



Pacific Region Livestock Review

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U.S. CATTLE ON FEED DOWN 8 PERCENT

Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter market in the United States for feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head totaled 10.1 million head on October 1, 2013. The inventory was 8 percent below October 1, 2012. The inventory included 6.44 million steers and steer calves, down 7 percent from the previous year. This group accounted for 64 percent of the total inventory. Heifers and heifer calves accounted for 3.66 million head, down 8 percent from 2012.

CALIFORNIA CATTLE ON FEED

Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter in California feedlots totaled 500 thousand head on October 1, 2013, 1 percent lower than last month, and 5 percent higher than October 2012. During September, placements of 50.0 thousand head were unchanged from the previous year. Marketings of 53.0 thousand head were 2 percent above September 2012. Other disappearance totaled 2.0 thousand head.

Placements in feedlots during September totaled 2.03 million, 1 percent above 2012. Net placements were 1.96 million head. During September, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 475 thousand, 600-699 pounds were 335 thousand, 700-799 pounds were 480 thousand, and 800 pounds and greater were 735 thousand.

Marketings of fed cattle during September totaled 1.70 million, 6 percent above 2012.

Other disappearance totaled 62.0 thousand during September, 3 percent below 2012.

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

State	Number On Feed September 1/			Placed During September		Marketed During September	
	2012	2013	2013/2012	2012	2013	2012	2013
	1,000 Head		Percent	1,000 Head			
Arizona	271	266	98	20	23	18	20
California	480	505	105	50	50	52	53
Colorado	930	830	89	225	190	150	145
Idaho	205	190	93	61	62	35	41
Iowa	590	550	93	89	101	87	89
Kansas	2,180	1,980	91	375	390	310	355
Nebraska	2,240	2,090	93	470	520	370	390
Oklahoma	325	280	86	57	67	45	60
South Dakota	185	170	92	50	43	39	32
Texas	2,620	2,430	93	480	480	400	430
Washington	208	184	88	46	37	40	36
Other States	413	401	97	81	62	52	44
UNITED STATES	10,647	9,876	93	2,004	2,025	1,598	1,695
State	Other Disappearance During September 2/		Number On Feed October 1 1/		2013		
	2012	2013	2012	2013	2012		
	1,000 Head		1,000 Head		Percent		
Arizona	1	1	272	268	99		
California	3	2	475	500	105		
Colorado	5	5	1,000	870	87		
Idaho	1	1	230	210	91		
Iowa	2	2	590	560	95		
Kansas	15	15	2,230	2,000	90		
Nebraska	10	10	2,330	2,210	95		
Oklahoma	2	2	335	285	85		
South Dakota	1	1	195	180	92		
Texas	20	20	2,680	2,460	92		
Washington	1	1	213	184	86		
Other States	3	2	439	417	95		
UNITED STATES	64	62	10,989	10,144	92		

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 dairies produced 3.20 billion pounds of milk in September 2013. This was 6 percent below August 2013, and slightly above September 2012.

Monthly milk per cow averaged 1,795 pounds, 115 pounds less than August 2013, but 5 pounds more than a year ago.

MILK PRODUCTION, CALIFORNIA AND UNITED STATES

Month	CALIFORNIA 1/						Total Milk Receipts 5/		UNITED STATES 1/ 2/					
	Milk Cows 3/		Milk Per Cow 4/		Milk Production 4/		2012	2013	Milk Cows 3/		Milk Per Cow 4/		Milk Production 4/	
	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	8,502	1,780	1,723	15,153	14,653
Mar.	1,785	6/	2,130	6/	3,804	3,671	3,803	3,670	8,525	6/	1,931	6/	16,462	16,440
Apr.	1,785	6/	2,035	6/	3,632	3,619	3,630	3,617	8,529	6/	1,880	6/	16,031	16,059
May	1,782	6/	2,100	6/	3,744	3,720	3,740	3,718	8,525	6/	1,922	6/	16,384	16,572
June	1,784	6/	1,975	6/	3,523	3,486	3,521	3,485	8,509	6/	1,827	6/	15,544	15,801
July	1,785	6/	1,960	6/	3,498	3,375	3,494	3,371	8,494	8529	1,824	1841	15,495	15,703
Aug.	1,781	1,780	1,855	1,910	3,304	3,400	3,301	3,396	8,492	8525	1,804	1842	15,322	15,700
Sept.	1,779	1,781	1,790	1,795	3,184	3,197	3,180	3,196	8,473	8506	1,729	1741	14,653	14,810
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 was suspended for the months indicated; milk production totals were based on administrative data

U.S. HOG INVENTORY UP SLIGHTLY

United States inventory of all hogs and pigs on September 1, 2013 was 68.4 million head. This was up slightly from September 1, 2012, and up 3 percent from June 1, 2013.

Breeding inventory, at 5.81 million head, was up slightly from last year, but down 1 percent from the previous quarter. Market hog inventory, at 62.5 million head, was up slightly from last year, and up 3 percent from last quarter.

The June-August 2013 pig crop, at 30.2 million head, was up 2 percent from 2012. Sows farrowing during this period totaled 2.92 million head, down slightly from 2012. The sows farrowed during this quarter represented 50 percent of the breeding herd. The average pigs saved per litter was a record high 10.33 for the June-August period, compared to 10.13 last year. Pigs saved per litter by size of operation ranged from 7.80 for operations with 1-99 hogs and pigs to 10.40 for operations with more than 5,000 hogs and pigs.

UNITED STATES HOG AND PIG INVENTORY, 2012-2013 1/ 2/

Type	United States September 1 Inventory		
	2012	2013	<u>2013</u> 2012
	1,000 Head		Percent
All Hogs & Pigs	68,172	68,360	100
Kept for Breeding	5,788	5,814	100
Market	62,384	62,546	100
Sows Farrowed	2,928	2,925	100
Pig Crop	29,654	30,210	102

1/ Totals may not add due to rounding.

2/ Includes Boars.

CALIFORNIA, NEVADA, AND HAWAII COMMERCIAL SLAUGHTER

California's production of red meat during September 2013 totaled 140.5 million pounds (dressed weight), 6 percent lower than the previous month, and 5 percent higher than September 2012. This figure includes slaughter in Federally-inspected and State-inspected plants, but excludes slaughter done on farms. In September 2013, the average live weight of cattle slaughtered was 1,279 pounds, calves 98 pounds, sheep & lambs 135 pounds, and hogs 246 pounds.

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

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

Commercial red meat production for the United States totaled 3.94 billion pounds in September, down slightly from the 3.95 billion pounds produced in September 2012.

Beef production, at 2.07 billion pounds, was 3 percent above the previous year. Cattle slaughter totaled 2.61 million head, up 3 percent from September 2012. The average live weight was up 2 pounds from the previous year, at 1,313 pounds.

Veal production totaled 8.6 million pounds, 3 percent below September a year ago. Calf slaughter totaled 62,900 head, down 2 percent from September 2012. The average live weight was down 1 pound from last year, at 234 pounds.

Pork production totaled 1.84 billion pounds, down 4 percent from the previous year. Hog slaughter totaled 9.03 million head, down 4 percent from September 2012. The average live weight was up 2 pounds from the previous year, at 273 pounds.

Lamb and mutton production, at 11.6 million pounds, was down 7 percent from September 2012. Sheep slaughter totaled 185 thousand head, 6 percent above last year. The average live weight was 126 pounds, down 19 pounds from September a year ago.

January to September 2013 commercial red meat production was 36.4 billion pounds, down slightly from 2012. Accumulated beef production was down slightly from last year, veal was down 6 percent, pork was down 1 percent from last year, and lamb and mutton production was up 1 percent.

September 2012 contained 20 weekdays (including 1 holiday) and 5 Saturdays.

September 2013 contained 21 weekdays (including 1 holiday) and 4 Saturdays.

COMMERCIAL SLAUGHTER, SEPTEMBER 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	140.3	144.5	176,101	183,592	1,263	1,279
Hawaii	0.8	0.9	940	1,046	1,122	1,173
Nevada	0.1	0.1	119	144	1,009	1,041
U.S. Total	2,542.7	2,608.6	3,326,962	3,417,346	1,311	1,313
CALVES						
California	16.1	15.7	1,671	1,528	105	98
Hawaii	(Y)	(D)	(X)	(D)	(X)	(D)
Nevada	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
U.S. Total	64.3	62.9	15,071	14,653	235	234
SHEEP & LAMBS						
California	22.6	25.9	3,055	3,479	135	135
Hawaii	0.1	(Y)	6	(X)	109	(X)
Nevada	0.1	0.1	7	6	106	123
U.S. Total	174.1	184.9	25,137	23,213	145	126
HOGS						
California	183.2	187.4	43,124	46,051	236	246
Hawaii	1.1	1.2	267	273	251	231
Nevada	(Y)	(Y)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
U.S. Total	9,455.0	9,030.2	2,559,020	2,463,168	271	273
RED MEAT	September 2012		August 2013		September 2013	
			Million Pounds		Sep 13 Sep 12	Sep 13 Aug 13
					Percent	
California	133.3	149.9	140.5	105	94	
Hawaii	0.7	0.8	0.8	108	(Y)	
Nevada	0.1	0.1	0.1	115	(Y)	
U.S. Total	3,948.0	4,203.3	3,937.4	100	94	

1/ Farm slaughter excluded.

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

(X) Not applicable.

(Y) Less than level of precision shown.

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

Commodity	Unit	California			United States		
		September 2012	August 2013	Sept. 15, 2013	September 2012	August 2013	Sept. 15, 2013
		Dollars					
Hogs 2/ 3/	Cwt.	---	---	---	55.70	74.20	69.20
Cows 2/ 4/	Cwt.	---	---	---	79.20	82.80	84.00
Steers and Heifers 2/	Cwt.	---	---	---	125.00	125.00	126.00
Calves 2/	Cwt.	---	---	---	162.00	168.00	198.00
Milk Cows 5/	Head	---	---	---	---	---	---
All Milk, Wholesale 2/	Cwt.	17.73	18.01	18.30	19.70	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		
		September 2012	August 2013	September 2013	September 2012	August 2013	September 2013
		Dollars					
Arizona	Tons	200.00	190.00	180.00	220.00	210.00	200.00
California 2/	Tons	205.00	204.00	202.00	190.00	175.00	170.00
Idaho	Tons	190.00	200.00	180.00	130.00	170.00	180.00
Nevada	Tons	203.00	212.00	196.00	178.00	190.00	190.00
Oregon	Tons	226.00	198.00	200.00	175.00	217.00	200.00
Utah	Tons	187.00	187.00	187.00	150.00	155.00	150.00
UNITED STATES	Tons	206.00	200.00	194.00	140.00	140.00	136.00

1/ Current month hay prices are preliminary.

2/ Previous month revised to monthly average.