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CALIFORNIA CATTLE ON FEED

Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter in California feedlots totaled 420,000 head on November 1, 2014, a 1 percent increase from last month, but a 15 percent decrease from November 2013. During October, placements of 53,000 head were 4 percent below the previous year. Marketings of 40,000 head were 20 percent below October 2013. Other disappearance totaled 8,000 head.

UNITED STATES CATTLE ON FEED UP SLIGHTLY

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 November 1, 2014. The inventory was slightly below November 1, 2013.

Placements in feedlots during October totaled 2.36 million, 1 percent below 2013. Net placements were 2.36 million head. During October, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 690,000, 600-699 pounds were 570,000, 700-799 pounds were 462,000, and 800 pounds and greater were 635,000. For the month of October, placements are the second lowest since the series began in 1996.

Marketings of fed cattle during October totaled 1.69 million, 8 percent below 2013. October marketings are the lowest since the series began in 1996.

Other disappearance totaled 97,000 during October, 28 percent above 2013.

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

State	Number On Feed October 1 1/			Placed During October		Marketed During October	
	2013	2014	2014/2013	2013	2014	2013	2014
	1,000 Head		Percent	1,000 Head			
Arizona	268	252	94	28	22	25	21
California	495	415	84	55	53	50	40
Colorado	870	840	97	230	210	145	145
Idaho	210	205	98	56	61	45	45
Iowa	550	560	102	131	132	89	100
Kansas	2,000	2,010	101	470	420	400	320
Minnesota	103	114	111	25	30	10	11
Nebraska	2,200	2,240	102	630	660	445	430
Oklahoma	285	245	86	65	60	78	43
South Dakota	180	190	106	59	84	38	43
Texas	2,450	2,470	101	520	520	430	420
Washington	184	212	115	59	51	39	35
Other States	315	305	97	50	54	33	32
UNITED STATES	10,110	10,058	99	2,378	2,357	1,827	1,685

State	Other Disappearance During October 2/		Number On Feed November 1 1/		2014
	2013	2014	2013	2014	2013
	1,000 Head		1,000 Head		Percent
Arizona	1	3	270	250	93
California	5	8	495	420	85
Colorado	5	5	950	900	95
Idaho	1	1	220	220	100
Iowa	2	2	590	590	100
Kansas	20	30	2,050	2,080	101
Minnesota	1	1	117	132	113
Nebraska	15	20	2,370	2,450	103
Oklahoma	2	2	270	260	96
South Dakota	1	1	200	230	115
Texas	20	20	2,520	2,550	101
Washington	1	2	203	226	111
Other States	2	2	330	325	98
UNITED STATES	76	97	10,585	10,633	100

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 October 2014 totaled 120.4 million pounds (dressed weight), 10 percent higher than the previous month but 21 percent lower than October 2013. This figure includes slaughter in Federally-inspected and state-inspected plants, but excludes slaughter done on farms. In October 2014, the average live weight of cattle slaughtered in California was 1,325 pounds, calves 96 pounds, sheep & lambs 128 pounds, and hogs 255 pounds.

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

RED MEAT PRODUCTION DOWN 4 PERCENT FROM LAST YEAR

Commercial red meat production for the United States totaled 4.32 billion pounds in October, down 4 percent from the 4.51 billion pounds produced in October 2013.

Beef production, at 2.17 billion pounds, was 6 percent below the previous year. Cattle slaughter totaled 2.64 million head, down 9 percent from October 2013. The average live weight was up 28 pounds from the previous year, at 1,355 pounds.

Veal production totaled 7.7 million pounds, 22 percent below October a year ago. Calf slaughter totaled 43,300 head, down 38 percent from October 2013. The average live weight was up 59 pounds from last year, at 304 pounds.

Pork production totaled 2.13 billion pounds, down 2 percent from the previous year. Hog slaughter totaled 9.95 million head, down 4 percent from October 2013. The average live weight was up 8 pounds from the previous year, at 286 pounds.

Lamb and mutton production, at 13.4 million pounds, was up 2 percent from October 2013. Sheep slaughter totaled 207,700 head, slightly below last year. The average live weight was 129 pounds, up 3 pounds from October a year ago.

January to October 2014 commercial red meat production was 39.5 billion pounds, down 4 percent from 2013. Accumulated beef production was down 6 percent from last year, veal was down 14 percent, pork was down 1 percent from last year, and lamb and mutton production was down slightly.

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COMMERCIAL SLAUGHTER, SEPTEMBER 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	150.9	105.0	195,142	137,819	1,301	1,325
Hawaii	0.9	0.9	1,089	1,049	1,162	1,143
Nevada	0.1	0.2	152	169	1,061	1,019
U.S. Total	2,904.3	2,640.8	3,846,407	3,570,938	1,327	1,355
CALVES						
California	15.6	8.5	1,514	801	98	96
Hawaii	(Y)	(D)	(X)	(D)	(X)	(D)
Nevada	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
U.S. Total	69.4	43.3	16,940	13,074	245	304
SHEEP & LAMBS						
California	25.3	23.9	3,334	3,070	132	128
Hawaii	0.1	0.1	7	13	111	126
Nevada	0.1	0.1	13	14	120	118
U.S. Total	208.3	207.7	26,176	26,758	126	129
HOGS						
California	215.7	230.0	53,968	58,583	250	255
Hawaii	1.2	1.3	277	299	241	232
Nevada	(Y)	0.1	(X)	22	(X)	252
U.S. Total	10,420.0	9,953.1	2,898,550	2,842,390	278	286
RED MEAT	October 2013	September 2014	October 2014	October 2014	Oct 14 Oct 13	Oct 14 Sep 14
	Million Pounds			Percent		
California	152.4	109.7	120.4	79	110	
Hawaii	0.8	0.7	0.8	100	114	
Nevada	0.1	0.1	0.1	118	100	
U.S. Total	4,510.2	3,958.8	4,319.3	96	109	

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

(X) Not applicable.

(Y) Less than level of precision shown.

1/ Farm slaughter excluded.

PACIFIC REGION - MILK PRODUCTION

California milk producers produced 3.43 billion pounds of milk in October 2014. This was 4 percent above October 2014 and 3 percent above October 2013.

Monthly milk per cow averaged 1,925 pounds, 75 pounds more than September 2014.

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/		2013	2014	Milk Cows 3/		Milk Per Cow 4/		Milk Production 4/	
	2013	2014	2013	2014	2013	2014			2013	2014	2013	2014	2013	2014
	1,000 Head		Pounds		Million Pounds		Million Pounds		1,000 Head		Pounds		Million Pounds	
Jan.	1,780	1,781	1,945	3,615	3,462	3,615	3,461	3,623	8,497	8,512	1,881	1,902	15,985	16,186
Feb.	1,780	1,780	1,815	1,910	3,231	3,400	3,225	3,396	8,498	8,513	1,732	1,750	14,715	14,899
Mar.	6/	1,781	6/	2,140	3,676	3,811	3,670	3,806	6/	8,521	6/	1,958	16,501	16,687
Apr.	6/	1,780	6/	2,065	3,622	3,676	3,617	3,671	6/	8,542	6/	1,912	16,105	16,332
May	6/	1,779	6/	2,110	3,720	3,754	3,718	3,750	6/	8,559	6/	1,977	16,648	16,922
June	6/	1,779	6/	1,995	3,489	3,549	3,485	3,544	6/	8,572	6/	1,893	15,860	16,227
July	1,780	1,779	1,895	1,980	3,373	3,522	3,371	3,521	8,522	8,583	1,850	1,909	15,762	16,388
Aug.	1,780	1,779	1,910	1,940	3,400	3,451	3,396	3,449	8,522	8,582	1,850	1,885	15,768	16,174
Sept.	1,781	1,779	1,795	1,850	3,197	3,291	3,196	3,291	8,508	8,590	1,748	1,805	14,874	15,507
Oct.	1,780	1,780	1,875	1,925	3,338	3,427	3,335		8,504	8,593	1,817	1,868	15,449	16,048
Nov.	1,781		1,840		3,277		3,275		8,499		1,765		15,002	
Dec.	1,781		1,950		3,473		3,471		8,504		1,851		15,741	

1/ Revised 2013 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 FARM PRICES RECEIVED BY FARMERS, CALIFORNIA AND U.S. 1/

Commodity	Unit	California			United States		
		October 2013	September 2014	October 2014	October 2013	September 2014	October 2014
		Dollars					
Hogs 2/ 3/	Cwt.	---	---	---	68.50	75.70	80.00
Cows 2/ 4/	Cwt.	---	---	---	81.20	118.00	117.00
Steers and Heifers 2/	Cwt.	---	---	---	128.00	158.00	161.00
Calves	Cwt.	---	---	---	190.00	279.00	307.00
Milk Cows 5/ 6/	Head	1,300.00	---	2,200.00	1,410.00	---	2,120.00
All Milk, Wholesale 2/	Cwt.	19.41	23.32	22.40	20.90	25.70	25.30

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.

6/ Before deductions for hauling. Includes quality, quantity, and other premiums. Excludes hauling subsidies.

7/ October 2014 Fat test percent: all milk; 3.80

HAY PRICES 1/

Commodity	Unit	Alfalfa hay			Other Hay		
		October 2013	September 2014	October 2014	October 2013	September 2014	October 2014
Dollars							
Arizona	Tons	185.00	195.00	180.00	190.00	220.00	220.00
California 2/	Tons	198.00	230.00	230.00	182.00	170.00	165.00
Idaho	Tons	190.00	190.00	200.00	180.00	170.00	170.00
Nevada	Tons	208.00	240.00	235.00	212.00	215.00	230.00
Oregon	Tons	202.00	225.00	235.00	210.00	210.00	215.00
Utah	Tons	175.00	205.00	200.00	155.00	165.00	160.00
UNITED STATES	Tons	193.00	197.00	194.00	139.00	129.00	125.00

1/ Current month hay prices are preliminary.

2/ Previous month revised to monthly average.