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CALIFORNIA CATTLE ON FEED

Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter in California feedlots totaled 450 thousand head on April 1, 2011, 2 percent below last month, and 8 percent above April 2010. During March, placements of 48.0 thousand head were 2 percent above the previous year. Marketings of 55.0 thousand head were 8 percent above March 2010. Other disappearance totaled 3.0 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 11.3 million head on April 1, 2011. The inventory was 5 percent above April 1, 2010. The inventory included 7.12 million steers and steer calves, up 7 percent from the previous year. This group accounted for 63 percent of the total inventory. Heifers and heifer calves accounted for 4.10 million head, up 2 percent from 2010.

Placements in feedlots during March totaled 1.92 million, 3 percent above 2010. Net placements were 1.87 million head. During March, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 380 thousand, 600-699 pounds were 360 thousand, 700-799 pounds were 588 thousand, and 800 pounds and greater were 590 thousand.

Marketings of fed cattle during March totaled 1.99 million, 4 percent above 2010. This is the second highest fed cattle marketings for the month of March since the series began in 1996.

Other disappearance totaled 52 thousand during March, 13 percent below 2010.

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

State	Number On Feed March 1 1/			Placed During March		Marketed During March	
	2010	2011	2011/2010	2010	2011	2010	2011
	1,000 Head		Percent	1,000 Head			
Arizona	286	269	94	20	37	27	23
California	425	460	108	47	48	51	55
Colorado	940	1,070	114	185	215	190	190
Idaho	195	220	113	34	35	23	34
Iowa	610	650	107	77	81	84	78
Kansas	2,220	2,220	100	440	415	410	435
Nebraska	2,350	2,430	103	380	390	430	430
Oklahoma	355	360	101	64	75	77	78
South Dakota	240	265	110	42	46	45	44
Texas	2,650	2,840	107	490	490	485	540
Washington	168	208	124	32	33	28	28
Other States	410	407	99	45	53	53	53
UNITED STATES	10,849	11,399	105	1,856	1,918	1,903	1,988

State	Other Disappearance During March 2/		Number On Feed April 1 1/		2011
	2010	2011	2010	2011	2010
	1,000 Head				Percent
Arizona	1	1	278	282	101
California	6	3	415	450	108
Colorado	5	5	930	1,090	117
Idaho	1	1	205	220	107
Iowa	3	3	600	650	108
Kansas	10	10	2,240	2,190	98
Nebraska	10	10	2,290	2,380	104
Oklahoma	2	2	340	355	104
South Dakota	2	2	235	265	113
Texas	15	10	2,640	2,780	105
Washington	1	2	171	211	123
Other States	4	3	398	404	102
UNITED STATES	60	52	10,742	11,277	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 3.59 billion pounds of milk in March 2011. This was 14 percent above February 2011 and 3 percent above March 2010.

Monthly milk per cow averaged 2,040 pounds, 240 pounds more than in February 2011, and 115 pounds more than a year ago.

MILK PRODUCTION, CALIFORNIA AND UNITED STATES

Month	CALIFORNIA 1/ 2/						Total Milk		UNITED STATES 1/ 2/ 3/					
	Milk Cows 4/		Milk Per Cow 5/		Milk Production 5/		Receipts 6/		Milk Cows 4/		Milk Per Cow 5/		Milk Production 5/	
	2010	2011	2010	2011	2010	2011	2010	2011	2010	2011	2010	2011	2010	2011
	1,000 Head		Pounds		Million Pounds		Million Pounds		1,000 Head		Pounds		Million Pounds	
Jan.	1,760	1,752	1,915	1,935	3,370	3,390	3,369	3,388	8,319	8,404	1,784	1,810	14,839	15,213
Feb.	1,760	1,755	1,755	1,800	3,089	3,159	3,087	3,159	8,323	8,405	1,642	1,664	13,670	13,987
Mar.	1,758	1,759	1,980	2,040	3,481	3,588	3,479	3,479	8,329	8,422	1,848	1,872	15,389	15,763
Apr.	1,751		1,960		3,432		3,431		8,337		1,825		15,213	
May	1,750		2,025		3,544		3,541		8,347		1,893		15,804	
June	1,750		1,940		3,395		3,391		8,356		1,817		15,186	
July	1,748		1,945		3,400		3,397		8,375		1,829		15,316	
Aug.	1,746		1,950		3,405		3,401		8,369		1,792		14,998	
Sept.	1,747		1,885		3,293		3,291		8,371		1,730		14,481	
Oct.	1,749		1,910		3,341		3,342		8,372		1,767		14,796	
Nov.	1,750		1,870		3,273		3,265		8,373		1,722		14,421	
Dec.	1,748		1,930		3,374		3,361		8,387		1,791		15,025	

- 1/ Revised 2010 data.
- 2/ Revised data for January and February 2011.
- 3/ Twenty-three state total.
- 4/ Includes dry cows, but excludes heifers not yet fresh.
- 5/ Excludes milk suckled by calves.
- 6/ 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 1/

Commodity	Unit	CALIFORNIA			UNITED STATES		
		March 2010	February 2011	March 15, 2011	March 2010	February 2011	March 15, 2011
		<i>Dollars</i>					
All Hay, Baled 2/ 3/	Tons	115.00	170.00	224.00	107.00	116.00	124.00
Alfalfa, Baled 2/ 3/	Tons	118.00	183.00	240.00	113.00	127.00	136.00
Hogs 2/ 4/ 5/	Cwt.	---	---	---	52.10	61.60	62.70
Cows 2/ 7/	Cwt.	---	---	---	53.50	72.50	73.40
Steers and Heifers 5/	Cwt.	---	---	---	95.70	111.00	116.00
Calves 5/	Cwt.	---	---	---	117.00	139.00	148.00
Sheep 6/	Cwt.	---	---	---	51.30	76.00	---
Lambs 6/	Cwt.	---	---	---	115.00	155.00	---
Milk Cows 8/	Head	---	---	---	---	---	---
All Milk, Wholesale 2/	Cwt.	13.32	18.01	18.40	14.80	19.10	20.40

- 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 prices are for the full month.
- 4/ Prices include barrows, gilts, and sows.
- 5/ Beginning with January 2011, State level cows, calves, steers & heifers, and beef cattle prices will be discontinued. United States level cows, calves, steers & heifers, and beef cattle prices will be published based on data provided by United States Department of Agriculture's Agricultural Marketing Service.
- 6/ Beginning with January 2011, State level sheep and lamb prices will be discontinued. Sheep and Lamb prices for the United States will be published based on data provided by the United States Department of Agriculture's Agricultural Marketing Service.
- 7/ Beef cows and cull dairy cows sold for slaughter.
- 8/ Animals sold for dairy herd replacement only. Prices published January, April, July and October.

RED MEAT PRODUCTION IN 2010

California's production of red meat in commercial plants during 2010 totaled 1.72 billion pounds, 1 percent higher than the 2009 figure of 1.70 billion pounds. The month of December had the largest red meat production at 156 million pounds.

Red meat production in commercial plants for the United States totaled 49.0 billion pounds in 2010, down 1 percent from last year's production of 49.3 billion pounds. The month of December had the largest red meat production at 4.35 billion pounds.

RED MEAT PRODUCTION BY MONTH 1/

Month	CALIFORNIA		UNITED STATES	
	2009	2010	2009	2010
	<i>Million Pounds</i>			
January	147.9	137.6	4,170.1	3,916.0
February	133.3	126.5	3,827.0	3,735.8
March	143.7	148.1	4,141.9	4,281.1
April	139.0	142.6	4,085.0	4,012.4
May	137.7	137.5	3,919.5	3,731.2
June	147.0	149.5	4,162.1	4,176.5
July	144.7	144.0	4,124.5	3,955.5
August	137.3	146.8	4,077.0	4,126.0
September	140.2	144.4	4,262.7	4,160.0
October	144.1	142.7	4,391.2	4,262.2
November	137.0	148.1	3,964.0	4,329.3
December	151.8	156.0	4,148.6	4,352.8
TOTAL 2/	1,703.8	1,723.9	49,274.1	49,039.4

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

CALIFORNIA COMMERCIAL SLAUGHTER

California's production of red meat during March 2011 totaled 154.7 million pounds (dressed weight), 11 percent above the previous month, and 4 percent above March 2010. This figure includes slaughter in Federally-inspected and State-inspected plants, but excludes slaughter done on farms. In March 2011, the average live weight of cattle slaughtered was 1,292 pounds; calves 100 pounds and hogs 246 pounds.

RECORD COMMERCIAL RED MEAT PRODUCTION IN MARCH

Commercial red meat production for the United States totaled 4.35 billion pounds in March, up 2 percent from the 4.28 billion pounds produced in March 2010.

Beef production, at 2.27 billion pounds, was 2 percent above the previous year. Cattle slaughter totaled 2.96 million head, up 2 percent from March 2010. The average live weight was up 3 pounds from the previous year, at 1,276 pounds.

Veal production totaled 12.1 million pounds, 1 percent below March a year ago. Calf slaughter totaled 72.9 thousand head, down 9 percent from March 2010. The average live weight was up 24 pounds from last year, at 283 pounds.

Pork production totaled 2.05 billion pounds, up 1 percent from the previous year. Hog slaughter totaled 9.87 million head, down 2 percent from March 2010. The average live weight was up 6 pounds from the previous year, at 278 pounds.

Lamb and mutton production, at 14.1 million pounds, was down 20 percent from March 2010. Sheep slaughter totaled 193.9 thousand head, 26 percent below last year. The average live weight was 146 pounds, up 11 pounds from March a year ago.

January to March 2011 commercial red meat production was 12.2 billion pounds, up 2 percent from 2010. Accumulated beef production was up 3 percent from last year, veal was down 3 percent, pork was up 2 percent from last year, and lamb and mutton production was down 16 percent.

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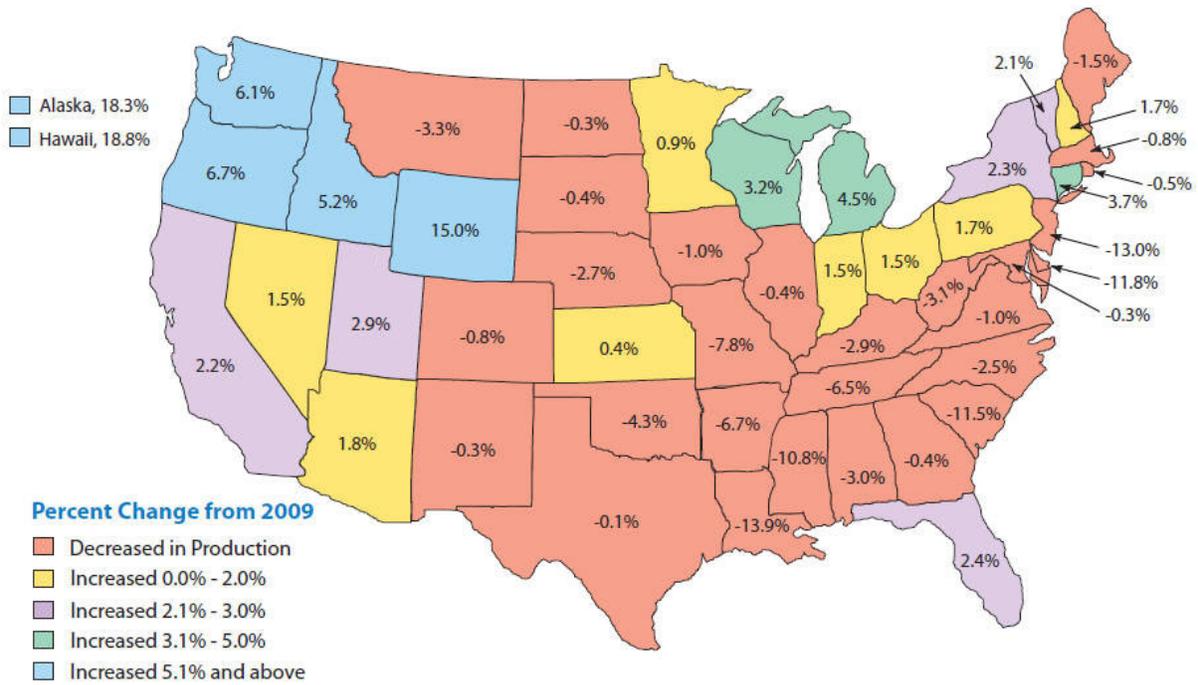
COMMERCIAL SLAUGHTER, MARCH 2010-11 1/

Species and Location	Number Slaughtered		Total Live Weight		Average Live Weight	
	2010	2011	2010	2011	2010	2011
	1,000 Head		1,000 Pounds		Pounds	
CATTLE						
California	149.4	155.4	189,776	197,077	1,293	1,292
U.S.	2,911.5	2,959.2	3,691,673	3,761,623	1,273	1,276
CALVES						
California	21.3	17.0	2,218	1,687	106	100
U.S.	79.9	72.9	20,410	20,251	259	283
SHEEP & LAMBS						
California	32.0	27.0	4,613	3,976	144	147
U.S.	263.2	193.9	35,386	28,195	135	146
HOGS						
California	215.9	225.7	51,821	55,438	240	246
U.S.	10,031.5	9,873.0	2,724,041	2,739,883	272	278
RED MEAT						
	March 2010	February 2011	March 2011	Mar 11 Mar 10	Mar 11 Feb 11	
	Million Pounds			Percent		
California	148.1	139.8	154.7	104.0	111.0	
U.S.	4,281.1	3,811.3	4,347.0	102.0	114.0	

1/ Farm slaughter excluded.

U.S. Milk Production, 2010

Percent Change from 2009



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