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## U.S. CATTLE ON FEED DOWN 7 PERCENT

Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter market in the U.S. for feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head totaled 10.9 million head on March 1, 2013. The inventory was 7 percent below March 1, 2012.

Placements in feedlots during February totaled 1.48 million, 14 percent below 2012. Net placements were 1.42 million head. During February, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 355 thousand, 600-699 pounds were 270 thousand, 700-799 pounds were 407 thousand, and 800 pounds and greater were 450 thousand. Placements are the lowest for February since the series began in 1996.

Marketings of fed cattle during February totaled 1.64 million, 7 percent below 2012.

Other disappearance totaled 60.0 thousand during February, 35 percent below 2012.

## CALIFORNIA CATTLE ON FEED

Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter in California feedlots totaled 480 thousand head on March 1, 2013, unchanged from last month, and 4 percent below March 2012. During February, placements of 48.0 thousand head were 4 percent below the previous year. Marketings of 46.0 thousand head were 13 percent below February 2012. Other disappearance totaled 2.0 thousand head.

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

State	Number On Feed February 1 1/			Placed During February		Marketed During February	
	2012	2013	2013/2012	2012	2013	2012	2013
	1,000 Head		Percent	1,000 Head			
Arizona	276	275	100	25	23	21	27
California	505	480	95	50	48	53	46
Colorado	1,140	1,010	89	165	160	200	170
Idaho	235	225	96	37	36	41	35
Iowa	650	640	98	85	71	62	68
Kansas	2,230	2,110	95	370	295	385	345
Nebraska	2,570	2,470	96	410	350	390	380
Oklahoma	355	325	92	48	37	61	55
South Dakota	260	225	87	47	45	45	39
Texas	2,900	2,620	90	380	340	415	395
Washington	227	234	103	41	35	32	34
Other States	463	459	99	56	42	50	44
<b>UNITED STATES</b>	<b>11,811</b>	<b>11,073</b>	<b>94</b>	<b>1,714</b>	<b>1,482</b>	<b>1,755</b>	<b>1,638</b>

State	Other Disappearance During February 2/		Number On Feed March 1 1/		2013 2012
	2012	2013	2012	2013	
	1,000 Head		Percent		
Arizona	1	1	279	270	97
California	2	2	500	480	96
Colorado	15	10	1,090	990	91
Idaho	1	1	230	225	98
Iowa	3	3	670	640	96
Kansas	15	10	2,200	2,050	93
Nebraska	20	10	2,570	2,430	95
Oklahoma	2	2	340	305	90
South Dakota	2	1	260	230	88
Texas	25	15	2,840	2,550	90
Washington	3	2	233	233	100
Other States	4	3	465	454	98
<b>UNITED STATES</b>	<b>93</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>11,677</b>	<b>10,857</b>	<b>93</b>

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.

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

Commodity	Unit	CALIFORNIA			UNITED STATES		
		February 2012	January 2013	Feb. 15, 2013	February 2012	January 2013	Feb. 15, 2013
		Dollars					
All Hay, Baled 2/ 3/	Ton	244.00	206.00	207.00	177.00	191.00	194.00
Alfalfa, Baled 2/ 3/	Ton	250.00	212.00	212.00	194.00	217.00	218.00
Hogs 2/ 4/	Cwt.	---	---	---	65.50	63.80	65.90
Cows 2/ 5/	Cwt.	---	---	---	82.00	79.10	80.90
Steers and Heifers 2/	Cwt.	---	---	---	131.00	130.00	128.00
Calves 2/	Cwt.	---	---	---	184.00	168.00	168.00
Milk Cows 6/	Head	---	1,200.00	---	---	1,370.00	---
All Milk, Wholesale 2/	Cwt.	15.90	17.90	18.00	17.70	19.90	19.40

- 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 February 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 HONEY PRODUCTION DOWN 35 PERCENT**

California's 2012 honey production, at 11.9 million pounds, was 33 percent lower than 2011. Honey producing colonies totaled 340 thousand, down 8 percent from the previous year. The yield per colony averaged 35 pounds, compared with 48 pounds per colony in 2011.

total production would not be impacted. Colonies were not included if honey was not harvested. Producer honey stocks were 32.9 million pounds on December 15, 2012, down 10 percent from a year earlier. Stocks held by producers exclude those held under the commodity loan program.

**U.S. HONEY PRODUCTION DOWN 1 PERCENT**

Honey production in 2012 from producers with five or more colonies totaled 147 million pounds, down 1 percent from 2011. There were 2.62 million colonies producing honey in 2012, up 5 percent from 2011. Yield per colony averaged 56.1 pounds, down 6 percent from the 59.6 pounds in 2011. Colonies which produced honey in more than one State were counted in each State where the honey was produced. Therefore, at the U.S. level yield per colony may be understated, but

**RECORD HIGH U.S. HONEY PRICES**

Honey prices increased to a record high during 2012 to 195.1 cents per pound, up 11 percent from 176.5 cents per pound in 2011. U.S. and State level prices reflect the portions of honey sold through cooperatives, private, and retail channels. Prices for each color class are derived by weighting the quantities sold for each marketing channel. Prices for the 2011 crop reflect honey sold in 2011 and 2012. Some 2011 crop honey was sold in 2012, which caused some revisions to the 2011 crop prices.

**HONEY PRODUCTION FOR TOP FIVE STATES AND U.S. 1/**

State	Number of Colonies 2/		Yield Per Colony		Production		Average Price Per Pound 3/		Value of Production 4/	
	2011	2012	2011	2012	2011	2012	2011	2012	2011	2012
	1,000 Colonies		Pounds		1,000 Pounds		Cents		\$1,000	
California	370	340	48	35	17,760	11,900	165	193	29,304	22,967
Florida	180	199	61	64	10,980	12,736	168	181	18,446	23,052
Montana	145	149	92	52	13,340	7,748	170	191	22,678	14,799
N. Dakota	460	495	71	69	32,660	34,155	167	189	54,542	64,553
S. Dakota	250	270	66	63	16,500	17,010	170	194	28,050	32,999
UNITED STATES 5/	2,491	2,624	59.6	56.1	148,357	147,092	176.5	195.1	261,850	286,976

- 1/ For producers with five or more colonies. Revised 2011 data.
- 2/ Honey producing colonies are the maximum number of colonies from which honey was taken during the year. It is possible to take honey from colonies which did not survive the entire year.
- 3/ Prices based on expanded sales.
- 4/ Value of production is equal to production multiplied by average price per pound.
- 5/ Due to rounding, total colonies multiplied by total yield may not exactly equal production.

**CATTLE AND CALVES BY CLASSES FOR CANADA, JANUARY 1, 2012-13 1/**

Class	Canada 3/		
	2012	2013	2013/2012
	Thousands		Percent
All Cattle and Calves	12,215	12,275	100
All Cows:	4,957	4,917	99
Beef	3,997	3,956	99
Milk	960	961	100
Heifers 1 year and over	1,967	2,039	104
Beef Replacement	540	570	106
Milk Replacement	468	473	101
Other Heifers	959	997	104
Steers 1 year and over	1,261	1,293	103
Bulls 1 year and over	213	210	99
Calves under 1 year	3,818	3,816	100
Calf Crop 2/	4,489	---	N/A

- 1/ Source: Livestock and Animal Products Section, Statistics Canada.
- 2/ January to December calf crop.

**CALIFORNIA COMMERCIAL SLAUGHTER**

California's production of red meat during February 2013 totaled 130.8 million pounds (dressed weight), 13 percent lower than the previous month, and 4 percent lower than February 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 1,301 pounds, calves 106 pounds, sheep & lambs 139 pounds, and hogs 245 pounds.

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

Commercial red meat production for the U.S. totaled 3.67 billion pounds in February, down 6 percent from the 3.91 billion pounds produced in February 2012.

Beef production, at 1.87 billion pounds, was 7 percent below the previous year. Cattle slaughter totaled 2.36 million head, down 8 percent from February 2012. The average live weight was up 13 pounds from the previous year, at 1,320 pounds.

Veal production totaled 9.0 million pounds, 9 percent below February a year ago. Calf slaughter totaled 59.6 thousand head, down 1 percent from February 2012. The average live weight was down 18 pounds from last year, at 258 pounds.

Pork production totaled 1.78 billion pounds, down 6 percent from the previous year. Hog slaughter totaled 8.59 million head, down 5 percent from February 2012. The average live weight was down 1 pound from the previous year, at 277 pounds.

Lamb and mutton production, at 11.5 million pounds, was down 7 percent from February 2012. Sheep slaughter totaled 162 thousand head, 2 percent below last year. The average live weight was 142 pounds, down 7 pounds from February a year ago.

January to February 2013 commercial red meat production was 8.0 billion pounds, down slightly from 2012. Accumulated beef production was up slightly from last year, veal was down 4 percent, pork was down 1 percent from last year, and lamb and mutton production was down 2 percent.

February 2012 contained 21 weekdays (including 1 holiday) and 4 Saturdays.

February 2013 contained 20 weekdays (including 1 holiday) and 4 Saturdays.

**COMMERCIAL SLAUGHTER, FEBRUARY 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	
<b>CATTLE</b>						
California	136.1	130.3	175,768	168,410	1,301	1,301
U.S.	2,557.6	2,358.9	3,335,912	3,106,096	1,307	1,320
<b>CALVES</b>						
California	14.6	14.4	1,541	1,512	106	106
U.S.	60.2	59.6	16,534	15,318	276	258
<b>SHEEP &amp; LAMBS</b>						
California	23.5	24.0	3,414	3,335	146	139
U.S.	165.3	161.7	24,681	22,988	149	142
<b>HOGS</b>						
California	189.5	183.3	46,871	44,904	247	245
U.S.	9,044.7	8,593.9	2,514,787	2,375,560	278	277

RED MEAT	February 2012	January 2013	February 2013	Feb 13 Feb 12	Feb 13 Jan 13
	Million Pounds			Percent	
California	136.6	149.5	130.8	96	87
U.S.	3,914.1	4,348.3	3,672.9	94	84

1/ Includes slaughter under Federal-inspection and other commercial slaughter, but excludes farm slaughter.

**U.S. AND CANADIAN HOG INVENTORY DOWN SLIGHTLY**

U.S. and Canadian inventory of all hogs and pigs for December 2012 was 79.1 million head. This was down slightly from December 2011, but up 2 percent from December 2010. The breeding inventory, at 7.03 million head, was up slightly from a year ago and up slightly from 2010. Market hog inventory, at 72.0 million head, was down slightly from last year but up 2 percent from 2010. Combined data for quarterly farrowings and pig crop will no longer be provided due to publication changes from Statistics Canada.

U.S. inventory of all hogs and pigs on December 1, 2012 was 66.3 million head. This was down slightly from December 1, 2011 and down 2 percent from September 1, 2012. The breeding inventory, at 5.82 million head, was up slightly from last year and up slightly from the previous quarter. Market hog inventory, at 60.5 million head, was down slightly from last year, and down 2 percent from last quarter. The pig crop, at 29.4 million head, was up slightly from 2011 and up 3 percent from 2010. Sows farrowed during this period totaled 2.90 million head, down 1 percent from 2011 but up 1 percent from 2010.

Canadian inventory of all hogs and pigs on January 1, 2013 was 12.7 million head. This was down 1 percent from January 1, 2012 but up slightly from January 1, 2011. The breeding inventory, at 1.21 million, was down 1 percent from last year and down 1 percent from 2011. Market hog inventory, at 11.5 million head, was down slightly from last year but up slightly from 2011.

**HOG AND PIG INVENTORY, CANADA AND UNITED STATES 1/ 2/**

Type	Canada January 1 Inventory 3/			United States December 1 Inventory 4/		
	2012	2013	2013/2 012	2011	2012	2012/2 011
	1,000 Head					
All Hogs & Pigs Kept for Breeding	12,785	12,720	99	66,361	66,348	100
Market	1,219	1,208	99	5,803	5,817	100
	11,566	11,513	100	60,558	60,531	100
Sows Farrowed	5/	5/	---	2,929	2,900	99
Pig Crop	5/	5/	---	29,365	29,443	100

1/ Totals may not add due to rounding.

2/ Includes Boars.

3/ Source: Livestock and Animal Products Section, Statistics Canada.

4/ Source: National Agricultural Statistics Service

5/ Quarterly farrowings and pig crop totals are no longer available from Statistics Canada

**NUMBER OF LICENSED DAIRY OPERATIONS  
IN SELECTED STATES AND UNITED STATES 1/**

State	2011	2012
	Number	
California	1,675	1,650
Indiana	1,650	1,570
Iowa	1,670	1,580
Michigan	2,160	2,130
Minnesota	4,325	4,125
New York	5,250	5,150
Ohio	3,170	3,060
Pennsylvania	7,240	7,140
Wisconsin	12,100	11,490
UNITED STATES	51,291	49,331

1/ Average number of dairy farms licensed to sell milk, based on counts collected from State and other regulatory agencies.

**MARKETING-YEAR AVERAGE PRICES RECEIVED BY FARMERS**

Commodity	Unit	CALIFORNIA		UNITED STATES	
		2011	2012	2011	2012
		Dollars			
Hogs	Cwt.	---	---	65.30	64.20
Cows 1/	Cwt.	---	---	71.20	80.70
Steers & Heifers	Cwt.	---	---	117.00	126.00
Calves	Cwt.	---	---	142.00	168.00
Milk Cows 2/	Head	1,330.00	1,330.00	1,420.00	1,430.00

1/ Beef cows and cull dairy cows sold for slaughter.

2/ Calendar year average.

**FARM NUMBERS**

In 2012 an estimated 80.5 thousand farms operated on 25.4 million acres in California. The average farm size is 316 acres. The average size of farms increased by 1 percent from 2011, and the number of farms decreased by 1 percent. Land in farms remained the same.

The number of farms in the U.S. in 2012 is estimated at 2.2 million, down 11.6 thousand farms from 2011. Total land in farms, at 914 million acres, decreased 3 million acres from 2011. The average farm size is 421 acres, up 1 acre from the previous year.

**NUMBER OF FARMS AND LAND IN FARMS**

Area and Item		2011	2012
<b>CALIFORNIA</b>	Number of Farms	81,500	80,500
	Land in Farms (1,000 Acres)	25,400	25,400
	Average Size of Farms (Acres)	312	316
<b>UNITED STATES</b>	Number of Farms	2,181,630	2,170,000
	Land in Farms (1,000 Acres)	917,000	914,000
	Average Size of Farms (Acres)	420	421

**TROUT SALES OF FISH 12" OR LONGER, CALIFORNIA AND UNITED STATES, 2011-12 1/**

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	1,260	1,120	1.3	1.2	1,580	1,370	3.04	3.13	4,803	4,288
U.S.	38,215	40,445	1.2	1.2	44,786	47,661	1.52	1.52	68,261	72,663

1/ Revised 2011 data.