



# Pacific Region Livestock Review

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Placements in feedlots during January totaled 1.79 million, 11 percent below 2014. Net placements were 1.71 million head. During January, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 405,000, 600-699 pounds were 340,000, 700-799 pounds were 477,000, and 800 pounds and greater were 565,000.

Marketings of fed cattle during January totaled 1.63 million, 9 percent below 2014. January marketings are the lowest since the series began in 1996.

Other disappearance totaled 77,000 during January, 8 percent above 2014.

### CALIFORNIA CATTLE ON FEED

### 2014 CATTLE ON FEED AND ANNUAL SIZE GROUP ESTIMATES

Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter in California feedlots totaled 440,000 head on February 1, 2015, a 4 percent increase from last month and a 15 percent decrease from February 2014. During January, placements of 64,000 head were 9 percent below the previous year. Marketings of 44,000 head were 24 percent below January 2014. Other disappearance totaled 5,000 head.

Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter market in the United States for feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head represented 81.6 percent of all cattle and calves on feed in the United States on January 1, 2015, up from 81.3 on January 1, 2014.

### UNITED STATES CATTLE ON FEED UP SLIGHTLY

Marketings of fed cattle for feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head during 2014 represented 87.2 percent of all cattle marketed from feedlots in the United States, up from 86.9 percent during 2013.

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 February 1, 2015. The inventory was slightly above February 1, 2014.

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

State	Number On Feed January 1 1/			Placed During January		Marketed During January	
	2014	2015	2015/2014	2014	2015	2014	2015
	1,000 Head		Percent	1,000 Head			
Arizona	274	249	91	31	30	32	23
California	510	425	83	70	64	58	44
Colorado	940	900	96	190	135	170	140
Idaho	220	230	105	41	35	45	34
Iowa	620	640	103	114	100	71	78
Kansas	2,010	2,050	102	435	410	385	355
Minnesota	130	137	105	18	15	10	12
Nebraska	2,400	2,460	103	545	495	470	450
Oklahoma	260	255	98	47	50	40	39
South Dakota	250	230	92	39	30	41	27
Texas	2,440	2,500	102	405	350	385	345
Washington	201	210	104	42	40	35	38
Other States	335	340	101	37	33	46	40
UNITED STATES	10,590	10,626	100	2,014	1,787	1,788	1,625
State	Other Disappearance During January 2/		Number On Feed February 1 1/		2014		
	2014	2015	2014	2015	Percent		
	1,000 Head		Percent				
Arizona	1	9	272	247	91		
California	2	5	520	440	85		
Colorado	10	5	950	890	94		
Idaho	1	1	210	230	110		
Iowa	3	2	660	660	100		
Kansas	10	15	2,050	2,090	102		
Minnesota	1	1	136	139	102		
Nebraska	15	15	2,430	2,490	102		
Oklahoma	2	1	265	265	100		
South Dakota	3	3	220	230	105		
Texas	20	15	2,440	2,490	102		
Washington	2	2	200	210	105		
Other States	1	3	325	330	102		
UNITED STATES	71	77	10,678	10,711	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 January 2015 totaled 113.7 million pounds (dressed weight), 4 percent lower than the previous month and 16 percent lower than January 2014. This figure includes slaughter in Federally-inspected and state-inspected plants, but excludes slaughter done on farms. In January 2015, the average live weight of cattle slaughtered in California was 1,316 pounds, calves 102 pounds, sheep & lambs 146 pounds, and hogs 251 pounds.

In Nevada, 100,000 pounds of red meat were produced in January 2015, and 800,000 pounds were produced in Hawaii.

**RED MEAT PRODUCTION UP FROM LAST YEAR**

Commercial red meat production for the United States totaled 4.09 billion pounds in January, down 4 percent from the 4.25 billion pounds produced in January 2014.

Beef production, at 1.96 billion pounds, was 8 percent below the previous year. Cattle slaughter totaled 2.42 million head, down 10 percent from January 2014. The average live weight was up 24 pounds from the previous year, at 1,358 pounds.

Veal production totaled 6.8 million pounds, 27 percent below January a year ago. Calf slaughter totaled 39,900 head, 37 percent below January 2014. The average live weight was up 38 pounds from last year, at 291 pounds.

Pork production totaled 2.10 billion pounds, 1 percent above the previous year. Hog slaughter totaled 9.76 million head, slightly below January 2014. The average live weight was up 3 pounds from the previous year, at 287 pounds.

Lamb and mutton production, at 11.5 million pounds, was 7 percent below January 2014. Sheep slaughter totaled 165,700 head, 8 percent below last year. The average live weight was 140 pounds, up 3 pounds from January a year ago.

January 2014 contained 23 weekdays (including 2 holidays) and 4 Saturdays.

January 2015 contained 22 weekdays (including 2 holidays) and 5 Saturdays.

**COMMERCIAL SLAUGHTER, JANUARY 1/**

Species and Location	Number Slaughtered		Total Live Weight		Average Live Weight	
	2014	2015	2014	2015	2014	2015
	1,000 Head		1,000 Pounds		Pounds	
<b>CATTLE</b>						
California	151.1	111.9	199,528	145,941	1,328	1,316
Hawaii	0.9	0.9	977	1,027	1,097	1,135
Nevada	0.1	0.1	80	95	940	1,032
U.S. Total	2,679.3	2,418.0	3,567,305	3,277,015	1,334	1,358
<b>CALVES</b>						
California	14.3	7.5	1,292	752	91	102
Hawaii	(Y)	(D)	(X)	(D)	(X)	(D)
Nevada	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
U.S. Total	62.8	39.9	15,801	11,533	253	291
<b>SHEEP &amp; LAMBS</b>						
California	26.2	22.6	3,731	3,297	142	146
Hawaii	0.1	0.1	9	11	135	141
Nevada	(Y)	0.1	(X)	11	(X)	128
U.S. Total	180.7	165.7	24,783	23,138	137	140
<b>HOGS</b>						
California	212.8	177.8	51,543	44,608	242	251
Hawaii	1.2	1.0	296	252	251	247
Nevada	(Y)	0.1	(X)	19	(X)	259
U.S. Total	9,791.2	9,760.4	2,775,676	2,800,163	284	287
<b>RED MEAT</b>	January 2014	December 2014	January 2015	Jan 15 Jan 14	Jan 15 Dec 14	
	Million Pounds			Percent		
California	153.2	117.9	113.7	74	96	
Hawaii	0.8	0.8	0.8	99	100	
Nevada	0.1	0.1	0.1	130	100	
U.S. Total	4,249.0	4,136.2	4,086.9	96	99	

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

(X) Not applicable.

(Y) Less than level of precision shown.

1/ Farm slaughter excluded.

**CALIFORNIA GRAZING FEES ANNUAL AVERAGE RATES 1/**

Year	Per Animal Unit 2/	Cow-Calf	Per Head
	Dollars Per Month		
2000	12.30	15.50	12.70
2001	13.00	16.00	13.50
2002	12.80	16.50	14.00
2003	13.50	17.50	14.30
2004	14.50	19.50	15.50
2005	15.40	20.50	17.00
2006	16.50	21.00	17.00
2007	16.50	21.50	17.30
2008	17.80	22.10	18.50
2009	16.70	21.00	17.50
2010	16.40	20.50	17.00
2011	17.30	21.50	18.20
2012	19.40	23.00	20.00
2013	19.50	23.50	21.00
2014	20.00	25.10	22.50

1/ The average rates are estimates based on survey indications of monthly lease rates for private, non-irrigated grazing land from the January Cattle Survey.

2/ Includes animal unit plus cow-calf rates. Cow-calf rate converted to animal unit (AUM) using (1 aum=cow-calf \*0.833).

**PACIFIC REGION - MILK PRODUCTION**

California milk producers produced 3.53 billion pounds of milk in January 2015. This was 2 percent above December 2014, but 3 percent below January 2014.

Monthly milk per cow averaged 1,985 pounds, 35 pounds more than December 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/	
	2014	2015	2014	2015	2014	2015	2013	2014	2014	2015	2014	2015	2014	2015
	1,000 Head		Pounds		Million Pounds		Million Pounds		1,000 Head		Pounds		Million Pounds	
Jan.	1,781	1,779	2,035	1,985	3,624	3,531	3,461	3,623	8,516	8,619	1,901	1,918	16,186	16,527
Feb.	1,780		1,910		3,400		3,225	3,396	8,516		1,749		14,892	
Mar.	1,781		2,140		3,811		3,670	3,806	8,530		1,957		16,690	
Apr.	1,780		2,065		3,676		3,617	3,671	8,547		1,912		16,344	
May	1,779		2,110		3,754		3,718	3,750	8,558		1,979		16,934	
June	1,779		1,995		3,549		3,485	3,544	8,572		1,895		16,241	
July	1,779		1,980		3,522		3,371	3,521	8,583		1,909		16,381	
Aug.	1,779		1,940		3,451		3,396	3,449	8,585		1,885		16,184	
Sept.	1,779		1,850		3,291		3,196	3,291	8,593		1,806		15,519	
Oct.	1,779		1,930		3,433		3,335	3,432	8,594		1,864		16,017	
Nov.	1,780		1,885		3,355		3,275	3,352	8,598		1,806		15,527	
Dec.	1,780		1,950		3,471		3,471	3,471	8,611		1,888		16,256	

- 1/ Revised 2014 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.

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

Commodity	Unit	California			United States			
		December 2013	November 2014	December 2014	December 2013	November 2014	December 2014	
		Dollars						
Hogs 2/ 3/	Cwt.	---	---	---	61.50	66.70	64.30	
Cows 2/ 4/	Cwt.	---	---	---	83.40	115.00	115.00	
Steers and Heifers 2/	Cwt.	---	---	---	132.00	169.00	166.00	
Calves	Cwt.	---	---	---	197.00	305.00	303.00	
Milk Cows 5/ 6/	Head	---	---	---	1,440.00	2,120.00	1,990.00	
All Milk, Wholesale 2/	Cwt.		20.81	20.53	17.71	22.00	23.00	20.40

- 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.

**HAY PRICES 1/**

Commodity	Unit	Alfalfa hay			Other Hay		
		January 2014	December 2014	January 2015	January 2014	December 2014	January 2015
		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.

## CALIFORNIA AND NEVADA SHEEP AND LAMB INVENTORY

The inventory of all sheep and lambs in California totaled 600 thousand head on January 1, 2015, 2 percent above last year. Nevada's total inventory was 69.0 thousand head, 14 percent below last year.

Breeding sheep and lambs totaled 330 thousand head for California, 2 percent above January 1, 2014. In Nevada, the total was 60.0 thousand head, 13 percent below last year.

California's market sheep and lambs totaled 270 thousand head, 2 percent above last year. Nevada's total as of January 1, 2015 was 9.0 thousand head, 18 percent below last year.

### JANUARY 1 SHEEP AND LAMB INVENTORY FOR SEVENTEEN SELECTED STATES AND U.S.

State	All Sheep and Lambs			Breeding Sheep and Lambs		Market Sheep and Lambs	
	2014	2015	2015/2014	2014	2015	2014	2015
	1,000 Head		Percent	1,000 Head		1,000 Head	
Arizona	150	150	100	109	107	41	43
California	590	600	102	325	330	265	270
Colorado	365	420	115	170	220	195	200
Idaho	250	260	104	190	187	60	73
Iowa	155	175	113	110	125	45	50
Kansas	75	66	88	48	44	27	22
Minnesota	135	130	96	98	92	37	38
Montana	220	215	98	198	193	22	22
Nevada	80	69	86	69	60	11	9
New Mexico	81	90	111	68	76	13	14
North Dakota	66	64	97	50	50	16	14
Ohio	117	121	103	93	96	24	25
Oregon	195	195	100	125	140	70	55
South Dakota	270	255	94	210	200	60	55
Texas	730	720	99	580	570	150	150
Utah	280	290	104	260	270	20	20
Wyoming	355	345	97	265	260	90	85
<b>U.S. TOTAL</b>	<b>5,245</b>	<b>5,280</b>	<b>101</b>	<b>3,900</b>	<b>3,935</b>	<b>1,345</b>	<b>1,345</b>

### WOOL PRODUCTION

Shorn wool production in California during 2014 was 2.90 million pounds, 12 percent higher than in 2013. Sheep and lambs shorn, at 460 thousand head, was 15 percent above the previous year. The average price paid for wool sold in 2014 was \$1.35 per pound for a total value of \$3.92 million dollars, up 4 percent from \$3.77 million dollars in 2013.

for wool sold in 2014 was \$1.95 per pound for a total value of \$1.09 million dollars, compared to \$1.23 million dollars in 2013.

Shorn wool production in the United States during 2014 was 26.7 million pounds, down 1 percent from 2013. Sheep and lambs shorn totaled 3.68 million head, also down 1 percent from 2013. The average price paid for wool sold in 2014 was \$1.46 per pound for a total value of 38.9 million dollars, down 1 percent from 39.2 million dollars in 2013.

For Nevada, production of shorn wool during 2014 was 560 thousand pounds, 4 percent below 2013. In 2014, 54.0 thousand head of sheep and lambs were shorn, 10 percent below 2013. The average price paid

### WOOL PRODUCTION AND VALUE, SELECTED STATES AND U.S.

State	Sheep Shorn		Weight Per Fleece		Production		Price Per Pound		Value 1/	
	2013	2014	2013	2014	2013	2014	2013	2014	2013	2014
	1,000 Head		Lbs.		1,000 Lbs.		Dollars		\$1,000	
California	400	460	6.5	6.3	2,600	2,900	1.45	1.35	3,770	3,915
Colorado	310	340	6.8	7.1	2,100	2,400	1.90	1.85	3,990	4,440
Iowa	155	165	5.5	5.5	850	900	0.65	0.58	553	522
Montana	200	185	8.9	9.0	1,770	1,660	2.20	2.05	3,894	3,403
Nevada	60	54	9.8	10.4	585	560	2.10	1.95	1,229	1,092
New Mexico	74	81	8.0	7.8	590	630	1.35	1.65	797	1,040
Oregon	160	158	6.9	6.3	1,100	1,000	1.11	1.36	1,221	1,360
South Dakota	250	230	7.3	7.6	1,830	1,750	1.57	1.52	2,873	2,660
Texas	310	290	7.4	7.2	2,300	2,100	1.76	1.57	4,048	3,297
Utah	240	245	9.2	9.2	2,200	2,250	1.60	1.80	3,520	4,050
Wyoming	285	250	8.6	9.2	2,450	2,300	2.13	1.97	5,219	4,531
<b>UNITED STATES 2/</b>	<b>3,700</b>	<b>3,680</b>	<b>7.3</b>	<b>7.3</b>	<b>26,990</b>	<b>26,700</b>	<b>1.45</b>	<b>1.46</b>	<b>39,209</b>	<b>38,949</b>

1/ Production multiplied by marketing-year average price for individual states. U.S. value is the summation of state values and may not add due to rounding.

2/ U.S. Values may not add due to rounding.

**CALIFORNIA, HAWAI'I, NEVADA AND U.S. GOATS**

California's goat inventory on January 1, 2015 for angora goats totaled 3.40 thousand head, milk goats totaled 40.0 thousand head, and meat and other goats totaled 85.0 thousand head. Data for meat and other goats for Hawai'i and Nevada were not available on 2015 and were included in the U.S. total.

U.S. angora goats were up 8 percent, totaling 160 thousand head. Milk goat inventory was 365 thousand head, 2 percent higher than January 1, 2014. U.S. meat and other goats totaled 2.15 million head, up 2 percent from 2014.

**JANUARY 1 GOAT NUMBERS BY CLASS FOR SIXTEEN SELECTED STATES AND U.S.**

State	Angora Goats		Milk Goats		Meat and Other Goats	
	2014	2015	2014	2015	2014	2015
Head						
Arizona	33,000	36,000	3,000	2/	25,000	28,000
California	3,600	3,400	38,000	40,000	85,000	85,000
Colorado	2/	2/	9,000	10,000	22,000	25,000
Georgia	2/	2/	4,500	4,000	58,000	68,000
Hawai'i					10,500	2/
Idaho	2/	2/	4,000	3,500	14,000	2/
Michigan	2/	2/	11,400	11,300	16,500	2/
Minnesota	1,000	2/	13,000	13,500	23,000	20,500
Missouri	1,500	2/	9,600	9,900	85,200	78,600
Nebraska	2/	2/	3,800	3,700	19,500	2/
Nevada					7,300	2/
New England 1/	2/	2/	14,600	14,500	11,000	2/
New Mexico	10,000	11,000	2,500	2/	20,000	2/
New York	2/	2/	13,100	13,400	22,000	18,700
Ohio	2/	2/	9,500	10,000	47,000	46,000
Oklahoma	2/	2/	5,900	6,900	75,000	95,000
Oregon	2,500	2/	11,200	9,500	23,000	24,000
Texas	76,000	85,000	20,000	23,000	810,000	820,000
Washington	2/	2/	8,400	7,200	24,000	21,000
Wisconsin	900	2/	46,000	44,000	22,000	2/
<b>UNITED STATES</b>	<b>148,000</b>	<b>160,000</b>	<b>358,000</b>	<b>365,000</b>	<b>2,105,000</b>	<b>2,150,000</b>

1/ New England includes CT, ME, MA, NH, RI, and VT.

2/ Data not available. Data included in U.S. total.

**CATFISH FOODSIZE SALES, CALIFORNIA AND UNITED STATES, 2013-14**

State	Number Of Fish		Live Weight				Average Price		Total Sales	
			Average Per Fish		Total		Per Pound			
	2013	2014	2013	2014	2013	2014	2013	2014	2013	2014
1,000 Fish		Pounds		1,000 Pounds		Dollars		\$1,000		
California	1,510	1,340	1.9	1.9	2,800	2,550	3.08	3.13	8,624	7,982
U.S.	155,605	175,030	29.2	33.2	4,539	5,806	2.21	1.77	10,024	10,275