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The inventory included 6.74 million steers and steer calves, up 4 percent from the previous year. This group accounted for 63 percent of the total inventory. Heifers and heifer calves accounted for 3.92 million head, up 1 percent from 2011.

Placements in feedlots during June totaled 1.66 million, 2 percent below 2011. Net placements were 1.60 million head. During June, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 460 thousand, 600-699 pounds were 320 thousand, 700-799 pounds were 390 thousand, and 800 pounds and greater were 494 thousand.

Marketings of fed cattle during June totaled 1.97 million, 6 percent below 2011. This is the lowest fed cattle marketings for the month of June since the series began in 1996.

Other disappearance totaled 66.0 thousand during June, 8 percent below 2011.

CALIFORNIA CATTLE ON FEED

Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter in California feedlots totaled 480 thousand head on July 1, 2012, 2 percent below last month, and 2 percent above July 2011. During June, placements of 49.0 thousand head were 30 percent below the previous year. Marketings of 56.0 thousand head were down 3 percent from June 2011. Other disappearance totaled 3.0 thousand head.

U.S. CATTLE ON FEED UP 3 PERCENT

Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter market in the U.S. for feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head totaled 10.7 million head on July 1, 2012. The inventory was 3 percent above July 1, 2011.

U.S. ALL CATTLE ON FEED UP 1 PERCENT

Cattle on feed July 1, 2012, from all feedlots in the U.S., totaled 12.3 million, up 1 percent from the 12.2 million on July 1, 2011. Cattle on feed in feedlots with 1,000 or more head accounted for 87 percent of the total cattle on feed on July 1, 2012, up from 86 percent last year.

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

State	Number On Feed June 1 1/			Placed During June		Marketed During June	
	2011	2012	2012/2011	2011	2012	2011	2012
	1,000 Head		Percent	1,000 Head			
Arizona	290	282	97	25	28	27	30
California	460	490	107	70	49	58	56
Colorado	1,080	1,020	94	105	125	175	170
Idaho	230	210	91	34	34	47	43
Iowa	610	640	105	64	61	80	77
Kansas	2,110	2,090	99	390	390	460	415
Nebraska	2,190	2,360	108	310	385	465	465
Oklahoma	355	320	90	62	53	65	51
South Dakota	235	230	98	31	28	46	47
Texas	2,760	2,770	100	500	420	560	500
Washington	193	220	114	41	36	39	45
Other States	389	445	114	63	55	70	66
UNITED STATES	10,902	11,077	102	1,695	1,664	2,092	1,965

State	Other Disappearance During June 2/		Number On Feed July 1 1/		2012
	2011	2012	2011	2012	2011
	1,000 Head		1,000 Head		Percent
Arizona	1	1	287	279	97
California	2	3	470	480	102
Colorado	10	5	1,000	970	97
Idaho	2	1	215	200	93
Iowa	4	4	590	620	105
Kansas	10	15	2,030	2,050	101
Nebraska	15	10	2,020	2,270	112
Oklahoma	2	2	350	320	91
South Dakota	10	1	210	210	100
Texas	10	20	2,690	2,670	99
Washington	3	1	192	210	109
Other States	3	3	379	431	114
UNITED STATES	72	66	10,433	10,710	103

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.

U.S. HOG INVENTORY UP 1 PERCENT

U.S. inventory of all hogs and pigs on June 1, 2012 was 65.8 million head. This was up 1 percent from June 1, 2011, and up 1 percent from March 1, 2012.

Breeding inventory, at 5.86 million head, was up 1 percent from last year, and up 1 percent from the previous quarter. Market hog inventory, at 60.0 million head, was up 1 percent from last year, and up 1 percent from last quarter.

The March - May 2012 pig crop, at 29.4 million head, was up 1 percent from 2011. Sows farrowing during this period totaled 2.92 million head, up slightly from 2011. The sows farrowed during this quarter represented 50 percent of the breeding herd. The average pigs saved per litter was a record high 10.09 for the March-May period, compared to 10.03 last year. Pigs saved per litter by size of operation ranged from 7.50 for operations with 1-99 hogs and pigs, to 10.20 for operations with more than 5,000 hogs and pigs.

U.S. HOG AND PIG INVENTORY, JUNE 1, 2011-12

Item	2011	2012	<u>2012</u> 2011
	1,000 Head		Percent
June 1 Inventory			
All Hogs and Pigs 1/	65,32	65,829	101
Kept for Breeding	5,803	5,862	101
Market	59,51	59,967	101
Market Hogs and Pigs By Weight Groups:			
Under 50 Pounds	19,54	19,558	100
50-119 Pounds	17,32	17,531	101
120-179 Pounds	12,17	12,348	101
180 Pounds and Over	10,47	10,530	100

1/ May not add due to rounding.

CALIFORNIA MILK PRODUCTION

California milk producers produced 3.52 billion pounds of milk in June 2012. This was 6 percent below May 2012 and slightly above June 2011.

Monthly milk per cow averaged 1,975 pounds, 125 pounds less than in May 2012, and 10 pounds less than a year ago.

MILK PRODUCTION, CALIFORNIA AND UNITED STATES

Month	CALIFORNIA 1/						Total Milk		UNITED STATES 2/					
	Milk Cows 3/		Milk Per Cow 4/		Milk Production 4/		Receipts 5/		Milk Cows 3/		Milk Per Cow 4/		Milk Production 4/	
	2011	2012	2011	2012	2011	2012	2011	2012	2011	2012	2011	2012	2011	2012
	1,000 Head		Pounds		Million Pounds		Million Pounds		1,000 Head		Pounds		Million Pounds	
Jan.	1,752	1,782	1,935	2,030	3,390	3,617	3,388	3,617	8,405	8,502	1,811	1,859	15,219	15,806
Feb.	1,756	1,784	1,800	1,965	3,161	3,506	3,159	3,504	8,408	8,510	1,665	1,780	13,997	15,149
Mar.	1,760	1,785	2,040	2,130	3,590	3,802	3,588	3,804	8,425	8,521	1,872	1,930	15,773	16,447
Apr.	1,764	1,785	1,995	2,035	3,519	3,632	3,515	3,630	8,431	8,527	1,835	1,879	15,475	16,021
May	1,767	1,782	2,080	2,100	3,675	3,742	3,675	3,740	8,447	8,521	1,902	1,923	16,069	16,382
June	1,769	1,783	1,985	1,975	3,511	3,521	3,508		8,450	8,507	1,820	1,827	15,382	15,543
July	1,776		1,990		3,534		3,532		8,459		1,820		15,395	
Aug.	1,777		1,970		3,501		3,498		8,463		1,813		15,342	
Sept.	1,778		1,865		3,316		3,311		8,466		1,742		14,744	
Oct.	1,778		1,925		3,423		3,424		8,475		1,790		15,170	
Nov.	1,778		1,880		3,343		3,339		8,475		1,739		14,742	
Dec.	1,779		1,965		3,496		3,493		8,485		1,818		15,426	

1/ Revised 2011 data.

2/ Twenty-three state total.

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

4/ Excludes milk sucked by calves.

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

CALIFORNIA COMMERCIAL SLAUGHTER

California's production of red meat during June 2012 totaled 146.4 million pounds (dressed weight), 2 percent lower than the previous month, and 4 percent lower than last June. This figure includes slaughter in Federally-inspected and State-inspected plants, but excludes slaughter done on farms. In June 2012, the average live weight of cattle slaughtered was 1,278 pounds, calves 117 pounds, sheep & lambs 144 pounds, and hogs 241 pounds.

COMMERCIAL SLAUGHTER, JUNE 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	156.3	149.1	197,557	189,320	1,284	1,278
U.S. Total	3,101.7	2,866.2	3,901,030	3,691,499	1,262	1,290
CALVES						
California	17.7	11.9	1,824	1,391	104	117
U.S. Total	72.5	56.0	18,936	15,022	266	270
SHEEP & LAMBS						
California	36.2	26.9	5,238	3,853	145	144
U.S. Total	183.7	168.9	25,146	24,810	137	147
HOGS						
California	201.6	197.7	48,297	47,706	240	241
U.S. Total	8,939.0	8,548.2	2,434,839	2,337,674	273	274

RED MEAT	June 2010	May 2011	June 2011	Jun 11 Jun 10	Jun 11 May 11
	Million Pounds			Percent	
California	152.1	149.5	146.4	96	98
U.S. Total	4,218.8	4,182.8	4,024.0	95	96

1/ Farm slaughter excluded.

U.S. CALF CROP DOWN 2 PERCENT

The 2012 calf crop is expected to be 34.5 million, down 2 percent from 2011. Calves born during the first half of the year are estimated at 25.1 million, down 2 percent from 2011.

CATTLE AND CALVES NUMBER BY CLASS AND CALF CROP, U.S., JULY 1, 2011-12

Class	2011	2012	2012 2011
	Thousand Head		Percent
Cattle and Calves	100,000	97,800	98
Cows and Heifers			
That Have Calved	40,600	39,700	98
Beef Cows	31,400	30,500	97
Milk Cows	9,200	9,200	100
Heifers 500 Lbs. and Over	16,000	15,700	98
For Beef Cow Replacement	4,200	4,200	100
For Milk Cow Replacement	4,200	4,100	98
Other Heifers	7,600	7,400	97
Steers 500 Lbs. and Over	14,200	14,000	99
Bulls 500 Lbs. and Over	2,000	1,900	95
Calves Less Than 500 Lbs.	27,200	26,500	97
Calf Crop	35,313	34,500	98
Cattle on Feed	12,200	12,300	101

JUNE U. S. COMMERCIAL RED MEAT PRODUCTION DOWN FROM LAST YEAR

Commercial red meat production for the U.S. totaled 4.02 billion pounds in June, down 5 percent from the 4.22 billion pounds produced in June 2011.

Beef production, at 2.25 billion pounds, was 5 percent below the previous year. Cattle slaughter totaled 2.87 million head, down 8 percent from June 2011. The average live weight was up 28 pounds from the previous year, at 1,290 pounds.

Veal production totaled 8.9 million pounds, 20 percent below June a year ago. Calf slaughter totaled 56.0 thousand head, down 23 percent from June 2011. The average live weight was up 4 pounds from last year, at 270 pounds.

Pork production totaled 1.75 billion pounds, down 4 percent from the previous year. Hog slaughter totaled 8.55 million head, down 4 percent from June 2011. The average live weight was up 1 pound from the previous year, at 274 pounds.

Lamb and mutton production, at 12.4 million pounds, was down 1 percent from June 2011. Sheep slaughter totaled 168.9 thousand head, 8 percent below last year. The average live weight was 147 pounds, up 10 pounds from June a year ago.

January to June 2012 commercial red meat production was 24.3 billion pounds, up slightly from 2011. Accumulated beef production was down 2 percent from last year, veal was down 9 percent, pork was up 3 percent from last year, and lamb and mutton production was up 2 percent.

June 2011 contained 22 weekdays (including 0 holidays) and 4 Saturdays. June 2012 contained 21 weekdays (including 0 holidays) and 5 Saturdays.

JULY 1 U.S. CATTLE INVENTORY DOWN 2 PERCENT

All cattle and calves in the U.S., as of July 1, 2012, totaled 97.8 million head, 2 percent below the 100.0 million on July 1, 2011. This is the lowest all cattle and calves inventory for July 1 since the series began in 1973.

All cows and heifers that have calved, at 39.7 million, were down 2 percent from July 1, 2011.

- Beef cows, at 30.5 million, were down 3 percent from July 1, 2011.
- Milk cows, at 9.2 million, unchanged from July 1, 2011.

Other class estimates on July 1, 2012 and the changes from July 1, 2011, are as follows:

- All heifers 500 pounds and over, 15.7 million, down 2 percent.
- Beef replacement heifers, 4.2 million, unchanged.
- Milk replacement heifers, 4.1 million, down 2 percent.
- Other heifers, 7.4 million, down 3 percent.
- Steers, weighing 500 pounds and over, 14.0 million, down 1 percent.
- Bulls, weighing 500 pounds and over, 1.9 million, down 5 percent.
- Calves under 500 pounds, 26.5 million, down 3 percent.
- All cattle and calves on feed for slaughter, 12.3 million, up 1 percent.

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

Commodity	Unit	California			UNITED STATES		
		June 2011	May 2012	June 15, 2012	June 2011	May 2012	June 15, 2012
Dollars							
All Hay, Baled 2/ 3/	Ton	224.00	213.00	201.00	163.00	199.00	183.00
Alfalfa, Baled 2/ 3/	Ton	237.00	220.00	208.00	180.00	215.00	201.00
Hogs 2/ 4/	Cwt.	---	---	---	69.70	62.80	66.90
Cows 2/ 5/ 6/	Cwt.	---	---	---	75.90	87.70	86.80
Steers and Heifers 2/ 6/	Cwt.	---	---	---	110.00	125.00	125.00
Calves 2/ 6/	Cwt.	---	---	---	133.00	176.00	171.00
Milk Cows 7/	Head	---	---	---	---	---	---
All Milk, Wholesale 2/	Cwt.	20.32	14.51	14.70	21.10	16.20	16.10

- 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 June 2012 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/ Animals sold for dairy herd replacement only. Prices published January, April, July and October.

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