



# California Livestock Review

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## CALIFORNIA CATTLE ON FEED

Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter in California feedlots totaled 480 thousand head on April 1, 2013, unchanged from last month, and 2 percent below April 2012. During March, placements of 56.0 thousand head were 6 percent above the previous year. Marketings of 53.0 thousand head were 13 percent below March 2012. Other disappearance totaled 3.0 thousand head.

## 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 10.9 million head on April 1, 2013. The inventory was 5 percent below April 1, 2012. The inventory included 6.91 million steers and steer calves, down 4 percent from the previous year. This group accounted for 63 percent of the total inventory. Heifers and heifer calves accounted for 3.93 million head, down 8 percent from 2012.

Placements in feedlots during March totaled 1.90 million, 6 percent above 2012. Net placements were 1.82 million head. During March, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 410 thousand, 600-699 pounds were 315 thousand, 700-799 pounds were 540 thousand, and 800 pounds and greater were 634 thousand.

Marketings of fed cattle during March totaled 1.77 million, 8 percent below 2012.

Other disappearance totaled 76.0 thousand during March, 10 percent above 2012.

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

State	Number On Feed March 1 1/			Placed During March		Marketed During March	
	2012	2013	2013/2012	2012	2013	2012	2013
	1,000 Head		Percent	1,000 Head			
Arizona	279	270	97	27	32	27	23
California	500	480	96	53	56	61	53
Colorado	1,090	990	91	160	165	175	165
Idaho	230	225	98	34	26	38	35
Iowa	670	640	96	73	71	71	77
Kansas	2,200	2,050	93	375	425	395	360
Nebraska	2,570	2,430	95	440	400	460	400
Oklahoma	340	305	90	56	55	74	53
South Dakota	260	230	88	45	32	48	31
Texas	2,840	2,550	90	430	540	470	485
Washington	233	233	100	37	37	36	36
Other States	465	454	98	62	60	63	53
UNITED STATES	11,677	10,857	93	1,792	1,899	1,918	1,771

State	Other Disappearance During March 2/		Number On Feed April 1 1/		2013
	2012	2013	2012	2013	2012
	1,000 Head		1,000 Head		Percent
Arizona	1	1	278	278	100
California	2	3	490	480	98
Colorado	5	10	1,070	980	92
Idaho	1	1	225	215	96
Iowa	2	4	670	630	94
Kansas	10	25	2,170	2,090	96
Nebraska	20	10	2,530	2,420	96
Oklahoma	2	2	320	305	95
South Dakota	2	1	255	230	90
Texas	20	15	2,780	2,590	93
Washington	1	1	233	233	100
Other States	3	3	461	458	99
UNITED STATES	69	76	11,482	10,909	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 MILK PRODUCTION

California milk producers produced 3.68 billion pounds of milk in March 2013. This was 14 percent above February 2013, and 3 percent below March 2012.

In February 2013, monthly milk per cow averaged 1,810 pounds, 135 pounds less than in January 2013, and 155 pounds less than a year ago.

### MILK PRODUCTION, CALIFORNIA AND UNITED STATES

Month	CALIFORNIA 1/						Total Milk		UNITED STATES 1/ 2/					
	Milk Cows 3/		Milk Per Cow 4/		Milk Production 4/		Receipts 5/		Milk Cows 3/		Milk Per Cow 4/		Milk Production 4/	
	2012	2013	2012	2013	2012	2013	2012	2013	2012	2013	2012	2013	2012	2013
	1,000 Head		Pounds		Million Pounds		Million Pounds		1,000 Head		Pounds		Million Pounds	
Jan.	1,782	1,780	2,030	1,945	3,617	3,462	3,616	3,461	8,502	8,498	1,860	1,872	15,810	15,907
Feb.	1,784	1,782	1,965	1,810	3,506	3,225	3,504	3,225	8,513	8,500	1,780	1,722	15,153	14,653
Mar.	1,785	6/	2,130	6/	3,804	3,678	3,803		8,525	6/	1,931	6/	16,462	16,440
Apr.	1,785		2,035		3,632		3,630		8,529		1,880		16,031	
May	1,782		2,100		3,742		3,740		8,525		1,922		16,384	
June	1,784		1,975		3,523		3,521		8,509		1,827		15,544	
July	1,785		1,960		3,499		3,494		8,494		1,824		15,495	
Aug.	1,782		1,855		3,306		3,301		8,492		1,804		15,322	
Sept.	1,779		1,790		3,184		3,180		8,473		1,729		14,653	
Oct.	1,778		1,860		3,307		3,303		8,467		1,792		15,172	
Nov.	1,780		1,835		3,266		3,260		8,478		1,761		14,929	
Dec.	1,780		1,920		3,418		3,414		8,494		1,847		15,688	

1/ Revised 2012 data.

2/ Twenty-three state total.

3/ Includes dry cows, but excludes heifers not yet fresh.

4/ Excludes milk sucked by calves.

5/ Milk receipts are from the California Department of Food and Agriculture's Dairy Marketing and Milk Pooling branches.

Excludes on-farm usage.

6/ Due to federal sequestration, data collection on the number of cows and milk per cow has been suspended; milk production totals are based on administrative data.

### AVERAGE PRICES RECEIVED BY FARMERS, CALIFORNIA AND UNITED STATES 1/

Commodity	Unit	CALIFORNIA			UNITED STATES		
		March 2012	Feb 2013	March 15, 2013	March 2012	Feb 2013	March 15, 2013
		Dollars					
All Hay, Baled 2/ 3/	Tons	239.00	207.00	201.00	183.00	194.00	196.00
Alfalfa, Baled 2/ 3/	Tons	245.00	212.00	205.00	200.00	218.00	219.00
Hogs 2/ 4/	Cwt.	---	---	---	65.20	64.50	59.80
Cows 2/ 5/	Cwt.	---	---	---	84.20	80.80	82.90
Steers and Heifers 2/	Cwt.	---	---	---	132.00	127.00	128.00
Calves 2/	Cwt.	---	---	---	184.00	167.00	163.00
Milk Cows	Head	---	---	---	---	---	---
All Milk, Wholesale 2/	Cwt.	15.51	18.01	17.70	17.20	19.50	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 March 2013 prices are for the full month.

4/ Prices include barrows, gilts, and sows.

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

**RED MEAT PRODUCTION IN 2012**

California's production of red meat in commercial plants during 2012 totaled 1.73 billion pounds, down slightly from last year. The month of October had the largest red meat production at 156 million pounds.

Total red meat production for the U.S. totaled 49.6 billion pounds in 2012, slightly higher than the previous year. Red meat includes beef, veal, pork, and lamb and mutton. Red meat production in commercial plants totaled 49.4 billion pounds. On-farm slaughter totaled 113 million pounds.

**RED MEAT PRODUCTION BY MONTH 1/**

Month	CALIFORNIA		UNITED STATES	
	2011	2012	2011	2012
Million Pounds				
January	143.2	141.6	4,041.1	4,123.0
February	139.9	136.6	3,810.0	3,914.1
March	154.8	147.7	4,346.7	4,171.4
April	139.7	143.3	3,867.8	3,855.2
May	143.3	149.3	3,914.8	4,182.7
June	152.1	146.4	4,218.8	4,022.5
July	135.4	140.8	3,792.3	3,945.2
August	149.8	147.4	4,303.4	4,391.0
September	142.1	133.3	4,192.1	3,948.0
October	139.0	156.1	4,270.6	4,580.1
November	147.7	144.8	4,258.9	4,309.2
December	146.6	139.9	4,215.1	3,997.0
TOTAL 2/	1,733.5	1,727.0	49,231.7	49,439.7

- 1/ Includes total beef, veal, pork, and lamb and mutton, but excludes farm slaughter.
- 2/ Totals based on unrounded data and may not equal sum of parts.

**CALIFORNIA COMMERCIAL SLAUGHTER**

California's production of red meat during March 2013 totaled 139.1 million pounds (dressed weight), 6 percent higher than the previous month, and 6 percent lower than March 2012. This figure includes slaughter in Federally-inspected and State-inspected plants, but excludes slaughter done on farms. In March 2013, the average live weight of cattle slaughtered was 1,317 pounds, calves 103 pounds, sheep & lambs 142 pounds, and hogs 247 pounds.

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

Commercial red meat production for the U.S. totaled 3.99 billion pounds in March, down 4 percent from the 4.17 billion pounds produced in March 2012.

Beef production, at 2.04 billion pounds, was 6 percent below the previous year. Cattle slaughter totaled 2.59 million head, down 6 percent from March 2012. The average live weight was up 14 pounds from the previous year, at 1,313 pounds.

Veal production totaled 9.2 million pounds, 8 percent below March a year ago. Calf slaughter totaled 62.7 thousand head, up 5 percent from March 2012. The average live weight was down 31 pounds from last year, at 252 pounds.

Pork production totaled 1.93 billion pounds, down 3 percent from the previous year. Hog slaughter totaled 9.32 million head, down 2 percent from March 2012. The average live weight was down 2 pounds from the previous year, at 277 pounds.

Lamb and mutton production, at 13.8 million pounds, was down 3 percent from March 2012. Sheep slaughter totaled 196 thousand head, 3 percent above last year. The average live weight was 141 pounds, down 8 pounds from March a year ago.

January to March 2013 commercial red meat production was 12.0 billion pounds, down 2 percent from 2012. Accumulated beef production was down 2 percent from last year, veal was down 5 percent, pork was down 1 percent from last year, and lamb and mutton production was down 3 percent.

March 2012 contained 22 weekdays (including 0 holidays) and 5 Saturdays. March 2013 contained 21 weekdays (including 0 holidays) and 5 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	147.5	137.6	189,435	180,047	1,293	1,317
U.S.	2,753.4	2,585.4	3,569,546	3,386,167	1,299	1,313
<b>CALVES</b>						
California	13.4	15.5	1,407	1,597	106	103
U.S.	59.5	62.7	16,781	15,748	283	252
<b>SHEEP &amp; LAMBS</b>						
California	27.4	27.8	4,002	3,938	146	142
U.S.	189.9	196.1	28,308	27,534	149	141
<b>HOGS</b>						
California	208.1	193.1	50,776	47,584	244	247
U.S.	9,520.7	9,318.8	2,653,214	2,579,523	279	277

RED MEAT	March 2012	February 2013	March 2013	Apr 13 Apr 12	Apr 13 Mar 13
	Million Pounds			Percent	
California	147.7	130.8	139.1	94	106
U.S.	4171.4	3673.1	3994.3	96	109

1/ Farm slaughter excluded.

