



# Pacific Region Livestock Review

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### 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 10.6 million head on January 1, 2014. The inventory was 5 percent below January 1, 2013. The inventory included 6.78 million steers and steer calves, down 4 percent from the previous year. This group accounted for 64 percent of the total inventory. Heifers and heifer calves accounted for 3.73 million head, down 8 percent from 2013.

Placements in feedlots during December totaled 1.68 million, 1 percent above 2012. Net placements were 1.60 million head. During December, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 485 thousand, 600-699 pounds were 420 thousand, 700-799 pounds were 391 thousand, and 800 pounds and greater were 385 thousand.

Marketings of fed cattle during December totaled 1.74 million, 1 percent below 2012.

Other disappearance totaled 77.0 thousand during December, 4 percent above 2012.

### CALIFORNIA CATTLE ON FEED

Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter in California feedlots totaled 510 thousand head on January 1, 2014, 1 percent higher than last month, and 6 percent higher than January 2013. During December, placements of 59.0 thousand head were 18 percent above the previous year. Marketings of 52.0 thousand head were 5 percent below December 2012. Other disappearance totaled 2.0 thousand head.

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

State	Number On Feed December 1/			Placed During December		Marketed During December	
	2012	2013	2013/2012	2012	2013	2012	2013
	1,000 Head		Percent	1,000 Head			
Arizona	267	275	103	29	28	23	28
California	490	505	103	50	59	55	52
Colorado	1,020	970	95	140	150	155	150
Idaho	245	225	92	26	32	40	36
Iowa	610	610	100	82	96	68	84
Kansas	2,190	2,050	94	365	360	425	385
Nebraska	2,530	2,430	96	390	405	425	420
Oklahoma	345	265	77	52	43	49	45
South Dakota	230	220	96	34	43	33	30
Texas	2,700	2,510	93	415	370	380	420
Washington	261	207	79	25	34	38	37
Other States	460	458	100	56	61	54	49
<b>UNITED STATES</b>	<b>11,348</b>	<b>10,725</b>	<b>95</b>	<b>1,664</b>	<b>1,681</b>	<b>1,745</b>	<b>1,736</b>
State	Other Disappearance During December 2/		Number On Feed January 1 1/		2014		
	2012	2013	2013	2014	2013		
	1,000 Head		1,000 Head		Percent		
Arizona	1	1	272	274	101		
California	5	2	480	510	106		
Colorado	5	10	1,000	960	96		
Idaho	1	1	230	220	96		
Iowa	4	2	620	620	100		
Kansas	20	15	2,110	2,010	95		
Nebraska	15	15	2,480	2,400	97		
Oklahoma	3	3	345	260	75		
South Dakota	1	3	230	230	100		
Texas	15	20	2,720	2,440	90		
Washington	1	3	247	201	81		
Other States	3	2	459	468	102		
<b>UNITED STATES</b>	<b>74</b>	<b>77</b>	<b>11,193</b>	<b>10,593</b>	<b>95</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.

## CALIFORNIA, NEVADA, AND HAWAII COMMERCIAL SLAUGHTER

California's production of red meat during December 2013 totaled 148.8 million pounds (dressed weight), 9 percent higher than the previous month, and 6 percent higher than December 2012. This figure includes slaughter in Federally-inspected and State-inspected plants, but excludes slaughter done on farms. In December 2013, the average live weight of cattle slaughtered was 1,311 pounds, calves 96 pounds, sheep & lambs 139 pounds, and hogs 247 pounds.

In Nevada, 100 thousand pounds of red meat was produced in December 2013, and 700 thousand pounds was produced in Hawaii.

### U.S. COMMERCIAL RED MEAT PRODUCTION UP FROM LAST YEAR

Commercial red meat production for the U.S. totaled 4.14 billion pounds in December, up 3 percent from the 4.00 billion pounds produced in December 2012.

Beef production, at 2.05 billion pounds, was 1 percent above the previous year. Cattle slaughter totaled 2.56 million head, up 1 percent from December 2012. The average live weight was up 9 pounds from the previous year, at 1,333 pounds.

Veal production totaled 9.8 million pounds, 1 percent above December a year ago. Calf slaughter totaled 66.5 thousand head, up 2 percent from December 2012. The average live weight was down 2 pounds from last year, at 252 pounds.

Pork production totaled 2.07 billion pounds, up 6 percent from the previous year. Hog slaughter totaled 9.74 million head, up 3 percent from December 2012. The average live weight was up 7 pounds from the previous year, at 283 pounds.

Lamb and mutton production, at 13.2 million pounds, was up 3 percent from December 2012. Sheep slaughter totaled 203 thousand head, 7 percent above last year. The average live weight was 130 pounds, down 5 pounds from December a year ago.

January to December 2013 commercial red meat production was 49.2 billion pounds, down 1 percent from 2012. Accumulated beef production was down 1 percent from last year, veal was down 6 percent, pork was down slightly from last year, and lamb and mutton production was down slightly.

December 2012 contained 21 weekdays (including 1 holiday) and 5 Saturdays.

December 2013 contained 22 weekdays (including 1 holiday) and 4 Saturdays.

#### COMMERCIAL SLAUGHTER, DECEMBER 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	140.0	144.7	178,133	188,447	1,281	1,311
Hawaii	0.9	0.8	999	830	1,091	1,105
Nevada	0.1	0.1	79	68	970	1,040
U.S. Total	2,543.0	2,561.1	3,358,149	3,407,882	1,324	1,333
<b>CALVES</b>						
California	14.6	15.7	1,563	1,492	107	96
Hawaii	(Y)	(D)	(X)	(D)	(X)	(D)
Nevada	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
U.S. Total	65.4	66.5	16,573	16,673	254	252
<b>SHEEP &amp; LAMBS</b>						
California	24.3	24.5	3,317	3,413	137	139
Hawaii	0.1	0.1	9	7	102	114
Nevada	0.1	0.1	6	13	112	118
U.S. Total	190.0	202.5	25,690	26,296	135	130
<b>HOGS</b>						
California	207.5	217.0	50,141	53,498	242	247
Hawaii	1.4	1.3	324	323	234	252
Nevada	(Y)	0.1	(X)	16	(X)	258
U.S. Total	9,469.1	9,735.5	2,613,766	2,753,838	276	283
<b>RED MEAT</b>	December 2013	November 2014	December 2014	Jan 14 Jan 13	Jan 14 Dec 13	
	Million Pounds			Percent		
California	139.9	136.7	148.8	106	109	
Hawaii	0.8	0.7	0.7	90	(Y)	
Nevada	0.1	0.1	0.1	112	(Y)	
U.S. Total	3,997.0	4,119.4	4,136.0	103	100	

1/ Farm slaughter excluded.

(Y) Less than level of precision shown.

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

(X) Not applicable.

## CALIFORNIA MILK PRODUCTION

California milk producers produced 3.47 billion pounds of milk in December 2013. This was 6 percent above November 2013, and 2 percent above December 2012.

Monthly milk per cow averaged 1,950 pounds, 110 pounds more than November 2013, and 30 pounds more than a year ago.

### MILK PRODUCTION, CALIFORNIA AND UNITED STATES

Month	California						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				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	8,529	1,824	1,841	15,495	15,703
Aug.	1,781	1,780	1,855	1,910	3,304	3,400	3,301	3,396	8,492	8,525	1,804	1,842	15,322	15,700
Sept.	1,779	1,781	1,790	1,795	3,184	3,197	3,180	3,196	8,473	8,505	1,729	1,740	14,653	14,797
Oct.	1,778	1,781	1,860	1,875	3,307	3,339	3,303	3,335	8,467	8,504	1,792	1,809	15,172	15,383
Nov.	1,779	1,781	1,835	1,840	3,264	3,277	3,260	3,274	8,478	8,499	1,761	1,759	14,929	14,947
Dec.	1,780	1,781	1,920	1,950	3,418	3,473	3,414		8,494	8,500	1,847	1,846	15,688	15,695

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

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

Commodity	Unit	California			United States		
		December 2012	November 2013	Dec. 15, 2013	December 2012	November 2013	Dec. 15, 2013
		Dollars					
Hogs 2/ 3/	Cwt.	---	---	---	62.40	63.60	62.10
Cows 2/ 4/	Cwt.	---	---	---	77.30	80.70	81.80
Steers and Heifers 2/	Cwt.	---	---	---	128.00	132.00	132.00
Calves 2/	Cwt.	---	---	---	163.00	192.00	194.00
Milk Cows 5/	Head	---	---	---	---	---	---
All Milk, Wholesale 2/	Cwt.	18.60	20.01	20.50	20.80	21.60	21.80

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.

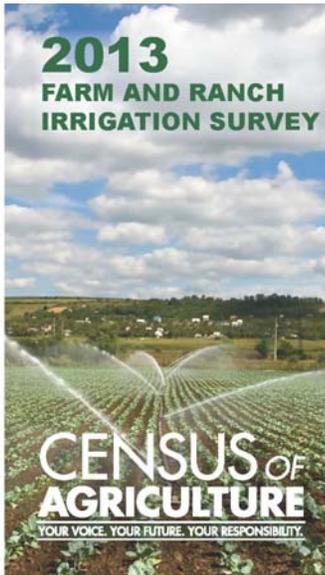
5/ Animals sold for dairy herd replacement only. Prices published January, April, July and October.

### HAY PRICES 1/

Commodity	Unit	Alfalfa hay			Other Hay		
		December 2012	November 2013	December 2013	December 2012	November 2013	December 2013
		Dollars					
Arizona	Tons	190.00	170.00	190.00	210.00	180.00	190.00
California 2/	Tons	212.00	204.00	201.00	183.00	172.00	171.00
Idaho	Tons	200.00	180.00	170.00	140.00	170.00	170.00
Nevada	Tons	205.00	207.00	196.00	174.00	190.00	180.00
Oregon	Tons	222.00	215.00	190.00	177.00	190.00	185.00
Utah	Tons	192.00	170.00	170.00	154.00	145.00	145.00
UNITED STATES	Tons	217.00	188.00	187.00	142.00	135.00	130.00

1/ Current month hay prices are preliminary.

2/ Previous month revised to monthly average.



If you have already completed the 2013 Farm and Ranch Irrigation Survey form, thank you. If not, please do so by February 10, 2014. This survey is your opportunity to impact federal, state, and local irrigation policies.

We guarantee that your individual responses will be kept fully confidential, as required by U.S. law. The same law also makes your participation in the 2013 Farm and Ranch Irrigation Survey mandatory, as the survey is a part of the U.S. Census of Agriculture.

Just as with Census, this survey is your voice, your future, your responsibility.

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**CALIFORNIA, HAWAII, NEVADA, AND U.S. HOG INVENTORY DEC. 1, 2012-13 AND ANNUAL FARROWINGS DEC.-NOV. 2012-13 1/**

Inventory by Type	CALIFORNIA			HAWAII			NEVADA			UNITED STATES		
	2012	2013	2013/ 2012	2012	2013	2013/ 2012	2012	2013	2013/ 2012	2012	2013	2013/ 2012
	1,000 Head		Percent	1,000 Head		Percent	1,000 Head		Percent	1,000 Head		Percent
Total Breeding and Market	105	95	90	11.5	11.5	100	2.7	2.0	74	66,374	65,940	99
Breeding	5	4	80	2.5	3.0	120	0.3	0.5	167	5,819	5,757	99
Market	100	91	91	9.0	8.5	94	2.4	1.5	63	60,555	60,183	99
Market By Weight:												
Under 50 Lbs.	28	24	86	3.6	3.0	83	0.8	0.4	50	19,299	19,049	99
50-119 Lbs.	25	22	88	2.4	1.9	79	0.6	0.4	67	16,752	16,669	100
120-179 Lbs.	23	22	96	1.2	1.8	150	0.5	0.2	40	12,634	12,626	100
180+ Lbs.	24	23	96	1.8	1.8	100	0.5	0.5	100	11,871	11,838	100
Total Pig Crop	64	56	88	18.5	18.7	101	1.4	3.0	214	116,791	116,639	100
Sows Farrowing	8	7	88	2.6	2.7	102	0.3	0.5	167	11,582	11,412	99
	Head		Percent	Head		Percent	Head		Percent	Head		Percent
Pigs Per Litter	8.0	8.0	100	7.0	6.9	99	5.2	6.7	129	10.1	10.2	101

1/ December of preceding year for farrowings. May not add due to rounding.