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UNITED STATES CATTLE ON FEED DOWN 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 March 1, 2015. The inventory was 1 percent below March 1, 2014.

Placements in feedlots during February totaled 1.52 million, 8 percent below 2014. Net placements were 1.46 million head. During February, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 330,000, 600-699 pounds were 270,000, 700-799 pounds were 388,000, and 800 pounds and greater were 535,000.

Marketings of fed cattle during February totaled 1.52 million, 2 percent below 2014. February marketings are the lowest since the series began in 1996. Other disappearance totaled 62,000 during February, 13 percent below 2014.

CALIFORNIA CATTLE ON FEED

Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter in California feedlots totaled 440,000 head on March 1, 2015, unchanged from last month and a 12 percent decrease from March 2014. During February, placements of 50,000 head were 32 percent above the previous year. Marketings of 43,000 head were 22 percent below February 2014. 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 February 1 1/			Placed During February		Marketed During February	
	2014	2015	2015/2014	2014	2015	2014	2015
	1,000 Head		Percent	1,000 Head			
Arizona	272	247	91	28	19	27	19
California	520	440	85	38	50	55	43
Colorado	950	890	94	135	130	155	145
Idaho	210	230	110	37	31	41	29
Iowa	660	650	98	86	85	74	74
Kansas	2,050	2,090	102	335	355	315	355
Minnesota	136	141	104	11	18	12	13
Nebraska	2,430	2,500	103	430	390	375	385
Oklahoma	265	265	100	43	42	36	30
South Dakota	220	230	105	39	41	36	35
Texas	2,440	2,490	102	410	285	360	315
Washington	200	210	105	38	43	36	36
Other States	325	330	102	28	34	27	37
UNITED STATES	10,678	10,713	100	1,658	1,523	1,549	1,516

State	Other Disappearance During February 2/		Number On Feed March 1 1/		2015
	2014	2015	2014	2015	2014
	1,000 Head		1,000 Head		Percent
Arizona	1	4	272	243	89
California	3	7	500	440	88
Colorado	10	5	920	870	95
Idaho	1	2	205	230	112
Iowa	2	1	670	660	99
Kansas	10	10	2,060	2,080	101
Minnesota	1	1	134	145	108
Nebraska	15	15	2,470	2,490	101
Oklahoma	2	2	270	275	102
South Dakota	3	1	220	235	107
Texas	20	10	2,470	2,450	99
Washington	2	2	200	215	108
Other States	1	2	325	325	100
UNITED STATES	71	62	10,716	10,658	99

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 February 2015 totaled 103.9 million pounds (dressed weight), 8 percent lower than the previous month and 20 percent lower than February 2014. This figure includes slaughter in Federally-inspected and state-inspected plants, but excludes slaughter done on farms. In February 2015, the average live weight of cattle slaughtered in California was 1,318 pounds, calves 92 pounds, sheep & lambs 147 pounds, and hogs 253 pounds.

In Nevada, 100,000 pounds of red meat were produced in February 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 3.73 billion pounds in February, up 2 percent from the 3.65 billion pounds produced in February 2014.

Beef production, at 1.77 billion pounds, was 1 percent below the previous year. Cattle slaughter totaled 2.17 million head, down 3 percent from February 2014. The average live weight was up 25 pounds from the previous year, at 1,355 pounds.

Veal production totaled 6.3 million pounds, 23 percent below February a year ago. Calf slaughter totaled 36,700 head, down 30 percent from February 2014. The average live weight was up 26 pounds from last year, at 293 pounds.

Pork production totaled 1.95 billion pounds, up 5 percent from the previous year. Hog slaughter totaled 9.08 million head, up 5 percent from February 2014. The average live weight was up 2 pounds from the previous year, at 285 pounds.

Lamb and mutton production, at 11.6 million pounds, was down slightly from February 2014. Sheep slaughter totaled 164,700 head, 2 percent below last year. The average live weight was 141 pounds, up 3 pounds from February a year ago.

January to February 2015 commercial red meat production was 7.8 billion pounds, down 1 percent from 2014. Accumulated beef production was down 5 percent from last year, veal was down 25 percent, pork was up 3 percent from last year, and lamb and mutton production was down 3 percent.

February 2014 contained 20 weekdays (including 1 holiday) and 4 Saturdays. February 2015 contained 20 weekdays (including 1 holiday) and 4 Saturdays.

COMMERCIAL SLAUGHTER, FEBRUARY 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	
CATTLE						
California	128.6	96.1	168,638	125,461	1,320	1,318
Hawaii	0.8	0.9	955	1,044	1,131	1,170
Nevada	0.1	0.1	85	80	1,048	1,023
U.S. Total	2,244.1	2,170.6	2,978,853	2,934,757	1,330	1,355
CALVES						
California	12.6	7.6	1,182	694	94	92
Hawaii	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Nevada	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
U.S. Total	52.1	36.7	13,879	10,685	267	293
SHEEP & LAMBS						
California	22.4	23.3	3,181	3,434	142	147
Hawaii	0.1	0.1	9	13	136	133
Nevada	(Y)	(Y)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
U.S. Total	167.9	164.7	23,165	23,215	138	141
HOGS						
California	172.3	177.8	42,204	44,943	245	253
Hawaii	0.9	1.0	212	246	249	256
Nevada	(Y)	0.1	(X)	26	(X)	257
U.S. Total	8,667.7	9,076.8	2,452,682	2,586,849	283	285

RED MEAT	February 2014	January 2015	February 2015	Feb 15 Feb 14	Feb 15 Jan 15
	Million Pounds			Percent	
California	129.2	113.7	103.9	80	91
Hawaii	0.7	0.8	0.8	112	100
Nevada	0.1	0.1	0.1	120	100
U.S. Total	3,652.3	4,087.0	3,731.5	102	91

(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 CATTLE AND CALF INVENTORY

All cattle and calves in California as of January 1, 2015 totaled 5.15 million head, 2 percent below the previous year. Beef cows and milk cows remained unchanged from 2014, at 600 thousand head and 1.78 million head, respectively. All heifers weighing more than 500 pounds were estimated at 1.05 million head, 4 percent below the previous year. Steers 500 pounds and over totaled 570.0 thousand head, 11 percent below last year. Bulls in the same weight category totaled 70.0 thousand head, unchanged from last year. Calves weighing less than 500 pounds, at 1.08 million head, were 1 percent above a year ago. Hawaii's cattle inventory was 135 thousand head, 2 percent more than last year. Nevada's cattle inventory totaled 435 thousand head, 5 percent less than in 2014.

JANUARY 1 U.S. CATTLE INVENTORY UP 1 PERCENT

All cattle and calves in the United States as of January 1, 2015 totaled 89.8 million head, 1 percent above the 88.5 million on January 1, 2014.

All cows and heifers that have calved, at 39.0 million, were up 2 percent from the 38.3 million on January 1, 2014.

- Beef cows, at 29.7 million, were up 2 percent from January 1, 2014.
- Milk cows, at 9.3 million, were up 1 percent from January 1, 2014.

Other class estimates on January 1, 2015 and the change from January 1, 2014, are as follows:

- All heifers 500 pounds and over, 19.2 million, up 1 percent.
- Beef replacement heifers, 5.8 million, up 4 percent.
- Milk replacement heifers, 4.6 million, up 1 percent.
- Other heifers, 8.8 million, down slightly.
- Steers weighing 500 pounds and over, 15.8 million, up 1 percent.
- Bulls weighing 500 pounds and over, 2.1 million,

up 3 percent.

- Calves under 500 pounds, 13.7 million, up 1 percent.
- Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter in all feedlots, 13.1 million, up 1 percent.
- The combined total of calves under 500 pounds, and other heifers and steers over 500 pounds outside of feedlots was 25.2 million, up 1 percent.

U.S. CALF CROP UP 1 PERCENT

The 2014 calf crop was estimated at 33.9 million head, up 1 percent from 2013. Calves born during the first half of 2014 were estimated at 24.6 million, up slightly from 2013.

NUMBER OF LICENSED DAIRY OPERATIONS IN SELECTED STATES AND UNITED STATES 1/

State	2013	2014
	Number	
California	1,535	1,485
Hawaii	2	2
Indiana	1,315	1,265
Iowa	1,425	1,370
Michigan	2,030	1,950
Minnesota	3,865	3,605
Nevada	20	20
New York	5,040	4,950
Ohio	2,930	2,810
Pennsylvania	7,200	7,370
Wisconsin	10,860	10,290
UNITED STATES	46,975	45,344

1/ Average number of dairy farms licensed to sell milk, based on counts collected from State and other regulatory agencies.

CATTLE AND CALVES BY CLASSES FOR PACIFIC REGION, UNITED STATES, AND CANADA JANUARY 1, 2013-14 1/

Class	California 2/			Hawaii 2/			Nevada 2/			United States 2/			Canada 3/		
	2014	2015	2015/ 2014	2014	2015	2015/ 2014	2014	2015	2015/ 2014	2014	2015	2015/ 2014	2014	2015	2015/ 2014
	Thousands		Percent	Thousands		Percent	Thousands		Percent	Thousands		Percent	Thousands		Percent
All Cattle and Calves	5,250.0	5,150.0	98	133.0	135.0	102	460.0	435.0	95	88,526.0	89,800.0	101	12,220.0	11,915.0	98
All Cows:	2,380.0	2,380.0	100	74.0	72.0	97	260.0	245.0	94	38,293.0	39,000.0	102	4,862.6	4,781.1	98
Beef	600.0	600.0	100	71.8	69.8	97	231.0	217.0	94	29,085.4	29,693.1	102	3,903.3	3,824.4	98
Milk	1,780.0	1,780.0	100	2.2	2.2	100	29.0	28.0	97	9,207.6	9,306.9	101	959.3	956.7	100
Heifers 500 Lbs.	1,090.0	1,050.0	96	14.0	17.0	121	76.0	75.0	99	18,969.4	19,240.2	101	1,947.2	1,891.9	97
Beef Replacement	110.0	120.0	109	9.0	11.0	122	36.0	37.0	103	5,551.3	5,777.4	104	539.1	531.1	99
Milk Replacement	750.0	750.0	100	1.0	1.0	100	9.0	9.0	100	4,548.7	4,615.4	101	444.2	444.6	100
Other Heifers	230.0	180.0	78	4.0	5.0	125	31.0	29.0	94	8,869.4	8,847.4	100	963.9	916.2	95
Steers 500 Lbs.	640.0	570.0	89	7.0	9.0	129	44.0	44.0	100	15,667.9	15,778.5	101	1,246.8	1,179.2	95
Bulls 500 Lbs.	70.0	70.0	100	4.0	4.0	100	13.0	12.0	92	2,037.8	2,104.4	103	214.0	212.8	99
Calves Less Than 500 Lbs.	1,070.0	1,080.0	101	34.0	33.0	97	67.0	59.0	88	13,557.9	13,676.9	101	3,949.4	3,850.0	97
Calf Crop 4/	2,010.0	1,950.0	97	60.0	56.0	93	210.0	195.0	93	33,730.0	33,900.0	101	4,516.3	4,598.5	102

1/ Totals may not add due to rounding.

2/ Source: National Agricultural Statistics Service.

3/ Source: Livestock and Animal Products Section, Statistics, Canada.

4/ January-December calf crop.

MARKETING-YEAR AVERAGE PRICES RECEIVED BY FARMERS

Commodity	Unit	CALIFORNIA		HAWAII		NEVADA		UNITED STATES	
		2013	2014	2013	2014	2013	2014	2013	2014
Dollars									
Hogs	Cwt.	---	---	---	---	---	---	67.20	76.50
Cows 1/ Steers & Heifers	Cwt.	---	---	---	---	---	---	82.30	108.00
Calves	Cwt.	---	---	---	---	---	---	126.00	154.00
Milk Cows 2/	Head	1,200.00	1,830.00	1,500.00	1,500.00	1,280.00	1,800.00	1,380.00	1,830.00

1/ Beef cows and cull dairy cows sold for slaughter.

2/ Calendar year average.

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

Commodity	Unit	California			United States		
		January 2014	December 2014	January 2015	January 2014	December 2014	January 2015
Dollars							
Hogs 2/	Cwt.	---	---	---	61.20	64.30	57.40
Cows 3/	Cwt.	---	---	---	88.30	115.00	112.00
Steers and Heifers	Cwt.	---	---	---	140.00	166.00	166.00
Calves	Cwt.	---	---	---	208.00	303.00	288.00
Milk Cows 4/ 5/	Head	1,300.00	---	18,000.00	1,440.00	2,120.00	1,990.00
All Milk, Wholesale	Cwt.	22.42	17.71	15.81	23.50	20.40	17.60

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/ Prices include barrows, gilts, and sows.

3/ Beef cows and cull dairy cows sold for slaughter.

4/ Animals sold for dairy herd replacement only. Prices published January, April, July and October.

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

6/ January 2015 Fat test percent: all milk; 3.84.

HAY PRICES

Commodity	Unit	Alfalfa hay			Other Hay		
		January 2014	December 2014	January 2015	January 2014	December 2014	January 2015
Dollars							
Arizona	Tons	200.00	200.00	215.00	200.00	220.00	210.00
California	Tons	207.00	220.00	200.00	187.00	160.00	160.00
Idaho	Tons	190.00	200.00	190.00	170.00	170.00	165.00
Nevada	Tons	204.00	235.00	230.00	187.00	220.00	200.00
Oregon	Tons	200.00	240.00	225.00	170.00	190.00	190.00
Utah	Tons	175.00	180.00	180.00	145.00	145.00	145.00
UNITED STATES	Tons	186.00	183.00	174.00	135.00	117.00	118.00

CALIFORNIA HONEY PRODUCTION UP 15 PERCENT, HAWAII UP 29 PERCENT

California's 2014 honey production, at 12.5 million pounds, was 15 percent higher than 2013. Honey producing colonies totaled 320 thousand, down 3 percent from the previous year. The yield per colony averaged 39 pounds, compared with 33 pounds per colony in 2013. Hawaii's 2014 honey production, at 1.40 million pounds, was 29 percent higher than 2013. Honey producing colonies totaled 15, up 15 percent from the previous year. The yield per colony averaged 93 pounds, compared with 83 pounds per colony in 2013.

U.S. HONEY PRODUCTION UP 19 PERCENT

Honey production in 2014 from producers with five or more colonies totaled 178 million pounds, up 19 percent from 2013. There were 2.74 million colonies producing honey in 2014, up 4 percent from 2013. Yield per colony averaged 65.1 pounds, up 15 percent from the 56.6 pounds in 2013. Colonies which produced honey in more

than one State were counted in each State where the honey was produced. Therefore, at the United States level yield per colony may be understated, but total production would not be impacted. Colonies were not included if honey was not harvested. Producer honey stocks were 41.2 million pounds on December 15, 2014, up 8 percent from a year earlier. Stocks held by producers exclude those held under the commodity loan program.

RECORD HIGH U.S. HONEY PRICES

Honey prices increased to a record high during 2014 to 216.1 cents per pound, up 1 percent from 214.1 cents per pound in 2013. United States and State level prices reflect the portions of honey sold through cooperatives, private, and retail channels. Prices for each color class are derived by weighting the quantities sold for each marketing channel. Prices for the 2013 crop reflect honey sold in 2013 and 2014. Some 2013 crop honey was sold in 2014, which caused some revisions to the 2013 crop prices.

HONEY PRODUCTION FOR TOP FIVE STATES AND U.S. 1/

State	Number of Colonies 2/		Yield Per Colony		Production		Average Price Per Pound 3/		Value of Production 4/	
	2013	2014	2013	2014	2013	2014	2013	2014	2013	2014
	1,000 Colonies		Pounds		1,000 Pounds		Cents		\$1,000	
California	330	320	33	39	10,890	12,480	211	203	22,978	25,334
Florida	220	245	61	60	13,420	14,700	203	208	27,243	30,576
Hawaii	13	15	83	93	1,079	1,395	197	228	2,126	3,181
Montana	159	162	94	88	14,946	14,256	209	205	31,237	29,225
N. Dakota	480	490	69	86	33,120	42,140	204	200	67,565	84,280
S. Dakota	265	280	56	87	14,840	24,360	207	209	30,719	50,912
UNITED STATES 5/	2,640	2,740	56.6	65.1	149,499	178,270	214.1	216.1	320,077	385,241

1/ For producers with five or more colonies. Revised 2013 data.

2/ Honey producing colonies are the maximum number of colonies from which honey was taken during the year. It is possible to take honey from colonies which did not survive the entire year.

3/ Prices based on expanded sales.

4/ Value of production is equal to production multiplied by average price per pound.

5/ Due to rounding, total colonies multiplied by total yield may not exactly equal production.

FARM NUMBERS

In 2014 an estimated 76.4 thousand farms operated on 25.5 million acres in California. The average farm size was 334 acres. The average size of farms increased by 2 percent from 2013, but the number of farms decreased by 2 percent. Land in farms remained the same.

The number of farms in the United States in 2014 was estimated at 2.1 million, down 18.0 thousand farms from 2013. Total land in farms, at 913 million acres, remained about the same as in 2013. The average farm size was 438 acres, up 3 acres from the previous year.

NUMBER OF FARMS AND LAND IN FARMS

Area and Item		2013	2014
CALIFORNIA	Number of Farms	77,900	76,400
	Land in Farms (1,000 Acres)	25,500	25,500
	Average Size of Farms (Acres)	327	334
HAWAII	Number of Farms	7,000	7,000
	Land in Farms (1,000 Acres)	1,120	1,120
	Average Size of Farms (Acres)	160	160
NEVADA	Number of Farms	4,150	4,200
	Land in Farms (1,000 Acres)	5,950	5,950
	Average Size of Farms (Acres)	1,434	1,417
UNITED STATES	Number of Farms	2,102,010	2,084,000
	Land in Farms (1,000 Acres)	914,030	913,000
	Average Size of Farms (Acres)	435	438

TROUT SALES OF FISH 12" OR LONGER, CALIFORNIA AND UNITED STATES, 2013-14 1/

State	Number Of Fish		Live Weight				Average Price Per Pound		Total Sales	
			Average Per Fish		Total		2013	2014	2013	2014
	2013	2014	2013	2014	2013	2014				
	1,000 Fish		Pounds		1,000 Pounds		Dollars		\$1,000	
California	(D)	1,310	(D)	1,550	(D)	1.2	(D)	4,697	(D)	3.03
U.S.	41,170	48,185	56,666	60,633	1.4	1.3	91,174	95,079	1.61	1.57

1/ Revised 2013 data.

(D) Withheld to avoid disclosing data for individual operations