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### U.S. 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 11.6 million head on December 1, 2010. The inventory was 3 percent above December 1, 2009.

Placements in feedlots during November totaled 1.96 million, 6 percent above 2009. Net placements were 1.90 million head. During November, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 625 thousand, 600-699 pounds were 590 thousand, 700-799 pounds were 373 thousand, and 800 pounds and greater were 370 thousand.

Marketings of fed cattle during November totaled 1.77 million, 9 percent above 2009.

Other disappearance totaled 62.0 thousand during November, 6 percent below 2009.

### CALIFORNIA CATTLE ON FEED

Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter in California feedlots totaled 470 thousand head on December 1, 2010, 2 percent above last month, and 1 percent above December 2009. During November, placements of 69.0 thousand head were 38 percent above the previous year. Marketings of 55.0 thousand head were 4 percent above November 2009. Other disappearance totaled 4.0 thousand head.

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

State	Number On Feed November 1 1/			Placed During November		Marketed During November	
	2009	2010	2010/2009	2009	2010	2009	2010
	1,000 Head		Percent	1,000 Head			
Arizona	279	251	90	26	22	22	23
California	470	460	98	50	69	53	55
Colorado	1,040	1,090	105	165	155	140	150
Idaho	210	215	102	44	52	43	35
Iowa	540	610	113	108	114	85	90
Kansas	2,330	2,400	103	355	375	340	400
Nebraska	2,400	2,420	101	400	445	380	395
Oklahoma	375	385	103	57	60	53	63
South Dakota	205	230	112	67	62	35	36
Texas	2,730	2,820	103	455	475	405	440
Washington	155	192	124	47	53	29	36
Other States	400	414	104	70	76	50	51
UNITED STATES	11,134	11,487	103	1,844	1,958	1,635	1,774

State	Other Disappearance During November 2/		Number On Feed December 1 1/		
	2009	2010	2009	2010	2010/2009
	1,000 Head		Percent		
Arizona	1	1	282	249	88
California	2	4	465	470	101
Colorado	5	5	1,060	1,090	103
Idaho	1	2	210	230	110
Iowa	3	4	560	630	113
Kansas	15	15	2,330	2,360	101
Nebraska	10	10	2,410	2,460	102
Oklahoma	4	2	375	380	101
South Dakota	2	1	235	255	109
Texas	20	15	2,760	2,840	103
Washington	1	1	172	208	121
Other States	2	2	418	437	105
UNITED STATES	66	62	11,277	11,609	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 COMMERCIAL SLAUGHTER

California's production of red meat during November 2010 totaled 148.1 million pounds (dressed weight), 4 percent above the previous month, and 8 percent above November 2009. This figure includes slaughter in Federally-inspected and State-inspected plants, but excludes slaughter done on farms. In November 2010, the average live weight of cattle slaughtered was 1,301 pounds; calves 111 pounds; sheep and lambs 131 pounds; and hogs 244 pounds.

### RECORD COMMERCIAL RED MEAT PRODUCTION IN NOVEMBER

Commercial red meat production for the United States totaled 4.33 billion pounds in November, up 9 percent from the 3.96 billion pounds produced in November 2009.

Beef production, at 2.24 billion pounds, was 11 percent above the previous year. Cattle slaughter totaled 2.88 million head, up 11 percent from November 2009. The average live weight was up 1 pound from the previous year's 1,299 pounds.

Veal production totaled 11.3 million pounds, 4 percent below November a year ago. Calf slaughter totaled 72.9 thousand head, down 10 percent from November 2009. The average live weight was up 23 pounds from last year's 269 pounds.

Pork production totaled 2.07 billion pounds, up 8 percent from the previous year. Hog kill totaled 9.97 million head, up 5 percent from November 2009. The average live weight was up 6 pounds from the previous year's 278 pounds.

Lamb and mutton production, at 14.3 million pounds, was down slightly from November 2009. Sheep slaughter totaled 218 thousand head, 1 percent below last year. The average live weight was 131 pounds, unchanged from November a year ago.

January to November 2010 commercial red meat production was 44.7 billion pounds, down 1 percent from 2009. Accumulated beef production was up 1 percent from last year, veal was down 2 percent, pork was down 3 percent from last year, and lamb and mutton production was down 4 percent.

November 2009 contained 21 weekdays (including two holidays) and 4 Saturdays. November 2010 contained 22 weekdays (including two holidays) and 4 Saturdays.

### COMMERCIAL SLAUGHTER, NOVEMBER 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	133.8	149.6	171,457	191,401	1,296	1,301
U.S. Total	2,600.7	2,876.4	3,364,224	3,724,042	1,298	1,299
<b>CALVES</b>						
California	19.7	15.5	2,119	1,693	110	111
U.S. Total	81.1	72.9	19,704	19,151	246	269
<b>SHEEP &amp; LAMBS</b>						
California	(D)	25.4	(D)	3,313	(D)	131
U.S. Total	219.3	218.0	28,693	28,597	131	131
<b>HOGS</b>						
California	209.2	212.7	50,883	51,777	243	244
U.S. Total	9,461.8	9,970.2	2,573,026	2,770,254	272	278
<b>RED MEAT</b>	November 2009	October 2010	November 2010	Nov 10 Nov 09	Nov 10 Oct 10	
	Million Pounds			Percent		
California	137.0	142.6	148.1	108	104	
U.S. Total	3,964.0	4,265.2	4,329.2	109	102	

a/ Farm slaughter excluded.

(D) Withheld to avoid disclosing data for individual operations.

### FEDERALLY INSPECTED SLAUGHTER BY REGIONS AND UNITED STATES, JANUARY - NOVEMBER 2010 1/

Standard Federal Regions	Cattle							Calves Total 2/
	Total 2/	Steers	Heifers	Cows			Bulls & Stags	
				All	Dairy	Other		
1,000 Head								
1	14.3	6.6	3.0	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
2	63.9	21.4	4.2	32.9	28.0	5.0	5.3	181.8
3	901.7	363.4	82.6	436.6	347.1	89.5	19.1	112.8
4	782.7	19.8	7.5	645.4	134.2	511.1	110.0	2.5
5	3,842.4	1,686.2	463.7	1,581.6	871.2	710.4	110.8	239.5
6	6,086.3	3,033.3	1,869.1	1,046.6	190.4	856.2	137.3	24.7
7	12,835.4	6,975.0	5,115.1	661.1	13.8	647.2	84.3	0.6
8	2,955.8	1,602.9	1,144.3	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	0.0
9	2,082.1	941.8	165.3	931.9	734.9	197.0	43.1	196.6
10	1,269.5	564.3	342.1	326.0	150.4	175.6	37.1	(D)
U.S. 2/	30,833.9	15,214.6	9,196.9	5,848.2	2,542.1	3,306.0	574.2	787.7
Standard Federal Regions	Hogs				Sheep			
	Total 2/	Barrows & Gilts	Sows	Stags & Boars	Total	Mature Sheep	Lambs & Yearlings	
								1,000 Head
1,000 Head								
1	17.0	16.5	0.3	0.2	25.2	2.5	22.7	
2	115.6	113.5	(D)	(D)	159.8	21.0	138.8	
3	4,793.3	4,688.1	(D)	(D)	101.0	4.8	96.2	
4	14,524.5	13,693.8	816.0	14.7	44.0	9.2	34.9	
5	26,586.3	25,429.1	1,110.3	46.9	297.0	38.5	258.5	
6	5,411.7	5,203.5	207.7	0.5	37.2	21.2	16.0	
7	41,327.1	40,583.9	561.3	181.9	255.9	8.8	247.1	
8	4,200.3	4,198.3	1.9	0.1	834.5	31.1	803.4	
9	2,234.4	2,233.7	0.6	0.1	281.4	6.6	274.8	
10	266.5	265.9	0.5	0.1	25.0	2.0	23.0	
U.S. 2/	99,476.9	96,426.4	2,713.3	337.1	2,061.1	145.7	1,915.4	

1/ States included in regions are as follows: 1--CT, ME, NH, VT, MA & RI; 2--NY & NJ; 3--DE-MD, PA, WV & VA;

4--AL, FL, GA, KY, MS, NC, SC & TN; 5--IL, IN, MI, MN, OH & WI; 6--AR, LA, NM, OK & TX; 7--IA, KS, MO & NE;

8--CO, MT, ND, SD, UT & WY; 9--AZ, CA, HI & NV; 10--AK, ID, OR & WA.

2/ Regions with no data printed are still included in the US and Region total, data not printed to avoid disclosing individual operations.

Totals may not add due to rounding.

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

Commodity	Unit	California			United States		
		November 2009	October 2010	Nov. 15, 2010	November 2009	October 2010	Nov. 15, 2010
		Dollars					
All Hay, Baled 2/ 3/	Ton	97.00	121.00	130.00	105.00	113.00	111.00
Alfalfa, Baled 2/ 3/	Ton	102.00	127.00	135.00	109.00	118.00	117.00
Hogs 2/ 4/	Cwt.	---	---	---	40.30	53.30	47.20
Cows 2/ 5/	Cwt.	44.40	52.00	52.60	41.70	52.70	51.90
Steers and Heifers 2/	Cwt.	85.10	98.60	101.00	85.40	98.80	100.00
Calves 2/	Cwt.	100.00	122.00	122.00	104.00	120.00	122.00
Sheep 2/	Cwt.	43.50	56.00	---	36.30	48.50	---
Lambs 2/	Cwt.	83.00	118.00	---	97.70	138.00	---
Milk Cows 6/	Head	---	1,300.00	---	---	1,330.00	---
All Milk, Wholesale 2/	Cwt.	14.17	16.74	15.50	15.40	18.50	17.90

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.

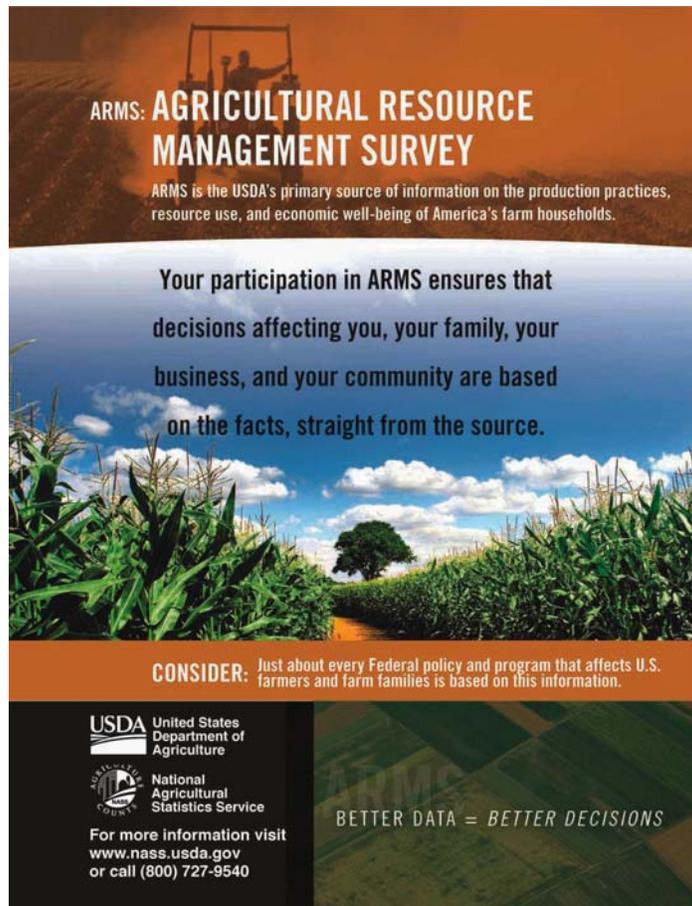
2/ Previous month revised to monthly average.

3/ California's November 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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