



Pacific Region Livestock Review

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UNITED STATES CATTLE ON FEED DOWN 2 PERCENT

Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter market in the United States for feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head totaled 10.6 million head on June 1, 2014. The inventory was 2 percent below June 1, 2013.

Placements in feedlots during May totaled 1.91 million, 7 percent below 2013. Net placements were 1.81 million head. During May, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 435,000, 600-699 pounds were 290,000, 700-799 pounds were 477,000, and 800 pounds and greater were 710,000.

Marketings of fed cattle during May totaled 1.87 million, 4 percent below 2013. May marketings are the lowest for the month since the series began in 1996.

Other disappearance totaled 101,000 during May, 1 percent above 2013.

CALIFORNIA CATTLE ON FEED

Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter in California feedlots totaled 435,000 head on June 1, 2014, 10 percent lower than last month, and 15 percent lower than June 2013. During May, placements of 50,000 head were 30 percent below the previous year. Marketings of 60,000 thousand head were 11 percent above May 2013. Other disappearance totaled 5,000 head.

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

State	Number On Feed May 1 1/			Placed During May		Marketed During May	
	2013	2014	2014/2013	2013	2014	2013	2014
	1,000 Head		Percent	1,000 Head			
Arizona	275	277	101	25	24	27	25
California	495	450	91	72	50	54	60
Colorado	960	960	100	170	140	150	145
Idaho	210	215	102	41	23	45	32
Iowa	620	660	106	65	54	72	70
Kansas	2,070	2,010	97	430	435	410	400
Minnesota	130	138	106	17	8	15	22
Nebraska	2,400	2,490	104	470	425	510	485
Oklahoma	295	255	86	78	67	61	55
South Dakota	225	235	104	39	34	45	41
Texas	2,540	2,430	96	570	580	465	450
Washington	220	208	95	40	40	45	45
Other States	320	320	100	38	32	49	35
UNITED STATES	10,760	10,648	99	2,055	1,912	1,948	1,865

State	Other Disappearance During May 2/		Number On Feed June 1 1/		2014 2013
	2013	2014	2013	2014	
	1,000 Head				Percent
Arizona	1	1	272	275	101
California	3	5	510	435	85
Colorado	20	25	960	930	97
Idaho	1	1	205	205	100
Iowa	3	4	610	640	105
Kansas	20	25	2,070	2,020	98
Minnesota	1	1	131	123	94
Nebraska	20	20	2,340	2,410	103
Oklahoma	2	2	310	265	85
South Dakota	4	3	215	225	105
Texas	15	10	2,630	2,550	97
Washington	1	2	214	201	94
Other States	9	2	300	315	105
UNITED STATES	100	101	10,767	10,594	98

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.

PACIFIC REGION COMMERCIAL SLAUGHTER

California's production of red meat during May 2014 totaled 126.2 million pounds (dressed weight), 9 percent lower than the previous month, and 18 percent lower than May 2013. This figure includes slaughter in Federally-inspected and State-inspected plants, but excludes slaughter done on farms. In May 2014, the average live weight of cattle slaughtered in California was 1,289 pounds, calves 85 pounds, sheep & lambs 144 pounds, and hogs 250 pounds.

In Nevada, 100,000 pounds of red meat was produced in May 2014, and 800,000 pounds was produced in Hawaii.

**RED MEAT PRODUCTION
DOWN 5 PERCENT FROM LAST YEAR**

Commercial red meat production for the United States totaled 3.95 billion pounds in May, down 5 percent from the 4.15 billion pounds produced in May 2013.

Beef production, at 2.07 billion pounds, was 7 percent below the previous year. Cattle slaughter totaled 2.63 million head, down 8 percent from May 2013. The average live weight was up 10 pounds from the previous year, at 1,299 pounds.

Veal production totaled 7.8 million pounds, 14 percent below May a year ago. Calf slaughter totaled 46,700 head, down 20 percent from May 2013. The average live weight was up 19 pounds from last year, at 284 pounds.

Pork production totaled 1.86 billion pounds, down 2 percent from the previous year. Hog slaughter totaled 8.62 million head, down 6 percent from May 2013. The average live weight was up 11 pounds from the previous year, at 287 pounds.

Lamb and mutton production, at 13.9 million pounds, was down 4 percent from May 2013. Sheep slaughter totaled 194,600 head, 7 percent below last year. The average live weight was 143 pounds, up 4 pounds from May a year ago.

January to May 2014 commercial red meat production was 19.6 billion pounds, down 3 percent from 2013. Accumulated beef production was down 5 percent from last year, veal was down 10 percent, pork was down 1 percent from last year, and lamb and mutton production was up 1 percent.

May 2013 contained 23 weekdays (including one holiday) and 4 Saturdays.

May 2014 contained 22 weekdays (including one holiday) and 5 Saturdays.

COMMERCIAL SLAUGHTER, MAY 2013-14 1/

Species and Location	Number Slaughtered		Total Live Weight		Average Live Weight	
	2013	2014	2013	2014	2013	2014
	1,000 Head		1,000 Pounds		Pounds	
CATTLE						
California	155.5	121.6	201,735	155,621	1,305	1,289
Hawaii	1.0	1.0	1,097	1,055	1,115	1,103
Nevada	0.1	0.1	118	131	939	1,019
U.S. Total	2,863.0	2,635.0	3,682,136	3,416,260	1,289	1,299
CALVES						
California	12.0	10.5	1,259	881	106	85
Hawaii	(Y)	(D)	(X)	(D)	(X)	(D)
Nevada	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
U.S. Total	58.6	46.7	15,425	13,201	265	284
SHEEP & LAMBS						
California	29.6	25.8	4,206	3,706	142	144
Hawaii	(Y)	0.1	(X)	9	(X)	139
Nevada	0.1	0.1	13	13	110	133
U.S. Total	208.4	194.6	28,940	27,796	139	143
HOGS						
California	202.0	190.3	48,500	47,527	240	250
Hawaii	1.1	1.2	258	285	238	239
Nevada	0.1	0.1	25	21	272	258
U.S. Total	9,210.4	8,619.1	2,539,372	2,471,625	276	287

RED MEAT	May 2013	April 2014	May 2014	May 14 May 13	May 14 April 14
	Million Pounds			Percent	
California	153.3	138.7	126.2	82	91
Hawaii	0.8	0.7	0.8	101	(Y)
Nevada	0.1	0.1	0.1	106	(Y)
U.S. Total	4,150.0	3,976.9	3,952.4	95	99

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

(X) Not applicable.

(Y) Less than level of precision shown.

1/ Farm slaughter excluded.

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

Commodity	Unit	California			UNITED STATES		
		May 2013	April 2014	May 15, 2014	May 2013	April 2014	May 15, 2014
		Dollars					
Hogs 2/ 3/	Cwt.	---	---	---	68.60	88.80	83.60
Cows 2/ 4/	Cwt.	---	---	---	81.80	103.00	104.00
Steers and Heifers 2/	Cwt.	---	---	---	127.00	150.00	148.00
Calves 2/	Cwt.	---	---	---	157.00	222.00	228.00
Milk Cows 5/	Head	---	---	---	(NA)	1,810.00	(NA)
All Milk, Wholesale 2/	Cwt.	18.23	23.41	22.30	19.70	25.30	24.70

(NA) Not available

- 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 2013	April 2014	May 2014	May 2013	April 2014	May 2014
		Dollars					
Arizona	Tons	240.00	225.00	240.00	250.00	220.00	230.00
California 2/	Tons	206.00	260.00	270.00	176.00	200.00	205.00
Idaho	Tons	190.00	200.00	195.00	145.00	170.00	170.00
Nevada	Tons	202.00	229.00	240.00	209.00	217.00	220.00
Oregon	Tons	205.00	220.00	220.00	184.00	220.00	190.00
Utah	Tons	191.00	170.00	170.00	153.00	140.00	140.00
UNITED STATES	Tons	221.00	206.00	224.00	153.00	151.00	150.00

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

**QUARTERLY MILK PRODUCTION
PACIFIC REGION AND UNITED STATES**

California: Milk production in California for the January – March quarter totaled 10.8 billion pounds, 4 percent higher than the same quarter last year. The average number of milk cows on farms was 1,781,000 head.

HAWAII: Milk production in Hawaii for the January – March quarter totaled 7.4 million pounds, 6 percent higher than the same quarter last year. The average number of milk cows on farms was 2,300 head.

Nevada: Milk production in Nevada for the January – March quarter totaled 174 million pounds, an increase of 11 percent from the same quarter last year. The average number of milks cows on farms was 29,000 head.

United States: Milk production in the United States during the Jan - Mar quarter totaled 51.1 billion pounds, up 1 percent from the same quarter last year. The average number of milk cows in the United States during the quarter was 9,215,000 head.