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CALIFORNIA CATTLE ON FEED

Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter in California feedlots totaled 490 thousand head on December 1, 2012, 2 percent above last month, and 3 percent below December 2011. During November, placements of 65.0 thousand head were 2 percent below the previous year. Marketings of 51.0 thousand head were 11 percent above November 2011. Other disappearance totaled 4.0 thousand head.

U.S. CATTLE ON FEED DOWN 6 PERCENT

Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter market in the United States for feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head totaled 11.3 million head on December 1, 2012. The inventory was 6 percent below December 1, 2011.

Placements in feedlots during November totaled 1.92 million, 6 percent below 2011. Net placements were 1.84 million head. During November, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 645 thousand, 600-699 pounds were 450 thousand, 700-799 pounds were 375 thousand, and 800 pounds and greater were 453 thousand.

Marketings of fed cattle during November totaled 1.76 million, 1 percent below 2011. Other disappearance totaled 88 thousand during November, 9 percent below 2011.

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

State	Number On Feed November 1 1/			Placed During November		Marketed During November	
	2011	2012	2012/2011	2011	2012	2011	2012
	1,000 Head		Percent	1,000 Head			
Arizona	292	265	91	27	28	28	25
California	490	480	98	66	65	46	51
Colorado	1,140	1,030	90	175	150	145	155
Idaho	225	240	107	46	40	35	34
Iowa	570	590	104	143	123	100	100
Kansas	2,400	2,220	93	375	355	395	390
Nebraska	2,470	2,480	100	480	465	375	400
Oklahoma	390	345	88	60	56	61	54
South Dakota	240	220	92	70	57	41	45
Texas	3,000	2,670	89	470	465	450	415
Washington	226	248	110	54	57	43	43
Other States	446	466	104	71	62	55	49
UNITED STATES	11,889	11,254	95	2,037	1,923	1,774	1,761

State	Other Disappearance During November 2/		Number On Feed December 1 1/		2012
	2011	2012	2011	2012	2011
	1,000 Head		Percent		
Arizona	1	1	290	267	92
California	5	4	505	490	97
Colorado	10	5	1,160	1,020	88
Idaho	1	1	235	245	104
Iowa	3	3	610	610	100
Kansas	20	15	2,360	2,170	92
Nebraska	15	15	2,560	2,530	99
Oklahoma	4	2	385	345	90
South Dakota	4	2	265	230	87
Texas	30	20	2,990	2,700	90
Washington	1	1	236	261	111
Other States	3	19	459	460	100
UNITED STATES	97	88	12,055	11,328	94

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 November 2012 totaled 144.9 million pounds (dressed weight), 7 percent lower than the previous month, and 2 percent lower than November 2011. This figure includes slaughter in Federally-inspected and State-inspected plants, but excludes slaughter done on farms. In November 2012, the average live weight of cattle slaughtered was 1,282 pounds, calves 105 pounds, sheep & lambs 138 pounds, and hogs 242 pounds.

January to November 2012 commercial red meat production was 45.4 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 5 percent.

November 2011 contained 22 weekdays (including 2 holidays) and 4 Saturdays. November 2012 contained 22 weekdays (including 2 holidays) and 4 Saturdays.

U.S. RED MEAT PRODUCTION UP 1 PERCENT FROM LAST YEAR

Commercial red meat production for the United States totaled 4.31 billion pounds in November, up 1 percent from the 4.26 billion pounds produced in November 2011.

Beef production, at 2.21 billion pounds, was 3 percent above the previous year. Cattle slaughter totaled 2.78 million head, down slightly from November 2011. The average live weight was up 28 pounds from the previous year, at 1,321 pounds.

Veal production totaled 10.1 million pounds, 7 percent below November a year ago. Calf slaughter totaled 70.5 thousand head, down 4 percent from November 2011. The average live weight was down 11 pounds from last year, at 244 pounds.

Pork production totaled 2.08 billion pounds, down slightly from the previous year. Hog slaughter totaled 10.11 million head, up 1 percent from November 2011. The average live weight was down 2 pounds from the previous year, at 276 pounds.

Lamb and mutton production, at 12.4 million pounds, was down 2 percent from November 2011. Sheep slaughter totaled 182 thousand head, 3 percent below last year. The average live weight was 137 pounds, up 2 pounds from November a year ago.

COMMERCIAL SLAUGHTER, NOVEMBER 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	151.1	146.4	192,300	186,583	1,290	1,282
U.S. Total	2,784.7	2,783.8	3,589,715	3,668,408	1,293	1,321
CALVES						
California	16.0	15.0	1,696	1,562	107	105
U.S. Total	73.1	70.5	18,355	17,153	255	244
SHEEP & LAMBS						
California	23.9	25.1	3,251	3,451	136	138
U.S. Total	187.2	181.8	25,281	24,863	135	137
HOGS						
California	208.0	210.0	50,701	50,741	244	242
U.S. Total	10,042.4	10,105.3	2,794,793	2,787,932	278	276

RED MEAT	November 2011	October 2012	November 2012	Nov 12 Nov 11	Nov 12 Oct 12
	Million Pounds			Percent	
California	147.7	156.0	144.9	98	93
U.S. Total	4,258.9	4,578.6	4,307.8	101	94

1/ Farm slaughter excluded.

FEDERALLY INSPECTED SLAUGHTER BY REGIONS AND UNITED STATES, JANUARY - NOVEMBER 2012 1/

Standard Federal Regions	Cattle							Calves Total
	Total	Steers	Heifers	Cows			Bulls	
				All	Dairy	Other		
				1,000 Head				
1	16.0	7.3	3.9	2.4	1.5	0.9	2.4	7.3
2	61.1	19.7	7.3	29.0	25.4	3.5	5.1	157.2
3	927.6	325.9	30.1	547.2	437.1	110.0	24.4	110.0
4	767.7	27.0	12.4	619.9	163.6	456.4	108.4	3.0
5	3,545.5	1,536.3	366.4	1,537.8	867.9	670.0	105.0	222.8
6	6,015.0	2,986.7	1,805.5	1,112.8	316.6	796.3	109.9	8.0
7	12,419.9	6,875.0	4,806.5	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	0.5
8	2,981.5	1,721.3	1,045.8	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(Y)
9	2,105.7	891.1	195.7	980.1	775.4	204.7	38.9	158.2
10	1,085.5	565.2	298.7	208.3	163.4	44.9	13.3	28.3
U.S.	29,925.3	14,955.5	8,572.3	5,889.9	2,842.7	3,047.2	507.6	695.3

Standard Federal Regions	Hogs				Sheep									
	Total	Barrows and Gilts	Sows	Boars	Total	Mature Sheep	Lambs and Yearlings							
								1,000 Head						
								1	19.6	19.0	0.4	0.3	28.0	1.7
2	128.9	127.0	1.3	0.7	133.7	18.2	115.5							
3	4,912.9	4,901.2	(D)	(D)	97.8	10.4	87.3							
4	14,292.7	13,447.6	(D)	(D)	43.8	10.7	33.1							
5	28,737.9	27,482.1	1,195.9	59.8	312.5	29.7	282.8							
6	5,399.9	5,217.0	181.2	1.6	27.5	15.6	11.9							
7	42,551.8	41,759.7	577.3	214.8	7.0	0.2	6.8							
8	4,322.9	4,321.7	1.1	0.1	901.3	40.9	860.5							
9	2,207.5	2,206.7	0.7	0.1	260.7	5.2	255.5							
10	297.9	297.5	0.3	0.1	26.5	1.3	25.2							
U.S.	102,872.0	99,779.5	2,774.8	317.8	1,838.9	133.9	1,705.0							

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.

(D) Withheld to avoid disclosing data for individual operations.

(Y) Less than level of precision shown.

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

Commodity	Unit	California			United States		
		November 2011	October 2012	Nov. 15, 2012	November 2011	October 2012	Nov. 15, 2012
		Dollars					
All Hay, Baled 2/ 3/	Ton	226.00	205.00	204.00	174.00	193.00	193.00
Alfalfa, Baled 2/ 3/	Ton	239.00	210.00	210.00	193.00	212.00	215.00
Hogs 2/ 4/	Cwt.	---	---	---	64.40	62.00	62.10
Cows 2/ 5/	Cwt.	---	---	---	66.00	77.30	76.40
Steers and Heifers 2/	Cwt.	---	---	---	126.00	127.00	129.00
Calves 2/	Cwt.	---	---	---	153.00	164.00	162.00
Milk Cows 6/	Head	---	1,300.00	---	---	1,390.00	---
All Milk, Wholesale 2/	Cwt.	18.92	19.43	19.40	20.50	21.50	22.10

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 November 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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