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U.S. CATTLE ON FEED UP 2 PERCENT

Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter market in the U.S. for feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head totaled 11.8 million head on February 1, 2012. The inventory was 2 percent above February 1, 2011.

Placements in feedlots during January totaled 1.85 million, 2 percent below 2011. Net placements were 1.77 million head. During January, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 445 thousand, 600-699 pounds were 430 thousand, 700-799 pounds were 525 thousand, and 800 pounds and greater were 447 thousand.

Marketings of fed cattle during January totaled 1.82 million, 2 percent above 2011.

Other disappearance totaled 81.0 thousand during January, 42 percent above 2011.

CALIFORNIA CATTLE ON FEED

Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter in California feedlots totaled 505 thousand head on February 1, 2012, one percent below last month, and 7 percent above February 2011. During January, placements of 55.0 thousand head were 2 percent above the previous year. Marketings of 57.0 thousand head were 12 percent higher than January 2011. Other disappearance totaled 3.0 thousand head.

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

State	Number On Feed January 1 1/			Placed During January		Marketed During January	
	2011	2012	2012/2011	2011	2012	2011	2012
	1,000 Head		Percent	1,000 Head			
Arizona	258	279	108	36	28	27	30
California	470	510	109	54	55	51	57
Colorado	1,080	1,150	106	185	190	190	190
Idaho	240	230	96	31	47	40	41
Iowa	640	620	97	93	103	69	70
Kansas	2,280	2,250	99	435	410	435	415
Nebraska	2,430	2,550	105	430	430	385	395
Oklahoma	375	375	100	66	50	64	68
South Dakota	260	260	100	51	45	40	44
Texas	2,840	2,940	104	430	400	390	415
Washington	209	232	111	31	35	30	39
Other States	432	465	108	47	54	53	52
UNITED STATES	11,514	11,861	103	1,889	1,847	1,774	1,816

State	Other Disappearance During January 2/		Number On Feed February 1 1/		2012
	2011	2012	2011	2012	2011
	1,000 Head		1,000 Head		Percent
Arizona	1	1	266	276	104
California	3	3	470	505	107
Colorado	5	10	1,070	1,140	107
Idaho	1	1	230	235	102
Iowa	4	3	660	650	98
Kansas	10	15	2,270	2,230	98
Nebraska	15	15	2,460	2,570	104
Oklahoma	2	2	375	355	95
South Dakota	1	1	270	260	96
Texas	10	25	2,870	2,900	101
Washington	2	1	207	227	110
Other States 4/	3	4	423	463	109
UNITED STATES	57	81	11,571	11,811	102

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 CATTLE AND CALF INVENTORY

All cattle and calves in California as of January 1, 2012 totaled 5.35 million head, 3 percent above the previous year. Beef cows, with 620 thousand head, were 3 percent above the previous year, and milk cows increased 2 percent to 1.78 million head. All heifers weighing more than 500 pounds were estimated at 1.15 million head, 6 percent above the previous year. Steers 500 pounds and over totaled 630 thousand head, 7 percent above last year. Bulls in the same weight category totaled 70.0 thousand head, unchanged from last year. Calves weighing less than 500 pounds, at 1.10 million head, were also unchanged from a year ago.

ALL CATTLE AND CALVES

TWELVE SELECTED STATES AND U.S. AS OF JANUARY 1

State	2011	2012	<u>2012</u>
	1,000 Head		Percent
Arizona	870	920	106
California	5,200	5,350	103
Colorado	2,650	2,750	104
Idaho	2,220	2,220	100
Iowa	3,900	3,900	100
Kansas	6,300	6,100	97
Nebraska	6,200	6,450	104
New Mexico	1,540	1,390	90
Oklahoma	5,100	4,500	88
South Dakota	3,700	3,650	99
Texas	13,300	11,900	89
Washington	1,090	1,110	102
UNITED STATES	92,682	90,769	98

JANUARY 1 U.S. CATTLE INVENTORY DOWN 2 PERCENT

All cattle and calves in the United States as of January 1, 2012 totaled 90.8 million head, 2 percent below the 92.7 million on January 1, 2011. This is the lowest January 1 inventory of all cattle and calves since the 88.1 million on hand in 1952.

All cows and heifers that have calved, at 39.1 million, were down 2 percent from the 40.0 million on January 1, 2011.

- Beef cows, at 29.9 million, were down 3 percent from January 1, 2011.
- Milk cows, at 9.2 million, were up 1 percent from January 1, 2011.

Other class estimates on January 1, 2012 and the change from January 1, 2011, are as follows:

- All heifers 500 pounds and over, 19.4 million, down 1 percent.
- Beef replacement heifers, 5.2 million, up 1 percent.
- Milk replacement heifers, 4.5 million, down 1 percent.
- Other heifers, 9.6 million, down 2 percent.
- Steers weighing 500 pounds and over, 16.1 million, down 2 percent.
- Bulls weighing 500 pounds and over, 2.1 million, down 5 percent.
- Calves under 500 pounds, 14.1 million, down 3 percent.
- Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter in all feedlots, 14.1 million, up 1 percent.
- The combined total of calves under 500 pounds, and other heifers and steers over 500 pounds outside of feedlots was 25.7 million, down 4 percent.

U.S. CALF CROP DOWN 1 PERCENT

The 2011 calf crop was estimated at 35.3 million head, down 1 percent from 2010. This is the smallest calf crop since the 34.9 million born during 1950. Calves born during the first half of 2011 are estimated at 25.7 million, down 1 percent from 2010.

CATTLE AND CALVES BY CLASSES FOR CALIFORNIA, UNITED STATES, AND CANADA, JANUARY 1, 2011-12 1/

Class	California 2/			United States 2/			Canada 3/		
	2011	2012	2012/2011	2011	2012	2012/2011	2011	2012	2012/2011
	Thousands		Percent	Thousands		Percent	Thousands		Percent
All Cattle and Calves	5,200	5,350	103	92,682	90,769	98	12,457	12,515	100
All Cows:	2,350	2,400	102	39,999	39,112	98	5,256	5,214	99
Beef	600	620	103	30,850	29,883	97	4,273	4,228	99
Milk	1,750	1,780	102	9,150	9,230	101	983	985	100
Heifers 500 Lbs. + 4/	1,090	1,150	106	19,576	19,388	99	1,819	1,838	101
Beef Replacement	110	110	100	5,139	5,212	101	532	554	104
Milk Replacement	760	800	105	4,568	4,527	99	443	444	100
Other Heifers	220	240	109	9,869	9,649	98	844	840	99
Steers 500 Lbs. + 5/	590	630	107	16,397	16,072	98	1,082	1,098	102
Bulls 500 Lbs. + 6/	70	70	100	2,155	2,052	95	222	221	100
Calves Less Than 500 Lbs. 7/	1,100	1,100	100	14,555	14,145	97	4,078	4,144	102
	2011	2012	2012/2011	2011	2012	2012/2011	2011	2012	2012/2011
Calf Crop 8/	2,030	---	---	35,313	---	---	4,662	---	---

- 1/ Totals may not add due to rounding.
- 2/ Source: National Agricultural Statistics Service.
- 3/ Source: Livestock and Animal Products Section, Statistics Canada.
- 4/ Heifers one year and over for Canada.
- 5/ Steers one year and over for Canada.
- 6/ Bulls one year and over for Canada.
- 7/ Calves one year and over for Canada.
- 8/ January-December calf crop.

FARM PRICES: AVERAGE PRICE RECEIVED BY FARMERS, CALIFORNIA AND U.S. 1/ 2/

Commodity	Unit	California			United States		
		January 2011	December 2011	Jan. 15, 2012	January 2011	December 2011	Jan. 15, 2012
		Dollars					
All Hay, Baled 3/ 4/	Ton	151.00	233.00	238.00	112.00	177.00	172.00
Alfalfa, Baled 3/ 4/	Ton	161.00	240.00	243.00	121.00	199.00	192.00
Hogs 3/ 5/ 6/	Cwt.	---	---	---	55.80	63.50	62.40
Cows 3/ 7/ 8/	Cwt.	---	---	---	65.00	70.50	73.80
Steers and Heifers 3/ 8/	Cwt.	---	---	---	110.00	126.00	129.00
Calves 3/ 8/	Cwt.	---	---	---	136.00	157.00	166.00
Milk Cows 9/	Head	1,200.00	---	1,400.00	1,300.00	---	1,460.00
All Milk, Wholesale 3/	Cwt.	15.35	17.80	17.30	16.70	19.80	19.20

- 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/ US Sheep and Lamb prices are no longer being published beginning with the November 2011 Agricultural Prices release. Beginning with January 2011, State level sheep and lamb prices were discontinued.
- 3/ Previous month revised to monthly average.
- 4/ California's January 2012 prices are for the full month.
- 5/ Prices include barrows, gilts, and sows.
- 6/ State prices for hogs discontinued beginning December 2010.
- 7/ Beef cows and cull dairy cows sold for slaughter.
- 8/ Beginning in January 2011, state level cows, calves, steers & heifers, and beef cattle prices were discontinued.
- 9/ Animals sold for dairy herd replacement only. Prices published January, April, July and October.

CALIFORNIA AND U.S. GOATS

California's goat inventory on January 1, 2012 for angora goats totaled 3.50 thousand head, milk goats totaled 41.0 thousand head, and meat and other goats totaled 96.5 thousand head.

U.S. meat and all other goats totaled 2.36 million head on January 1, 2012, down 4 percent from 2011. Milk goat inventory remained unchanged from last year at 360 thousand head, while Angora goats were down 15 percent, totaling 146 thousand head.

JANUARY 1 GOAT NUMBERS BY CLASS FOR SIXTEEN SELECTED STATES AND U.S.

State	Angora Goats		Milk Goats		Meat and Other Goats	
	2011	2012	2011	2012	2011	2012
	Head					
Arizona	25,000	23,000	2,000	3,000	35,000	29,000
California	3,500	3,500	38,000	41,000	100,000	96,500
Colorado	1,000	1,000	8,200	11,000	35,000	39,000
Georgia	---	---	3,000	2,900	75,000	65,100
Idaho	---	---	3,500	4,000	12,700	12,300
Michigan	---	---	10,800	10,000	14,500	18,000
Minnesota	1,000	1,000	12,000	11,500	25,000	23,500
Missouri	1,300	1,500	11,000	9,000	80,000	83,500
Nebraska	---	---	2,900	3,100	22,000	20,000
New England 1/	1,300	1,100	12,700	11,100	13,000	12,400
New Mexico	11,500	11,500	2,800	2,800	15,000	13,000
New York	---	---	13,000	12,800	30,000	27,000
Ohio	1,000	(D)	8,000	10,000	59,000	65,500
Oklahoma	---	---	6,000	7,000	91,000	91,000
Oregon	2,100	2,400	9,100	10,700	27,000	25,000
Texas	110,000	85,000	20,000	20,000	950,000	850,000
Washington	---	---	8,500	6,700	26,000	25,000
Wisconsin	1,000	(D)	50,000	44,000	17,000	21,000
UNITED STATES	172,000	146,000	360,000	360,000	2,464,000	2,356,000

- 1/ New England includes CT, ME, MA, NH, RI, and VT.
- (D) Withheld to avoid disclosing data for individual operations.

CALIFORNIA SHEEP AND LAMB INVENTORY

The inventory of all sheep and lambs in California totaled 570 thousand head on January 1, 2012, 5 percent below last year.

Breeding sheep and lambs totaled 320 thousand head, 3 percent below January 1, 2011.

Market sheep and lambs totaled 250 thousand head, 7 percent below January 1, 2011. Market lambs comprised 98 percent of the total.

U.S. ALL SHEEP AND LAMB INVENTORY DOWN 2 PERCENT

All sheep and lamb inventory in the United States on January 1, 2012, totaled 5.35 million head, down 2 percent from 2011.

Breeding sheep inventory decreased to 3.98 million head on January 1, 2012, down 3 percent from 4.08 million head on January 1, 2011. Ewes one year old and older, at 3.16 million head, were 2 percent below last year.

Market sheep and lambs on January 1, 2012, totaled 1.37 million head, down 2 percent from January 1, 2011. Market lambs comprised 94 percent of the total market inventory. Twenty-two percent were lambs under 65 pounds, 12 percent were 65 - 84 pounds, 22 percent were 85 - 105 pounds, and 38 percent were over 105 pounds. Market sheep comprised the remaining 6 percent of total market inventory.

The 2011 lamb crop of 3.51 million head was down 2 percent from 2010. The 2011 lambing rate was 109 lambs per 100 ewes one year old and older on January 1, 2011, an increase of 2 percent from 2010.

JANUARY 1 SHEEP AND LAMB INVENTORY FOR SIXTEEN SELECTED STATES AND U.S.

State	All Sheep and Lambs			Breeding Sheep and Lambs		Market Sheep and Lambs	
	2011	2012	2012/2011	2011	2012	2011	2012
	1,000 Head		Percent	1,000 Head		1,000 Head	
Arizona	150	140	93	100	97	50	43
California	600	570	95	330	320	270	250
Colorado	370	460	124	175	190	195	270
Idaho	235	240	102	183	199	52	41
Iowa	200	195	98	127	143	73	52
Kansas	70	70	100	43	44	27	26
Minnesota	130	150	115	95	106	35	44
Montana	230	225	98	215	210	15	15
New Mexico	110	100	91	95	89	15	11
North Dakota	78	73	94	61	57	17	16
Ohio	129	126	98	102	102	27	24
Oregon	215	200	93	148	140	67	60
South Dakota	265	285	108	210	225	55	60
Texas	850	650	76	680	520	170	130
Utah	280	305	109	255	280	25	25
Wyoming	365	370	101	275	270	90	100
U.S. TOTAL	5,480	5,345	98	4,080	3,975	1,400	1,370

WOOL PRODUCTION

Shorn wool production in California during 2011 was 2.90 million pounds, down 3 percent from 2010. Sheep and lambs shorn, at 470 thousand head, was 4 percent below the previous year. The average price paid for wool sold in 2011 was \$1.70 per pound for a total value of \$4.93 million dollars, compared to \$3.75 million dollars in 2010.

Shorn wool production in the United States during 2011 was 29.3 million pounds, down 4 percent from 2010. Sheep and lambs shorn totaled 4.03 million head, also down 4 percent from 2010. The average price paid for wool sold in 2011 was a record high \$1.67 per pound for a total value of 48.9 million dollars, up 40 percent from 35.0 million dollars in 2010.

WOOL PRODUCTION AND VALUE, SELECTED STATES AND U.S.

State	Sheep Shorn		Weight Per Fleece		Production		Price Per Pound		Value 1/	
	2010	2011	2010	2011	2010	2011	2010	2011	2010	2011
	1,000 Head		Lbs.		1,000 Lbs.		Dollars		\$1,000	
California	490	470	6.1	6.2	3,000	2,900	1.25	1.70	3,750	4,930
Colorado	345	370	7.2	7.0	2,500	2,600	1.49	2.15	3,725	5,590
Iowa	200	190	5.0	5.3	1,000	1,000	0.29	0.58	290	580
Montana	215	200	9.3	9.3	2,000	1,850	1.60	2.40	3,200	4,440
New Mexico	95	90	7.8	7.8	740	700	1.50	1.85	1,110	1,295
Oregon	174	166	6.4	6.6	1,120	1,100	0.86	1.70	963	1,870
South Dakota	240	260	7.8	7.6	1,870	1,970	1.11	1.84	2,076	3,625
Texas	490	360	7.0	7.2	3,450	2,600	1.58	2.21	5,451	5,746
Utah	260	275	8.5	8.7	2,220	2,400	1.20	1.90	2,664	4,560
Wyoming	285	275	9.1	8.9	2,600	2,450	1.73	2.57	4,498	6,297
UNITED STATES 2/	4,180	4,030	7.3	7.3	30,370	29,290	1.15	1.67	35,018	48,925

1/ Production multiplied by marketing-year average price for individual states. U.S. value is the summation of state values and may not add due to rounding.

2/ U.S. Values may not add due to rounding.

CALIFORNIA COMMERCIAL SLAUGHTER

California's production of red meat during January 2012 totaled 141.5 million pounds (dressed weight), 4 percent lower than the previous month, and 1 percent lower than last January. This figure includes slaughter in Federally-inspected and State-inspected plants, but excludes slaughter done on farms. In January 2012, the average live weight of cattle slaughtered was 1,292 pounds, calves 106 pounds, sheep & lambs 145 pounds, and hogs 238 pounds.

JANUARY PORK PRODUCTION 5 PERCENT ABOVE LAST YEAR

Commercial red meat production for the United States totaled 4.12 billion pounds in January, up 2 percent from the 4.04 billion pounds produced in January 2011.

Beef production, at 2.11 billion pounds, was slightly below the previous year. Cattle slaughter totaled 2.72 million head, down 1 percent from January 2011. The average live weight was down 1 pound from the previous year, at 1,300 pounds.

Veal production totaled 10.4 million pounds, 3 percent below January 2011. Calf slaughter totaled 67.7 thousand head, 6 percent below January 2011. The average live weight was unchanged from last year, at 262 pounds.

Pork production totaled 1.99 billion pounds, 5 percent above the previous year. Hog slaughter totaled 9.54 million head, 5 percent above January 2011. The average live weight was unchanged from the previous year, at 278 pounds.

Lamb and mutton production, at 12.1 million pounds, was 8 percent above January 2011. Sheep slaughter totaled 165 thousand head, 2 percent above last year. The average live weight was 147 pounds, up 8 pounds from January a year ago.

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

January 2012 contained 22 weekdays (including 2 holidays) and 4 Saturdays.

COMMERCIAL SLAUGHTER, JANUARY 2011-12 1/

Species and Location	Number Slaughtered		Total Live Weight		Average Live Weight	
	2011	2012	2011	2012	2011	2012
	1,000 Head		1,000 Pounds		Pounds	
CATTLE						
California	146.5	139.3	185,612	178,809	1,290	1,292
U.S.	2,735.3	2,715.7	3,544,887	3,523,506	1,301	1,300
CALVES						
California	17.9	16.0	1,882	1,688	106	106
U.S.	71.8	67.7	18,278	17,659	262	262
SHEEP & LAMBS						
California	20.7	25.5	2,900	3,682	140	145
U.S.	161.1	164.8	22,301	24,208	139	147
HOGS						
California	211.1	212.3	49,945	50,527	237	238
U.S.	9,104.6	9,537.7	2,530,012	2,653,475	278	278
RED MEAT						
	January 2011	December 2011	January 2012	Jan 12 Jan 11	Jan 12 Dec 11	
	Million Pounds			Percent		
California	142.9	146.8	141.5	99	96	
U.S.	4,042.0	4,216.4	4,123.4	102	98	

1/ Farm slaughter excluded.

CALIFORNIA GRAZING FEES ANNUAL AVERAGE RATES 1/

Year	Per Animal Unit 2/	Cow-Calf	
		Dollars Per Month	
1996	10.10	12.20	11.90
1997	10.60	13.00	12.00
1998	11.50	14.50	12.90
1999	12.10	15.00	12.50
2000	12.30	15.50	12.70
2001	13.00	16.00	13.50
2002	12.80	16.50	14.00
2003	13.50	17.50	14.30
2004	14.50	19.50	15.50
2005	15.40	20.50	17.00
2006	16.50	21.00	17.00
2007	16.50	21.50	17.30
2008	17.80	22.10	18.50
2009	16.70	21.00	17.50
2010	16.40	20.50	17.00
2011	17.30	21.50	18.20

1/ The average rates are estimates based on survey indications of monthly lease rates for private, non-irrigated grazing land from the January Cattle Survey.

2/ Includes animal unit plus cow-calf rates. Cow-calf rate converted to animal unit (AUM) using (1 aum=cow-calf *0.833).

HOG AND PIG INVENTORY, CANADA AND UNITED STATES 1/ 2/

Type	Canada January 1 Inventory 3/			United States December 1 Inventory 4/		
	2011	2012	2012/2011	2010	2011	2011/2010
	1,000 Head					
All Hogs & Pigs	11,895	12,020	101	64,925	65,931	102
Kept for Breeding	1,312	1,312	100	5,778	5,803	100
Market	10,583	10,708	101	59,147	60,128	102
Sows Farrowed	713	720	101	2,881	2,894	100
Pig Crop	7,131	7,423	104	28,488	29,014	102

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

CATFISH FOODSIZE SALES, CALIFORNIA AND UNITED STATES, 2010-11

State	Number Of Fish		Live Weight				Average Price Per Pound		Total Sales	
			Average Per Fish		Total		2010	2011	2010	2011
	2010	2011	2010	2011	2010	2011				
	1,000 Fish		Pounds		1,000 Pounds		Dollars		\$1,000	
California	2,110	1,360	1.5	2.1	3,100	2,850	2.13	2.94	6,603	8,379
U.S.	263,420	202,080	1.8	1.7	478,850	348,200	0.78	1.12	375,078	390,977

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