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CALIFORNIA CATTLE ON FEED

Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter in California feedlots totaled 455,000 on September 1, 2015, unchanged from last month and 10 percent higher than September 2014. During August, placements of 41,000 were up 3 percent from the previous year. Marketings of 36,000 were 10 percent below August 2014. Other disappearance totaled 5,000 head.

UNITED STATES CATTLE ON FEED UP 3 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 9.99 million head on September 1, 2015. The inventory was 3 percent above September 1, 2014.

Placements in feedlots during August totaled 1.63 million, 5 percent below 2014. Net placements were 1.57 million head. During August, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 395,000 head, 600-699 pounds were 215,000 head, 700-799 pounds were 362,000, and 800 pounds and greater were 660,000. Placements are the lowest for August since the series began in 1996.

Marketings of fed cattle during August totaled 1.59 million head, 6 percent below 2014. Marketings are the lowest for August since the series began in 1996.

Other disappearance totaled 60,000 during August, 9 percent below 2014

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

State	Number On Feed August 1/			Placed During August		Marketed During August	
	2014	2015	2015/2014	2014	2015	2014	2015
	1,000 Head			Percent		1,000 Head	
Arizona	262	239	91	21	21	25	17
California	420	455	108	40	41	40	36
Colorado	790	790	100	145	130	150	135
Idaho	175	220	126	33	36	37	40
Iowa	600	630	105	63	70	80	77
Kansas	1,900	1,930	102	410	370	345	340
Minnesota	115	133	116	15	22	17	14
Nebraska	2,140	2,200	103	425	410	440	400
Oklahoma	240	250	104	50	50	44	49
South Dakota	175	210	120	35	31	34	34
Texas	2,470	2,440	99	410	385	415	360
Washington	170	210	124	44	30	33	44
Other States	295	295	100	34	36	32	42
UNITED STATES	9,752	10,002	103	1,725	1,632	1,692	1,588

State	Other Disappearance During August 2/		Number On Feed September 1 1/		2015
	2014	2015	2014	2015	2014
	1,000 Head		Percent		Percent
Arizona	1	2	257	241	94
California	5	5	415	455	110
Colorado	5	5	780	780	100
Idaho	1	1	170	215	126
Iowa	3	3	580	620	107
Kansas	15	10	1,950	1,950	100
Minnesota	1	1	112	140	125
Nebraska	15	10	2,110	2,200	104
Oklahoma	1	1	245	250	102
South Dakota	1	2	175	205	117
Texas	15	15	2,450	2,450	100
Washington	1	1	180	195	108
Other States	2	4	295	285	97
UNITED STATES	66	60	9,719	9,986	103

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 August 2015 totaled 109 million pounds (dressed weight), slightly below the previous month and 9 percent higher than August 2014. This figure includes slaughter in Federally-inspected and state-inspected plants, but excludes slaughter done on farms.

In August 2015, the average live weight of cattle slaughtered in California was 1,380 pounds, calves 99 pounds, sheep & lambs 148 pounds, and hogs 248 pounds.

In Nevada, 100,000 pounds of red meat were produced in August 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 3.90 billion pounds in August, up 3 percent from the 3.79 billion pounds produced in August 2014.

Lamb and mutton production, at 11.7 million pounds, was up slightly from August 2014. Sheep slaughter totaled 175,100 head, 3 percent below last year. The average live weight was 134 pounds, up 5 pounds from August a year ago.

Beef production, at 1.93 billion pounds, was 4 percent below the previous year. Cattle slaughter totaled 2.32 million head, down 7 percent from August 2014. The average live weight was up 34 pounds from the previous year, at 1,363 pounds.

January to August 2015 commercial red meat production was 31.7 billion pounds, up 2 percent from 2014. Accumulated beef production was down 4 percent from last year, veal was down 17 percent, pork was up 8 percent from last year, and lamb and mutton production was down 4 percent.

Veal production totaled 6.5 million pounds, 9 percent below August a year ago. Calf slaughter totaled 34,500 head, down 21 percent from August 2014. The average live weight was up 41 pounds from last year, at 318 pounds.

August 2014 contained 21 weekdays (including 0 holiday) and 5 Saturdays.

Pork production totaled 1.95 billion pounds, up 11 percent from the previous year. Hog slaughter totaled 9.35 million head, up 13 percent from August 2014. The average live weight was down 4 pounds from the previous year, at 278 pounds.

August 2015 contained 21 weekdays (including 0 holiday) and 5 Saturdays.

COMMERCIAL SLAUGHTER, AUGUST 2014-15 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	92.1	93.0	118,579	127,245	1,298	1,380
Hawaii	0.9	0.7	981	844	1,130	1,144
Nevada	0.2	0.1	159	134	1,059	1,047
U.S. Total	2,499.6	2,322.3	3,314,873	3,157,987	1,329	1,363
CALVES						
California	10.7	7.5	1,012	732	96	99
Hawaii	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Nevada	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
U.S. Total	43.6	34.5	11,988	10,924	277	318
SHEEP & LAMBS						
California	22.6	22.9	2,881	3,384	128	148
Hawaii	0.1	0.1	10	13	134	145
Nevada	0.1	0.2	15	21	130	128
U.S. Total	181.0	175.1	23,300	23,447	129	134
HOGS						
California	175.5	200.4	44,416	49,578	253	248
Hawaii	1.2	1.1	281	274	242	261
Nevada	0.1	0.1	24	34	237	253
U.S. Total	8,269.1	9,347.1	2,334,939	2,598,250	282	278

RED MEAT	August 2014	July 2015	August 2015	Aug 15 Aug 14
	Million Pounds			Percent
California	100.1	109.0	108.9	109
Hawaii	0.8	0.8	0.7	90
Nevada	0.1	0.1	0.1	96
U.S.	3,794.5	4,038.5	3,901.4	103

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

(X) Not applicable.

(Y) Less than level of precision shown.

1/ Farm slaughter excluded.

FEDERALLY-INSPECTED SLAUGHTER FOR REGIONS AND U.S., AUGUST 2015 1/

Standard Federal Regions	Cattle							Calves Total
	Total	Steers	Heifers	Cows			Bulls	
				All	Dairy	Other		
1,000 Head								
1	1.6	0.7	0.4	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	0.2
2	5.6	1.8	0.8	2.4	2.2	0.1	0.7	6.8
3	75.6	22.8	3.3	45.9	37.6	8.3	3.6	7.0
4	47.9	3.2	1.1	38.7	13.8	24.9	4.9	0.2
5	239.7	120.5	25.3	85.5	59.9	25.6	8.3	10.6
6	408.0	220.4	115.3	64.9	28.8	36.1	7.4	0.3
7	1,038.1	665.8	320.5	42.7	3.2	39.5	9.1	(D)
8	246.3	173.6	59.5	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
9	134.3	53.6	10.3	67.8	58.7	9.1	2.6	7.3
10	91.4	51.4	21.3	17.2	13.3	3.9	1.5	1.5
U.S.	2,288.4	1,313.8	557.8	377.2	225.4	151.8	39.6	33.9

Standard Federal Regions	Hogs				Sheep		
	Total	Barrows & Gilts	Sows	Boars	Total	Mature Sheep	Lambs & Yearlings
1	2.4	2.3	0.1	(Y)	2.7	0.1	2.5
2	12.5	12.4	0.1	(Y)	13.7	1.3	12.5
3	422.1	441.3	0.8	(Y)	9.7	1.0	8.7
4	(D)	(D)	(D)	1.3	5.7	1.1	4.6
5	2,652.3	2,541.6	107.2	3.5	28.8	2.8	26.0
6	508.3	508.1	0.2	(Y)	2.9	0.4	2.5
7	3,908.7	3,833.8	56.5	18.4	0.9	(Y)	0.8
8	(D)	(D)	(D)	(Y)	66.1	1.7	64.4
9	197.0	196.9	(Y)	(Y)	21.8	0.7	21.0
10	25.5	25.5	(Y)	(Y)	3.3	0.2	3.1
U.S.	9,272.1	9,019.6	229.1	23.3	155.5	9.4	146.1

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(Y) Less than level of precision shown.

1/ States included in regions are as follows: 1--CT, ME, NH, VT, MA & RI; 2--NY & NJ; 3--DE-MD, PA, WV & VA; 4--AL, FL, GA, KY, MS, NC, SC & TN; 5--IL, IN, MI, MN, OH & WI; 6--AR, LA, NM, OK & TX; 7--IA, KS, MO & NE; 8--CO, MT, ND, SD, UT & WY; 9--AZ, CA, HI & NV; 10--AK, ID, OR & WA.

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	2,025	3,676	3,602	3,671	3,602	8,547	8,626	1,912	1,928	16,344	16,633
May	1,779	1,779	2,110	2,050	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	1,900	16,241	16,394
July	1,779	1,778	1,980	1,915	3,522	3,405	3,521	3,402	8,583	8,628	1,909	1,922	16,381	16,586
Aug.	1,779	1,778	1,940	1,875	3,451	3,334	3,449	3,338	8,585	8,628	1,885	1,891	16,184	16,316
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.

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

Commodity	Unit	California			UNITED STATES		
		July 2014	June 2015	July 2015	July 2014	June 2015	July 2015
		Dollars					
Hogs 2/	Cwt.	---	---	---	93.30	59.90	58.70
Cows 3/	Cwt.	---	---	---	115.00	113.00	113.00
Steers and Heifers	Cwt.	---	---	---	157.00	156.00	150.00
Calves	Cwt.	---	---	---	257.00	292.00	275.00
Milk Cows 4/	Head	2,000.00		2,200.00	1,970.00	1,970.00	2,030.00
All Milk, Wholesale 5/	Cwt.	21.59	15.72	15.12	23.30	16.90	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.

HAY PRICES 1/

Commodity	Unit	Alfalfa hay			Other Hay		
		July 2014	June 2015	July 2015	July 2014	June 2015	July 2015
		Dollars					
Arizona	Tons	240.00	160.00	150.00	205.00	175.00	165.00
California	Tons	275.00	205.00	185.00	225.00	150.00	160.00
Idaho	Tons	215.00	185.00	185.00	205.00	160.00	170.00
Nevada	Tons	265.00	185.00	180.00	215.00	175.00	250.00
Oregon	Tons	235.00	210.00	220.00	225.00	180.00	200.00
Utah	Tons	195.00	175.00	165.00	160.00	140.00	135.00
UNITED STATES	Tons	217.00	178.00	169.00	133.00	127.00	129.00

- 1/ Current month hay prices are preliminary.