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U.S. CATTLE ON FEED DOWN 3 PERCENT

Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter market in the U.S. for feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head totaled 10.7 million head on June 1, 2013. The inventory was 3 percent below June 1, 2012.

Placements in feedlots during May totaled 2.05 million, 2 percent below 2012. Net placements were 1.95 million head. During May, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 390 thousand, 600-699 pounds were 304 thousand, 700-799 pounds were 555 thousand, and 800 pounds and greater were 800 thousand.

Marketings of fed cattle during May totaled 1.95 million, 3 percent below 2012. Marketings are the second lowest since the series began in 1996 for the month of May.

Other disappearance totaled 100 thousand during May, unchanged from 2012.

CALIFORNIA CATTLE ON FEED

Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter in California feedlots totaled 510 thousand head on June 1, 2013, 4 percent above last month, and also 4 percent above June 2012. During May, placements of 77.0 thousand head were 10 percent above the previous year. Marketings of 54.0 thousand head were 2 percent above May 2012. Other disappearance totaled 3.0 thousand head.

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

State	Number On Feed May1 1/			Placed During May		Marketed During May	
	2012	2013	2013/2012	2012	2013	2012	2013
	1,000 Head			1,000 Head			
Arizona	276	275	100	36	25	29	27
California	475	490	103	70	77	53	54
Colorado	1,030	960	93	180	170	170	150
Idaho	215	210	98	29	41	32	45
Iowa	650	620	95	59	65	64	72
Kansas	2,080	2,060	99	445	430	415	410
Nebraska	2,460	2,390	97	460	460	540	510
Oklahoma	295	295	100	81	78	54	61
South Dakota	245	225	92	35	39	45	45
Texas	2,710	2,540	94	580	570	500	465
Washington	224	220	98	43	40	46	45
Other States	450	450	100	66	54	69	64
UNITED STATES	11,110	10,735	97	2,084	2,049	2,017	1,948

State	Other Disappearance During May 2/		Number On Feed June1 1/		2013
	2012	2013	2012	2013	2012
	1,000 Head		Percent		
Arizona	1	1	282	272	96
California	2	3	490	510	104
Colorado	20	20	1,020	960	94
Idaho	2	1	210	205	98
Iowa	5	3	640	610	95
Kansas	20	20	2,090	2,060	99
Nebraska	20	20	2,360	2,320	98
Oklahoma	2	2	320	310	97
South Dakota	5	4	230	215	93
Texas	20	15	2,770	2,630	95
Washington	1	1	220	214	97
Other States	2	10	445	430	97
UNITED STATES	100	100	11,077	10,736	97

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, NEVADA, AND HAWAII
COMMERCIAL SLAUGHTER**

California's production of red meat during May 2013 totaled 153.5 million pounds (dressed weight), 6 percent higher than the previous month, and 3 percent higher than May 2012. This figure includes slaughter in Federally-inspected and State-inspected plants, but excludes slaughter done on farms. In May 2013, the average live weight of cattle slaughtered was 1,306 pounds, calves 109 pounds, sheep & lambs 142 pounds, and hogs 240 pounds.

In Nevada, 100 thousand pounds of red meat was produced in May 2013, and 800 thousand pounds was produced in Hawaii.

**U.S. VEAL PRODUCTION
AT RECORD LOW FOR MAY**

Commercial red meat production for the U.S. totaled 4.15 billion pounds in May, down 1 percent from the 4.18 billion pounds produced in May 2012.

Beef production, at 2.23 billion pounds, was slightly below the previous year. Cattle slaughter totaled 2.86 million head, down slightly from May 2012. The average live weight was up 9 pounds from the previous year, at 1,289 pounds.

Veal production totaled 9.1 million pounds, 12 percent below May a year ago. Calf slaughter totaled 58.2 thousand head, down 2 percent from May 2012. The average live weight was down 29 pounds from last year, at 266 pounds.

Pork production totaled 1.90 billion pounds, down 1 percent from the previous year. Hog slaughter totaled 9.22 million head, down 1 percent from May 2012. The average live weight was down 1 pound from the previous year, at 276 pounds.

Lamb and mutton production, at 14.3 million pounds, was up 5 percent from May 2012. Sheep slaughter totaled 205 thousand head, 14 percent above last year. The average live weight was 140 pounds, down 11 pounds from May a year ago.

January to May 2013 commercial red meat production was 20.3 billion pounds, up slightly from 2012. Accumulated beef production was up slightly from last year, veal was down 7 percent, pork was down slightly from last year, and lamb and mutton production was up slightly.

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COMMERCIAL SLAUGHTER, MAY 2012-2013 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	150.1	155.4	191,757	201,611	1,286	1,306
Hawaii	1.0	1.0	1,149	1,097	1,149	1,127
Nevada	0.1	0.1	135	118	1,069	939
U.S. Total	2,875.6	2,863.9	3,674,162	3,682,861	1,280	1,289
CALVES						
California	13.3	11.6	1,456	1,258	110	109
Hawaii	2/	3/	4/	3/	4/	3/
Nevada	3/	3/	3/	3/	3/	3/
U.S. Total	59.2	58.2	17,388	15,432	295	266
SHEEP & LAMBS						
California	26.4	29.6	3,851	4,211	146	142
Hawaii	0.1	2/	6	4/	114	4/
Nevada	0.1	0.1	11	13	120	110
U.S. Total	180.0	204.5	27,182	28,536	151	140
HOGS						
California	211.2	203.4	50,922	48,757	241	240
Hawaii	1.2	1.1	294	258	253	238
Nevada	0.1	0.1	22	25	239	272
U.S. Total	9,285.0	9,215.2	2,572,642	2,540,903	277	276
RED MEAT	May 2012	April 2013	May 2013	May 13 May 12	May 13 Apr 13	
	Million Pounds			Percent		
California	149.3	144.4	153.5	103	106	
Hawaii	0.9	0.7	0.8	91	114	
Nevada	0.1	0.1	0.1	94	100	
U.S. Total	4,182.7	4,091.7	4,151.3	99	101	

1/ Farm slaughter excluded.
2/ Less than level of precision shown.
3/ Withheld to avoid disclosing data for individual operations.
4/ Not applicable.

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

Commodity	Unit	California			UNITED STATES		
		June 2012	May 2013	May 15, 2013	June 2012	May 2013	May 15, 2013
		Dollars					
Hogs 2/ 3/	Cwt.	---	---	---	62.80	61.80	67.00
Cows 2/ 4/	Cwt.	---	---	---	87.70	80.90	80.10
Steers and Heifers 2/	Cwt.	---	---	---	125.00	128.00	129.00
Calves 2/	Cwt.	---	---	---	176.00	155.00	151.00
Milk Cows 5/	Head	---	---	---	---	---	---
All Milk, Wholesale 2/	Cwt.	14.31	18.23	18.30	16.20	19.50	19.80

- 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/ Prices include barrows, gilts, and sows.
- 4/ Beef cows and cull dairy cows sold for slaughter.
- 5/ Animals sold for dairy herd replacement only. Prices published January, April, July and October.

HAY PRICES 1/

Commodity	Unit	Alfalfa hay			Other Hay		
		May 2012	April 2013	May 2013	May 2012	April 2013	May 2013
		Dollars					
Arizona	Tons	255.00	200.00	240.00	195.00	190.00	250.00
California 2/	Tons	220.00	205.00	206.00	175.00	178.00	176.00
Idaho	Tons	180.00	190.00	190.00	120.00	145.00	145.00
Nevada	Tons	225.00	202.00	202.00	175.00	175.00	209.00
Oregon	Tons	230.00	231.00	205.00	220.00	211.00	184.00
Utah	Tons	205.00	183.00	191.00	163.00	148.00	153.00
UNITED STATES	Tons	217.00	215.00	221.00	148.00	162.00	154.00

- 1/ Current month hay prices are preliminary.
- 2/ Previous month revised to monthly average.

NEVADA DROUGHT UPDATE

Western Nevada is in extreme drought and drought over much of the rest of the State is considered severe. Following the dry weather of last year, effects of the drought are more profound. Farmers and ranchers across the State are greatly impacted. Pasture and range conditions currently rate mostly poor to fair and are deteriorating as warm, windy weather continues to dry native forages. Lower elevation range is particularly poor. Many traditional ranges are lacking tank and spring water supplies usually available for stock. A number of ranchers are hauling water to ranges for livestock. Surface irrigation water is extremely limited in a number of valleys. Farmers in the Lovelock, Smith, and Mason valleys are being allotted only a small fraction of their normal water allocations. Increased reliance on well water disproportionately increases production costs. Many fields have gone unplanted to devote what water is available to the remaining fields. A number of growers are anticipating fewer cuttings of alfalfa. Native grasses available for haying are sharply reduced. A high proportion of small grain acreage is

being cut for hay rather than grown through grain production. Lower yields are expected from unmet irrigation needs. Administering agencies are expecting an extremely hazardous fire season which can be devastating to ranchers.

**QUARTERLY MILK PRODUCTION
CALIFORNIA, NEVADA AND U.S.**

California: Milk production in California for the January - March quarter totaled 10.4 billion pounds, down 5.2 percent from the January - March quarter last year.

Nevada: Milk production in Nevada for the January - March quarter totaled 166 million pounds, a decrease of less than 1 percent from January – March of last year.

United States: Milk production in the United States during the January - March quarter totaled 50.5 billion pounds, down 1.0 percent from the January - March quarter last year.

