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CALIFORNIA CATTLE ON FEED

Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter in California feedlots totaled 495 thousand head on November 1, 2011, 3 percent above last month, and 8 percent above November 2010. During October, placements of 58.0 thousand head were 11 percent below the previous year. Marketings of 48.0 thousand head were unchanged from October 2010. Other disappearance totaled 5.0 thousand head.

UNITED STATES 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 11.9 million head on November 1, 2011. The inventory was 4 percent above November 1, 2010. This is the second highest November 1 inventory since the series began in 1996.

Placements in feedlots during October totaled 2.49 million, 1 percent below 2010. Net placements were 2.40 million head. During October, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 805 thousand, 600-699 pounds were 600 thousand, 700-799 pounds were 501 thousand, and 800 pounds and greater were 585 thousand.

Marketings of fed cattle during October totaled 1.79 million, 3 percent above 2010. Other disappearance totaled 93.0 thousand during October, 50 percent above 2010.

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

State	Number On Feed October 1 1/			Placed During October		Marketed During October	
	2010	2011	2011/2010	2010	2011	2010	2011
	1,000 Head		Percent	1,000 Head			
Arizona	240	280	117	32	32	20	19
California	445	490	110	65	58	48	48
Colorado	1,000	1,070	107	270	230	170	155
Idaho	205	220	107	53	55	37	48
Iowa	570	570	100	142	137	100	115
Kansas	2,330	2,320	100	435	425	350	345
Nebraska	2,220	2,210	100	580	665	370	390
Oklahoma	370	370	100	80	86	63	63
South Dakota	205	205	100	70	75	44	39
Texas	2,640	2,950	112	640	570	445	460
Washington	181	208	115	53	59	36	40
Other States	382	419	110	85	99	51	64
UNITED STATES	10,788	11,312	105	2,505	2,491	1,734	1,786

State	Other Disappearance During October 2/		Number On Feed November 1 1/		2011 2010
	2010	2011	2010	2011	
	1,000 Head		Percent		
Arizona	1	1	251	292	116
California	2	5	460	495	108
Colorado	10	5	1,090	1,140	105
Idaho	1	2	220	225	102
Iowa	2	2	610	590	97
Kansas	15	20	2,400	2,380	99
Nebraska	10	15	2,420	2,470	102
Oklahoma	2	3	385	390	101
South Dakota	1	1	230	240	104
Texas	15	30	2,820	3,030	107
Washington	1	1	197	226	115
Other States	2	8	414	446	108
UNITED STATES	62	93	11,497	11,924	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 October 2011 totaled 139.1 million pounds (dressed weight), 2 percent below the previous month, and 2 percent below September 2011. This figure includes slaughter in Federally-inspected and State-inspected plants, but excludes slaughter done on farms. In October 2011, the average live weight of cattle slaughtered was 1,274 pounds, sheep 136 pounds, calves 108 pounds, and hogs 242 pounds.

**RECORD LOWS IN OCTOBER
FOR VEAL, LAMB AND MUTTON PRODUCTION**

Commercial red meat production for the United States totaled 4.27 billion pounds in October, up slightly from the 4.26 billion pounds produced in October 2010.

Beef production, at 2.22 billion pounds, was 1 percent below the previous year. Cattle slaughter totaled 2.86 million head, down slightly from October 2010. The average live weight was down 9 pounds from the previous year, at 1,289 pounds.

Veal production totaled 10.5 million pounds, 8 percent below October a year ago. Calf slaughter totaled 72.6 thousand head, up 2 percent from October 2010. The average live weight was down 23 pounds from last year, at 252 pounds.

Pork production totaled 2.03 billion pounds, up 2 percent from the previous year. Hog slaughter totaled 9.91 million head, up 2 percent from October 2010. The average live weight was down 1 pound from the previous year, at 275 pounds.

Lamb and mutton production, at 11.7 million pounds, was down 11 percent from October 2010. Sheep slaughter totaled 174.6 thousand head, 14 percent below last year. The average live weight was 134 pounds, up 4 pounds from October a year ago.

January to October 2011 commercial red meat production was 40.8 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.

October 2010 contained 21 weekdays (including 1 holiday) and 5 Saturdays. October 2011 contained 21 weekdays (including 1 holiday) and 5 Saturdays.

OCTOBER COMMERCIAL SLAUGHTER 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	142.6	139.9	181,773	175,921	1,296	1,274
U.S. Total	2,862.1	2,857.0	3,700,942	3,671,294	1,298	1,289
CALVES						
California	16.0	16.9	1,697	1,798	107	108
U.S. Total	71.5	72.6	19,294	17,917	275	252
SHEEP & LAMBS						
California	24.5	22.1	3,327	3,008	136	136
U.S. Total	202.1	174.6	26,275	23,435	130	134
HOGS						
California	211.2	212.0	51,269	51,175	243	242
U.S. Total	9,732.2	9,906.4	2,684,878	2,726,869	276	275
RED MEAT	October 2010	September 2011	October 2011	Oct 11 Oct 10	Oct 11 Sept 11	
	Million Pounds			Percent		
	California	142.7	142.2	139.1	98	98
U.S. Total	4,262.2	4,191.8	4,270.9	100	102	

1/ Farm slaughter excluded.

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

Commodity	Unit	California			United States		
		October 2010	September 2011	Oct. 15, 2011	October 2010	September 2011	Oct. 15, 2011
		Dollars					
All Hay, Baled 2/ 3/	Ton	121.00	225.00	230.00	111.00	176.00	181.00
Alfalfa, Baled 2/ 3/	Ton	127.00	237.00	240.00	118.00	196.00	203.00
Hogs 2/ 4/	Cwt.	---	---	---	53.30	67.10	68.80
Cows 2/ 5/ 6/	Cwt.	---	---	---	52.50	67.30	63.30
Steers and Heifers 2/ 6/	Cwt.	---	---	---	98.90	117.00	121.00
Calves 2/ 6/	Cwt.	---	---	---	121.00	132.00	139.00
Sheep 2/ 7/	Cwt.	---	---	---	48.40	58.40	---
Lambs 2/ 7/	Cwt.	---	---	---	137.00	189.00	---
Milk Cows 6/ 8/	Head	1,300.00	---	1,400.00	1,330.00	---	1,480.00
All Milk, Wholesale 2/	Cwt.	16.93	18.99	18.00	18.50	21.10	19.90

- 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 October 2010 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.

CASH INCOME BY COMMODITY GROUPS, CALIFORNIA, 2008-2010

Source of Income	2008	2009	2010
	\$1,000		
LIVESTOCK, POULTRY AND PRODUCTS			
Aquaculture	52,813	57,049	63,211
Cattle and Calves	1,884,660	1,676,375	2,089,194
Chickens, All	724,667	691,518	721,724
Eggs	440,438	319,805	375,158
Hogs	33,217	24,771	36,063
Honey	25,520	16,284	42,853
Milk and Cream	6,924,121	4,537,171	5,928,150
Sheep and Lambs	30,717	39,767	66,060
Turkeys	252,416	202,800	259,978
Wool	3,702	2,372	3,960
Other Livestock/Poultry	250,465	293,836	259,363

Source of Income	2008	2009	2010
	\$1,000		
VEGETABLE CROPS	6,913,485	7,454,198	6,880,466
FRUIT AND NUT CROPS	11,180,992	12,117,869	13,495,410
FIELD CROPS	4,584,229	3,668,924	3,534,345
NURSERY, GREENHOUSE AND FLORICULTURE	3,741,559	3,446,979	3,757,121
CHRISTMAS TREES	10,701	4,312	7,900
TOTAL CASH INCOME FROM MARKETINGS	37,053,703	34,554,030	37,520,956
FARM RELATED INCOME 1/	2,683,691	2,929,694	3,335,141
GROSS CASH INCOME FROM FARMING	39,737,394	37,483,724	40,856,097

1/ Includes value of home consumption, value of inventory adjustments, machine hire and custom work, forest products sold, rental value of farm dwelling, government payments, and other miscellaneous farm income.

Source: USDA's Economic Research Service

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2011 USDA Certified Organic Production Survey

The 2011 USDA Certified Organic Production Survey gathers detailed production and marketing information for certified organic crops, livestock and agricultural products in the United States.

Your response will help shape key decisions and policies, such as:

- USDA's Risk Management Agency's Federal Crop Insurance Corporation (FCIC) will use the information published to provide better insurance coverage for organic crops.
- USDA's Natural Resources Conservation Service will use the data on agricultural products to enhance programs like the Environmental Quality Incentives Program.
- USDA's Foreign Agricultural Service will use the information to evaluate the potential expansion of the Market Access Program to allow for more exports of organic agricultural products.

NASS will survey all known USDA certified organic operators from December 2011 – April 2012. Producers are encouraged to respond online at www.agcounts.usda.gov. By law your information will be kept confidential.

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