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U. S. CATTLE ON FEED DOWN 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 11.0 million head on October 1, 2012. The inventory was 3 percent below October 1, 2011. The inventory included 6.96 million steers and steer calves, up slightly from the previous year. This group accounted for 63 percent of the total inventory. Heifers and heifer calves accounted for 3.97 million head, down 8 percent from 2011.

Placements in feedlots during September totaled 2.00 million, 19 percent below 2011. This is the lowest number of cattle placements for the month of September since the series began in 1996. Net placements were 1.94 million head. During September, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 515 thousand, 600-699 pounds were 355 thousand, 700-799 pounds were 444 thousand, and 800 pounds and greater were 690 thousand.

Marketings of fed cattle during September totaled 1.60 million, 12 percent below 2011. This is the second lowest number of cattle marketings for the month of September since the series began in 1996.

Other disappearance totaled 64.0 thousand during September, 14 percent below 2011.

CALIFORNIA CATTLE ON FEED

Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter in California feedlots totaled 475 thousand head on October 1, 2012, 1 percent below last month, and 3 percent below October 2011. During September, placements of 50.0 thousand head were 29 percent below the previous year. Marketings of 52.0 thousand head were 6 percent above September 2011. Other disappearance totaled 3.0 thousand head.

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

State	Number On Feed September 1/			Placed During September		Marketed During September	
	2011	2012	2012/2011	2011	2012	2011	2012
	1,000 Head		Percent	1,000 Head			
Arizona	283	271	96	19	20	21	18
California	475	480	101	70	50	49	52
Colorado	990	930	94	275	225	185	150
Idaho	195	205	105	67	61	41	35
Iowa	530	590	111	115	89	92	87
Kansas	2,210	2,180	99	500	375	375	310
Nebraska	2,010	2,240	111	560	470	350	370
Oklahoma	365	325	89	88	57	79	45
South Dakota	190	185	97	51	50	35	39
Texas	2,890	2,620	91	560	480	490	400
Washington	193	208	108	54	46	38	40
Other States	369	413	112	110	81	58	52
UNITED STATES	10,700	10,647	100	2,469	2,004	1,813	1,598

State	Other Disappearance During September 2/		Number On Feed October 1 1/		2012
	2011	2012	2011	2012	2011
	1,000 Head		1,000 Head		Percent
Arizona	1	1	280	272	97
California	6	3	490	475	97
Colorado	10	5	1,070	1,000	93
Idaho	1	1	220	230	105
Iowa	3	2	550	590	107
Kansas	15	15	2,320	2,230	96
Nebraska	10	10	2,210	2,330	105
Oklahoma	4	2	370	335	91
South Dakota	1	1	205	195	95
Texas	20	20	2,940	2,680	91
Washington	1	1	208	213	102
Other States	2	3	419	439	105
UNITED STATES	74	64	11,282	10,989	97

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 MILK PRODUCTION

California milk producers produced 3.18 billion pounds of milk in September 2012. This was 4 percent below August 2012, and 4 percent below September 2011.

Monthly milk per cow averaged 1,790 pounds, 65 pounds less than in August 2012, and 75 pounds less than a year ago.

MILK PRODUCTION, CALIFORNIA AND UNITED STATES

Month	CALIFORNIA						Total Milk Receipts 4/		UNITED STATES 1/					
	Milk Cows 2/		Milk Per Cow 3/		Milk Production 3/		2011	2012	Milk Cows 2/		Milk Per Cow 3/		Milk Production 3/	
	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	3,495	8,459	8,499	1,820	1,823	15,395	15,496
Aug.	1,773	1,782	1,975	1,855	3,502	3,306	3,498	3,301	8,463	8,496	1,813	1,805	15,342	15,339
Sept.	1,776	1,779	1,865	1,790	3,312	3,184	3,311		8,466	8,471	1,742	1,732	14,744	14,670
Oct.	1,778		1,925		3,424		3,423		8,475		1,790		15,170	
Nov.	1,778		1,880		3,339		3,339		8,475		1,739		14,742	
Dec.	1,779		1,965		3,493		3,493		8,485		1,818		15,426	

1/ Twenty-three state total.

2/ Includes dry cows, excludes heifers not yet fresh.

3/ Excludes milk sucked by calves.

4/ Milk receipts from California Department of Food and Agriculture, Dairy Marketing and Milk Pooling Branches. Excludes on-farm usage.

U.S. HOG INVENTORY UP SLIGHTLY

U.S. inventory of all hogs and pigs on September 1, 2012 was 67.5 million head. This was up slightly from September 1, 2011, and up 3 percent from June 1, 2012.

Breeding inventory, at 5.79 million head, was down slightly from last year, and down 1 percent from the previous quarter. Market hog inventory, at 61.7 million head, was up slightly from last year, and up 3 percent from last quarter.

The June-August 2012 pig crop, at 29.3 million head, was down slightly from 2011. Sows farrowing during this period totaled 2.89 million head, down 1 percent from 2011. The sows farrowed during this quarter represented 49 percent of the breeding herd. The average pigs saved per litter was a record high 10.13 for the June-August period, compared to 10.03 last year. Pigs saved per litter by size of operation ranged from 7.60 for operations with 1-99 hogs and pigs, to 10.20 for operations with more than 5,000 hogs and pigs.

Data for Canadian Hogs and Pigs will be published in the November 2012 Livestock Review.

UNITED STATES HOG AND PIG INVENTORY, 2011 - 2012 1/ 2/

Type	United States September 1 Inventory		
	2011	2012	<u>2012</u> 2011
	1,000 Head		Percent
All Hogs & Pigs	67,234	67,472	100
Kept for Breeding	5,806	5,788	100
Market	61,428	61,684	100
Sows Farrowed	2,927	2,892	99
Pig Crop	29,355	29,286	100

1/ Totals may not add due to rounding.

2/ Includes Boars.

CALIFORNIA COMMERCIAL SLAUGHTER

California's production of red meat during September 2012 totaled 133.3 million pounds (dressed weight), 10 percent lower than the previous month, and 6 percent lower than September 2011. This figure includes slaughter in Federally-inspected and State-inspected plants, but excludes slaughter done on farms. In September 2012, the average live weight of cattle slaughtered was 1,263 pounds, calves 105 pounds, sheep & lambs 135 pounds, and hogs 236 pounds.

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

Commercial red meat production for the U.S. totaled 3.95 billion pounds in September, down 6 percent from the 4.19 billion pounds produced in September 2011.

Beef production, at 2.02 billion pounds, was 9 percent below the previous year. Cattle slaughter totaled 2.54 million head, down 12 percent from September 2011. The average live weight was up 33 pounds from the previous year, at 1,311 pounds.

Veal production totaled 8.8 million pounds, 17 percent below September 2011. Calf slaughter totaled 64.3 thousand head, down 13 percent from September 2011. The average live weight was down 17 pounds from last year, at 235 pounds.

Pork production totaled 1.91 billion pounds, down 2 percent from the previous year. Hog slaughter totaled 9.45 million head, down 2 percent from September 2011. The average live weight was up 1 pound from the previous year, at 271 pounds.

Lamb and mutton production, at 12.5 million pounds, was up 6 percent from September 2011. Sheep slaughter totaled 174 thousand head, 2 percent below last year. The average live weight was 145 pounds, up 11 pounds from September 2011.

January to September 2012 commercial red meat production was 36.6 billion pounds, up slightly from 2011. Accumulated beef production was down 2 percent from last year, veal was down 10 percent, pork was up 3 percent from last year, and lamb and mutton production was up 4 percent.

September 2011 contained 22 weekdays (including 1 holiday) and 4 Saturdays.
September 2012 contained 20 weekdays (including 1 holiday) and 5 Saturdays.

COMMERCIAL SLAUGHTER, SEPTEMBER 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	146.9	140.3	182,826	176,113	1,264	1,263
U.S. Total	2,876.0	2,543.3	3,663,870	3,327,816	1,278	1,311
CALVES						
California	18.8	16.1	1,914	1,677	103	105
U.S. Total	73.8	64.3	18,157	15,070	252	235
SHEEP & LAMBS						
California	22.3	22.8	3,082	3,078	139	135
U.S. Total	177.0	174.3	23,680	25,162	134	145
HOGS						
California	208.4	183.3	49,651	43,139	238	236
U.S. Total	9,691.1	9,454.3	2,618,874	2,558,797	270	271
RED MEAT	September 2011	August 2012	September 2012	Sep 12 Sep 11	Sep 12 Aug 12	
	Million Pounds			Percent		
California	142.1	147.4	133.3	94	90	
U.S. Total	4,192.1	4,389.7	3,948.4	94	90	

1/ Farm slaughter excluded.

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

Commodity	Unit	California			United States		
		September 2011	August 2012	Sept. 15, 2012	September 2011	August 2012	Sept. 15, 2012
Dollars							
All Hay, Baled 2/ 3/	Ton	222.00	198.00	202.00	180.00	184.00	187.00
Alfalfa, Baled 2/ 3/	Ton	237.00	201.00	205.00	198.00	203.00	205.00
Hogs 2/ 4/	Cwt.	---	---	---	67.10	66.90	56.50
Cows 2/ 5/	Cwt.	---	---	---	67.30	79.90	79.90
Steers and Heifers 2/	Cwt.	---	---	---	117.00	120.00	124.00
Calves 2/	Cwt.	---	---	---	132.00	155.00	163.00
Milk Cows 6/	Head	---	---	---	---	---	---
All Milk, Wholesale 2/	Cwt.	18.99	16.42	17.40	21.10	18.10	19.10

- 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 September 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.



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