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CALIFORNIA CATTLE ON FEED

Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter in California feedlots totaled 450 thousand head on May 1, 2011, unchanged from last month, and 10 percent above May 2010. During April, placements of 57.0 thousand head were 6 percent above the previous year. Marketings of 55.0 thousand head were 2 percent above April 2010. Other disappearance totaled 2.0 thousand head.

UNITED STATES CATTLE ON FEED UP 7 PERCENT

Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter market in the United States for feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head totaled 11.2 million head on May 1, 2011. The inventory was 7 percent above May 1, 2010.

Placements in feedlots during April totaled 1.80 million, 10 percent above 2010. This is the second highest placements for the month of April since the series began in 1996. Net placements were 1.74 million head. During April, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 450 thousand, 600-699 pounds were 310 thousand, 700-799 pounds were 490 thousand, and 800 pounds and greater were 545 thousand.

Marketings of fed cattle during April totaled 1.81 million, 3 percent below 2010. Other disappearance totaled 59.0 thousand during April, 35 percent below 2010. This is the lowest other disappearance for the month of April since the series began in 1996.

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

State	Number On Feed April 1 1/			Placed During April		Marketed During April	
	2010	2011	2011/2010	2010	2011	2010	2011
	1,000 Head		Percent	1,000 Head		1,000 Head	
Arizona	278	276	99	16	25	24	18
California	415	450	108	54	57	54	55
Colorado	930	1,090	117	170	165	145	150
Idaho	205	220	107	27	34	21	23
Iowa	600	650	108	76	69	72	76
Kansas	2,240	2,190	98	315	380	405	385
Nebraska	2,290	2,380	104	400	370	435	370
Oklahoma	340	355	104	57	76	70	74
South Dakota	235	265	113	39	31	38	39
Texas	2,640	2,780	105	400	510	510	530
Washington	171	211	123	29	28	24	33
Other States	398	404	102	51	50	59	54
UNITED STATES	10,742	11,271	105	1,634	1,795	1,857	1,807

State	Other Disappearance During April 2/		Number On Feed May 1 1/		
	2010	2011	2010	2011	2011/2010
	1,000 Head		1,000 Head		Percent
Arizona	2	1	268	282	105
California	5	2	410	450	110
Colorado	15	5	940	1,100	117
Idaho	1	1	210	230	110
Iowa	4	3	600	640	107
Kansas	20	15	2,130	2,170	102
Nebraska	15	10	2,240	2,370	106
Oklahoma	2	2	325	355	109
South Dakota	1	2	235	255	109
Texas	20	10	2,510	2,750	110
Washington	1	1	175	205	117
Other States	5	7	385	393	102
UNITED STATES	91	59	10,428	11,200	107

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.

AVERAGE PRICE RECEIVED BY FARMERS, CALIFORNIA AND UNITED STATES 1/

Commodity	Unit	CALIFORNIA			UNITED STATES		
		April 2010	March 2011	April 15, 2011	April 2010	March 2011	April 15, 2011
		<i>Dollars</i>			<i>Dollars</i>		
All Hay, Baled 2/ 3/	Ton	117.00	224.00	212.00	108.00	124.00	141.00
Alfalfa, Baled 2/ 3/	Ton	122.00	240.00	226.00	112.00	136.00	155.00
Hogs 2/ 4/	Cwt.	---	---	---	56.50	63.10	67.10
Cows 2/ 5/ 6/	Cwt.	---	---	---	57.50	75.20	79.80
Steers and Heifers 2/ 6/	Cwt.	---	---	---	101.00	118.00	124.00
Calves 2/ 6/	Cwt.	---	---	---	124.00	148.00	150.00
Sheep 2/ 7/	Cwt.	---	---	---	49.40	---	---
Lambs 2/ 7/	Cwt.	---	---	---	118.00	169.00	---
Milk Cows 8/	Head	1,300.00	---	1,300.00	1,330.00	---	1,420.00
All Milk, Wholesale 2/	Cwt.	13.31	18.62	18.30	14.60	20.40	19.70

- 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 April 2011 prices are for the full month.
- 4/ Prices include barrows, gilts, and sows.
- 5/ Beef cows and cull dairy cows sold for slaughter.
- 6/ 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.
- 7/ 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.
- 8/ Animals sold for dairy herd replacement only. Prices published January, April, July and October.

AVERAGE PRICES PAID BY FARMERS, PACIFIC REGION AND UNITED STATES 1/

Commodity	Unit	PACIFIC REGION 2/		UNITED STATES	
		March 2010	March 2011	March 2010	March 2011
		<i>Dollars</i>		<i>Dollars</i>	
Alfalfa Meal	Cwt.	30.10	29.00	23.80	24.00
Bran	Cwt.	27.60	27.90	22.70	24.70
Corn Meal	Cwt.	16.30	22.30	12.80	17.10
Cottonseed Meal, 41%	Cwt.	30.70	34.90	25.40	26.60
Dairy Feed, 16%	Ton	276.00	358.00	274.00	369.00
Soybean Meal, 44%	Cwt.	36.00	37.60	23.80	26.80

- 1/ Prices shown represent composite average prices paid by farmers for all grades, classes, and method of sale.
- 2/ Includes California, Oregon, and Washington.

HAY STOCKS ON FARMS

Stocks of hay on California farms as of May 1, 2011 totaled 160 thousand tons. This is 9 percent of the December 1 stocks and was 63 percent below May 1, 2010.

United States May 1 stocks of hay on farms totaled 22.2 million tons of hay. This was 22 percent of the December 1 stocks, and was 6 percent above the previous year.

HAY STOCKS ON FARMS

State	December 1			May 1		
	2008	2009	2010	2009	2010	2011
	<i>1,000 Tons</i>			<i>1,000 Tons</i>		
California	2,380	2,400	1,850	470	432	160
Arizona	475	500	365	50	60	40
Nevada	1,000	1,012	819	170	310	46
Oregon	1,561	2,200	2,100	270	420	280
Utah	1,300	1,330	1,050	285	245	144
UNITED STATES	103,658	107,222	102,134	22,065	20,931	22,217

CALIFORNIA COMMERCIAL SLAUGHTER

California's production of red meat during April 2011 totaled 139.8 million pounds (dressed weight), 10 percent below the previous month, and 2 percent below April 2010. This figure includes slaughter in Federally-inspected and State-inspected plants, but excludes slaughter done on farms. In April 2011, the average live weight of cattle slaughtered was 1,297 pounds; calves 106 pounds, sheep 146 pounds and hogs 241 pounds.

VEAL PRODUCTION AT RECORD LOW FOR APRIL

Commercial red meat production for the United States totaled 3.87 billion pounds in April, down 4 percent from the 4.01 billion pounds produced in April 2010.

Beef production, at 2.05 billion pounds, was 4 percent below the previous year. Cattle slaughter totaled 2.72 million head, down 4 percent from April 2010. The average live weight was up 4 pounds from the previous year, at 1,257 pounds.

Veal production totaled 10.2 million pounds, 8 percent below April a year ago. Calf slaughter totaled 58.9 thousand head, down 14 percent from April 2010.

The average live weight was up 21 pounds from last year, at 296 pounds.

Pork production totaled 1.79 billion pounds, down 3 percent from the previous year. Hog slaughter totaled 8.63 million head, down 5 percent from April 2010. The average live weight was up 4 pounds from the previous year, at 277 pounds.

Lamb and mutton production, at 14.3 million pounds, was up 11 percent from April 2010. Sheep slaughter totaled 206.7 thousand head, 9 percent above last year. The average live weight was 138 pounds, up 2 pounds from April a year ago.

January to April 2011 commercial red meat production was 16.1 billion pounds, up 1 percent from 2010. Accumulated beef production was up 1 percent from last year, veal was down 4 percent, pork was up 1 percent from last year, and lamb and mutton production was down 10 percent.

April 2010 contained 22 weekdays (including no holidays) and 4 Saturdays. April 2011 contained 21 weekdays (including no holidays) and 5 Saturdays.

COMMERCIAL SLAUGHTER, APRIL 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	143.5	139.6	184,263	177,675	1,309	1,297
U.S. Total	2,846.0	2,722.0	3,552,510	3,408,872	1,253	1,257
CALVES						
California	16.3	14.9	1,726	1,568	107	106
U.S. Total	68.5	58.9	18,657	17,139	275	296
SHEEP & LAMBS						
California	23.1	25.4	3,341	3,695	145	146
U.S. Total	190.2	206.7	25,917	28,579	136	138
HOGS						
California	204.3	208.7	48,999	50,225	240	241
U.S. Total	9,056.2	8,630.6	2,466,680	2,390,248	273	277
RED MEAT	April 2010	March 2011	April 2011	Apr 11 Apr 10	Apr 11 Mar 11	
	Million Pounds			Percent		
California	142.6	154.7	139.8	98	90	
U.S. Total	4,012.4	4,347.0	3,870.4	96	89	

1/ Farm slaughter excluded.

HOG AND PIG INVENTORY, CANADA AND UNITED STATES 2010-11 1/ 2/

Type	Canada April 1 Inventory 3/			United States March 1 Inventory 4/		
	2010	2011	2011 2010	2010	2011	2011 2010
	1,000 Head			1,000 Head		
All Hogs & Pigs	11,650	11,810	101	63,568	63,964	101
Kept for Breeding	1,314	1,308	100	5,760	5,788	100
Market	10,336	10,502	102	57,808	58,176	101
Sows Farrowed	723	708	98	2,872	2,856	99
Pig Crop	7,244	7,133	98	27,597	27,986	101

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 MILK PRODUCTION

California milk producers produced 3.52 billion pounds of milk in April 2011. This was 2 percent below March 2011 and 3 percent above April 2010.

Monthly milk per cow averaged 1,990 pounds, 45 pounds less than in March 2011, and 35 pounds more than a year ago.

MILK PRODUCTION, CALIFORNIA AND UNITED STATES

Month	CALIFORNIA 1/						Total Milk		UNITED STATES 1/ 2/					
	Milk Cows 3/		Milk Per Cow 4/		Milk Production 4/		Receipts 5/		Milk Cows 3/		Milk Per Cow 4/		Milk Production 4/	
	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	1,764	1,980	2,035	3,481	3,590	3,479	3,588	8,329	8,426	1,848	1,870	15,389	15,757
Apr.	1,755	1,769	1,955	1,990	3,431	3,520	3,431		8,337	8,434	1,825	1,834	15,213	15,468
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/ 2011 previous month revised.
- 2/ Includes total of 23 states.
- 3/ Includes dry cows, 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.

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