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UNITED STATES CATTLE ON FEED UP 1 PERCENT

Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter market in the United States for feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head totaled 10.9 million head on December 1, 2014. The inventory was 1 percent above December 1, 2013.

Placements in feedlots during November totaled 1.79 million, 4 percent below 2013. Net placements were 1.72 million head. During November, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 550,000, 600-699 pounds were 440,000, 700-799 pounds were 362,000, and 800 pounds and greater were 440,000. For the month of November, placements are the second lowest since the series began in 1996.

Marketings of fed cattle during November totaled 1.48 million, 11 percent below 2013. November marketings are the lowest since the series began in 1996.

Other disappearance totaled 74,000 during November, 9 percent above 2013.

CALIFORNIA CATTLE ON FEED

Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter in California feedlots totaled 435,000 head on December 1, 2014, a 4 percent increase from last month, but a 14 percent decrease from December 2013. During November, placements of 62,000 head were 2 percent below the previous year. Marketings of 43,000 head were 16 percent below November 2013. Other disappearance totaled 4,000 head.

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

State	Number On Feed November 1 1/			Placed During November		Marketed During November	
	2013	2014	2014/2013	2013	2014	2013	2014
	1,000 Head		Percent	1,000 Head			
Arizona	270	250	93	30	26	24	19
California	495	420	85	63	62	51	43
Colorado	950	900	95	165	155	140	120
Idaho	220	220	100	42	43	36	32
Iowa	590	590	100	122	117	100	95
Kansas	2,050	2,080	101	365	320	345	285
Minnesota	117	132	113	18	15	12	11
Nebraska	2,370	2,450	103	475	485	400	370
Oklahoma	270	260	96	40	45	43	43
South Dakota	200	230	115	61	53	39	34
Texas	2,520	2,550	101	405	385	400	360
Washington	203	226	111	44	47	39	37
Other States	330	325	98	37	39	31	26
UNITED STATES	10,585	10,633	100	1,867	1,792	1,660	1,475

State	Other Disappearance During November 2/		Number On Feed December 1 1/		2014
	2013	2014	2013	2014	2013
	1,000 Head		Percent		
Arizona	1	5	275	252	92
California	2	4	505	435	86
Colorado	5	5	970	930	96
Idaho	1	1	225	230	102
Iowa	2	2	610	610	100
Kansas	20	15	2,050	2,100	102
Minnesota	1	1	122	135	111
Nebraska	15	15	2,430	2,550	105
Oklahoma	2	2	265	260	98
South Dakota	2	4	220	245	111
Texas	15	15	2,510	2,560	102
Washington	1	2	207	234	113
Other States	1	3	335	335	100
UNITED STATES	68	74	10,724	10,876	101

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 November 2014 totaled 107.0 million pounds (dressed weight), 11 percent lower than the previous month and 22 percent lower than November 2013. This figure includes slaughter in Federally-inspected and state-inspected plants, but excludes slaughter done on farms. In November 2014, the average live weight of cattle slaughtered in California was 1,331 pounds, calves 100 pounds, sheep & lambs 137 pounds, and hogs 254 pounds.

In Nevada, 100,000 pounds of red meat were produced in November 2014, and 700,000 pounds were produced in Hawaii.

RED MEAT PRODUCTION DOWN FROM LAST YEAR

Commercial red meat production for the United States totaled 3.76 billion pounds in November, down 9 percent from the 4.12 billion pounds produced in November 2013.

Beef production, at 1.85 billion pounds, was 10 percent below the previous year. Cattle slaughter totaled 2.25 million head, down 12 percent from November 2013. The average live weight was up 24 pounds from the previous year, at 1,363 pounds.

Veal production totaled 6.5 million pounds, 29 percent below November a year ago. Calf slaughter totaled 35,900 head, down 41 percent from November 2013. The average live weight was up 50 pounds from last year, at 306 pounds.

Pork production totaled 1.89 billion pounds, down 7 percent from the previous year. Hog slaughter totaled 8.81 million head, down 9 percent from November 2013. The average live weight was up 3 pounds from the previous year, at 286 pounds.

Lamb and mutton production, at 11.5 million pounds, was down 3 percent from November 2013. Sheep slaughter totaled 173,600 head, 6 percent below last year. The average live weight was 133 pounds, up 5 pounds from November a year ago.

January to November 2014 commercial red meat production was 43.2 billion pounds, down 4 percent from 2013. Accumulated beef production was down 6 percent from last year, veal was down 15 percent, pork was down 2 percent from last year, and lamb and mutton production was down slightly.

November 2013 contained 21 weekdays (including 2 holidays) and 5 Saturdays.

November 2014 contained 20 weekdays (including 2 holidays) and 5 Saturdays.

COMMERCIAL SLAUGHTER, SEPTEMBER 1/

Species and Location	Number Slaughtered		Total Live Weight		Average Live Weight	
	2013	2014	2013	2014	2013	2014
	<i>1,000 Head</i>		<i>1,000 Pounds</i>		<i>Pounds</i>	
CATTLE						
California	135.0	94.8	175,274	125,130	1,306	1,331
Hawaii	0.8	0.7	926	831	1,129	1,115
Nevada	0.1	0.1	136	119	1,112	1,020
U.S. Total	2,569.1	2,248.3	3,432,127	3,056,916	1,339	1,363
CALVES						
California	14.2	6.7	1,335	662	95	100
Hawaii	(Y)	(D)	(X)	(D)	(X)	(D)
Nevada	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
U.S. Total	60.6	35.9	15,459	10,901	256	306
SHEEP & LAMBS						
California	19.6	19.9	2,592	2,712	133	137
Hawaii	0.1	0.1	9	7	108	139
Nevada	0.1	0.1	13	11	102	130
U.S. Total	183.9	173.6	23,604	23,002	128	133
HOGS						
California	196.7	195.8	48,823	49,683	248	254
Hawaii	1.2	1.1	282	255	245	243
Nevada	(Y)	(Y)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
U.S. Total	9,641.4	8,812.2	2,723,189	2,522,584	283	286
RED MEAT	November 2013	October 2014	November 2014	Nov 14 Nov 13	Nov 14 Oct 14	
	<i>Million Pounds</i>			<i>Percent</i>		
California	136.6	120.4	107.0	78	89	
Hawaii	0.7	0.8	0.7	92	88	
Nevada	0.1	0.1	0.1	93	100	
U.S. Total	4,118.4	4,319.3	3,759.2	91	87	

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

(X) Not applicable.

(Y) Less than level of precision shown.

1/ Farm slaughter excluded.

FEDERALLY INSPECTED SLAUGHTER BY REGIONS AND UNITED STATES, JANUARY - NOVEMBER 2014 1/

Standard Federal Regions	Cattle							Calves	
	Total	Steers	Heifers	Cows			Bulls	Total	
				All	Dairy	Other			
	1,000 Head								
1	17.0	7.8	4.2	2.7	1.7	1.0	2.4	5.1	
2	61.1	18.8	10.6	25.7	19.4	6.2	6.0	113.3	
3	900.2	245.1	71.8	543.3	433.7	109.6	40.0	102.0	
4	590.7	33.8	16.2	463.2	129.5	333.7	77.5	2.1	
5	3,125.4	1,392.5	351.4	1,262.4	752.0	510.3	119.2	159.9	
6	4,890.1	2,466.3	1,447.3	868.9	284.9	584.1	107.5	5.8	
7	12,013.2	7,006.5	4,360.3	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	0.2	
8	2,900.6	1,728.5	969.5	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(Y)	
9	1,735.0	737.1	165.0	797.8	659.0	138.8	35.1	113.5	
10	1,052.9	528.7	306.4	201.2	148.8	52.4	16.6	13.4	
U.S.	27,286.2	14,165.0	7,702.6	4,913.1	2,558.8	2,354.3	505.5	515.3	

Standard Federal Regions	Hogs				Sheep		
	Total	Barrows & Gilts	Sows	Boars	Total	Mature Sheep	Lambs & Yearlings
1	(D)	(D)	0.4	(D)	32.3	1.5	30.8
2	123.5	122.1	1.0	0.4	148.7	17.0	131.8
3	4,548.1	4,536.2	10.8	1.1	118.6	9.7	109.0
4	(D)	(D)	736.0	(D)	57.8	11.6	46.2
5	27,064.3	25,811.2	1,197.2	55.9	342.7	31.3	311.4
6	4,564.6	4,563.0	1.0	0.5	39.0	8.9	30.0
7	40,319.6	39,561.8	577.6	180.1	8.8	0.4	8.4
8	(D)	(D)	4.3	(D)	884.4	37.1	847.3
9	2,094.6	2,094.0	0.5	0.1	256.2	6.0	250.1
10	282.3	281.8	0.3	0.2	33.1	2.4	30.7
U.S.	96,334.6	93,496.3	2,529.1	309.2	1,921.5	125.9	1,795.7

1/ States included in regions are as follows: 1--CT, ME, NH, VT, MA & RI; 2--NY & NJ; 3--DE-MD, PA, WV & VA; 4--AL, FL, GA, KY, MS, NC, SC & TN; 5--IL, IN, MI, MN, OH & WI; 6--AR, LA, NM, OK & TX; 7--IA, KS, MO & NE; 8--CO, MT, ND, SD, UT & WY; 9--AZ, CA, HI & NV; 10--AK, ID, OR & WA.

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

(Y) Less than level of precision shown.

PACIFIC REGION - MILK PRODUCTION

California milk producers produced 3.35 billion pounds of milk in November 2014. This was 3 percent below October 2014 and 2 percent above November 2013.

Monthly milk per cow averaged 1,880 pounds, 50 pounds less than October 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	1,779	1,875	1,930	3,338	3,433	3,335	3,432	8,504	8,589	1,817	1,864	15,449	16,013
Nov.	1,780	1,780	1,840	1,880	3,275	3,346	3,275	3,346	8,499	8,592	1,765	1,806	15,002	15,520
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		
		November 2013	October 2014	Nov. 15, 2014	November 2013	October 2014	Nov. 15, 2014
Dollars							
Hogs 2/ 3/	Cwt.	---	---	---	63.60	77.00	66.70
Cows 2/ 4/	Cwt.	---	---	---	80.70	116.00	114.00
Steers and Heifers 2/	Cwt.	---	---	---	132.00	163.00	168.00
Calves	Cwt.	---	---	---	192.00	307.00	304.00
Milk Cows 5/ 6/	Head	---	2,200.00	---	---	2,120.00	---
All Milk, Wholesale 2/	Cwt.	20.01	22.72	20.60	21.60	24.90	23.40

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/ November 2014 Fat test percent: all milk; 3.84.

HAY PRICES 1/

Commodity	Unit	Alfalfa hay			Other Hay		
		November 2013	October 2014	November 2014	November 2013	October 2014	November 2014
Dollars							
Arizona	Tons	170.00	180.00	180.00	180.00	220.00	220.00
California 2/	Tons	208.00	230.00	225.00	170.00	165.00	165.00
Idaho	Tons	180.00	200.00	220.00	170.00	170.00	170.00
Nevada	Tons	207.00	235.00	235.00	190.00	230.00	250.00
Oregon	Tons	215.00	235.00	240.00	190.00	215.00	200.00
Utah	Tons	170.00	200.00	185.00	145.00	160.00	150.00
UNITED STATES	Tons	188.00	194.00	184.00	136.00	125.00	124.00

1/ Current month hay prices are preliminary.

2/ Previous month revised to monthly average.