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CALIFORNIA CATTLE ON FEED

Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter in California feedlots totaled 445,000 head on April 1, 2015, up 1 percent from last month and a 6 percent decrease from April 2014. During March, placements of 55,000 head were 4 percent above the previous year. Marketings of 46,000 head were 34 percent below March 2014. Other disappearance totaled 4,000 head.

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 10.8 million head on April 1, 2015. The inventory was slightly above April 1, 2014. The inventory included 7.46 million steers and steer calves, up 5 percent from the previous year. This group accounted for 69 percent of the total inventory. Heifers and heifer calves accounted for 3.34 million head, down 10 percent from 2014.

Placements in feedlots during March totaled 1.81 million, slightly above 2014. Net placements were 1.74 million head. During March, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 365,000, 600-699 pounds were 275,000, 700-799 pounds were 449,000, and 800 pounds and greater were 720,000.

Marketings of fed cattle during March totaled 1.63 million, 2 percent below 2014. March marketings are the lowest since the series began in 1996.

Other disappearance totaled 69,000 during March, 6 percent above 2014.

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

| State | Number On Feed March 1 1/ | | | Placed During March | | Marketed During March | |
|---------------|---------------------------|--------|-----------|---------------------|-------|-----------------------|-------|
| | 2014 | 2015 | 2015/2014 | 2014 | 2015 | 2014 | 2015 |
| | 1,000 Head | | Percent | 1,000 Head | | | |
| Arizona | 272 | 243 | 89 | 30 | 25 | 24 | 21 |
| California | 500 | 440 | 88 | 53 | 55 | 70 | 46 |
| Colorado | 920 | 890 | 97 | 165 | 150 | 130 | 140 |
| Idaho | 205 | 230 | 112 | 34 | 30 | 33 | 29 |
| Iowa | 670 | 660 | 99 | 71 | 90 | 69 | 79 |
| Kansas | 2,060 | 2,080 | 101 | 390 | 410 | 345 | 370 |
| Minnesota | 134 | 145 | 108 | 18 | 23 | 16 | 21 |
| Nebraska | 2,470 | 2,500 | 101 | 410 | 440 | 395 | 395 |
| Oklahoma | 270 | 275 | 102 | 52 | 49 | 46 | 38 |
| South Dakota | 220 | 235 | 107 | 42 | 33 | 35 | 32 |
| Texas | 2,470 | 2,450 | 99 | 470 | 420 | 430 | 385 |
| Washington | 200 | 215 | 108 | 31 | 39 | 29 | 28 |
| Other States | 325 | 325 | 100 | 35 | 45 | 38 | 47 |
| UNITED STATES | 10,716 | 10,688 | 100 | 1,801 | 1,809 | 1,660 | 1,631 |

| State | Other Disappearance During March 2/ | | Number On Feed April 1 1/ | | 2014 |
|---------------|-------------------------------------|------|---------------------------|--------|---------|
| | 2014 | 2015 | 2014 | 2015 | 2015 |
| | 1,000 Head | | 1,000 Head | | Percent |
| Arizona | 1 | 6 | 277 | 241 | 87 |
| California | 8 | 4 | 475 | 445 | 94 |
| Colorado | 5 | 10 | 950 | 890 | 94 |
| Idaho | 1 | 1 | 205 | 230 | 112 |
| Iowa | 2 | 1 | 670 | 670 | 100 |
| Kansas | 15 | 10 | 2,090 | 2,110 | 101 |
| Minnesota | 1 | 1 | 135 | 146 | 108 |
| Nebraska | 15 | 15 | 2,470 | 2,530 | 102 |
| Oklahoma | 1 | 1 | 275 | 285 | 104 |
| South Dakota | 2 | 1 | 225 | 235 | 104 |
| Texas | 10 | 15 | 2,500 | 2,470 | 99 |
| Washington | 2 | 1 | 200 | 225 | 113 |
| Other States | 2 | 3 | 320 | 320 | 100 |
| UNITED STATES | 65 | 69 | 10,792 | 10,797 | 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 - MILK PRODUCTION

California milk producers produced 3.70 billion pounds of milk in March 2015. This was 13 percent above February 2015, but 3 percent below March 2014.

Monthly milk per cow averaged 2,080 pounds, 235 pounds more than February 2015.

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 | 2014 | 2015 | 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 | 3,623 | 3,528 | 8,516 | 8,620 | 1,901 | 1,919 | 16,186 | 16,544 |
| Feb. | 1,780 | 1,779 | 1,910 | 1,845 | 3,400 | 3,282 | 3,396 | 3,281 | 8,516 | 8,620 | 1,749 | 1,756 | 14,892 | 15,139 |
| Mar. | 1,781 | 1,779 | 2,140 | 2,080 | 3,811 | 3,700 | 3,806 | 3,698 | 8,530 | 8,616 | 1,957 | 1,959 | 16,690 | 16,877 |
| Apr. | 1,780 | | 2,065 | | 3,676 | | 3,671 | | 8,547 | | 1,912 | | 16,344 | |
| May | 1,779 | | 2,110 | | 3,754 | | 3,750 | | 8,558 | | 1,979 | | 16,934 | |
| June | 1,779 | | 1,995 | | 3,549 | | 3,544 | | 8,572 | | 1,895 | | 16,241 | |
| July | 1,779 | | 1,980 | | 3,522 | | 3,521 | | 8,583 | | 1,909 | | 16,381 | |
| Aug. | 1,779 | | 1,940 | | 3,451 | | 3,449 | | 8,585 | | 1,885 | | 16,184 | |
| Sept. | 1,779 | | 1,850 | | 3,291 | | 3,291 | | 8,593 | | 1,806 | | 15,519 | |
| Oct. | 1,779 | | 1,930 | | 3,433 | | 3,432 | | 8,594 | | 1,864 | | 16,017 | |
| Nov. | 1,780 | | 1,885 | | 3,355 | | 3,352 | | 8,598 | | 1,806 | | 15,527 | |
| Dec. | 1,780 | | 1,950 | | 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 | | |
|------------------------|------|---------------|--------------|------------|---------------|--------------|------------|
| | | February 2014 | January 2015 | March 2015 | February 2014 | January 2015 | March 2015 |
| | | Dollars | | | | | |
| Hogs 2/ | Cwt. | --- | --- | --- | 65.50 | 57.40 | 50.40 |
| Cows 3/ | Cwt. | --- | --- | --- | 95.40 | 112.00 | 110.00 |
| Steers and Heifers | Cwt. | --- | --- | --- | 145.00 | 166.00 | 161.00 |
| Calves | Cwt. | --- | --- | --- | 209.00 | 288.00 | 277.00 |
| Milk Cows 4/ 5/ | Head | --- | 1,800.00 | --- | 1,440.00 | 2,120.00 | 1,990.00 |
| All Milk, Wholesale 6/ | Cwt. | 23.13 | 15.81 | 14.72 | 24.90 | 17.60 | 16.80 |

- 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/ February 2015 Fat test percent: all milk; 3.82.

HAY PRICES

| Commodity | Unit | Alfalfa hay | | | Other Hay | | |
|---------------|------|-------------|--------------|------------|------------|--------------|------------|
| | | March 2014 | January 2015 | March 2015 | March 2014 | January 2015 | March 2015 |
| | | Dollars | | | | | |
| Arizona | Tons | 205.00 | 215.00 | 200.00 | 205.00 | 210.00 | 195.00 |
| California | Tons | 225.00 | 200.00 | 190.00 | 187.00 | 160.00 | 170.00 |
| Idaho | Tons | 200.00 | 190.00 | 180.00 | 170.00 | 165.00 | 165.00 |
| Nevada | Tons | 213.00 | 230.00 | 225.00 | 187.00 | 200.00 | 200.00 |
| Oregon | Tons | 210.00 | 225.00 | 220.00 | 160.00 | 190.00 | 200.00 |
| Utah | Tons | 180.00 | 180.00 | 180.00 | 145.00 | 145.00 | 145.00 |
| UNITED STATES | Tons | 190.00 | 174.00 | 172.00 | 138.00 | 118.00 | 127.00 |

PACIFIC REGION RED MEAT PRODUCTION IN 2014

California's production of red meat in commercial plants during 2014 totaled 1,450.0 million pounds, 16 percent lower than last year. The month of January had the largest red meat production at 153.1 million pounds. In Hawaii, red meat production totaled 9.2 million pounds in 2014, unchanged from the amount produced in 2013, and in Nevada the 2014 total was 1.1 million pounds, 10 percent above 2013.

Total red meat production for the United States totaled 47,344.3 million pounds in 2014, 4 percent lower than the previous year. Red meat includes beef, veal, pork, and lamb and mutton.

RED MEAT PRODUCTION BY MONTH 1/

| Month | CALIFORNIA | | HAWAII | | NEVADA | | UNITED STATES | |
|----------------|------------|---------|--------|------|--------|------|---------------|----------|
| | 2013 | 2014 | 2013 | 2014 | 2013 | 2014 | 2013 | 2014 |
| Million Pounds | | | | | | | | |
| January | 149.2 | 153.1 | 0.8 | 0.8 | 0.1 | 0.1 | 4,349.0 | 4,248.3 |
| February | 130.8 | 129.2 | 0.7 | 0.7 | 0.1 | 0.1 | 3,672.4 | 3,652.3 |
| March | 139.0 | 142.6 | 0.8 | 0.8 | (Y) | 0.1 | 3,994.9 | 3,814.7 |
| April | 144.0 | 138.7 | 0.7 | 0.7 | 0.1 | 0.1 | 4,091.9 | 3,977.7 |
| May | 153.3 | 125.9 | 0.8 | 0.8 | 0.1 | 0.1 | 4,150.0 | 3,952.4 |
| June | 139.2 | 98.7 | 0.7 | 0.8 | 0.1 | 0.1 | 3,854.5 | 3,823.9 |
| July | 147.7 | 107.8 | 0.8 | 0.8 | 0.1 | 0.1 | 4,158.2 | 3,908.9 |
| August | 149.9 | 100.1 | 0.8 | 0.8 | 0.1 | 0.1 | 4,202.4 | 3,794.5 |
| September | 140.3 | 109.4 | 0.8 | 0.7 | 0.1 | 0.1 | 3,937.0 | 3,959.8 |
| October | 152.4 | 120.2 | 0.8 | 0.8 | 0.1 | 0.1 | 4,510.2 | 4,318.6 |
| November | 136.6 | 106.7 | 0.7 | 0.7 | 0.1 | 0.1 | 4,118.4 | 3,757.7 |
| December | 148.8 | 117.5 | 0.7 | 0.8 | 0.1 | 0.1 | 4,135.6 | 4,135.5 |
| TOTAL 2/ | 1,731.2 | 1,450.0 | 9.2 | 9.2 | 1.0 | 1.1 | 49,174.0 | 47,344.3 |

1/ Includes total beef, veal, pork, and lamb and mutton, but excludes farm slaughter

2/ Totals based on unrounded data and may not equal sum of parts.

PACIFIC REGION - COMMERCIAL SLAUGHTER

California's production of red meat during March 2015 totaled 109.3 million pounds (dressed weight), 5 percent higher than the previous month and 23 percent lower than March 2014. This figure includes slaughter in Federally-inspected and state-inspected plants, but excludes slaughter done on farms.

In March 2015, the average live weight of cattle slaughtered in California was 1,327 pounds, calves 100 pounds, sheep & lambs 142 pounds, and hogs 252 pounds.

In Nevada, 100,000 pounds of red meat were produced in March 2015, and 700,000 pounds were produced in Hawaii.

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 | 142.3 | 100.7 | 185,065 | 132,340 | 1,308 | 1,327 |
| Hawaii | 0.9 | 0.8 | 984 | 955 | 1,121 | 1,144 |
| Nevada | 0.1 | 0.1 | 80 | 106 | 1,051 | 987 |
| U.S. Total | 2,451.1 | 2,378.4 | 3,223,581 | 3,198,282 | 1,318 | 1,348 |
| CALVES | | | | | | |
| California | 12.6 | 8.7 | 1,209 | 858 | 97 | 100 |
| Hawaii | (D) | (D) | (D) | (D) | (D) | (D) |
| Nevada | (D) | (D) | (D) | (D) | (D) | (D) |
| U.S. Total | 53.6 | 39.7 | 14,794 | 11,669 | 277 | 295 |
| SHEEP & LAMBS | | | | | | |
| California | 25.7 | 27.3 | 3,729 | 3,884 | 145 | 142 |
| Hawaii | 0.1 | 0.2 | 8 | 24 | 129 | 141 |
| Nevada | (Y) | (Y) | (X) | (X) | (X) | (X) |
| U.S. Total | 189.8 | 204.6 | 26,357 | 28,525 | 139 | 140 |
| HOGS | | | | | | |
| California | 188.5 | 185.6 | 46,561 | 46,711 | 247 | 252 |
| Hawaii | 1.0 | 1.0 | 258 | 256 | 249 | 254 |
| Nevada | (Y) | 0.1 | (X) | 28 | (X) | 248 |
| U.S. Total | 8,673.7 | 9,885.7 | 2,469,997 | 2,811,778 | 285 | 285 |

| RED MEAT | March 2014 | February 2015 | March 2015 | Mar 15 Mar 14 | Mar 15 Feb 15 |
|------------|----------------|---------------|------------|---------------|---------------|
| | Million Pounds | | | Percent | |
| California | 142.6 | 103.9 | 109.3 | 77 | 105 |
| Hawaii | 0.8 | 0.8 | 0.7 | 100 | 88 |
| Nevada | 0.1 | 0.1 | 0.1 | 161 | 100 |
| U.S. Total | 3,814.7 | 3,731.8 | 4,064.3 | 107 | 109 |

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

(X) Not applicable.

(Y) Less than level of precision shown.

1/ Farm slaughter excluded.

U.S. RED MEAT PRODUCTION UP FROM LAST YEAR

Commercial red meat production for the United States totaled 4.06 billion pounds in March, up 7 percent from the 3.81 billion pounds produced in March 2014.

Beef production, at 1.93 billion pounds, was slightly below the previous year. Cattle slaughter totaled 2.38 million head, down 3 percent from March 2014. The average live weight was up 30 pounds from the previous year, at 1,348 pounds.

Veal production totaled 6.9 million pounds, 21 percent below March a year ago. Calf slaughter totaled 39,700 head, down 26 percent from March 2014. The average live weight was up 18 pounds from last year, at 295 pounds.

Pork production totaled 2.11 billion pounds, up 14 percent from the previous year. Hog slaughter totaled 9.89 million head, up 14 percent from March 2014. The average live weight was unchanged from the previous year, at 285 pounds.

Lamb and mutton production, at 14.3 million pounds, was up 8 percent from March 2014. Sheep slaughter totaled 204,600 head, 8 percent above last year. The average live weight was 140 pounds, up 1 pound from March a year ago.

January to March 2015 commercial red meat production was 11.9 billion pounds, up 1 percent from 2014. Accumulated beef production was down 3 percent from last year, veal was down 24 percent, pork was up 7 percent from last year, and lamb and mutton production was up 1 percent.

March 2014 contained 21 weekdays (including 0 holidays) and 5 Saturdays.

March 2015 contained 22 weekdays (including 0 holidays) and 4 Saturdays.