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## CALIFORNIA CATTLE ON FEED

Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter in California feedlots totaled 490 thousand head on October 1, 2011, 3 percent above last month, and 10 percent above October 2010. During September, placements of 70.0 thousand head were 27 percent above the previous year. Marketings of 49.0 thousand head were 14 percent above September 2010. Other disappearance totaled 6.0 thousand head.

## UNITED STATES 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 October 1, 2011. The inventory was 5 percent above October 1, 2010. This is the second highest October 1 inventory since the series began in 1996. The inventory included 6.95 million steers and steer calves, up 5 percent from the previous year. This group accounted for 61 percent of the total inventory. Heifers and heifer calves accounted for 4.32 million head, up 5 percent from 2010.

Placements in feedlots during September totaled 2.47 million, slightly above 2010. Net placements were 2.40 million head. During September, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 685 thousand, 600-699 pounds were 415 thousand, 700-799 pounds were 504 thousand, and 800 pounds and greater were 865 thousand.

Marketings of fed cattle during September totaled 1.81 million, 1 percent above 2010.

Other disappearance totaled 74.0 thousand during September, 37 percent above 2010.

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

State	Number On Feed September 1/			Placed During September		Marketed During September	
	2010	2011	2011/2010	2010	2011	2010	2011
	1,000 Head		Percent	1,000 Head			
Arizona	240	283	118	22	19	21	21
California	435	475	109	55	70	43	49
Colorado	890	990	111	295	275	180	185
Idaho	190	195	103	57	67	41	41
Iowa	560	550	98	122	115	108	92
Kansas	2,200	2,210	100	510	500	370	375
Nebraska	2,050	2,010	98	540	560	360	350
Oklahoma	355	365	103	87	88	71	79
South Dakota	195	190	97	57	51	45	35
Texas	2,550	2,900	114	580	560	475	490
Washington	170	193	114	45	54	33	38
Other States	346	369	107	93	110	55	58
UNITED STATES	10,181	10,730	105	2,463	2,469	1,802	1,813

State	Other Disappearance During September 2/		Number On Feed October 1 1/		2011
	2010	2011	2010	2011	2010
	1,000 Head		1,000 Head		Percent
Arizona	1	1	240	280	117
California	2	6	445	490	110
Colorado	5	10	1,000	1,070	107
Idaho	1	1	205	220	107
Iowa	4	3	570	570	100
Kansas	10	15	2,330	2,320	100
Nebraska	10	10	2,220	2,210	100
Oklahoma	1	4	370	370	100
South Dakota	2	1	205	205	100
Texas	15	20	2,640	2,950	112
Washington	1	1	181	208	115
Other States	2	2	382	419	110
UNITED STATES	54	74	10,788	11,312	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 3.31 billion pounds of milk in September 2011. This was 5 percent below August 2011 and 1 percent above September 2010.

Monthly milk per cow averaged 1,865 pounds, 105 pounds less than in August 2011, and 15 pounds less than a year ago.

### MILK PRODUCTION, CALIFORNIA AND UNITED STATES

Month	CALIFORNIA						Total Milk		UNITED STATES 1/					
	Milk Cows 2/		Milk Per Cow 3/		Milk Production 3/		Receipts 4/		Milk Cows 2/		Milk Per Cow 3/		Milk Production 3/	
	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	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	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 5/	1,753	1,776	1,940	1,990	3,401	3,534	3,397	3,532	8,375	8,468	1,829	1,819	15,316	15,400
Aug.6/	1,753	1,777	1,940	1,970	3,401	3,501	3,401	3,498	8,369	8,471	1,792	1,812	14,998	15,347
Sept.	1,752	1,777	1,880	1,865	3,294	3,314	3,291		8,371	8,472	1,730	1,742	14,481	14,760
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, excludes heifers not yet fresh.

3/ Excludes milk sucked by calves.

4/ Milk receipts from California Department of Food and Agriculture, Dairy Marketing and Milk Pooling Branches. Excludes on-farm usage.

5/ Revised July 2011.

6/ Revised August 2011.

## UNITED STATES HOG INVENTORY UP 1 PERCENT

United States inventory of all hogs and pigs on September 1, 2011 was 66.6 million head. This was up 1 percent from September 1, 2010, and up 3 percent from June 1, 2011.

Breeding inventory, at 5.81 million head, was up 1 percent from last year, and up slightly from the previous quarter. Market hog inventory, at 60.8 million head, was up 1 percent from last year, and up 3 percent from last quarter.

The June-August 2011 pig crop, at 29.1 million head, was up 1 percent from 2010 and up 1 percent from 2009. Sows farrowing during this period totaled 2.90 million head, down 1 percent from 2010 and down 2 percent from 2009. The sows farrowed during this quarter represented 50 percent of the breeding herd. The average pigs saved per litter was a record high 10.0 for the June-August 2011 period, compared to 9.81 last year. Pigs saved per litter by size of operation ranged from 7.50 for operations with 1-99 hogs and pigs to 10.1 for operations with more than 5,000 hogs and pigs.

*Data for Canadian Hogs and Pigs will be published in the November 2011 Livestock Review.*

### UNITED STATES HOG AND PIG INVENTORY, 2010 - 2011 1/ 2/

Type	United States September 1 Inventory		
	2010	2011	<u>2011</u> 2010
	1,000 Head		Percent
All Hogs & Pigs	65,971	66,599	101
Kept for Breeding	5,770	5,806	101
Market	60,201	60,793	101
Sows Farrowed	2,944	2,901	99
Pig Crop	28,871	29,084	101

1/ Totals may not add due to rounding.

2/ Includes Boars.

\* Canadian Hog and Pig Data will be included in the November 2011 Livestock Review

## CALIFORNIA COMMERCIAL SLAUGHTER

California's production of red meat during September 2011 totaled 142.2 million pounds (dressed weight), 5 percent below the previous month, and 2 percent below September 2010. This figure includes slaughter in Federally-inspected and State-inspected plants, but excludes slaughter done on farms. In September 2011, the average live weight of cattle slaughtered was 1,264 pounds; calves 102 pounds and hogs 238 pounds, and sheep and lambs 139 pounds.

### LAMB AND MUTTON PRODUCTION AT RECORD LOW FOR SEPTEMBER

Commercial red meat production for the United States totaled 4.19 billion pounds in September, up 1 percent from the 4.16 billion pounds produced in September 2010.

Beef production, at 2.22 billion pounds, was 2 percent below the previous year. Cattle slaughter totaled 2.88 million head, down 1 percent from September 2010. The average live weight was down 11 pounds from the previous year, at 1,278 pounds.

Veal production totaled 10.7 million pounds, 5 percent below September a year ago. Calf slaughter totaled 73.8 thousand head, up 4 percent from September 2010. The average live weight was down 22 pounds from last year, at 252 pounds.

Pork production totaled 1.95 billion pounds, up 4 percent from the previous year. Hog slaughter totaled 9.69 million head, up 4 percent from September 2010. The average live weight was unchanged from the previous year, at 270 pounds.

Lamb and mutton production, at 11.8 million pounds, was down 10 percent from September 2010. Sheep slaughter totaled 177 thousand head, 14 percent below last year. The average live weight was 134 pounds, up 5 pounds from September a year ago.

January to September 2011 commercial red meat production was 36.5 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 2 percent from last year, and lamb and mutton production was down 8 percent.

September 2010 contained 22 weekdays (including 1 holiday) and 4 Saturdays. September 2011 contained 22 weekdays (including 1 holiday) and 4 Saturdays.

#### COMMERCIAL SLAUGHTER, SEPTEMBER 2010-2011 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	
<b>CATTLE</b>						
California	144.6	146.9	183,600	182,836	1,293	1,264
U.S. Total	2,897.4	2,876.2	3,722,456	3,664,311	1,289	1,278
<b>CALVES</b>						
California	17.3	18.7	1,810	1,870	105	102
U.S. Total	71.2	73.8	19,201	18,169	274	252
<b>SHEEP &amp; LAMBS</b>						
California	24.8	22.0	3,327	3,039	134	139
U.S. Total	204.7	177.0	26,288	23,665	129	134
<b>HOGS</b>						
California	213.4	209.3	51,292	49,829	241	238
U.S. Total	9,346.6	9,688.0	2,524,830	2,617,936	270	270
<b>RED MEAT</b>	September 2010	August 2011	September 2011	Sep 11 Sep 10	Sep 11 Aug 11	
	Million Pounds			Percent		
California	144.4	149.6	142.2	98	95	
U.S. Total	4,160.0	4,302.6	4,191.8	101	97	

1/ Farm slaughter excluded.

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

Commodity	Unit	California			United States		
		September 2010	August 2011	Sept. 15, 2011	September 2010	August 2011	Sept. 15, 2011
		Dollars					
All Hay, Baled 2/ 3/	Ton	123.00	223.00	226.00	112.00	172.00	176.00
Alfalfa, Baled 2/ 3/	Ton	128.00	235.00	237.00	119.00	191.00	196.00
Hogs 2/ 4/	Cwt.	---	---	---	61.00	75.80	66.70
Cows 2/ 5/ 6/	Cwt.	---	---	---	55.20	70.80	69.70
Steers and Heifers 2/ 6/	Cwt.	---	---	---	99.50	114.00	116.00
Calves 2/ 6/	Cwt.	---	---	---	118.00	134.00	133.00
Sheep 2/ 7/	Cwt.	---	---	---	48.70	66.80	---
Lambs 2/ 7/	Cwt.	---	---	---	135.00	189.00	---
Milk Cows 8/	Head	---	---	---	---	---	---
All Milk, Wholesale 2/	Cwt.	16.35	19.91	18.50	17.70	22.00	20.90

- 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 September 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 were discontinued. United States level cows, calves, steers & heifers, and beef cattle prices are 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 were discontinued. Sheep and Lamb prices for the United States are 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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