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U.S. CATTLE ON FEED DOWN 6 PERCENT

Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter market in the U.S. for feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head totaled 11.1 million head on February 1, 2013. The inventory was 6 percent below February 1, 2012.

Placements in feedlots during January totaled 1.88 million, 2 percent above 2012. Net placements were 1.80 million head. During January, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 445 thousand, 600-699 pounds were 395 thousand, 700-799 pounds were 535 thousand, and 800 pounds and greater were 501 thousand.

Marketings of fed cattle during January totaled 1.92 million, 6 percent above 2012.

Other disappearance totaled 79.0 thousand during January, 2 percent below 2012.

CALIFORNIA CATTLE ON FEED

Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter in California feedlots totaled 480 thousand head on February 1, 2013, unchanged from last month, and 5 percent below February 2012. During January, placements of 55.0 thousand head were unchanged from the previous year. Marketings of 50.0 thousand head were 12 percent below January 2012. Other disappearance totaled 5.0 thousand head.

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

State	Number On Feed January 1 1/			Placed During January		Marketed During January	
	2012	2013	2013/2012	2012	2013	2012	2013
	1,000 Head		Percent	1,000 Head			
Arizona	279	272	97	28	30	30	26
California	510	480	94	55	55	57	50
Colorado	1,150	1,000	87	190	190	190	175
Idaho	230	230	100	47	37	41	40
Iowa	620	620	100	103	100	70	77
Kansas	2,250	2,110	94	410	430	415	415
Nebraska	2,550	2,480	97	430	475	395	470
Oklahoma	375	345	92	50	50	68	68
South Dakota	260	230	88	45	36	44	40
Texas	2,940	2,720	93	400	390	415	465
Washington	232	247	106	35	29	39	40
Other States	465	459	99	54	54	52	51
UNITED STATES	11,861	11,193	94	1,847	1,876	1,816	1,917

State	Other Disappearance During January 2/		Number On Feed February 1 1/		2013
	2012	2013	2012	2013	2012
	1,000 Head		1,000 Head		Percent
Arizona	1	1	276	275	100
California	3	5	505	480	95
Colorado	10	5	1,140	1,010	89
Idaho	1	2	235	225	96
Iowa	3	3	650	640	98
Kansas	15	15	2,230	2,110	95
Nebraska	15	15	2,570	2,470	96
Oklahoma	2	2	355	325	92
South Dakota	1	1	260	225	87
Texas	25	25	2,900	2,620	90
Washington	1	2	227	234	103
Other States 4/	4	3	463	459	99
UNITED STATES	81	79	11,811	11,073	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 CATTLE AND CALF INVENTORY

All cattle and calves in California as of January 1, 2013 totaled 5.30 million head, 1 percent below the previous year. Beef cows, with 610 thousand head, were 2 percent below the previous year, and milk cows remained unchanged at 1.78 million head. All heifers weighing more than 500 pounds were estimated at 1.11 million head, 5 percent below the previous year. Steers 500 pounds and over totaled 620 thousand head, 2 percent above last year. Bulls in the same weight category totaled 70.0 thousand head, unchanged from last year. Calves weighing less than 500 pounds, at 1.11 million head, are one percent above a year ago.

ALL CATTLE AND CALVES

TWELVE SELECTED STATES AND U.S. AS OF JANUARY 1

State	2012	2013	<u>2013</u>
	1,000 Head		Percent
Arizona	920	900	98
California	5,350	5,300	99
Colorado	2,750	2,600	95
Idaho	2,220	2,370	107
Iowa	3,900	3,850	99
Kansas	6,100	5,850	96
Nebraska	6,450	6,300	98
New Mexico	1,390	1,340	96
Oklahoma	4,500	4,200	93
South Dakota	3,650	3,850	105
Texas	11,900	11,300	95
Washington	1,110	1,150	104
UNITED STATES	90,769	89,300	98

JANUARY 1 U.S. CATTLE INVENTORY DOWN 2 PERCENT

All cattle and calves in the U.S. as of January 1, 2013 totaled 89.3 million head, 2 percent below the 90.8 million on January 1, 2012. This is the lowest January 1 inventory of all cattle and calves since the 88.1 million on hand in 1952.

All cows and heifers that have calved, at 38.5 million, were down 2 percent from the 39.4 million on January 1, 2012. This is the lowest January 1 inventory of all cows and heifers that have calved since the 36.8 million head in 1941.

- Beef cows, at 29.3 million, were down 3 percent from January 1, 2012.
- Milk cows, at 9.2 million, unchanged from January 1, 2012.

Other class estimates on January 1, 2013 and the change from January 1, 2012, are as follows:

- All heifers 500 pounds and over, 19.1 million, down 1 percent.
- Beef replacement heifers, 5.4 million, up 2 percent.
- Milk replacement heifers, 4.6 million, down 2 percent.
- Other heifers, 9.2 million, down 3 percent.
- Steers weighing 500 pounds and over, 15.8 million, unchanged.
- Bulls weighing 500 pounds and over, 2.1 million, down 2 percent.
- Calves under 500 pounds, 13.8 million, down 2 percent.
- Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter in all feedlots, 13.4 million, down 5 percent.
- The combined total of calves under 500 pounds, and other heifers and steers over 500 pounds outside of feedlots was 25.5 million, up 1 percent.

CALF CROP DOWN 3 PERCENT

The 2012 calf crop was estimated at 34.3 million head, down 3 percent from 2011. This is the smallest calf crop since the 33.7 million born during 1949. Calves born during the first half of 2012 are estimated at 25.0 million, down 3 percent from 2011.

CATTLE AND CALVES BY CLASSES FOR CALIFORNIA AND UNITED STATES, JANUARY 1, 2012-13 1/

Class	California 2/			United States 2/		
	2012	2013	2013/2012	2012	2013	2013/2012
	Thousands		Percent	Thousands		Percent
All Cattle and Calves	5,350	5,300	99	90,769	89,300	98
All Cows:	2,400	2,390	100	39,387	38,515	98
Beef	620	610	98	30,158	29,295	97
Milk	1,780	1,780	100	9,230	9,220	100
Heifers 500 Lbs. +	1,170	1,110	95	19,338	19,129	99
Beef Replacement	110	110	100	5,262	5,361	102
Milk Replacement	840	780	93	4,622	4,551	98
Other Heifers	220	220	100	9,454	9,218	97
Steers 500 Lbs. +	610	620	102	15,833	15,813	100
Bulls 500 Lbs. +	70	70	100	2,096	2,056	98
Calves Less Than 500 Lbs.	1,100	1,110	101	14,115	13,352	95
Calf Crop 3/	2,030	2,100	103	35,313	34,279	97

1/ Totals may not add due to rounding.

2/ Source: National Agricultural Statistics Service.

3/ January-December calf crop.

* Data for Canadian cattle will be released on March 6, 2013

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

Commodity	Unit	California			United States		
		January 2012	December 2012	Jan. 15, 2013	January 2012	December 2012	Jan. 15, 2013
		Dollars					
All Hay, Baled 2/ 3/	Ton	235.00	206.00	206.00	172.00	192.00	191.00
Alfalfa, Baled 2/ 3/	Ton	243.00	212.00	212.00	193.00	217.00	217.00
Hogs 2/ 4/	Cwt.	---	---	---	63.50	62.40	62.90
Cows 2/ 5/	Cwt.	---	---	---	74.60	77.30	79.50
Steers and Heifers 2/	Cwt.	---	---	---	130.00	128.00	132.00
Calves 2/	Cwt.	---	---	---	169.00	163.00	169.00
Milk Cows 2/ 6/	Head	1,400.00	---	1,200.00	1,460.00	---	1,370.00
All Milk, Wholesale 2/	Cwt.	16.61	18.91	18.40	19.00	20.90	20.00

- 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 January 2013 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.

CALIFORNIA AND U.S. GOATS

California's goat inventory on January 1, 2013 for angora goats totaled 3.50 thousand head, milk goats totaled 40.5 thousand head, and meat and other goats totaled 98.5 thousand head.

U.S. Meat and all other goats totaled 2.32 million head on January 1, 2013, down 2 percent from 2012. Milk goat inventory was 360 thousand head, unchanged from January 1, 2012, while Angora goats were down 7 percent, totaling 136 thousand head.

JANUARY 1 GOAT NUMBERS BY CLASS FOR SIXTEEN SELECTED STATES AND U.S.

State	Angora Goats		Milk Goats		Meat and Other Goats	
	2012	2013	2012	2013	2012	2013
	Head					
Arizona	23,000	27,000	3,000	3,000	29,000	25,000
California	3,500	3,500	41,000	40,500	96,500	98,500
Colorado	1,000	(D)	11,000	12,200	39,000	32,000
Georgia	---	---	2,900	3,500	65,100	64,200
Idaho	---	---	4,000	4,600	12,300	13,500
Michigan	---	---	10,000	9,600	18,000	18,500
Missouri	1,500	2,700	9,000	10,000	83,500	82,000
Nebraska	---	---	3,100	2,800	20,000	17,000
New England 1/	1,100	1,100	11,100	12,300	12,400	13,700
New Mexico	11,500	12,000	2,800	2,700	13,000	15,000
New York	---	---	12,800	10,900	27,000	28,000
Ohio	---	---	10,000	9,500	65,500	62,000
Oklahoma	---	---	7,000	6,100	91,000	106,000
Oregon	2,400	2,200	10,700	12,300	25,000	26,600
Texas	85,000	72,000	20,000	18,000	855,000	850,000
Washington	(D)	1,000	6,700	8,500	25,000	25,000
UNITED STATES	146,000	136,000	360,000	360,000	2,356,000	2,315,000

- 1/ New England includes CT, ME, MA, NH, RI, and VT.
- (D) Withheld to avoid disclosing data for individual operations.

CALIFORNIA SHEEP AND LAMB INVENTORY

The inventory of all sheep and lambs in California totaled 570 thousand head on January 1, 2013, unchanged from last year.

Breeding sheep and lambs totaled 320 thousand head, unchanged from January 1, 2012.

Market sheep and lambs totaled 250 thousand head, which was also unchanged from last year. Market lambs comprised 98 percent of the total.

TOTAL U.S. SHEEP AND LAMB INVENTORY DOWN 1 PERCENT

All sheep and lamb inventory in the U.S. on January 1, 2013, totaled 5.34 million head, down 1 percent from 2012.

Breeding sheep inventory decreased to 3.98 million head on January 1, 2013, down 1 percent from 4.0 million head on January 1, 2012. Ewes one year old and older, at 3.14 million head, were 1 percent below last year.

Market sheep and lambs on January 1, 2013, totaled 1.36 million head, down 1 percent from January 1, 2012.

Market lambs comprised 94 percent of the total market inventory. Twenty-three percent were lambs under 65 pounds, 12 percent were 65 - 84 pounds, 22 percent were 85 - 105 pounds, and 37 percent were over 105 pounds. Market sheep comprised the remaining 6 percent of total market inventory.

The 2012 lamb crop of 3.46 million head, was down 2 percent from 2011. The 2012 lambing rate was 109 lambs per 100 ewes one year old and older on January 1, 2012, unchanged from 2011.

JANUARY 1 SHEEP AND LAMB INVENTORY FOR SIXTEEN SELECTED STATES AND U.S.

State	All Sheep and Lambs			Breeding Sheep and Lambs		Market Sheep and Lambs	
	2012	2013	2013/2012	2012	2013	2012	2013
	1,000 Head		Percent	1,000 Head		1,000 Head	
Arizona	140	140	100	97	105	43	35
California	570	570	100	320	320	250	250
Colorado	460	435	95	190	195	270	240
Idaho	240	235	98	199	185	41	50
Iowa	195	175	90	143	128	52	47
Kansas	70	65	93	44	42	26	23
Minnesota	150	135	90	106	99	44	36
Montana	225	235	104	210	210	15	25
New Mexico	100	100	100	89	86	11	14
North Dakota	73	74	101	57	55	16	19
Ohio	126	121	96	102	99	24	22
Oregon	200	210	105	140	140	60	70
South Dakota	285	275	96	225	220	60	55
Texas	670	700	104	540	560	130	140
Utah	305	295	97	280	275	25	20
Wyoming	370	375	101	270	275	100	100
U.S. TOTAL	5,365	5,335	99	3,995	3,975	1,370	1,360

WOOL PRODUCTION

Shorn wool production in California during 2012 was 2.80 million pounds, down 3 percent from 2011. Sheep and lambs shorn, at 460 thousand head, was 2 percent below the previous year. The average price paid for wool sold in 2012 was \$1.60 per pound for a total value of \$4.48 million dollars, compared to \$4.93 million dollars in 2011.

Shorn wool production in the U.S. during 2012 was 28.5 million pounds, down 3 percent from 2011. Sheep and lambs shorn totaled 3.93 million head, also down 2 percent from 2011. The average price paid for wool sold in 2012 was \$1.53 per pound for a total value of 43.6 million dollars, down 11 percent from 48.9 million dollars in 2011.

WOOL PRODUCTION AND VALUE, SELECTED STATES AND U.S.

State	Sheep Shorn		Weight Per Fleece		Production		Price Per Pound		Value 1/	
	2011	2012	2011	2012	2011	2012	2011	2012	2011	2012
	1,000 Head		Lbs.		1,000 Lbs.		Dollars		\$1,000	
California	470	460	6.2	6.1	2,900	2,800	1.70	1.60	4,930	4,480
Colorado	370	350	7.0	7.1	2,600	2,500	2.15	2.00	5,590	5,000
Iowa	190	175	5.3	5.1	1,000	900	0.58	0.70	580	630
Montana	200	210	9.3	9.2	1,850	1,930	2.40	2.10	4,440	4,053
New Mexico	90	85	7.8	7.6	700	650	1.85	2.00	1,295	1,300
Oregon	166	166	6.6	6.6	1,100	1,100	1.70	1.56	1,870	1,716
South Dakota	260	255	7.6	7.4	1,970	1,890	1.84	1.67	3,625	3,156
Texas	360	315	7.2	7.3	2,600	2,300	2.21	1.67	5,746	3,841
Utah	275	280	8.7	8.9	2,400	2,500	1.90	1.60	4,560	4,000
Wyoming	275	280	8.9	9.3	2,450	2,600	2.57	2.10	6,297	5,460
UNITED STATES 2/	4,030	3,930	7.3	7.3	29,290	28,500	1.67	1.53	48,925	43,626

1/ Production multiplied by marketing-year average price for individual states. U.S. value is the summation of state values and may not add due to rounding.

2/ U.S. Values may not add due to rounding.

CALIFORNIA COMMERCIAL SLAUGHTER

California's production of red meat during January 2013 totaled 149.5 million pounds (dressed weight), 7 percent higher than the previous month, and 6 percent higher than January 2012. This figure includes slaughter in Federally-inspected and State-inspected plants, but excludes slaughter done on farms. In January 2013, the average live weight of cattle slaughtered was 1,287 pounds, calves 110 pounds, sheep & lambs 143 pounds, and hogs 246 pounds.

U.S. RED MEAT PRODUCTION UP FROM LAST YEAR

Commercial red meat production for the U.S. totaled 4.35 billion pounds in January, up 5 percent from the 4.12 billion pounds produced in January 2012.

Beef production, at 2.26 billion pounds, was 7 percent above the previous year. Cattle slaughter totaled 2.83 million head, up 4 percent from January 2012. The average live weight was up 27 pounds from the previous year, at 1,327 pounds.

Veal production totaled 10.5 million pounds, slightly above January a year ago. Calf slaughter totaled 70.9 thousand head, 5 percent above January 2012. The average live weight was down 9 pounds from last year, at 253 pounds.

Pork production totaled 2.07 billion pounds, 4 percent above the previous year. Hog slaughter totaled 9.96 million head, 4 percent above January 2012. The average live weight was down 1 pound from the previous year, at 277 pounds.

Lamb and mutton production, at 12.4 million pounds, was 2 percent above January 2012. Sheep slaughter totaled 177 thousand head, 8 percent above last year. The average live weight was 140 pounds, down 7 pounds from January a year ago.

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

January 2013 contained 23 weekdays (including 2 holidays) and 4 Saturdays.

COMMERCIAL SLAUGHTER, JANUARY 2012-13 1/

Species and Location	Number Slaughtered		Total Live Weight		Average Live Weight	
	2012	2013	2012	2013	2012	2013
	1,000 Head		1,000 Pounds		Pounds	
CATTLE						
California	139.3	151.7	178,809	193,883	1,292	1,287
U.S.	2,715.7	2,834.7	3,523,506	3,754,330	1,300	1,327
CALVES						
California	16.0	15.0	1,688	1,656	106	110
U.S.	67.7	70.9	17,659	17,858	262	253
SHEEP & LAMBS						
California	25.5	27.6	3,682	3,924	145	143
U.S.	164.8	177.4	24,208	24,752	147	140
HOGS						
California	212.3	207.1	50,527	50,909	238	246
U.S.	9,537.7	9,960.3	2,653,475	2,756,959	278	277
RED MEAT						
	January 2012	December 2012	January 2013		Jan 13 Jan 12	Jan 13 Dec 12
	Million Pounds			Percent		
California	141.5	140.1	149.5		106	107
U.S.	4,123.4	3,996.5	4,348.3		105	109

1/ Farm slaughter excluded.

CALIFORNIA GRAZING FEES ANNUAL AVERAGE RATES 1/

Year	Per Animal Unit 2/	Cow-Calf	Per Head
	Dollars Per Month		
1996	10.10	12.20	11.90
1997	10.60	13.00	12.00
1998	11.50	14.50	12.90
1999	12.10	15.00	12.50
2000	12.30	15.50	12.70
2001	13.00	16.00	13.50
2002	12.80	16.50	14.00
2003	13.50	17.50	14.30
2004	14.50	19.50	15.50
2005	15.40	20.50	17.00
2006	16.50	21.00	17.00
2007	16.50	21.50	17.30
2008	17.80	22.10	18.50
2009	16.70	21.00	17.50
2010	16.40	20.50	17.00
2011	17.30	21.50	18.20
2012	19.40	23.00	20.00

1/ The average rates are estimates based on survey indications of monthly lease rates for private, non-irrigated grazing land from the January Cattle Survey.

2/ Includes animal unit plus cow-calf rates. Cow-calf rate converted to animal unit (AUM) using (1 aum=cow-calf *0.833).

CATFISH FOODSIZE SALES, CALIFORNIA AND UNITED STATES, 2011-12

State	Number Of Fish		Live Weight				Average Price		Total Sales	
			Average Per Fish		Total		Per Pound			
	2011	2012	2011	2012	2011	2012	2011	2012	2011	2012
	1,000 Fish		Pounds		1,000 Pounds		Dollars		\$1,000	
California	1,360	1,260	2.1	1.7	2,850	2,150	2.94	3.01	8,379	6,472
U.S.	201,880	206,630	1.7	1.6	348,000	340,166	1.12	0.94	390,749	318,784

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