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## U.S. CATTLE ON FEED DOWN 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 10.6 million head on September 1, 2012. The inventory was 1 percent below September 1, 2011.

Placements in feedlots during August totaled 2.00 million, 11 percent below 2011. This is the second lowest cattle placement for the month of August since the series began in 1996. Net placements were 1.94 million head. During August, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 482 thousand, 600-699 pounds were 385 thousand, 700-799 pounds were 475 thousand, and 800 pounds and greater were 660 thousand.

Marketings of fed cattle during August totaled 1.96 million, 5 percent below 2011.

Other disappearance totaled 61.0 thousand during August, 15 percent below 2011.

## CALIFORNIA CATTLE ON FEED

Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter in California feedlots totaled 480 thousand head on September 1, 2012, 1 percent above last month, and 1 percent above September 2011. During August, placements of 63.0 thousand head were 13 percent above the previous year. Marketings of 55.0 thousand head were 2 percent below August 2011. Other disappearance totaled 3.0 thousand head.

State	Number On Feed August 1/			Placed During August		Marketed During August	
	2011	2012	2012/2011	2011	2012	2011	2012
	1,000 Head		Percent	1,000 Head			
Arizona	287	274	95	19	18	22	20
California	480	475	99	56	63	56	55
Colorado	970	940	97	230	190	205	195
Idaho	195	190	97	43	53	42	37
Iowa	550	600	109	77	76	95	84
Kansas	2,180	2,160	99	520	430	475	410
Nebraska	1,980	2,230	113	445	470	400	445
Oklahoma	360	320	89	75	67	67	60
South Dakota	195	190	97	45	34	48	38
Texas	2,830	2,650	94	620	495	540	510
Washington	190	210	111	48	47	44	48
Other States	362	417	115	68	59	59	58
UNITED STATES	10,579	10,656	101	2,246	2,002	2,053	1,960

State	Other Disappearance During August 2/		Number On Feed September 1 1/		2012
	2011	2012	2011	2012	2011
	1,000 Head		1,000 Head		Percent
Arizona	1	1	283	271	96
California	5	3	475	480	101
Colorado	5	5	990	930	94
Idaho	1	1	195	205	105
Iowa	2	2	530	590	111
Kansas	15	10	2,210	2,170	98
Nebraska	15	15	2,010	2,240	111
Oklahoma	3	2	365	325	89
South Dakota	2	1	190	185	97
Texas	20	15	2,890	2,620	91
Washington	1	1	193	208	108
Other States	2	5	369	413	112
UNITED STATES	72	61	10,700	10,637	99

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.

**COMMERCIAL SLAUGHTER, AUGUST 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	
<b>CATTLE</b>						
California	154.3	150.4	192,508	188,574	1,268	1,261
U.S.	3,097.1	2,996.3	3,921,324	3,888,095	1,270	1,300
<b>CALVES</b>						
California	19.5	15.9	2,122	1,686	110	107
U.S.	80.1	72.6	19,310	17,139	248	237
<b>SHEEP &amp; LAMBS</b>						
California	25.9	27.8	3,417	3,886	132	140
U.S.	198.7	200.5	26,197	28,474	132	142
<b>HOGS</b>						
California	218.1	215.8	51,405	50,803	236	236
U.S.	9,530.0	9,942.2	2,530,012	2,672,157	266	269
<b>RED MEAT</b>	August 2011	July 2012	August 2012	August 2012 August 2011	August 2012 July 2012	
	Million Pounds			Percent		
California	149.8	141.0	147.4	98	105	
U.S.	4,303.4	3,944.5	4,389.6	102	111	

1/ Farm slaughter excluded.

**CALIFORNIA COMMERCIAL SLAUGHTER**

California's production of red meat during August 2012 totaled 147.4 million pounds (dressed weight), 5 percent higher than the previous month, and 2 percent lower than last August. This figure includes slaughter in Federally-inspected and State-inspected plants, but excludes slaughter done on farms. In August 2012, the average live weight of cattle slaughtered was 1,261 pounds, calves 107 pounds, sheep & lambs 140 pounds, and hogs 236 pounds.

**AUGUST RECORD U.S. RED MEAT AND PORK PRODUCTION**

Commercial red meat production for the U.S. totaled 4.39 billion pounds in August, up 2 percent from the 4.30 billion pounds produced in August 2011.

Beef production, at 2.37 billion pounds, was 1 percent below the previous year. Cattle slaughter totaled 3.00 million head, down 3 percent from August 2011. The average live weight was up 30 pounds from the previous year, at 1,300 pounds.

Veal production totaled 10.1 million pounds, 11 percent below August a year ago. Calf slaughter totaled 72.6 thousand head, down 9

percent from August 2011. The average live weight was down 11 pounds from last year, at 237 pounds.

Pork production totaled 2.00 billion pounds, up 6 percent from the previous year. Hog slaughter totaled 9.94 million head, up 4 percent from August 2011. The average live weight was up 3 pounds from the previous year, at 269 pounds.

Lamb and mutton production, at 14.2 million pounds, was up 8 percent from August 2011. Sheep slaughter totaled 201 thousand head, 1 percent above last year. The average live weight was 142 pounds, up 10 pounds from August a year ago.

January to August 2012 commercial red meat production was 32.6 billion pounds, up 1 percent from 2011. Accumulated beef production was down 1 percent from last year, veal was down 9 percent, pork was up 3 percent from last year, and lamb and mutton production was up 4 percent.

August 2011 contained 23 weekdays (including 0 holidays) and 4 Saturdays. August 2012 contained 23 weekdays (including 0 holidays) and 4 Saturdays.

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

Commodity	Unit	California			United States		
		August 2011	July 2012	August 15, 2012	August 2011	July 2012	August 15, 2012
		Dollars					
All Hay, Baled 2/ 3/	Ton	221.00	200.00	198.00	179.00	184.00	184.00
Alfalfa, Baled 2/ 3/	Ton	235.00	205.00	201.00	196.00	198.00	203.00
Hogs 2/ 4/	Cwt.	---	---	---	75.80	72.10	69.20
Cows 2/ 5/ 6/	Cwt.	---	---	---	70.80	80.90	80.00
Steers and Heifers 6/	Cwt.	---	---	---	114.00	117.00	118.00
Calves 6/	Cwt.	---	---	---	134.00	144.00	151.00
Milk Cows 6/	Head	---	1,300.00	---	---	1,420.00	---
All Milk, Wholesale 2/	Cwt.	20.31	15.32	16.50	22.10	16.90	17.80

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 August 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.

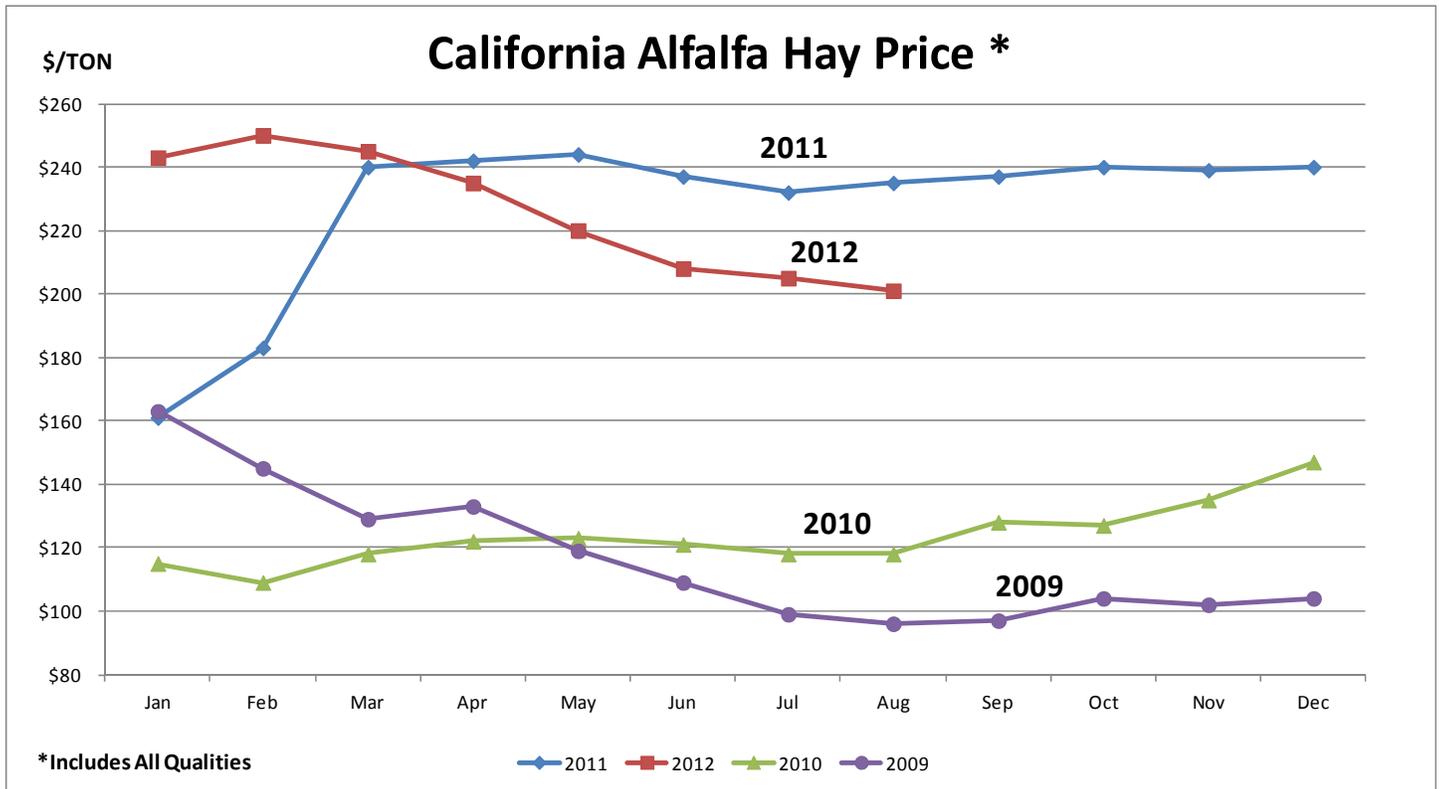
**FEDERALLY-INSPECTED SLAUGHTER FOR REGIONS AND U.S., JANUARY-AUGUST 2012 1/**

Standard Federal Regions	Cattle							Calves Total 2/
	Total	Steers	Heifers	Cows 2/			Bulls & Stags 2/	
				All	Dairy	Other		
1,000 Head								
1	10.7	4.7	2.5	1.8	1.1	0.7	1.7	5.1
2	44.7	14.1	5.3	21.5	18.9	2.5	3.8	110.9
3	666.7	248.5	17.4	383.9	306.3	77.6	16.9	78.0
4	553.3	19.6	9.3	448.4	119.8	328.6	76.0	2.2
5	2,529.5	1,106.4	263.6	1,085.8	608.3	477.4	73.7	158.8
6	4,451.3	2,221.2	1,360.6	789.6	234.2	555.5	79.9	5.9
7	9,057.8	5,027.0	3,510.2	2/	2/	2/	2/	0.3
8	2,166.4	1,255.7	756.7	2/	2/	2/	2/	3/
9	1,528.1	670.1	136.4	693.0	562.6	130.5	28.6	110.7
10	781.9	412.4	213.0	147.4	118.7	28.7	9.2	19.3
U.S.	21,790.5	10,979.6	6,275.1	4,173.9	2,037.6	2,136.3	361.9	491.1

Standard Federal Regions	Hogs				Sheep		
	Total	Barrows & Gilts	Sows 2/	Boars 2/	Total	Mature Sheep	Lambs & Yearlings
1	13.1	12.7	0.3	0.2	18.7	1.3	17.4
2	94.6	92.9	1.0	0.6	98.3	13.4	85.0
3	3,488.7	3,480.3	2/	2/	68.3	5.9	62.4
4	10,060.2	9,499.5	2/	2/	30.7	7.6	23.0
5	20,275.0	19,347.1	884.9	43.0	221.4	21.1	200.2
6	3,852.0	3,729.8	120.9	1.2	16.4	8.4	8.0
7	30,153.8	29,571.6	428.9	153.3	4.8	0.1	4.6
8	2,947.0	2,946.3	0.7	0.1	657.3	22.2	635.0
9	1,595.5	1,594.9	0.5	0.1	189.3	4.1	185.2
10	216.3	215.9	0.3	0.1	18.2	1.0	17.2
U.S.	72,696.1	70,491.1	1,975.9	229.2	1,323.3	85.3	1,238.1

- 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 totals. Data not printed to avoid disclosing individual operations. Totals may not add due to rounding.
- 3/ Less than level of precision shown.



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