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CALIFORNIA CATTLE ON FEED

Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter in California feedlots totaled 445 thousand head on October 1, 2010, 2 percent above last month, and 4 percent below October 2009. During September, placements of 55.0 thousand head were 2 percent below the previous year. Marketings of 43.0 thousand head were also 2 percent below September 2009. Other disappearance totaled 2.0 thousand head.

UNITED STATES CATTLE ON FEED UP 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 10.8 million head on October 1, 2010. The inventory was 3 percent above October 1, 2009. The inventory included 6.60 million steers and steer calves, up 3 percent from the previous year. This group accounted for 61 percent of the total inventory. Heifers and heifer calves accounted for 4.12 million head, also up 3 percent from 2009.

Placements in feedlots during September totaled 2.46 million, 3 percent above 2009. Net placements were 2.41 million head. During September, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 510 thousand, 600-699 pounds were 455 thousand, 700-799 pounds were 602 thousand, and 800 pounds and greater were 895 thousand.

Marketings of fed cattle during September totaled 1.80 million, 2 percent above 2009.

Other disappearance totaled 54 thousand during September, 15 percent above 2009.

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

State	Number On Feed September 1/			Placed During September		Marketed During September	
	2009	2010	2010/2009	2009	2010	2009	2010
	1,000 Head		Percent	1,000 Head			
Arizona	275	240	87	27	22	26	21
California	455	435	96	56	55	44	43
Colorado	860	890	103	260	295	155	180
Idaho	195	185	95	53	57	42	41
Iowa	510	560	110	105	122	94	108
Kansas	2,050	2,200	107	510	510	330	370
Nebraska	2,020	2,050	101	550	540	395	360
Oklahoma	325	355	109	80	87	48	71
South Dakota	185	195	105	52	57	41	45
Texas	2,530	2,550	101	570	580	485	475
Washington	140	167	119	35	44	27	33
Other States	355	346	97	90	93	80	55
UNITED STATES	9,900	10,173	103	2,388	2,462	1,767	1,802

State	Other Disappearance During September 2/		Number On Feed October 1 1/		2010
	2009	2010	2009	2010	2009
	1,000 Head		1,000 Head		Percent
Arizona	1	1	275	240	87
California	2	2	465	445	96
Colorado	5	5	960	1,000	104
Idaho	1	1	205	200	98
Iowa	1	4	520	570	110
Kansas	10	10	2,220	2,330	105
Nebraska	5	10	2,170	2,220	102
Oklahoma	2	1	355	370	104
South Dakota	1	2	195	205	105
Texas	15	15	2,600	2,640	102
Washington	1	1	147	177	120
Other States	3	2	362	382	106
UNITED STATES	47	54	10,474	10,779	103

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

CALIFORNIA MILK PRODUCTION

California milk producers produced 3.29 billion pounds of milk in September 2010. This was 3 percent below August 2010 and 7 percent above September 2009.

Monthly milk per cow averaged 1,885 pounds, 65 pounds less than in August 2010, and 150 pounds higher than a year ago.

MILK PRODUCTION, CALIFORNIA AND UNITED STATES

Month	CALIFORNIA						Total Milk		UNITED STATES 1/					
	Milk Cows 2/		Milk Per Cow 3/		Milk Production 3/		Receipts 4/		Milk Cows 2/		Milk Per Cow 3/		Milk Production 3/	
	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	1,751	1,885	1,960	3,433	3,432	3,433	3,431	8,480	8,328	1,760	1,824	14,922	15,192
May	1,815	1,750	1,935	2,025	3,512	3,544	3,511	3,541	8,475	8,337	1,834	1,893	15,541	15,781
June	1,804	1,750	1,820	1,940	3,283	3,395	3,281	3,391	8,434	8,352	1,749	1,817	14,754	15,177
July	1,790	1,748	1,815	1,945	3,249	3,400	3,245	3,397	8,397	8,370	1,771	1,830	14,867	15,316
Aug.	1,782	1,746	1,820	1,950	3,243	3,405	3,242	3,401	8,372	8,362	1,745	1,794	14,606	15,001
Sept.	1,769	1,747	1,735	1,885	3,069	3,293	3,067		8,335	8,366	1,675	1,729	13,957	14,466
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	

1/ Twenty-three state total.

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

3/ Excludes milk sucked by calves.

4/ Milk receipts from California Department of Food and Agriculture, Dairy Marketing and Milk Pooling Branches. Excludes on-farm usage.

U.S. – CANADIAN HOG INVENTORY

U.S. inventory of all hogs and pigs on September 1, 2010 was 65.0 million head. This was down 3 percent from September 1, 2009 but up 1 percent from June 1, 2010. The breeding inventory, at 5.77 million head, was down 2 percent from last year and down slightly from the previous quarter. Market hog inventory, at 59.2 million head, was down 3 percent from last year but up 1 percent from last quarter.

Inventory in Canada of all hogs and pigs on October 1, 2010 was 11.9 million head. This was down 1 percent from October 1, 2009 and down 7 percent from October 1, 2008. The breeding inventory, at 1.30 million head, was down 4 percent from last year and down slightly from last quarter. Market hog inventory, at 10.6 million head, was down slightly from last year but up 1 percent from last quarter. The pig crop, at 7.0 million head, was down 5 percent from 2009 and down 8 percent from 2008. Sows farrowed during this period totaled 702 thousand head, down 5 percent from 2009 and down 9 percent from 2008.

The June-August 2010 pig crop, at 28.5 million head, was down 1 percent from 2009 and down 3 percent from 2008. Sows farrowing during this period totaled 2.91 million head, down 2 percent from 2009 and down 6 percent from 2008. The sows farrowed during this quarter represented 50 percent of the breeding herd.

HOG AND PIG INVENTORY, CANADA AND UNITED STATES 2009 - 2010 1/ 2/

Type	Canada October 1 Inventory 3/			United States September 1 Inventory 4/		
	2009	2010	<u>2010</u> 2009	2009	2010	<u>2010</u> 2009
	1,000 Head		Percent	1,000 Head		Percent
All Hogs & Pigs	11,955	11,854	99	66,716	64,991	97
Kept for Breeding	1,350	1,298	96	5,875	5,770	98
Market	10,605	10,556	100	60,842	59,221	97
Sows Farrowed	736	702	95	2,959	2,905	98
Pig Crop	7,307	6,974	95	28,718	28,507	99

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

CALIFORNIA COMMERCIAL SLAUGHTER

California's production of red meat during September 2010 totaled 144.3 million pounds (dressed weight), 2 percent below the previous month, and 3 percent higher than September 2009. This figure includes slaughter in Federally-inspected and State-inspected plants, but excludes slaughter done on farms. In September 2010, the average live weight of cattle slaughtered was 1,293 pounds; calves 106 pounds and hogs 241 pounds.

January to September 2010 commercial red meat production was 36.1 billion pounds, down 2 percent from 2009. Accumulated beef production was up slightly from last year, veal was down 1 percent, pork was down 4 percent from last year, and lamb and mutton production was down 4 percent.

September 2009 contained 22 weekdays (including one holiday) and 4 Saturdays. September 2010 contained 22 weekdays (including one holiday) and 4 Saturdays.

LAMB AND MUTTON PRODUCTION CONTINUES RECORD LOW TREND

Commercial red meat production for the United States totaled 4.16 billion pounds in September, down 2 percent from the 4.26 billion pounds produced in September 2009.

Beef production, at 2.25 billion pounds, was 1 percent above the previous year. Cattle slaughter totaled 2.90 million head, up 3 percent from September 2009. The average live weight was down 21 pounds from the previous year, at 1,289 pounds.

Veal production totaled 11.3 million pounds, 4 percent below September a year ago. Calf slaughter totaled 71,200 head, down 12 percent from September 2009. The average live weight was up 28 pounds from last year, at 273 pounds.

Pork production totaled 1.88 billion pounds, down 6 percent from the previous year. Hog kill totaled 9.34 million head, down 6 percent from September 2009. The average live weight was unchanged from the previous year, at 270 pounds.

Lamb and mutton production, at 13.1 million pounds, was down 12 percent from September 2009. Sheep slaughter totaled 204,000 head, 9 percent below last year. The average live weight was 129 pounds, down 1 pound from September a year ago.

COMMERCIAL SLAUGHTER, SEPTEMBER 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	135.6	144.6	171,959	183,612	1,284	1,293
U.S. Total	2,814.7	2,898.2	3,676,850	3,723,564	1,310	1,289
CALVES						
California	20.9	17.3	2,132	1,821	104	106
U.S. Total	81.3	71.2	19,678	19,199	245	273
SHEEP & LAMBS						
California	b/	24.7	b/	3,311	b/	134
U.S. Total	225.2	204.0	29,341	26,200	130	129
HOGS						
California	221.4	212.5	53,847	51,190	243	241
U.S. Total	9,939.8	9,344.9	2,679,933	2,524,527	270	270

RED MEAT	September 2009	August 2010	September 2010	Sep 10 Sep 09	Sep 10 Aug 10
	Million Pounds			Percent	
California	140.2	146.9	144.3	103	98
U.S. Total	4,262.7	4,126.5	4,160.5	98	101

a/ Farm slaughter excluded.

b/ Withheld to avoid disclosing data for individual operations

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

Commodity	Unit	California			United States		
		September 2009	August 2010	Sept. 15, 2010	September 2009	August 2010	Sept. 15, 2010
		Dollars					
All Hay, Baled 2/ 3/	Ton	95.00	113.00	123.00	105.00	111.00	111.00
Alfalfa, Baled 2/ 3/	Ton	97.00	118.00	128.00	109.00	116.00	117.00
Hogs 2/ 4/	Cwt.	---	---	---	37.70	61.30	60.90
Cows 2/ 5/	Cwt.	44.10	57.30	55.40	44.30	58.40	56.60
Steers and Heifers 2/	Cwt.	85.20	97.80	98.50	85.50	98.00	99.30
Calves 2/	Cwt.	97.00	112.00	115.00	105.00	121.00	120.00
Sheep 2/	Cwt.	27.00	40.00	---	29.70	47.80	---
Lambs 2/	Cwt.	87.50	110.00	---	98.10	127.00	---
Milk Cows 6/	Head	---	---	---	---	---	---
All Milk, Wholesale 2/	Cwt.	11.64	15.50	16.20	13.00	16.70	17.20

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 September 2010 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.



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