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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 10.7 million head on January 1, 2015. The inventory was 1 percent above January 1, 2014. The inventory included 6.94 million steers and steer calves, up 2 percent from the previous year. This group accounted for 65 percent of the total inventory. Heifers and heifer calves accounted for 3.67 million head, down 2 percent from 2014.

Placements in feedlots during December totaled 1.54 million, 8 percent below 2013. Net placements were 1.47 million head. During December, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 435,000, 600-699 pounds were 375,000, 700-799 pounds were 339,000, and 800 pounds and greater were 395,000.

Marketings of fed cattle during December totaled 1.66 million, 5 percent below 2013.

Other disappearance totaled 72,000 during December, 6 percent below 2013.

CALIFORNIA CATTLE ON FEED

Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter in California feedlots totaled 425,000 head on January 1, 2015, a 2 percent decrease from last month and a 17 percent decrease from January 2014. During December, placements of 51,000 head were 14 percent below the previous year. Marketings of 54,000 head were 4 percent above December 2013. Other disappearance totaled 7,000 head.

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

State	Number On Feed December 1 1/			Placed During December		Marketed During December	
	2013	2014	2014/2013	2013	2014	2013	2014
	1,000 Head		Percent	1,000 Head			
Arizona	275	252	92	28	26	28	26
California	505	435	86	59	51	52	54
Colorado	970	930	96	150	130	150	135
Idaho	225	230	102	32	40	36	34
Iowa	610	610	100	96	101	84	80
Kansas	2,050	2,100	102	360	330	385	370
Minnesota	122	135	111	20	16	11	13
Nebraska	2,430	2,550	105	405	395	420	440
Oklahoma	265	260	98	43	36	45	39
South Dakota	220	245	111	43	32	30	30
Texas	2,510	2,560	102	370	325	420	365
Washington	207	234	113	34	28	37	42
Other States	335	335	100	39	34	38	27
UNITED STATES	10,724	10,876	101	1,679	1,544	1,736	1,655
State	Other Disappearance During December 2/			Number On Feed January 1 1/		2015	
	2013	2014		2014	2015	2014	2015
	1,000 Head			Percent			
Arizona	1	3		274	249	91	91
California	2	7		510	425	83	83
Colorado	10	5		940	920	98	98
Idaho	1	1		220	230	105	105
Iowa	2	1		620	640	103	103
Kansas	15	10		2,010	2,050	102	102
Minnesota	1	1		130	137	105	105
Nebraska	15	15		2,400	2,490	104	104
Oklahoma	3	2		260	255	98	98
South Dakota	3	2		250	245	98	98
Texas	20	20		2,440	2,500	102	102
Washington	3	3		201	209	104	104
Other States	1	2		335	340	101	101
UNITED STATES	77	72		10,590	10,690	101	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 December 2014 totaled 117.9 million pounds (dressed weight), 10 percent higher than the previous month and 21 percent lower than December 2013. This figure includes slaughter in Federally-inspected and state-inspected plants, but excludes slaughter done on farms. In December 2014, the average live weight of cattle slaughtered in California was 1,315 pounds, calves 105 pounds, sheep & lambs 137 pounds, and hogs 250 pounds.

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

RED MEAT PRODUCTION UP FROM LAST YEAR

Commercial red meat production for the United States totaled 4.14 billion pounds in December, up slightly from the 4.14 billion pounds produced in December 2013.

Beef production, at 2.00 billion pounds, was 2 percent below the previous year. Cattle slaughter totaled 2.44 million head, down 5 percent from December 2013. The average live weight was up 29 pounds from the previous year, at 1,363 pounds.

Veal production totaled 7.6 million pounds, 22 percent below December a year ago. Calf slaughter totaled 43,000 head, down 35 percent from December 2013. The average live weight was up 51 pounds from last year, at 302 pounds.

Pork production totaled 2.11 billion pounds, up 2 percent from the previous year. Hog slaughter totaled 9.85 million head, up 1 percent from December 2013. The average live weight was up 3 pounds from the previous year, at 286 pounds.

Lamb and mutton production, at 13.4 million pounds, was up 3 percent from December 2013. Sheep slaughter totaled 200,000 head, slightly above last year. The average live weight was 134 pounds, up 3 pounds from December a year ago.

January to December 2014 commercial red meat production was 47.3 billion pounds, down 4 percent from 2013. Accumulated beef production was down 6 percent from last year, veal was down 16 percent, pork was down 1 percent from last year, and lamb and mutton production was down slightly.

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

December 2014 contained 23 weekdays (including 1 holiday) and 4 Saturdays.

COMMERCIAL SLAUGHTER, DECEMBER 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	144.7	107.0	188,429	139,396	1,311	1,315
Hawaii	0.8	0.9	830	1,026	1,105	1,110
Nevada	0.1	0.1	68	112	1,040	1,038
U.S. Total	2,561.9	2,440.2	3,409,411	3,318,882	1,334	1,363
CALVES						
California	15.7	7.2	1,483	744	95	105
Hawaii	(Y)	(D)	(X)	(D)	(X)	(D)
Nevada	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
U.S. Total	66.5	43.0	16,655	12,913	251	302
SHEEP & LAMBS						
California	24.3	23.6	3,389	3,239	139	137
Hawaii	0.1	0.1	7	10	114	141
Nevada	0.1	0.1	13	8	118	129
U.S. Total	199.3	200.0	26,003	26,726	131	134
HOGS						
California	216.9	217.6	53,484	54,316	247	250
Hawaii	1.3	1.2	323	268	252	231
Nevada	0.1	0.1	16	19	258	255
U.S. Total	9,730.1	9,851.3	2,752,308	2,819,066	283	286

RED MEAT	December 2013	November 2014	December 2014	Dec 14 Dec 13	Dec 14 Nov 14
	Million Pounds			Percent	
California	148.8	107.0	117.9	79	110
Hawaii	0.7	0.7	0.8	110	114
Nevada	0.1	0.1	0.1	146	100
U.S. Total	4,135.6	3,759.3	4,136.2	100	110

(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 3.47 billion pounds of milk in December 2014. This was 3 percent above November 2014 and the same as December 2013.

Monthly milk per cow averaged 1,950 pounds, 65 pounds more than November 2014.

MILK PRODUCTION, CALIFORNIA AND UNITED STATES

Month	CALIFORNIA 1/						Total Milk		UNITED STATES 1/ 2/					
	Milk Cows 3/		Milk Per Cow 4/		Milk Production 4/		Receipts 5/		Milk Cows 3/		Milk Per Cow 4/		Milk Production 4/	
	2013	2014	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	1,885	3,275	3,355	3,275	3,352	8,499	8,595	1,765	1,807	15,002	15,532
Dec.	1,781	1,780	1,950	1,950	3,473	3,471	3,471	3,471	8,504	8,611	1,851	1,886	15,741	16,242

- 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.

UNITED STATES HOG INVENTORY UP 2 PERCENT

United States inventory of all hogs and pigs on December 1, 2014 was 66.1 million head. This was up 2 percent from December 1, 2013, and up 1 percent from September 1, 2014.

Breeding inventory, at 5.97 million head, was up 4 percent from last year, and up 1 percent from the previous quarter.

Market hog inventory, at 60.1 million head, was up 2 percent from last year, and up 1 percent from last quarter.

The September-November 2014 pig crop, at 29.4 million head, was up 4 percent from 2013. Sows farrowing during this period totaled 2.87 million head, up 3 percent from 2013. The sows farrowed during this quarter represented 48 percent of the breeding herd. The average pigs saved per litter was a record high 10.23 for the September-November period, compared to 10.16 last year. Pigs saved per litter by size of operation ranged from 8.10 for operations with 1-99 hogs and pigs to 10.30 for operations with more than 5,000 hogs and pigs.

CALIFORNIA, HAWAII, NEVADA, AND U.S. HOG INVENTORY DEC. 1, 2013-14 AND ANNUAL FARROWINGS DEC.-NOV. 2013-14 1/

Inventory by Type	CALIFORNIA			HAWAII			NEVADA			UNITED STATES		
	2013	2014	2014/2013	2013	2014	2014/2013	2013	2014	2014/2013	2013	2014	2014/2013
	1,000 Head		Percent	1,000 Head		Percent	1,000 Head		Percent	1,000 Head		Percent
Total Breeding and Market	95	110	116	11.5	9.0	78	2.0	2.0	100	64,775	66,050	102
Breeding	4	6	150	3.0	2.5	83	0.5	0.5	100	5,757	5,969	104
Market	91	104	114	8.5	6.5	76	1.5	1.5	100	59,018	60,082	102
Market By Weight:												
Under 50 Lbs.	24	31	129	3.0	3.0	100	0.4	0.3	75	18,389	19,026	103
50-119 Lbs.	22	25	114	1.9	1.5	79	0.4	0.5	125	16,080	16,630	103
120-179 Lbs.	22	27	123	1.8	1.5	83	0.2	0.2	100	12,576	12,635	100
180+ Lbs.	23	21	91	1.8	0.5	28	0.5	0.5	100	11,972	11,791	98
Total Pig Crop	56	59	105	18.7	18.0	96	3.0	2.8	93	115,135	112,728	98
Sows Farrowing	7	8	114	2.7	2.4	89	0.5	0.4	89	11,265	11,350	101
	Head		Percent	Head		Percent	Head		Percent	Head		Percent
Pigs Per Litter	8.0	7.4	92	6.9	7.5	108	6.7	7.0	105	10.2	9.9	97

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

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

Commodity	Unit	California			United States		
		December 2013	November 2014	Dec. 15, 2014	December 2013	November 2014	Dec. 15, 2014
		Dollars					
Hogs 2/ 3/	Cwt.	---	---	---	61.50	66.70	66.50
Cows 2/ 4/	Cwt.	---	---	---	83.40	115.00	116.00
Steers and Heifers 2/	Cwt.	---	---	---	132.00	169.00	170.00
Calves	Cwt.	---	---	---	197.00	305.00	305.00
Milk Cows 5/ 6/	Head	---	---	---	---	---	---
All Milk, Wholesale 2/	Cwt.	20.81	20.53	17.90	22.00	23.00	20.30

- 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/ December 2014 Fat test percent: all milk; 3.87.

HAY PRICES 1/

Commodity	Unit	Alfalfa hay			Other Hay		
		December 2013	November 2014	December 2014	December 2013	November 2014	December 2014
		Dollars					
Arizona	Tons	190.00	180.00	180.00	190.00	220.00	220.00
California 2/	Tons	198.00	225.00	215.00	170.00	165.00	155.00
Idaho	Tons	170.00	220.00	200.00	170.00	170.00	170.00
Nevada	Tons	196.00	235.00	235.00	180.00	250.00	230.00
Oregon	Tons	190.00	240.00	240.00	185.00	200.00	180.00
Utah	Tons	170.00	185.00	185.00	145.00	150.00	150.00
UNITED STATES	Tons	186.00	184.00	182.00	133.00	124.00	119.00

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