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CALIFORNIA CATTLE ON FEED

Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter in California feedlots totaled 480 thousand head on August 1, 2011, 2 percent above last month, and 10 percent above August 2010. During July, placements of 62.0 thousand head were 22 percent above the previous year. Marketings of 48.0 thousand head were 12 percent above July 2010. Other disappearance totaled 4.0 thousand head.

UNITED STATES CATTLE ON FEED UP 8 PERCENT

Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter market in the United States, for feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head, totaled 10.6 million head on August 1, 2011. The inventory was 8 percent above August 1, 2010. This is the third highest August 1 inventory since the series began in 1996.

Placements in feedlots during July totaled 2.15 million, 22 percent above 2010. This is the highest placement total for the month of July since the series began in 1996. Net placements were 2.09 million head. During July, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 625 thousand, 600-699 pounds were 405 thousand, 700-799 pounds were 498 thousand and 800 pounds and greater were 625 thousand.

Marketings of fed cattle during July totaled 1.91 million, slightly above 2010. This is the second lowest fed cattle marketings for the month of July since the series began in 1996.

Other disappearance totaled 67 thousand during July, 40 percent above 2010.

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

State	Number On Feed July 1 1/			Placed During July		Marketed During July	
	2010	2011	2011/2010	2010	2011	2010	2011
	1,000 Head		Percent	1,000 Head			
Arizona	255	287	113	21	26	27	23
California	430	470	109	51	62	43	48
Colorado	920	1,000	109	140	170	165	195
Idaho	200	215	108	34	24	43	41
Iowa	570	590	104	69	60	77	88
Kansas	2,010	2,030	101	500	580	460	420
Nebraska	2,000	2,020	101	370	390	400	415
Oklahoma	350	350	100	49	86	63	74
South Dakota	215	210	98	33	22	47	35
Texas	2,590	2,700	104	410	640	470	465
Washington	168	197	117	34	42	38	44
Other States	363	379	104	47	51	68	60
UNITED STATES	10,071	10,448	104	1,758	2,153	1,901	1,908

State	Other Disappearance During July 2/		Number On Feed August 1 1/		2011 2010 Percent
	2010	2011	2010	2011	
	1,000 Head		1,000 Head		Percent
Arizona	1	1	248	289	117
California	3	4	435	480	110
Colorado	5	5	890	970	109
Idaho	1	3	190	195	103
Iowa	2	2	560	560	100
Kansas	10	10	2,040	2,180	107
Nebraska	10	15	1,960	1,980	101
Oklahoma	1	2	335	360	107
South Dakota	1	2	200	195	98
Texas	10	15	2,520	2,860	113
Washington	1	5	163	190	117
Other States	3	3	339	367	108
UNITED STATES	48	67	9,880	10,626	108

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.

CATTLE AND CALVES BY CLASSES, CANADA AND UNITED STATES, JULY 1, 2010- 11 1/

Class	Canada 2/			United States 3/		
	2010	2011	2011 2010	2010	2011	2011 2010
	Thousands		Percent	Thousands		Percent
All Cattle & Calves	13,975	13,870	99	101,100	100,000	99
All Cows:	5,274	5,184	98	40,900	40,600	99
Beef	4,292	4,202	98	31,750	31,400	99
Milk	982	982	100	9,150	9,200	101
Heifers 500 Lbs. + 4/	2,202	2,231	101	16,200	16,000	99
Beef Replacement	621	662	107	4,400	4,200	95
Milk Replacement	444	447	101	4,050	4,200	104
Other Heifers	1,138	1,122	99	7,750	7,600	98
Steers 500 Lbs. + 4/	1,489	1,472	99	14,400	14,200	99
Bulls 500 Lbs. + 4/	240	235	98	2,100	2,000	95
Calves Less Than 500 Lbs.	4,771	4,748	100	27,500	27,200	99
Calf Crop 5/	4,835	---	---	35,685	35,500	99

1/ Totals may not add due to rounding.

2/ Source: Livestock and Annual Products Section, Statistics Canada.

3/ Source: National Agricultural Statistics Service.

4/ For Canada, one year and over with the exception of calves, which are under one year.

5/ January-December with the exception for Canada's current year, which is January-June.

**CALIFORNIA COMMERCIAL
SLAUGHTER**

California's production of red meat during July 2011 totaled 135.2 million pounds (dressed weight), 11 percent below the previous month, and 6 percent below July 2010. This figure includes slaughter in Federally-inspected and State-inspected plants, but excludes slaughter done on farms. In July 2011, the average live weight of cattle slaughtered was 1,277 pounds; calves 109 pounds, sheep 140 pounds and hogs 237 pounds.

**RECORD LOW
LAMB, MUTTON AND VEAL PRODUCTION IN JULY**

Commercial red meat production for the United States totaled 3.79 billion pounds in July, down 4 percent from the 3.96 billion pounds produced in July 2010.

Beef production, at 2.14 billion pounds, was 4 percent below the previous year. Cattle slaughter totaled 2.77 million head, down 5 percent from July 2010. The average live weight was down 1 pound from the previous year, at 1,272 pounds.

Veal production totaled 10.1 million pounds, 8 percent below July a year ago. Calf slaughter totaled 73.4 thousand head, down 2 percent from July 2010. The average live weight was down 7 pounds from last year, at 244 pounds.

Pork production totaled 1.64 billion pounds, down 4 percent from the previous year. Hog slaughter totaled 8.16 million

head, down 4 percent from July 2010. The average live weight was down 1 pound from the previous year, at 268 pounds.

Lamb and mutton production, at 10.9 million pounds, was down 15 percent from July 2010. Sheep slaughter totaled 165 thousand head, 16 percent below last year. The average live weight was 133 pounds, up 3 pounds from July a year ago.

January to July 2011 commercial red meat production was 28.0 billion pounds, up 1 percent from 2010. Accumulated beef production was up 1 percent from last year, veal was down 3 percent, pork was up 1 percent from last year, and lamb and mutton production was down 9 percent.

July 2010 contained 22 weekdays (including one holiday) and 5 Saturdays.

July 2011 contained 21 weekdays (including one holiday) and 5 Saturdays.

COMMERCIAL SLAUGHTER, JULY 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	148.3	139.2	186,879	174,717	1,280	1,277
U.S. Total	2,899.2	2,765.8	3,678,847	3,506,045	1,273	1,272
CALVES						
California	18.4	17.8	1,924	1,937	106	109
U.S. Total	75.1	73.4	18,568	17,192	251	244
SHEEP & LAMBS						
California	27.0	21.6	3,764	3,025	139	140
U.S. Total	197.5	164.9	25,752	21,855	130	133
HOGS						
California	201.7	191.5	47,992	45,367	238	237
U.S. Total	8,469.0	8,158.5	2,275,193	2,186,630	269	268
RED MEAT						
	July 2010	June 2011	July 2011	July 2011	Jul 11 Jul 10	Jul 11 Jun 11
	Million Pounds			Percent		
California	144.0	152.1	135.2	94	89	
U.S.	3,955.5	4,218.4	3,793.4	96	90	

1/ Farm slaughter excluded.

HOG AND PIG INVENTORY, CANADA AND UNITED STATES 2010 - 2011 1/

Item	Canada July 1 Inventory 3/			United States June 1 Inventory 4/		
	2010	2011	2011 2010	2010	2011	2011 2010
	1,000 Head		Percent	1,000 Head		Percent
All Hogs & Pigs	11,800	11,895	101	64,650	65,000	101
Kept for Breeding 2/	1,315	1,299	99	5,788	5,803	100
Market	10,485	10,596	101	58,862	59,197	101
Sows Farrowed	703	678	96	2,929	2,877	98
Pig Crop	7,022	6,818	97	28,730	28,851	100

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 operations produced 3.55 billion pounds of milk in July 2011. This was 1 percent above June 2011 and 4 percent above July 2010.

Monthly milk per cow averaged 2,000 pounds, 20 pounds more than in June 2011, and 60 pounds more than a year ago.

MILK PRODUCTION, CALIFORNIA AND UNITED STATES

Month	CALIFORNIA						Total Milk Receipts 4/		UNITED STATES 1/					
	Milk Cows 2/		Milk Per Cow 3/		Milk Production 3/		2010	2011	Milk Cows 2/		Milk Per Cow 3/		Milk Production 3/	
	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	3,515	8,337	8,435	1,825	1,834	15,213	15,471
May	1,755	1,772	2,020	2,075	3,545	3,677	3,541	3,675	8,347	8,451	1,893	1,901	15,804	16,063
June 5/	1,754	1,774	1,935	1,980	3,394	3,513	3,391	3,508	8,356	8,460	1,817	1,819	15,186	15,389
July	1,753	1,775	1,940	2,000	3,401	3,550	3,397	3,508	8,375	8,468	1,829	1,824	15,316	15,445
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		3,270		3,265		8,373		1,722		14,421	
Dec.	1,748		1,930		3,374		3,361		8,387		1,791		15,025	

1/ Twenty-three state total.

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

3/ Excludes milk sucked by calves.

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

5/ Revised June 2011

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

Commodity	Unit	California			UNITED STATES		
		July 2010	June 2011	July 15, 2011	July 2010	June 2011	July 15, 2011
		Dollars					
All Hay, Baled 2/ 3/	Ton	114.00	224.00	221.00	112.00	163.00	170.00
Alfalfa, Baled 2/ 3/	Ton	118.00	237.00	232.00	117.00	180.00	189.00
Hogs 2/ 4/	Cwt.	---	---	---	58.50	69.70	71.60
Cows 2/ 5/ 6/	Cwt.	---	---	---	59.10	75.90	74.40
Steers and Heifers 6/	Cwt.	---	---	---	96.00	110.00	115.00
Calves 6/	Cwt.	---	---	---	122.00	133.00	142.00
Sheep 7/	Cwt.	---	---	---	43.80	50.80	---
Lambs 7/	Cwt.	---	---	---	122.00	189.00	---
Milk Cows 8/	Head	1,300.00	---	1,400.00	1,320.00	---	1,480.00
All Milk, Wholesale 2/ 9/	Cwt.	14.69	20.42	20.70	15.90	21.20	22.10

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 July 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.

9/ July 2011 Fat test percent: all milk; 3.59.

CALIFORNIA HAY PRICES: 2001-2011
Alfalfa and Other



Source: USDA, National Agricultural Statistics Service

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