



Pacific Region Livestock Review

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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 10.6 million head on May 1, 2015. The inventory was 1 percent above May 1, 2014.

Placements in feedlots during April totaled 1.55 million, 5 percent below 2014. Net placements were 1.48 million head. During April, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 320,000, 600-699 pounds were 240,000, 700-799 pounds were 348,000, and 800 pounds and greater were 640,000.

Marketings of fed cattle during April totaled 1.64 million, 8 percent below 2014. April marketings are the lowest since the series began in 1996.

Other disappearance totaled 66,000 during April, 20 percent below 2014.

Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter in California feedlots totaled 450,000 head on May 1, 2015, up 1 percent from last month and unchanged from May 2014. During April, placements of 49,000 head were 14 percent below the previous year. Marketings of 40,000 head were 40 percent below April 2014. 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 April 1 1/			Placed During April		Marketed During April	
	2014	2015	2015/2014	2014	2015	2014	2015
	1,000 Head		Percent	1,000 Head			
Arizona	277	241	87	26	24	25	24
California	475	445	94	57	49	67	40
Colorado	950	890	94	130	145	130	120
Idaho	205	230	112	27	30	26	24
Iowa	670	670	100	69	63	76	72
Kansas	2,090	2,110	101	325	315	385	355
Minnesota	135	146	108	16	11	13	11
Nebraska	2,470	2,530	102	420	390	415	405
Oklahoma	275	285	104	43	34	62	48
South Dakota	225	235	104	28	28	30	21
Texas	2,500	2,470	99	420	385	480	435
Washington	200	225	113	27	42	36	35
Other States	320	320	100	35	32	33	49
UNITED STATES	10,792	10,797	100	1,623	1,548	1,778	1,639

State	Other Disappearance During April 2/		Number On Feed May 1 1/		2014 2015
	2014	2015	2014	2015	
	1,000 Head		1,000 Head		Percent
Arizona	1	1	277	240	87
California	15	4	450	450	100
Colorado	10	15	940	900	96
Idaho	1	1	205	235	115
Iowa	3	1	660	660	100
Kansas	20	10	2,010	2,060	102
Nebraska	15	15	2,460	2,500	102
Oklahoma	1	1	255	270	106
South Dakota	3	2	220	240	109
Texas	10	10	2,430	2,410	99
Washington	1	2	190	230	121
Other States	2	3	320	300	94
UNITED STATES	83	66	10,554	10,640	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 - MILK PRODUCTION

California milk producers produced 3.60 billion pounds of milk in April 2015. This was 3 percent below March 2015, but 2 percent below April 2014.

Monthly milk per cow averaged 2,025 pounds, 55 pounds less than March 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	3,697	8,530	8,622	1,957	1,961	16,690	16,907
Apr.	1,780	1,778	2,065	2,025	3,676	3,600	3,671	3,602	8,547	8,624	1,912	1,928	16,344	16,630
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.

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 PRICES RECEIVED BY FARMERS, CALIFORNIA AND UNITED STATES 1/

Commodity	Unit	CALIFORNIA			UNITED STATES		
		March 2014	February 2015	March 2015	March 2014	February 2015	March 2015
		Dollars					
Hogs 2/	Cwt.	---	---	---	81.90	50.40	50.30
Cows 3/ 4/	Cwt.	---	---	---	102.00	110.00	114.00
Steers and Heifers	Cwt.	---	---	---	150.00	161.00	162.00
Calves	Cwt.	---	---	---	216.00	277.00	290.00
Milk Cows 4/	Head	1,800.00	1,800.00	2,000.00	1,810.00	1,990.00	1,970.00
All Milk, Wholesale	Cwt.	23.62	14.72	14.92	25.10	16.80	16.60

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/ March 2015 Fat test percent: all milk; 3.78.

HAY PRICES

Commodity	Unit	Alfalfa hay			Other Hay		
		March 2014	February 2015	March 2015	March 2014	February 2015	March 2015
		Dollars					
Arizona	Tons	215.00	200.00	200.00	210.00	195.00	165.00
California	Tons	230.00	190.00	190.00	200.00	170.00	160.00
Idaho	Tons	195.00	180.00	170.00	170.00	165.00	160.00
Nevada	Tons	229.00	225.00	215.00	217.00	200.00	210.00
Oregon	Tons	225.00	220.00	210.00	180.00	200.00	185.00
Utah	Tons	175.00	180.00	170.00	140.00	145.00	135.00
UNITED STATES	Tons	193.00	172.00	172.00	142.00	127.00	136.00

PACIFIC REGION - COMMERCIAL SLAUGHTER

California's production of red meat during April 2015 totaled 106.7 million pounds (dressed weight), 2 percent below the previous month and 23 percent lower than April 2014. This figure includes slaughter in Federally-inspected and state-inspected plants, but excludes slaughter done on farms.

In April 2015, the average live weight of cattle slaughtered in California was 1,347 pounds, calves 98 pounds, sheep & lambs 147 pounds, and hogs 248 pounds.

U.S. RED MEAT PRODUCTION UP FROM LAST YEAR

Commercial red meat production for the United States totaled 4.02 billion pounds in April, up 1 percent from the 3.98 billion pounds produced in April 2014.

Beef production, at 1.93 billion pounds, was 6 percent below the previous year. Cattle slaughter totaled 2.38 million head, down 8 percent from April 2014. The average live weight was up 32 pounds from the previous year, at 1,338 pounds.

Veal production totaled 6.6 million pounds, 21 percent below April a year ago. Calf slaughter totaled 35,400 head, down 27 percent from April 2014. The average live weight was up 24 pounds from last year, at 318 pounds.

Pork production totaled 2.07 billion pounds, up 8 percent from the previous year. Hog slaughter totaled 9.68 million head, up 9 percent from April 2014. The average live weight was down 3 pounds from the previous year, at 284 pounds.

Lamb and mutton production, at 13.6 million pounds, was down 10 percent from April 2014. Sheep slaughter totaled 198,200 head, 11 percent below last year. The average live weight was 138 pounds, up 1 pound from April a year ago.

January to April 2015 commercial red meat production was 15.9 billion pounds, up 1 percent from 2014. Accumulated beef production was down 4 percent from last year, veal was down 23 percent, pork was up 7 percent from last year, and lamb and mutton production was down 2 percent.

April 2014 contained 22 weekdays (including 0 holidays) and 4 Saturdays.

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COMMERCIAL SLAUGHTER, APRIL 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	137.4	95.7	177,020	127,768	1,296	1,347
Hawaii	0.9	0.9	946	1,040	1,107	1,171
Nevada	0.1	0.1	108	110	932	1,002
U.S. Total	2,595.3	2,382.9	3,381,709	3,181,809	1,306	1,338
CALVES						
California	10.2	7.0	1,039	681	102	98
Hawaii	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Nevada	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
U.S. Total	48.8	35.4	14,251	11,183	294	318
SHEEP & LAMBS						
California	26.5	27.3	3,856	3,994	146	147
Hawaii	0.1	0.2	8	21	131	138
Nevada	(Y)	0.1	(X)	8	(X)	132
U.S. Total	221.5	198.2	30,296	27,247	137	138
HOGS						
California	190.4	186.3	47,342	46,164	249	248
Hawaii	1.1	1.1	253	268	234	252
Nevada	0.1	0.1	15	32	248	261
U.S. Total	8,858.1	9,676.1	2,542,383	2,751,047	287	284

RED MEAT	April 2014	March 2015	April 2015	Apr 15 Apr 14	Apr 15 Mar 15
	Million Pounds			Percent	
California	138.7	109.3	106.7	77	98
Hawaii	0.7	0.7	0.8	110	(Y)
Nevada	0.1	0.1	0.1	119	(Y)
U.S. Total	3,977.7	4,064.3	4,015.5	101	99

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

(X) Not applicable.

(Y) Less than level of precision shown.

HAY STOCKS ON FARMS

State	December 1		May 1	
	2013	2014	2014	2015
	1,000 Tons			
Arizona	200	320	35	40
California	1,900	1,750	140	320
Nevada	650	751	45	230
Oregon	1,700	1,640	210	375
Utah	1,250	1,190	300	430
UNITED STATES	89,304	92,052	19,176	24,517