.	---	---	---	44.00	52.20	53.60
Cows b/ e/	Cwt.	45.20	54.00	57.20	48.00	53.50	56.90
Steers and Heifers b/	Cwt.	88.50	93.10	97.00	88.30	95.60	101.00
Calves b/	Cwt.	107.00	112.00	119.00	109.00	115.00	121.00
Sheep b/	Cwt.	35.00	50.00	---	34.70	51.80	---
Lambs b/	Cwt.	85.00	99.00	---	101.00	115.00	---
Milk Cows f/	Head	1,300.00	---	1,300.00	1,390.00	---	1,330.00
All Milk, Wholesale b/	Cwt.	10.54	13.32	13.60	11.90	14.80	14.60

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 April 2010 prices are for the full month.

d/ Prices include barrows, gilts, and sows.

e/ Beef cows and cull dairy cows sold for slaughter.

AVERAGE PRICES PAID BY FARMERS, PACIFIC REGION AND UNITED STATES a/

Commodity	Unit	PACIFIC REGION b/		UNITED STATES	
		March 2009	March 2010	March 2009	March 2010
		Dollars			
Alfalfa Meal	Cwt.	30.20	30.10	23.90	23.80
Bran	Cwt.	27.50	27.60	23.20	22.70
Corn Meal	Cwt.	17.00	16.30	13.40	12.80
Cottonseed Meal, 41%	Cwt.	33.50	30.70	25.60	25.40
Dairy Feed, 16%	Ton	285.00	276.00	293.00	274.00
Soybean Meal, 44%	Cwt.	33.50	36.00	23.20	23.80

a/ Prices shown represent composite average prices paid by farmers for all grades, classes, and method of sale.

b/ Includes California, Oregon, and Washington.

HAY STOCKS ON FARMS

Stocks of hay on California farms as of May 1, 2010 totaled 432 thousand tons. This is 18 percent of the December 1 stocks and was 8 percent below May 1, 2009.

United States May 1 stocks of hay on farms totaled 20.9 million tons of hay. This was 20 percent of the December 1 stocks, and was 5 percent below the previous year.

HAY STOCKS ON FARMS

State	December 1			May 1		
	2007	2008	2009	2008	2009	2010
	1,000 Tons			1,000 Tons		
California	1,890	2,380	2,400	250	470	432
Arizona	260	475	500	36	50	60
Nevada	767	1,000	1,012	90	170	310
Oregon	1,700	1,561	2,200	150	270	420
Utah	1,130	1,300	1,330	215	285	245
UNITED STATES	104,089	103,658	107,222	21,585	22,065	20,913

CALIFORNIA COMMERCIAL SLAUGHTER

California's production of red meat during April 2010 totaled 142.3 million pounds (dressed weight), 4 percent below the previous month, and 2 percent above April 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 1,309 pounds; calves 108 pounds and hogs 241 pounds.

U.S. RED MEAT PRODUCTION BELOW LAST YEAR

Commercial red meat production for the United States totaled 4.01 billion pounds in April, down 2 percent from the 4.09 billion pounds produced in April 2009.

Beef production, at 2.14 billion pounds, was slightly above the previous year. Cattle slaughter totaled 2.85 million head, up 3 percent from April 2009. The average live weight was down 23 pounds from the previous year, at 1,253 pounds.

Veal production totaled 11.1 million pounds, 1 percent below April of last year. Calf slaughter totaled 68.5 thousand head, up 1 percent from April 2009. The average live weight was down 6 pounds from last year, at 275 pounds.

Pork production totaled 1.85 billion pounds, down 4 percent from the previous year. Hog kill totaled 9.05 million head, down 4 percent from April 2009. The average live weight was up 1 pound from the previous year, at 273 pounds.

Lamb and mutton production, at 13.0 million pounds, was down 16 percent from April 2009. Sheep slaughter totaled 190.7 thousand head, 17 percent below last year. The average live weight was 136 pounds, up 1 pound from April a year ago.

January to April 2010 commercial red meat production was 15.9 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 down 3 percent.

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

COMMERCIAL SLAUGHTER, APRIL 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	
CATTLE						
California	131.9	143.5	170,766	184,243	1,314	1,309
U.S. Total	2,772.6	2,847.1	3,526,020	3,553,969	1,276	1,253
CALVES						
California	16.0	16.3	1,802	1,728	114	108
U.S. Total	68.0	68.5	18,899	18,659	281	275
SHEEP & LAMBS						
California	b/	23.2	b/	3,341	b/	145
U.S. Total	228.9	190.7	30,801	25,972	135	136
HOGS						
California	216.0	202.3	52,758	48,640	244	241
U.S. Total	9,436.7	9,054.1	2,565,380	2,466,226	272	273
RED MEAT	April 2009	March 2010	April 2010	Apr 10 May 09	Apr 10 Mar 10	
	Million Pounds			Percent		
California	139.0	148.1	142.3	102	96	
U.S. Total c/	4,085.0	4,281.7	4,012.9	98	94	

a/ Farm slaughter excluded.

b/ Withheld to avoid disclosing data for individual operations.

HOG AND PIG INVENTORY, CANADA AND UNITED STATES 2009-10 a/ b/

Type	Canada April 1 Inventory c/			United States March 1 Inventory d/		
	2009	2010	2010 2009	2009	2010	2010 2009
	1,000 Head		Percent	1,000 Head		Percent
All Hogs & Pigs	11,885	11,635	98	65,819	63,988	97
Kept for Breeding	1,385	1,304	94	5,992	5,760	96
Market	10,500	10,331	98	59,828	58,228	97
Sows Farrowed	757	716	95	3,011	2,901	96
Pig Crop	7,473	7,116	95	28,552	27,873	98

a/ Totals may not add due to rounding.

b/ Includes Boars.

c/ Source: Livestock and Animal Products Section, Statistics Canada

d/ Source: National Agricultural Statistics Service

CALIFORNIA MILK PRODUCTION

California milk producers produced 3.43 billion pounds of milk in April 2010. This was 1 percent below March 2010 and very slightly above April 2009.

Monthly milk per cow averaged 1,960 pounds, 20 pounds less than in March 2010, and 75 pounds higher than a year ago.

MILK PRODUCTION, CALIFORNIA AND UNITED STATES

Month	CALIFORNIA a/						Total Milk		UNITED STATES a/ b/					
	Milk Cows c/		Milk Per Cow d/		Milk Production d/		Receipts e/		Milk Cows c/		Milk Per Cow d/		Milk Production d/	
	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	3,087	8,486	8,319	1,605	1,642	13,624	13,660
Mar.	1,821	1,757	1,925	1,980	3,505	3,479	3,504	3,479	8,482	8,322	1,795	1,846	15,222	15,364
Apr.	1,821	1,752	1,885	1,960	3,433	3,434	3,433		8,480	8,325	1,760	1,823	14,922	15,178
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/ 2010 previous month revised.

b/ Includes total of 23 states.

c/ Includes dry cows, excludes heifers not yet fresh.

d/ Excludes milk sucked by calves.

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

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