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### CALIFORNIA CATTLE ON FEED

Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter in California feedlots totaled 470 thousand head on January 1, 2011, unchanged from last month, and 10 percent below January 2010. During December, placements of 61.0 thousand head were 3 percent below the previous year. Marketings of 57.0 thousand head were 3 percent below December 2009. Other disappearance totaled 4.0 thousand head.

### U.S. CATTLE ON FEED UP 5 PERCENT

Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter market in the United States for feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head totaled 11.5 million head on January 1, 2011.

The inventory was 5 percent above January 1, 2010. The inventory included 7.18 million steers and steer calves, up 4 percent from the previous year. This group accounted for 62 percent of the total inventory. Heifers and heifer calves accounted for 4.26 million head, up 5 percent from 2010.

Placements in feedlots during December totaled 1.80 million, 16 percent above 2009. Net placements were 1.73 million head. During December, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 480.0 thousand, 600-699 pounds were 495.0 thousand, 700-799 pounds were 440.0 thousand, and 800 pounds and greater were 380.0 thousand.

Marketings of fed cattle during December totaled 1.83 million, 5 percent above 2009. This is the second highest fed cattle marketings for the month of December since the series began in 1996.

Other disappearance totaled 65.0 thousand during December, 10 percent below 2009.

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

State	Number On Feed December 1/			Placed During December		Marketed During December	
	2009	2010	2010/2009	2009	2010	2009	2010
	1,000 Head			1,000 Head			
			Percent				
Arizona	282	249	88	32	36	26	26
California	465	470	101	63	61	59	57
Colorado	1,060	1,090	103	110	160	155	165
Idaho	210	235	112	41	42	35	35
Iowa	560	630	113	85	93	73	80
Kansas	2,330	2,360	101	375	410	445	480
Nebraska	2,410	2,460	102	320	380	350	400
Oklahoma	375	380	101	50	55	58	58
South Dakota	235	255	109	38	45	36	39
Texas	2,760	2,840	103	350	420	410	400
Washington	172	208	121	29	42	34	36
Other States	418	437	105	53	51	62	51
UNITED STATES	11,277	11,614	103	1,546	1,795	1,743	1,827

State	Other Disappearance During December 2/		Number On Feed January 1 1/		2011
	2009	2010	2010	2011	2010
	1,000 Head		Percent		
Arizona	1	1	287	258	90
California	4	4	465	470	101
Colorado	5	5	1,010	1,080	107
Idaho	1	2	215	240	112
Iowa	2	3	570	640	112
Kansas	10	10	2,250	2,280	101
Nebraska	20	10	2,360	2,430	103
Oklahoma	2	2	365	375	103
South Dakota	2	1	235	260	111
Texas	20	20	2,680	2,840	106
Washington	1	2	166	212	128
Other States	4	5	405	432	107
UNITED STATES	72	65	11,008	11,517	105

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 3.37 billion pounds of milk in December 2010. This was 3 percent above November 2010 and 3 percent above December 2009.

Monthly milk per cow averaged 1,930 pounds, 60 pounds more than in November 2010, and 65 pounds more than a year ago.

### MILK PRODUCTION, CALIFORNIA AND UNITED STATES

Month	California						Total Milk Receipts 5/		United States 1/					
	Milk Cows 2/ 3/		Milk Per Cow 4/		Milk Production 2/ 4/				Milk Cows 3/		Milk Per Cow 4/		Milk Production 4/	
	2009	2010	2009	2010	2009	2010	2009	2010	2009	2010	2009	2010	2009	2010
	1,000 Head		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	3,291	8,335	8,368	1,675	1,729	13,957	14,472
Oct.	1,767	1,749	1,815	1,910	3,207	3,341	3,205	3,342	8,316	8,371	1,720	1,766	14,306	14,784
Nov.	1,765	1,750	1,775	1,870	3,133	3,273	3,131	3,265	8,314	8,370	1,681	1,723	13,979	14,419
Dec.	1,762	1,748	1,865	1,930	3,286	3,374	3,283		8,311	8,385	1,761	1,794	14,632	15,042

1/ Twenty-three state total.

2/ Revised September, October, November 2010 data.

3/ Includes dry cows, but excludes heifers not yet fresh.

4/ Excludes milk sucked by calves.

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

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

Commodity	Unit	California			United States		
		December 2009	November 2010	Dec. 15, 2010	December 2009	November 2010	Dec. 15, 2010
		Dollars					
All Hay, Baled 2/ 3/	Ton	99.00	130.00	136.00	105.00	111.00	112.00
Alfalfa, Baled 2/ 3/	Ton	104.00	135.00	140.00	109.00	117.00	121.00
Hogs 2/ 4/ 5/	Cwt.	---	---	---	45.00	47.80	51.90
Cows 2/ 6/	Cwt.	45.00	52.80	56.20	43.50	51.70	54.20
Steers and Heifers 2/	Cwt.	83.20	101.00	105.00	83.80	101.00	104.00
Calves 2/	Cwt.	104.00	122.00	129.00	105.00	124.00	128.00
Sheep 2/	Cwt.	44.00	60.00	---	44.40	54.20	---
Lambs 2/	Cwt.	82.50	120.00	---	98.70	142.00	---
Milk Cows 7/	Cwt.	---	---	---	---	---	---
All Milk, Wholesale 2/	Cwt.	15.64	15.49	14.60	16.50	17.90	16.80

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 December 2009 prices are for the full month.

4/ Price includes barrows, gilts, and sows.

5/ State prices for hogs discontinued beginning December 2010.

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

7/ Animals sold for dairy herd replacement only. Prices published January, April, July, and October.

**CALIFORNIA COMMERCIAL SLAUGHTER**

California's production of red meat during December 2010 totaled 156.4 million pounds (dressed weight), 6 percent above the previous month, and 3 percent above December 2009. This figure includes slaughter in Federally-inspected and State-inspected plants, but excludes slaughter done on farms. In December 2010, the average live weight of cattle slaughtered was 1,296 pounds; calves 106 pounds and hogs 241 pounds.

**COMMERCIAL SLAUGHTER, DECEMBER 2009-10 1/**

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	141.1	153.5	180,918	195,305	1,298	1,296
U.S. Total	2,754.2	2,918.0	3,558,149	3,792,092	1,296	1,305
<b>CALVES</b>						
California	21.7	16.2	2,230	1,697	104	106
U.S. Total	92.3	77.7	21,915	19,707	240	261
<b>SHEEP &amp; LAMBS</b>						
California	(D)	22.0	(D)	3,075	(D)	140
U.S. Total	235.5	217.3	31,872	29,973	136	138
<b>HOGS</b>						
California	263.3	249.5	63,537	60,158	242	241
U.S. Total	9,833.7	9,925.4	2,654,235	2,748,884	270	277

RED MEAT	December 2009	November 2010	December 2010	Dec 10 Dec 09	Dec 10 Nov 10
	Million Pounds			Percent	
California	151.8	148.1	156.4	103	106
U.S. Total	4,148.6	4,329.2	4,355.2	105	101

1/ Farm slaughter excluded.

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

**COMMERCIAL RED MEAT PRODUCTION**

Commercial red meat production for the United States totaled 4.36 billion pounds in December, up 5 percent from the 4.15 billion pounds produced in December 2009.

Beef production, at 2.27 billion pounds, was 6 percent above the previous year. Cattle slaughter totaled 2.92 million head, up 6 percent from December 2009. The average live weight was up 9 pounds from the previous year, at 1,305 pounds.

Veal production totaled 11.7 million pounds, 11 percent below December a year ago. Calf slaughter totaled 77.7 thousand head, down 16 percent from December 2009. The average live weight was up 21 pounds from last year, at 261 pounds.

Pork production totaled 2.06 billion pounds, up 4 percent from the previous year. Hog kill totaled 9.93 million head, up 1 percent from December 2009. The average live weight was up 7 pounds from the previous year, at 277 pounds.

Lamb and mutton production, at 15.0 million pounds, was down 6 percent from December 2009. Sheep slaughter totaled 217.3 thousand head, 8 percent below last year. The average live weight was 138 pounds, up 2 pounds from December a year ago.

January to December 2010 commercial red meat production was 49.1 billion pounds, down slightly from 2009. Accumulated beef production was up 1 percent from last year, veal was down 3 percent, pork was down 2 percent from last year, and lamb and mutton production was down 4 percent.

December 2009 contained 23 weekdays (including one holiday) and 4 Saturdays.

December 2010 contained 23 weekdays (including two holidays) and 4 Saturdays.

**CALIFORNIA AND U.S. HOG INVENTORY DECEMBER 1, 2009-10 AND ANNUAL FARROWINGS DECEMBER-NOVEMBER 2009-10 1/**

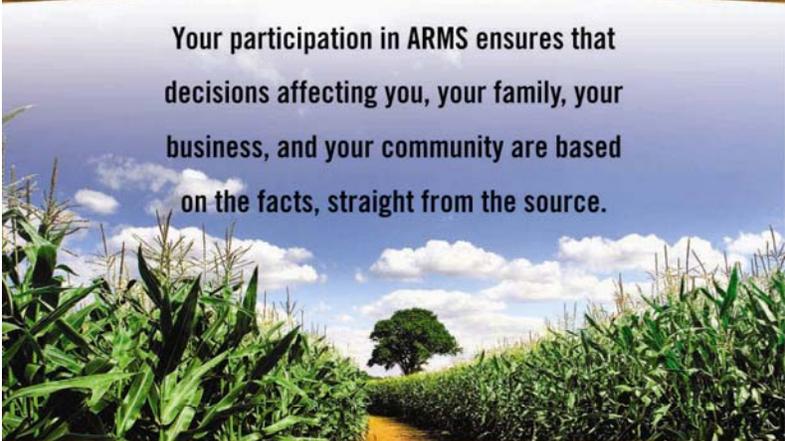
Inventory by Type	CALIFORNIA			UNITED STATES		
	2009	2010	2010/2009	2009	2010	2010/2009
	1,000 Head		Percent	1,000 Head		Percent
Total Breeding and Market	100	105	105	64,887	64,325	99
Breeding	7	8	114	5,850	5,778	99
Market	93	97	104	59,037	58,547	99
Market By Weight:						
Under 50 Lbs.	26	32	123	18,705	18,564	99
50-119 Lbs.	18	26	144	16,782	16,519	98
120-179 Lbs.	19	16	84	12,299	12,208	99
180+ Lbs.	30	23	77	11,252	11,256	100
Total Pig Crop	118	122	103	114,542	112,989	99
Sows Farrowing	14	16	114	11,904	11,555	97
	Head		Percent	Head		Percent
Pigs Per Litter	8.4	7.6	91	9.6	9.8	102

1/ December of preceding year for farrowings. May not add due to rounding.



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