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U.S. CATTLE ON FEED UP 4 PERCENT

Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter market in the United States for feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head totaled 10.9 million head on June 1, 2011. The inventory was 4 percent above June 1, 2010.

Placements in feedlots during May totaled 1.81 million, 11 percent below 2010. Net placements were 1.73 million head. During May, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 415 thousand, 600-699 pounds were 355 thousand, 700-799 pounds were 480 thousand, and 800 pounds and greater were 560 thousand.

Marketings of fed cattle during May totaled 2.00 million, 7 percent above 2010.

Other disappearance totaled 80.0 thousand during May, 18 percent below 2010.

CALIFORNIA CATTLE ON FEED

Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter in California feedlots totaled 460 thousand head on June 1, 2011, 2 percent above last month, and 8 percent above June 2010. During May, placements of 71.0 thousand head were 6 percent above the previous year. Marketings of 59.0 thousand head were 23 percent above May 2010. Other disappearance totaled 2.0 thousand head.

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

State	Number On Feed May 1 1/			Placed During May		Marketed During May	
	2010	2011	2011/2010	2010	2011	2010	2011
	1,000 Head		Percent	1,000 Head			
Arizona	268	282	105	20	28	24	19
California	410	450	110	67	71	48	59
Colorado	940	1,100	117	185	140	135	150
Idaho	210	230	110	32	36	31	35
Iowa	600	640	107	64	47	72	73
Kansas	2,130	2,170	102	420	375	405	420
Nebraska	2,240	2,370	106	380	340	455	495
Oklahoma	325	355	109	93	66	72	65
South Dakota	235	255	109	42	33	44	50
Texas	2,510	2,750	110	620	560	475	520
Washington	175	205	117	42	39	37	44
Other States	385	393	102	65	75	67	72
UNITED STATES	10,428	11,200	107	2,030	1,810	1,865	2,002

State	Other Disappearance During May 2/		Number On Feed June 1 1/		2011
	2010	2011	2010	2011	2010
	1,000 Head		1,000 Head		Percent
Arizona	1	1	263	290	110
California	4	2	425	460	108
Colorado	20	10	970	1,080	111
Idaho	1	1	210	230	110
Iowa	2	4	590	610	103
Kansas	15	15	2,130	2,110	99
Nebraska	25	25	2,140	2,190	102
Oklahoma	1	1	345	355	103
South Dakota	3	3	230	235	102
Texas	15	10	2,640	2,780	105
Washington	1	1	179	199	111
Other States	10	7	373	389	104
UNITED STATES	98	80	10,495	10,928	104

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 May 2011 totaled 143.3 million pounds (dressed weight), 3 percent above the previous month, and 4 percent above May 2010. This figure includes slaughter in Federally-inspected and State-inspected plants, but excludes slaughter done on farms. In May 2011, the average live weight of cattle slaughtered was 1,299 pounds; calves 106 pounds, sheep and lambs 146 pounds, and hogs 238 pounds.

average live weight was up 2 pounds from last year, at 288 pounds.

Pork production totaled 1.76 billion pounds, up 9 percent from the previous year. Hog slaughter totaled 8.54 million head, up 7 percent from May 2010. The average live weight was up 3 pounds from the previous year, at 275 pounds.

Lamb and mutton production, at 12.9 million pounds, was up 2 percent from May 2010. Sheep slaughter totaled 179.4 head, 2 percent below last year. The average live weight was 143 pounds, up 4 pounds from May a year ago.

U.S. COMMERCIAL RED MEAT PRODUCTION UP FROM LAST YEAR

Commercial red meat production for the United States totaled 3.91 billion pounds in May, up 5 percent from the 3.73 billion pounds produced in May 2010.

January to May 2011 commercial red meat production was 20.0 billion pounds, up 2 percent from 2010. Accumulated beef production was up 1 percent from last year, veal was down 3 percent, pork was up 2 percent from last year, and lamb and mutton production was down 7 percent.

Beef production, at 2.13 billion pounds, was 2 percent above the previous year. Cattle slaughter totaled 2.82 million head, up 1 percent from May 2010. The average live weight was up 3 pounds from the previous year, at 1,253 pounds.

May 2010 contained 21 weekdays (including one holiday) and 5 Saturdays.

Veal production totaled 10.3 million pounds, 2 percent above May a year ago. Calf slaughter totaled 61.1 thousand head, up 1 percent from May 2010. The

May 2011 contained 22 weekdays (including one holiday) and 4 Saturdays.

COMMERCIAL SLAUGHTER, MAY 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	139.5	144.1	177,842	183,993	1,300	1,299
U.S. Total	2,784.1	2,818.1	3,467,523	3,519,883	1,250	1,253
CALVES						
California	15.2	16.6	1,707	1,764	114	106
U.S. Total	60.3	61.1	16,989	17,326	286	288
SHEEP & LAMBS						
California	28.6	24.5	4,054	3,564	142	146
U.S. Total	182.9	179.4	25,398	25,668	139	143
HOGS						
California	193.3	205.3	45,832	48,735	237	238
U.S. Total	7,971.6	8,541.8	2,167,704	2,351,270	272	275

RED MEAT	May 2010	April 2011	May 2011	May 11 May 10	May 11 Apr 11
	Million Pounds			Percent	
California	137.5	139.8	143.3	104	103
U.S. Total	3,731.2	3,868.6	3,914.3	105	101

1/ Farm slaughter excluded.

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

Commodity	Unit	California			UNITED STATES		
		May 2010	April 2011	May 15, 2011	May 2010	April 2011	May 15, 2011
Dollars							
All Hay, Baled 2/ 3/	Ton	114.00	227.00	223.00	116.00	141.00	169.00
Alfalfa, Baled 2/ 3/	Ton	123.00	242.00	244.00	121.00	155.00	186.00
Hogs 2/ 4/	Cwt.	---	---	---	62.20	67.70	67.80
Cows 2/ 5/ 6/	Cwt.	59.40	---	---	59.00	78.90	79.10
Steers and Heifers 2/ 6/	Cwt.	99.50	---	---	99.70	122.00	118.00
Calves 2/ 6/	Cwt.	117.00	---	---	124.00	147.00	141.00
Sheep 2/ 7/	Cwt.	42.00	---	---	46.20	68.80	---
Lambs 2/ 7/	Cwt.	101.00	---	---	122.00	181.00	---
Milk Cows 8/	Head	---	1,300.00	---	---	1,420.00	---
All Milk, Wholesale 2/	Cwt.	13.60	18.19	17.40	15.00	19.60	19.40

- 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 May 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/ As of January 2011, State level cows, calves, steers & heifers, and beef cattle prices were 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.

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