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## U.S. CATTLE ON FEED DOWN 5 PERCENT

Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter market in the U.S. for feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head totaled 11.3 million head on November 1, 2012. The inventory was 5 percent below November 1, 2011.

Placements in feedlots during October totaled 2.18 million, 13 percent below 2011. This is the lowest cattle placements for the month of October since the series began in 1996. Net placements were 2.10 million head. During October, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 680 thousand, 600-699 pounds were 505 thousand, 700-799 pounds were 435 thousand, and 800 pounds and greater were 560 thousand.

Marketings of fed cattle during October totaled 1.84 million, 3 percent above 2011.

Other disappearance totaled 78.0 thousand during October, 20 percent below 2011.

## CALIFORNIA CATTLE ON FEED

Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter in California feedlots totaled 480 thousand head on November 1, 2012, 1 percent above last month, and 2 percent below November 2011. During October, placements of 62.0 thousand head were 15 percent above the previous year. Marketings of 54.0 thousand head were 10 percent above October 2011. Other disappearance totaled 3.0 thousand head.

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

State	Number On Feed October 1 1/			Placed During October		Marketed During October	
	2011	2012	2012/2011	2011	2012	2011	2012
	1,000 Head		Percent	1,000 Head			
Arizona	280	272	97	32	19	19	25
California	490	475	97	54	62	49	54
Colorado	1,070	1,000	93	230	195	155	160
Idaho	220	230	105	55	55	48	44
Iowa	550	590	107	137	146	115	143
Kansas	2,320	2,230	96	440	380	340	365
Nebraska	2,210	2,330	105	665	590	390	425
Oklahoma	370	335	91	86	65	63	54
South Dakota	205	195	95	75	71	39	45
Texas	2,940	2,680	91	560	450	465	440
Washington	208	213	102	59	74	40	38
Other States	419	439	105	99	73	64	44
UNITED STATES	11,282	10,989	97	2,492	2,180	1,787	1,837

State	Other Disappearance During October 2/		Number On Feed November 1 1/		2012
	2011	2012	2011	2012	2011
	1,000 Head		1,000 Head		Percent
Arizona	1	1	292	265	91
California	5	3	490	480	98
Colorado	5	5	1,140	1,030	90
Idaho	2	1	225	240	107
Iowa	2	3	570	590	104
Kansas	20	25	2,400	2,220	93
Nebraska	15	15	2,470	2,480	100
Oklahoma	3	1	390	345	88
South Dakota	1	1	240	220	92
Texas	35	20	3,000	2,670	89
Washington	1	1	226	248	110
Other States	8	2	446	466	104
UNITED STATES	98	78	11,889	11,254	95

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 COMMERCIAL SLAUGHTER

California's production of red meat during October 2012 totaled 156.0 million pounds (dressed weight), 17 percent higher than the previous month, and 12 percent higher than October 2011. This figure includes slaughter in Federally-inspected and State-inspected plants, but excludes slaughter done on farms. In October 2012, the average live weight of cattle slaughtered was 1,275 pounds, calves 108 pounds, sheep & lambs 135 pounds, and hogs 238 pounds.

### U.S. ALL-TIME MONTHLY RECORD HIGH PORK PRODUCTION IN OCTOBER

Commercial red meat production for the U.S. totaled 4.58 billion pounds in October, up 7 percent from the 4.27 billion pounds produced in October 2011.

Beef production, at 2.34 billion pounds, was 6 percent above the previous year. Cattle slaughter totaled 2.95 million head, up 3 percent from October 2011. The average live weight was up 29 pounds from the previous year, at 1,318 pounds.

Veal production totaled 10.3 million pounds, 2 percent below October a year ago. Calf slaughter totaled 72.9 thousand head, up slightly from October 2011. The average live weight was down 11 pounds from last year, at 242 pounds.

Pork production totaled 2.21 billion pounds, up 9 percent from the previous year. Hog slaughter totaled 10.86 million head, up 10 percent from October 2011. The average live weight was down 1 pound from the previous year, at 274 pounds.

Lamb and mutton production, at 14.2 million pounds, was up 21 percent from October 2011. Sheep slaughter

totaled 207 thousand head, 18 percent above last year. The average live weight was 137 pounds, up 3 pounds from October a year ago.

January to October 2012 commercial red meat production was 41.1 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 6 percent.

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

October 2012 contained 23 weekdays (including 1 holiday) and 4 Saturdays.

### OCTOBER COMMERCIAL SLAUGHTER 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	139.9	157.9	175,856	200,029	1,274	1,275
U.S. Total	2,856.9	2,953.2	3,671,102	3,884,235	1,289	1,318
<b>CALVES</b>						
California	17.0	17.1	1,822	1,841	109	108
U.S. Total	72.7	72.9	18,000	17,580	253	242
<b>SHEEP &amp; LAMBS</b>						
California	22.7	28.3	3,068	3,825	135	135
U.S. Total	175.0	207.1	23,476	28,436	134	137
<b>HOGS</b>						
California	211.2	231.8	51,054	55,213	242	238
U.S. Total	9,903.8	10,855.7	2,726,359	2,968,445	275	274

RED MEAT	October 2011	September 2012	October 2012	Oct 12 Oct 11	Oct 12 Sep 12
	Million Pounds			Percent	
California	139.0	133.3	156.0	112	117
U.S. Total	4,270.6	3,948.4	4,578.6	107	116

1/ Farm slaughter excluded.

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

Commodity	Unit	California			United States		
		October 2011	September 2012	Oct. 15, 2012	October 2011	September 2012	Oct. 15, 2012
		Dollars					
All Hay, Baled 2/ 3/	Ton	228.00	202.00	205.00	185.00	187.00	193.00
Alfalfa, Baled 2/ 3/	Ton	240.00	205.00	210.00	204.00	205.00	212.00
Hogs 2/ 4/	Cwt.	---	---	---	68.70	55.70	60.70
Cows 2/ 5/	Cwt.	---	---	---	65.00	79.20	77.50
Steers and Heifers 2/	Cwt.	---	---	---	122.00	125.00	126.00
Calves 2/	Cwt.	---	---	---	145.00	162.00	163.00
Milk Cows 6/ /	Head	1,400.00	---	1,300.00	1,480.00	---	1,390.00
All Milk, Wholesale 2/	Cwt.	18.19	17.62	19.20	20.00	19.60	21.10

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 October 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.

**CASH INCOME BY COMMODITY GROUPS, 2009-2011**

Source of Income	2009	2010	2011	Source of Income	2009	2010	2011
	\$1,000				\$1,000		
<b>LIVESTOCK, POULTRY AND PRODUCTS</b>				<b>VEGETABLE CROPS</b>			
Aquaculture	57,049	58,200	64,036		7,453,825	7,085,805	7,241,152
Cattle and Calves	1,676,375	2,068,412	2,825,125	<b>FRUIT AND NUT CROPS</b>	12,117,444	13,801,153	15,322,511
Chickens, All	691,518	721,723	702,051	<b>FIELD CROPS</b>	3,703,839	3,924,488	4,927,714
Eggs	319,805	367,788	391,578	<b>NURSERY,</b>			
Hogs	24,771	36,063	39,196	<b>GREENHOUSE AND</b>			
Honey	16,284	42,579	28,594	<b>FLORICULTURE</b>	3,445,489	3,367,873	3,687,630
Milk and Cream	4,537,171	5,928,150	7,680,566	<b>CHRISTMAS TREES</b>	4,312	4,442	7,000
Sheep and Lambs	39,767	66,060	NA	<b>TOTAL CASH INCOME FROM</b>			
Turkeys	202,800	262,910	287,463	<b>MARKETINGS</b>	34,587,596	38,003,280	43,544,001
Wool & Mohair	2,372	3,835	5,050	<b>FARM RELATED INCOME 1/</b>	2,891,302	3,120,149	3,878,783
Other Livestock/Poultry	294,775	263,799	334,335	<b>GROSS CASH INCOME</b>			
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>7,862,687</b>	<b>9,819,519</b>	<b>12,357,994</b>	<b>FROM FARMING</b>	<b>37,478,898</b>	<b>41,123,429</b>	<b>47,422,784</b>

1/ Includes value of home consumption, value of inventory adjustments, machine hire and custom work, forest products sold, rental value of farm dwelling, government payments, and other miscellaneous farm income.

Source: USDA's Economic Research Service





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