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CALIFORNIA CATTLE ON FEED

Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter in California feedlots totaled 460,000 head on July 1, 2015, the same as last month and 6 percent higher than July 2014. During June, placements of 45,000 head were the same as the previous year. Marketings of 40,000 head were unchanged from June 2014. Other disappearance totaled 5,000 head.

UNITED STATES CATTLE ON FEED UP 2 PERCENT

Cattle and calves on feed for the slaughter market in the United States for feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head totaled 10.2 million head on July 1, 2015. The inventory was 2 percent above July 1, 2014. The inventory included 6.91 million steers and steer calves, up 7 percent from the previous year. This group accounted for 67 percent of the total

inventory. Heifers and heifer calves accounted for 3.33 million head, down 7 percent from 2014. July 1, 2015 heifers and heifer calves inventory is the lowest percent of total July inventory since the series began in 1996.

Placements in feedlots during June totaled 1.48 million, 1 percent above 2014. Net placements were 1.41 million head. During June, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 350,000, 600-699 pounds were 250,000, 700-799 pounds were 336,000, and 800 pounds and greater were 545,000.

Marketings of fed cattle during June totaled 1.75 million, 5 percent below 2014. Marketings are the lowest for June since the series began in 1996.

Other disappearance totaled 69,000 during June, 8 percent below 2014.

UNITED STATES ALL CATTLE ON FEED UP 2 PERCENT

Cattle and calves on feed for the slaughter market in the United States for all feedlots totaled 12.1 million head on July 1, 2015. The inventory was up 2 percent from the July 1, 2014 total of 11.9 million head. Cattle on feed in feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head accounted for 85 percent of the total cattle on feed on July 1, 2015, up slightly from the previous year.

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

State	Number On Feed June 1 1/			Placed During June		Marketed During June	
	2014	2015	2015/2014	2014	2015	2014	2015
	1,000 Head			Percent		1,000 Head	
Arizona	275	238	87	20	28	22	25
California	435	460	106	45	45	40	40
Colorado	910	890	98	95	80	150	125
Idaho	195	235	121	26	31	39	40
Iowa	640	650	102	54	67	70	76
Kansas	2,020	2,020	100	315	335	420	400
Minnesota	122	143	117	15	17	15	18
Nebraska	2,380	2,400	101	385	375	500	480
Oklahoma	265	275	104	37	38	46	52
South Dakota	210	230	110	31	28	45	26
Texas	2,550	2,490	98	370	375	420	385
Washington	180	230	128	40	30	44	44
Other States	315	300	95	35	32	36	36
UNITED STATES	10,497	10,561	101	1,468	1,481	1,847	1,747
State	Other Disappearance During June 2/			Number On Feed July 1 1/		2015	
	2014	2015		2014	2015	2014	
	1,000 Head					Percent	
Arizona	1	1		272	240		88
California	5	5		435	460		106
Colorado	5	15		850	830		98
Idaho	2	1		180	225		125
Iowa	4	1		620	640		103
Kansas	15	15		1,900	1,940		102
Minnesota	1	1		121	141		117
Nebraska	25	15		2,240	2,280		102
Oklahoma	1	1		255	260		102
South Dakota	1	2		195	230		118
Texas	10	10		2,490	2,480		100
Washington	1	1		175	215		123
Other States	4	1		310	295		95
UNITED STATES	75	69		10,043	10,236		102

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.

**JULY 1 UNITED STATES CATTLE INVENTORY
UP 2 PERCENT FROM 2014**

All cattle and calves in the United States as of July 1, 2015, totaled 98.4 million head, 2 percent above the 96.3 million on July 1, 2014. The last time all cattle and calves inventory for July 1 increased was 2006.

All cows and heifers that have calved, at 39.8 million, were up 2 percent from July 1, 2014.

- Beef cows, at 30.5 million, were up 3 percent from July 1, 2014.
- Milk cows, at 9.30 million, were up 1 percent from July 1, 2014.

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

- All heifers 500 pounds and over, 15.9 million, up 2 percent.
- Beef replacement heifers, 4.90 million, up 7 percent.
- Milk replacement heifers, 4.20 million, up 2 percent.
- Other heifers, 6.80 million, down 1 percent.
- Steers, weighing 500 pounds and over, 14.1 million, up 3 percent.
- Bulls, weighing 500 pounds and over, 1.90 million, unchanged.
- Calves under 500 pounds, 26.7 million, up 2 percent.

The 2015 calf crop is expected to be 34.3 million, up 1 percent from 2014. Calves born during the first half of the year are estimated at 24.8 million, up 1 percent from the previous year.

**CATTLE AND CALVES
NUMBER BY CLASS AND CALF CROP, U.S., JULY 1, 2014-15**

Class	2014	2015	<u>2015</u>
	Thousand Head		Percent
Cattle and Calves	96,300	98,400	102
Cows and Heifers That Have Calved	39,000	39,800	102
Beef Cows	29,750	30,500	103
Milk Cows	9,250	9,300	101
Heifers 500 Lbs. and Over	15,600	15,900	102
For Beef Cow Replacement	4,600	4,900	107
For Milk Cow Replacement	4,100	4,200	102
Other Heifers	6,900	6,800	99
Steers 500 Lbs. and Over	13,700	14,100	103
Bulls 500 Lbs. and Over	1,900	1,900	100
Calves Less Than 500 Lbs.	26,100	26,700	102
Calf Crop	33,900	34,300	101
Cattle on feed	11,900	12,100	102

UNITED STATES HOG INVENTORY UP 9 PERCENT

United States inventory of all hogs and pigs on June 1, 2015 was 66.9 million head. This was up 9 percent from June 1, 2014, and up slightly from March 1, 2015.

Breeding inventory, at 5.93 million head, was up 1 percent from last year, but down 1 percent from the previous quarter.

Market hog inventory, at 61.0 million head, was up 9 percent from last year, and up 1 percent from last quarter.

The March-May 2015 pig crop, at 29.6 million head, was up 8 percent from 2014. Sows farrowed during this period totaled 2.85 million head, up 1 percent from 2014. The sows farrowed during this quarter represented 48 percent of the breeding herd. The average pigs saved per litter was a record high 10.37 for the March-May period, compared to 9.78 last year. Pigs saved per litter by size of operation ranged from 8.00 for operations with 1-99 hogs and pigs to 10.40 for operations with more than 5,000 hogs and pigs.

U.S. HOG AND PIG INVENTORY, JUNE 1, 2014-15

Item	2014	2015	<u>2015</u>
	1,000 Head		Percent
June 1 Inventory			
All Hogs and Pigs 1/ Kept for Breeding	61,568	66,900	109
Market	55,713	60,975	109
Market Hogs and Pigs By Weight Groups:			
Under 50 Pounds	18,254	19,455	107
50-119 Pounds	15,801	17,181	109
120-179 Pounds	11,491	12,810	111
180 Pounds and Over	10,166	11,529	113

1/ May not add due to rounding.

PACIFIC REGION - COMMERCIAL SLAUGHTER

California's production of red meat during June 2015 totaled 108.0 million pounds (dressed weight), 5 percent above the previous month and 9 percent higher than June 2014. This figure includes slaughter in Federally-inspected and state-inspected plants, but excludes slaughter done on farms.

In June 2015, the average live weight of cattle slaughtered in California was 1,368 pounds, calves 105 pounds, sheep & lambs 147 pounds, and hogs 247 pounds.

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

U.S. RED MEAT PRODUCTION DOWN FROM LAST YEAR

Commercial red meat production for the United States totaled 4.02 billion pounds in June, up 5 percent from the 3.82 billion pounds produced in June 2014.

Lamb and mutton production, at 13.4 million pounds, was up slightly from June 2014. Sheep slaughter totaled 193,900 head, slightly above last year. The average live weight was 139 pounds, up 1 pound from June a year ago.

Beef production, at 2.00 billion pounds, was 3 percent below the previous year. Cattle slaughter totaled 2.47 million head, down 5 percent from June 2014. The average live weight was up 25 pounds from the previous year, at 1,332 pounds.

January to June 2015 commercial red meat production was 23.7 billion pounds, up 1 percent from 2014. Accumulated beef production was down 4 percent from last year, veal was down 20 percent, pork was up 7 percent from last year, and lamb and mutton production was down 4 percent.

Veal production totaled 7.0 million pounds, 7 percent below June a year ago. Calf slaughter totaled 35,200 head, down 22 percent from June 2014. The average live weight was up 52 pounds from last year, at 336 pounds.

June 2014 contained 21 weekdays (including 0 holidays) and 4 Saturdays.

Pork production totaled 2.00 billion pounds, up 15 percent from the previous year. Hog slaughter totaled 9.43 million head, up 16 percent from June 2014. The average live weight was down 3 pounds from the previous year, at 282 pounds.

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

COMMERCIAL SLAUGHTER, JUNE 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	87.8	93.3	113,471	126,566	1,306	1,368
Hawaii	0.8	0.8	935	886	1,107	1,151
Nevada	0.1	0.1	123	135	1,043	1,036
U.S. Total	2,606.4	2,465.5	3,398,881	3,278,194	1,307	1,332
CALVES						
California	10.1	7.1	984	732	99	105
Hawaii	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Nevada	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
U.S. Total	45.3	35.2	12,802	11,747	284	336
SHEEP & LAMBS						
California	26.7	26.8	3,744	3,936	140	147
Hawaii	0.1	0.1	9	14	137	141
Nevada	0.1	0.1	8	14	119	123
U.S. Total	193.0	193.9	26,702	26,868	138	139
HOGS						
California	178.1	193.3	44,949	47,732	253	247
Hawaii	1.2	1.2	305	298	249	253
Nevada	0.1	0.1	13	25	246	257
U.S. Total	8,098.2	9,426.9	2,307,224	2,656,665	285	282

RED MEAT	June 2014	May 2015	June 2015	Jun 15 Jun 14	Jun 15 May 15
	Million Pounds			Percent	
California	98.7	103.2	108.0	109	105
Hawaii	0.8	0.7	0.7	98	100
Nevada	0.1	0.1	0.1	123	(Y)
U.S. Total	3,823.9	3,805.2	4,017.4	105	106

(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 3.39 billion pounds of milk in June 2015. This was 7 percent below May 2015 and 4 percent below June 2014.

Monthly milk per cow averaged 1,910 pounds, 145 pounds less than May 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	1,779	2,065	2,065	3,676	3,602	3,671	3,602	8,547	8,626	1,912	1,928	16,344	16,633
May	1,779	1,778	2,110	2,055	3,754	3,654	3,750	3,649	8,558	8,630	1,979	1,992	16,934	17,187
June	1,779	1,778	1,995	1,910	3,549	3,396	3,544	3,393	8,572	8,628	1,895	1,895	16,241	16,354
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.

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

Commodity	Unit	California			UNITED STATES		
		May 2014	April 2015	May 2015	May 2014	April 2015	May 2015
		Dollars					
Hogs 2/	Cwt.	---	---	---	82.80	49.00	58.90
Cows 3/	Cwt.	---	---	---	104.00	113.00	114.00
Steers and Heifers	Cwt.	---	---	---	147.00	164.00	161.00
Calves	Cwt.	---	---	---	229.00	288.00	288.00
Milk Cows 4/	Head	---	2,000.00	---	---	1,970.00	---
All Milk, Wholesale 5/	Cwt.	22.01	14.52	15.12	24.20	16.50	16.70

- 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/ May 2015 Fat test percent: all milk; 3.67.

HAY PRICES 1/

Commodity	Unit	Alfalfa hay			Other Hay		
		May 2014	April 2015	May 2015	May 2014	April 2015	May 2015
		Dollars					
Arizona	Tons	240.00	200.00	200.00	230.00	200.00	200.00
California 2/	Tons	260.00	215.00	215.00	205.00	175.00	140.00
Idaho	Tons	195.00	160.00	165.00	170.00	155.00	150.00
Nevada	Tons	240.00	215.00	200.00	220.00	190.00	190.00
Oregon	Tons	220.00	200.00	205.00	190.00	180.00	175.00
Utah	Tons	170.00	175.00	175.00	140.00	140.00	140.00
UNITED STATES	Tons	225.00	184.00	192.00	151.00	142.00	134.00