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

Placements in feedlots during November totaled 2.04 million, 4 percent above 2010. Net placements were 1.94 million head. During November, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 755 thousand, 600-699 pounds were 499 thousand, 700-799 pounds were 375 thousand, and 800 pounds and greater were 410 thousand.

Marketings of fed cattle during November totaled 1.77 million, slightly below 2010.

Other disappearance totaled 102 thousand during November, 65 percent above 2010.

CALIFORNIA CATTLE ON FEED

Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter in California feedlots totaled 510 thousand head on December 1, 2011, 3 percent above last month, and 9 percent above December 2010. During November, placements of 68.0 thousand head were 1 percent below the previous year. Marketings of 48.0 thousand head were 13 percent lower than November 2010. Other disappearance totaled 5.0 thousand head.

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

State	Number On Feed November 1 1/			Placed During November		Marketed During November	
	2010	2011	2011/2010	2010	2011	2010	2011
	1,000 Head		Percent	1,000 Head			
Arizona	251	292	116	22	27	23	27
California	460	495	108	69	68	55	48
Colorado	1,090	1,140	105	155	175	150	145
Idaho	220	225	102	52	46	35	35
Iowa	610	570	93	114	138	90	95
Kansas	2,400	2,400	100	375	375	400	395
Nebraska	2,420	2,470	102	445	480	395	375
Oklahoma	385	390	101	60	60	63	61
South Dakota	230	240	104	62	70	36	41
Texas	2,820	3,020	107	475	475	440	450
Washington	197	226	115	54	54	36	43
Other States	414	446	108	76	71	51	55
UNITED STATES	11,497	11,914	104	1,959	2,039	1,774	1,770

State	Other Disappearance During November 2/		Number On Feed December 1 1/		
	2010	2011	2010	2011	2010
	1,000 Head		Percent		
Arizona	1	1	249	291	117
California	4	5	470	510	109
Colorado	5	10	1,090	1,160	106
Idaho	2	1	235	235	100
Iowa	4	3	630	610	97
Kansas	15	20	2,360	2,360	100
Nebraska	10	15	2,460	2,560	104
Oklahoma	2	4	380	385	101
South Dakota	1	4	255	265	104
Texas	15	35	2,840	3,010	106
Washington	1	1	214	236	110
Other States	2	3	437	459	105
UNITED STATES	62	102	11,620	12,081	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 November 2011 totaled 147.5 million pounds (dressed weight), 6 percent above the previous month, and slightly lower than last November. This figure includes slaughter in Federally-inspected and State-inspected plants, but excludes slaughter done on farms. In November 2011, the average live weight of cattle slaughtered was 1,291 pounds, calves 106 pounds, and hogs 244 pounds.

January to November 2011 commercial red meat production was 45.0 billion pounds, up 1 percent from 2010. Accumulated beef production was up slightly from last year, veal was down 3 percent, pork was up 2 percent from last year, and lamb and mutton production was down 9 percent.

November 2010 contained 22 weekdays (including 2 holidays) and 4 Saturdays. November 2011 contained 22 weekdays (including 2 holidays) and 4 Saturdays.

NOVEMBER PORK PRODUCTION AT RECORD HIGH

Commercial red meat production for the United States totaled 4.26 billion pounds in November, down 2 percent from the 4.33 billion pounds produced in November 2010.

Beef production, at 2.15 billion pounds, was 4 percent below the previous year. Cattle slaughter totaled 2.79 million head, down 3 percent from November 2010. The average live weight was down 6 pounds from the previous year, at 1,293 pounds.

Veal production totaled 10.8 million pounds, 5 percent below November a year ago. Calf slaughter totaled 73.0 thousand head, up slightly from November 2010. The average live weight was down 14 pounds from last year, at 255 pounds.

Pork production totaled 2.09 billion pounds, up 1 percent from the previous year. Hog slaughter totaled 10.04 million head, up 1 percent from November 2010. The average live weight was unchanged from the previous year, at 278 pounds.

Lamb and mutton production, at 12.6 million pounds, was down 12 percent from November 2010. Sheep slaughter totaled 187 thousand head, 15 percent below last year. The average live weight was 135 pounds, up 4 pounds from November a year ago.

COMMERCIAL SLAUGHTER, NOVEMBER 2010-11 a/

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	149.7	150.8	191,461	192,114	1,300	1,291
U.S. Total	2,876.3	2,785.6	3,723,819	3,590,900	1,299	1,293
CALVES						
California	15.5	15.9	1,697	1,674	111	106
U.S. Total	73.0	73.0	19,161	18,339	269	255
SHEEP & LAMBS						
California	25.7	23.3	3,350	3,196	131	137
U.S. Total	218.8	186.7	28,702	25,225	131	135
HOGS						
California	212.3	207.8	51,666	50,661	244	244
U.S. Total	9,971.5	10,043.0	2,770,613	2,794,976	278	278
RED MEAT	November 2010	October 2011	November 2011	Nov 10 Nov 10	Nov 10 Oct 11	
	Million Pounds			Percent		
California	148.1	139.1	147.5	100	106	
U.S. Total	4,329.3	4,270.8	4,259.7	98	100	

a/ Farm slaughter excluded.
(D) Withheld to avoid disclosing data for individual operations.

FEDERALLY INSPECTED SLAUGHTER BY REGIONS AND UNITED STATES, JANUARY - NOVEMBER 2011 1/

Standard Federal Regions	Cattle							
	Total 2/	Steers	Heifers	Cows			Bulls & Stags	Calves Total 2/
				All	Dairy	Other		
	1,000 Head							
1	14.7	6.7	3.3	2.6	1.5	1.1	2.1	14.9
2	67.4	21.2	5.9	35.1	29.7	5.4	5.2	167.7
3	932.9	331.1	88.5	490.9	391.4	99.6	22.3	108.5
4	807.0	22.9	9.7	670.6	159.2	511.3	103.9	6.0
5	3,768.0	1,629.5	401.9	1,625.4	912.6	712.8	111.2	244.1
6	6,276.4	3,031.3	1,889.0	1,234.3	186.6	1,047.7	121.9	17.1
7	12,752.0	7,057.3	4,944.6	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	0.6
8	2,956.9	1,600.2	1,133.5	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	-
9	2,137.3	959.2	198.3	937.0	734.5	202.5	42.7	187.8
10	1,135.6	564.7	305.2	242.9	146.9	96.0	22.8	20.3
U.S. 2/	30,848.2	15,224.2	8,979.7	6,110.2	2,652.1	3,458.1	534.1	766.9
Standard Federal Regions	Hogs				Sheep			
	Total 2/	Barrows & Gilts	Sows	Stags & Boars	Total	Mature Sheep	Lambs & Yearlings	
								1,000 Head
	1	19.0	18.4	0.3	0.2	24.4	2.9	21.6
2	124.0	121.9	(D)	(D)	135.4	18.3	117.1	
3	4,699.1	4,681.3	(D)	(D)	87.6	5.0	82.7	
4	14,069.1	13,246.1	780.7	42.2	39.1	9.4	29.7	
5	27,130.9	25,897.7	1,176.2	57.0	291.9	32.9	259.0	
6	5,561.2	5,366.7	194.0	0.6	30.3	16.2	14.1	
7	41,565.2	40,772.6	600.2	192.4	54.7	2.5	52.2	
8	4,401.7	4,399.6	2.1	0.1	890.0	37.0	853.0	
9	2,229.1	2,228.4	0.6	0.1	255.1	4.7	250.4	
10	289.7	289.1	0.5	0.1	24.4	1.5	22.8	
U.S. 2/	100,088.9	97,021.6	2,767.4	299.8	1,833.0	130.4	1,702.6	

1/ States included in regions are as follows: 1--CT, ME, NH, VT, MA & RI; 2--NY & NJ; 3--DE-MD, PA, WV & VA; 4--AL, FL, GA, KY, MS, NC, SC & TN; 5--IL, IN, MI, MN, OH & WI; 6--AR, LA, NM, OK & TX; 7--IA, KS, MO & NE; 8--CO, MT, ND, SD, UT & WY; 9--AZ, CA, HI & NV; 10--AK, ID, OR & WA.
2/ Regions with no data printed are still included in the US and Region total; data not printed to avoid disclosing individual operations. Totals may not add due to rounding.
(D) Withheld to avoid disclosing data for individual operations.

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

Commodity	Unit	California			United States		
		November 2010	October 2011	Nov. 15, 2011	November 2010	October 2011	Nov. 15, 2011
Dollars							
All Hay, Baled 2/ 3/	Ton	129.00	230.00	228.00	110.00	181.00	176.00
Alfalfa, Baled 2/ 3/	Ton	135.00	240.00	239.00	117.00	203.00	198.00
Hogs 2/ 4/	Cwt.	---	---	---	47.80	68.70	65.70
Cows 2/ 5/ 6/	Cwt.	---	---	---	51.50	65.00	65.70
Steers and Heifers 2/ 6/	Cwt.	---	---	---	101.00	122.00	125.00
Calves 2/ 6/	Cwt.	---	---	---	125.00	145.00	152.00
Sheep 2/ 7/	Cwt.	---	---	---	54.20	---	---
Lambs 2/ 7/	Cwt.	---	---	---	142.00	---	---
Milk Cows 8/	Head	---	1,400.00	---	---	1,480.00	---
All Milk, Wholesale 2/	Cwt.	15.86	18.09	18.40	17.90	19.90	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 November 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 the November Agricultural Prices release, US Sheep and Lamb prices are no longer being published.
- 8/ Animals sold for dairy herd replacement only. Prices published January, April, July, and October.

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