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CALIFORNIA CATTLE ON FEED

Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter in California feedlots totaled 460,000 head on November 1, 2015, unchanged from last month and 10 percent higher than November 2014. During October, placements of 43,000 head were down 19 percent from the previous year. Marketings of 38,000 head were down 5 percent from October 2014. Other disappearance totaled 5,000 head down 37 percent from October 2014.

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 10.8 million head on November 1, 2015. The inventory was 2 percent above November 1, 2014.

Placements in feedlots during October totaled 2.28 million head, 4 percent below 2014. Net placements were 2.21 million head. During October, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 645,000 head, 600-699 pounds were 530,000 head, 700-799 pounds were 431,000 head, and 800 pounds and greater were 675,000 head.

Marketings of fed cattle during October totaled 1.63 million head, 3 percent below 2014. Marketings are the lowest for October since the series began in 1996.

Other disappearance totaled 75,000 head during October, 23 percent below 2014.

Cattle and Calves on Feed in 1,000+ Capacity Feedlots in Selected States and United States

State	Number on feed November 1 ^{1/}			Placed During October		Marketed During October	
	2014	2015	2015/2014	2014	2015	2014	2015
	1,000 head		Percent	1,000 head		1,000 head	
Arizona	250	243	97	22	23	21	19
California	420	460	110	53	43	40	38
Colorado	880	880	100	210	195	145	140
Idaho	210	230	110	61	58	45	47
Iowa	590	640	108	132	156	100	113
Kansas	2,080	2,150	103	420	445	320	300
Minnesota	131	151	115	30	30	11	16
Nebraska	2,440	2,450	100	660	645	430	445
Oklahoma	260	270	104	60	61	43	45
South Dakota	220	240	109	84	75	43	39
Texas	2,550	2,560	100	520	450	420	360
Washington	215	205	95	62	50	35	39
Other States	325	315	97	54	50	32	29
United States	10,571	10,794	102	2,368	2,281	1,685	1,630

State	Other disappearance during October 2/	
	2014	2015
	1,000 head	
Arizona	3	1
California	8	5
Colorado	5	5
Idaho	1	1
Iowa	2	3
Kansas	30	15
Minnesota	1	1
Nebraska	20	20
Oklahoma	2	1
South Dakota	1	1
Texas	20	20
Washington	2	1
Other States	2	1
United States	97	75

- 1/ Cattle and calves on feed are steers and heifers being fed a ration of grain, silage, hay, and/or protein supplement for slaughter market that are expected to produce a carcass that will grade select or better.
- 2/ Includes death loss, movement from feedlots to pasture, and, shipments to other feedlots for further feeding.

PACIFIC REGION - COMMERCIAL SLAUGHTER

California's production of red meat during October 2015 totaled 116.6 million pounds (dressed weight), up 4 percent from the previous month and 3 percent lower than October 2014. This figure includes slaughter in Federally-inspected and state-inspected plants, but excludes farm slaughter. In October 2015, the average live weight of cattle slaughtered in California was 1,367 pounds, calves 92 pounds, sheep & lambs 132 pounds, and hogs 247 pounds. In Hawaii, 700,000 pounds of red meat were produced in October 2015, and 100,000 pounds were produced in Nevada.

October 2014. The average live weight was up 1 pound from last year, at 305 pounds.

Pork production totaled 2.17 billion pounds, up 2 percent from the previous year. Hog slaughter totaled 10.25 million head, up 3 percent from October 2014. The average live weight was down 3 pounds from the previous year, at 283 pounds.

Lamb and mutton production, at 12.0 million pounds, was down 11 percent from October 2014. Sheep slaughter totaled 186,300 head, 10 percent below last year. The average live weight was 129 pounds, unchanged from October a year ago.

January to October 2015 commercial red meat production was 40.1 billion pounds, up 2 percent from 2014. Accumulated beef production was down 3 percent from last year, veal was down 15 percent, pork was up 7 percent from last year, and lamb and mutton production was down 4 percent.

October 2014 contained 23 weekdays (including 1 holiday) and 4 Saturdays.

October 2015 contained 22 weekdays (including 1 holiday) and 5 Saturdays.

RED MEAT PRODUCTION DOWN FROM LAST YEAR

Commercial red meat production for the United States totaled 4.31 billion pounds in October, down slightly from the 4.32 billion pounds produced in October 2014.

Beef production, at 2.13 billion pounds, was 2 percent below the previous year. Cattle slaughter totaled 2.51 million head, down 5 percent from October 2014. The average live weight was up 35 pounds from the previous year, at 1,390 pounds.

Veal production totaled 7.2 million pounds, 7 percent below October a year ago. Calf slaughter totaled 40,300 head, down 7 percent from

Commercial Slaughter, October 2014 and 2015 1/

Species and State	Number slaughtered		Total live weight		Average live weight	
	2014	2015	2014	2015	2014	2015
	1,000 head		1,000 pounds		Pounds	
Cattle						
California	105.0	104.1	137,793	141,098	1,325	1,367
Hawaii	0.9	0.8	1,049	857	1,143	1,140
Nevada	0.2	0.2	169	167	1,019	1,023
United States	2,639.9	2,513.0	3,570,158	3,485,167	1,355	1,390
Calves						
California	8.5	9.7	818	881	98	92
Hawaii	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Nevada	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
United States	43.3	40.3	13,088	12,181	304	305
Sheep & lambs						
California	23.9	21.3	3,090	2,818	129	132
Hawaii	0.1	0.1	13	18	126	135
Nevada	0.1	0.1	14	13	118	109
United States	207.4	186.3	26,759	23,942	129	129
Hogs						
California	228.6	207.3	58,326	51,211	255	247
Hawaii	1.3	1.0	299	241	232	251
Nevada	0.1	0.1	22	22	252	263
United States	9,951.4	10,246.5	2,842,015	2,902,509	286	283

(D) Withheld to avoid disclosing data for individual operations.
1/ Farm slaughter excluded.

Commercial Red Meat Production

State	October 2014	September 2015	October 2015	October 2015 as % of 2014
	Million pounds			Percent
California	120.2	111.6	116.6	97
Hawaii	0.8	0.7	0.7	83
Nevada	0.1	0.1	0.1	99
United States	4,318.6	4,140.3	4,313.3	100

CALIFORNIA – MILK PRODUCTION

California milk producers produced 3.24 billion pounds of milk in October 2015, which is 2 percent above September 2015, but 6 percent below October 2014.

Monthly milk per cow averaged 1,825 pounds, 40 pounds more than September 2015.

Milk Production, California and United States

Month	California 1/						Total milk receipts 5/		United States 1/ 2/					
	Milk cows 3/		Milk per cow 4/		Milk production 4/				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	1,778	1,910	1,840	3,400	3,272	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	8,626	1,912	1,928	16,344	16,633
May	1,779	1,779	2,110	2,050	3,754	3,647	3,750	3,649	8,558	8,630	1,979	1,992	16,934	17,187
Jun	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
Jul	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	8,634	1,885	1,891	16,184	16,331
Sep	1,779	1,778	1,850	1,785	3,291	3,174	3,291	3,170	8,593	8,633	1,806	1,806	15,519	15,595
Oct	1,779	1,777	1,930	1,825	3,433	3,243	3,432		8,594	8,632	1,864	1,857	16,017	16,028
Nov	1,780		1,840		3,277		3,352		8,598		1,806		15,527	
Dec	1,780		1,950		3,473		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 United States 1/

Commodity	Unit	California			United States		
		September 2014	August 2015	September 2015	September 2014	August 2015	September 2015
		Dollars					
Hogs, all	Cwt	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	75.70	59.00	54.50
Cows 2/	Cwt	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	118.00	110.00	104.00
Steers and heifers	Cwt	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	158.00	149.00	140.00
Calves	Cwt	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	279.00	273.00	241.00
Milk cows 3/ 4/	Head	2200.00	2,200.00	2,100.00	2,120.00	2,030.00	1,980.00
Milk, all 5/ 6/	Cwt	23.62	15.23	15.72	25.70	16.70	17.50

(NA) Not available

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/ Beef cows and cull dairy cows sold for slaughter.

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

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

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

6/ September 2015 Fat test percent: all milk; 3.69

Prices Received for Hay by Type - States and United States: September 2015 with Comparisons 1/

State	Alfalfa hay			Other hay		
	October 2014	September 2015	October 2015	October 2014	September 2015	October 2015
	Dollars per ton					
Arizona	195.00	140.00	130.00	220.00	180.00	170.00
California	230.00	165.00	165.00	170.00	135.00	135.00
Idaho	190.00	165.00	165.00	170.00	150.00	150.00
Nevada	240.00	160.00	165.00	215.00	215.00	200.00
Oregon	225.00	200.00	200.00	210.00	180.00	190.00
Utah	205.00	160.00	160.00	165.00	130.00	130.00
United States	197.00	159.00	157.00	125.00	115.00	119.00

1/ Current month hay prices are preliminary.