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CALIFORNIA CATTLE ON FEED

Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter in California feedlots totaled 475 thousand head on August 1, 2012, 1 percent below last month, and 1 percent below August 2011. During July, placements of 52.0 thousand head were 16 percent below the previous year. Marketings of 54.0 thousand head were 13 percent above July 2011. Other disappearance totaled 3.0 thousand head.

U.S. CATTLE ON FEED UP 1 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 August 1, 2012. The inventory was 1 percent above August 1, 2011.

Placements in feedlots during July totaled 1.92 million, 10 percent below 2011. Net placements were 1.86 million head. During July, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 500 thousand, 600-699 pounds were 325 thousand, 700-799 pounds were 470 thousand, and 800 pounds and greater were 627 thousand.

Marketings of fed cattle during July totaled 1.91 million, slightly below 2011.

Other disappearance totaled 63.0 thousand during July, 11 percent below 2011.

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

State	Number On Feed July 1 1/			Placed During July		Marketed During July	
	2011	2012	2012/2011	2011	2012	2011	2012
	1,000 Head		Percent	1,000 Head			
Arizona	287	279	97	24	22	23	26
California	470	480	102	62	52	48	54
Colorado	1,000	970	97	170	155	195	180
Idaho	215	200	93	24	35	41	44
Iowa	590	620	105	55	52	93	70
Kansas	2,030	2,050	101	580	540	420	415
Nebraska	2,020	2,270	112	390	410	415	440
Oklahoma	350	320	91	86	68	74	66
South Dakota	210	210	100	22	20	35	39
Texas	2,690	2,670	99	630	475	470	475
Washington	192	210	109	42	40	41	39
Other States	379	431	114	50	53	63	65
UNITED STATES	10,433	10,710	103	2,135	1,922	1,918	1,913

State	Other Disappearance During July 2/		Number On Feed August 1 1/		2012
	2011	2012	2011	2012	2011
	1,000 Head		1,000 Head		Percent
Arizona	1	1	287	274	95
California	4	3	480	475	99
Colorado	5	5	970	940	97
Idaho	3	1	195	190	97
Iowa	2	2	550	600	109
Kansas	10	15	2,180	2,160	99
Nebraska	15	10	1,980	2,230	113
Oklahoma	2	2	360	320	89
South Dakota	2	1	195	190	97
Texas	20	20	2,830	2,650	94
Washington	3	1	190	210	111
Other States	4	2	362	417	115
UNITED STATES	71	63	10,579	10,656	101

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.

CATTLE AND CALVES BY CLASSES, CANADA AND UNITED STATES, JULY 1, 2011 - 2012 1/

Class	Canada 2/			United States 3/		
	2011	2012	2012 2011	2011	2012	2012 2011
	Thousands		Percent	Thousands		Percent
All Cattle & Calves	13,530	13,520	100	100,000	97,800	98
All Cows:	4,913	4,912	100	40,600	39,700	98
Beef	3,954	3,958	100	31,400	30,500	97
Milk	959	954	99	9,200	9,200	100
Heifers 500 Lbs. + 4/	2,326	2,342	101	16,000	15,700	98
Beef Replacement	640	662	103	4,200	4,200	100
Milk Replacement	475	478	101	4,200	4,100	98
Other Heifers	1,210	1,201	99	7,600	7,400	97
Steers 500 Lbs. + 4/	1,632	1,615	99	14,200	14,000	99
Bulls 500 Lbs. + 4/	227	229	101	2,000	1,900	95
Calves Less Than 500 Lbs.	4,434	4,423	100	27,200	26,500	97
Calf Crop 5/	4,599	---	---	35,313	34,500	98

1/ Totals may not add due to rounding.

2/ Source: *Livestock and Annual Products Section, Statistics Canada.*

3/ Source: *National Agricultural Statistics Service.*

4/ For Canada, one year and over with the exception of calves, which are under one year.

5/ January-December with the exception for Canada's current year, which is January-June.

**CALIFORNIA COMMERCIAL
SLAUGHTER**

California's production of red meat during July 2012 totaled 141.0 million pounds (dressed weight), 4 percent lower than the previous month, and 4 percent higher than last July. This figure includes slaughter in Federally-inspected and State-inspected plants, but excludes slaughter done on farms. In July 2012, the average live weight of cattle slaughtered was 1,275 pounds, calves 110 pounds, sheep & lambs 135 pounds, and hogs 238 pounds.

U.S. RED MEAT PRODUCTION UP FROM LAST YEAR

Commercial red meat production for the U.S. totaled 3.94 billion pounds in July, up 4 percent from the 3.79 billion pounds produced in July 2011.

Beef production, at 2.20 billion pounds, was 3 percent above the previous year. Cattle slaughter totaled 2.79 million head, up 1 percent from July 2011. The average live weight was up 23 pounds from the previous year, at 1,295 pounds.

Veal production totaled 9.5 million pounds, 6 percent below July a year ago. Calf slaughter totaled 67.5 thousand head, down 8 percent from July 2011. The average live weight was down 4 pounds from last year, at 241 pounds.

Pork production totaled 1.72 billion pounds, up 5 percent from the previous year. Hog slaughter totaled 8.57 million head, up

5 percent from July 2011. The average live weight was up 1 pound from the previous year, at 269 pounds.

Lamb and mutton production, at 12.5 million pounds, was up 14 percent from July 2011. Sheep slaughter totaled 179 thousand head, 9 percent above last year. The average live weight was 140 pounds, up 7 pounds from July a year ago.

January to July 2012 commercial red meat production was 28.2 billion pounds, up 1 percent from 2011. Accumulated beef production was down 1 percent from last year, veal was down 8 percent, pork was up 3 percent from last year, and lamb and mutton production was up 3 percent.

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

July 2012 contained 22 weekdays (including 1 holiday) and 4 Saturdays.

COMMERCIAL SLAUGHTER, JULY 2011 - 2012 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	139.4	144.1	174,788	182,662	1,276	1,275
U.S. Total	2,764.5	2,792.0	3,504,409	3,609,824	1,272	1,295
CALVES						
California	17.9	14.5	1,965	1,589	110	110
U.S. Total	73.4	67.5	17,216	16,193	245	241
SHEEP & LAMBS						
California	22.0	21.1	3,069	2,855	140	135
U.S. Total	164.6	178.6	21,796	24,968	133	140
HOGS						
California	191.9	199.4	45,536	47,386	237	238
U.S. Total	8,157.8	8,566.1	2,186,476	2,299,433	268	269
RED MEAT						
	July 2011	June 2012	July 2012	July 12 July 11	July 12 June 12	
	Million Pounds			Percent		
California	135.4	146.4	141.0	104	96	
U.S.	3,792.3	4,023.9	3,944.5	104	98	

1/ Farm slaughter excluded.

HOG AND PIG INVENTORY, CANADA AND UNITED STATES 2011 - 2012 1/

Item	Canada July 1 Inventory 3/			United States June 1 Inventory 4/		
	2011	2012	2012 2011	2011	2012	2012 2011
	1,000 Head		Percent	1,000 Head		Percent
All Hogs & Pigs	12,685	12,870	101	65,320	65,829	101
Kept for Breeding 2/	1,205	1,216	101	5,803	5,862	101
Market	11,480	11,654	102	59,517	59,967	101
Sows Farrowed	662	669	101	2,917	2,919	100
Pig Crop	6,858	7,073	103	29,252	29,441	101

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

CALIFORNIA MILK PRODUCTION

California milk producers produced 3.50 billion pounds of milk in July 2012. This was 1 percent below June 2012 and 1 percent above July 2011.

Monthly milk per cow averaged 1,960 pounds, 15 pounds less than in June 2012, and 35 pounds less than a year ago.

MILK PRODUCTION, CALIFORNIA AND UNITED STATES

Month	CALIFORNIA 1/						Total Milk Receipts 5/		UNITED STATES 2/					
	Milk Cows 3/		Milk Per Cow 4/		Milk Production 4/		2011	2012	Milk Cows 3/		Milk Per Cow 4/		Milk Production 4/	
	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	1,784	1,985	1,975	3,511	3,523	3,508	3,522	8,450	8,507	1,820	1,827	15,382	15,545
July	1,772	1,785	1,995	1,960	3,535	3,499	3,532	3,498	8,459	8,500	1,820	1,826	15,395	15,520
Aug.	1,777	1,785	1,970	1,970	3,501	3,501	3,498	3,498	8,463	8,500	1,813	1,813	15,342	15,342
Sep.	1,778	1,785	1,865	1,865	3,316	3,316	3,311	3,311	8,466	8,500	1,742	1,742	14,744	14,744
Oct.	1,778	1,785	1,925	1,925	3,423	3,423	3,424	3,424	8,475	8,500	1,790	1,790	15,170	15,170
Nov.	1,778	1,785	1,880	1,880	3,343	3,343	3,339	3,339	8,475	8,500	1,739	1,739	14,742	14,742
Dec.	1,779	1,785	1,965	1,965	3,496	3,496	3,493	3,493	8,485	8,500	1,818	1,818	15,426	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.

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

Commodity	Unit	California			UNITED STATES		
		July 2011	June 2012	July 15, 2012	July 2011	June 2012	July 15, 2012
		Dollars					
All Hay, Baled 2/ 3/	Ton	217.00	201.00	200.00	170.00	183.00	184.00
Alfalfa, Baled 2/ 3/	Ton	232.00	208.00	205.00	189.00	201.00	198.00
Hogs 2/ 4/	Cwt.	---	---	---	71.70	70.20	73.80
Cows 2/ 5/	Cwt.	---	---	---	73.60	86.00	84.60
Steers and Heifers	Cwt.	---	---	---	115.00	124.00	119.00
Calves	Cwt.	---	---	---	138.00	166.00	152.00
Milk Cows 6/	Head	1,400.00	---	1,300.00	1,480.00	---	1,420.00
All Milk, Wholesale 2/ 7/	Cwt.	20.22	14.52	14.80	21.80	16.20	16.60

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 July 2012 prices are for the full month.

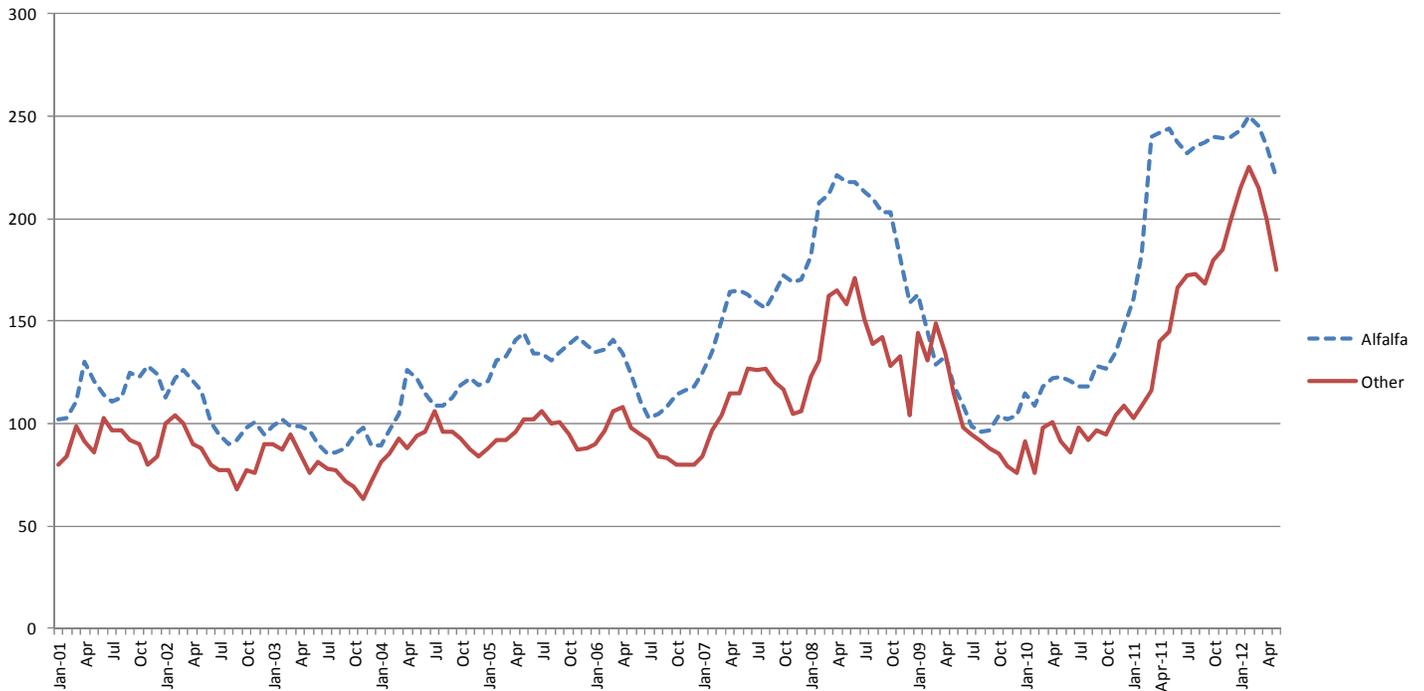
4/ Prices include barrows, gilts, and sows.

5/ Beef cows and cull dairy cows sold for slaughter.

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

7/ July 2012 Fat test percent: all milk; 3.56

CALIFORNIA HAY PRICES: 2001-2012
Alfalfa and Other



Source: USDA, National Agricultural Statistics Service

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