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CALIFORNIA CATTLE ON FEED

Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter in California feedlots totaled 455,000 head on December 1, 2015, unchanged from last month and 5 percent higher than December 2014. During November, placements of 50,000 head were down 19 percent from the previous year. Marketings of 45,000 head were up 5 percent from November 2014. Other disappearance totaled 5,000 head up 25 percent from November 2014.

UNITED STATES CATTLE ON FEED DOWN SLIGHTLY

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 December 1, 2015. The inventory was slightly below December 1, 2014.

Placements in feedlots during November totaled 1.60 million head, 11 percent below 2014. Placements are the lowest for November since the series began in 1996. Net placements were 1.53 million head. During November, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 470,000 head, 600-699 pounds were 391,000 head, 700-799 pounds were 310,000 head, and 800 pounds and greater were 430,000 head.

Marketings of fed cattle during November totaled 1.53 million head, 4 percent above 2014.

Other disappearance totaled 74,000 head during November, unchanged from 2014.

Cattle and Calves on Feed in 1,000+ Capacity Feedlots by Month - States and United States

State	Number on Feed December 1 1/			Placed during November		Marketed during November	
	2014	2015	Percent of previous year	2014	2015	2014	2015
	1,000 head			1,000 head		1,000 head	
Arizona	252	247	98	26	26	19	21
California	435	455	105	62	50	43	45
Colorado	910	890	98	155	140	120	125
Idaho	220	235	107	43	42	32	36
Iowa	620	630	102	127	101	95	107
Kansas	2,100	2,140	102	320	305	285	295
Minnesota	134	152	113	15	13	11	11
Nebraska	2,530	2,490	98	475	440	370	385
Oklahoma	260	275	106	45	45	43	39
South Dakota	235	245	104	53	45	34	38
Texas	2,560	2,510	98	385	315	360	360
Washington	225	205	91	49	43	37	42
Other States	335	320	96	39	36	26	28
United States	10,816	10,794	100	1,794	1,601	1,475	1,532

State	Other Disappearance during November 2/	
	2014	2015
	1,000 head	
Arizona	5	1
California	4	5
Colorado	5	5
Idaho	1	1
Iowa	2	4
Kansas	15	20
Minnesota	1	1
Nebraska	15	15
Oklahoma	2	1
South Dakota	4	2
Texas	15	15
Washington	2	1
Other States	3	3
United States	74	74

1/ Cattle 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 November 2015 totaled 110.9 million pounds (dressed weight), 4 percent higher than November 2014. This figure includes slaughter in Federally-inspected and state-inspected plants, but excludes farm slaughter. In November 2015, the average live weight of cattle slaughtered in California was 1,369 pounds, calves 88 pounds, sheep & lambs 133 pounds, and hogs 250 pounds. In Hawaii, 600,000 pounds of red meat were produced in November 2015, and 100,000 pounds were produced in Nevada.

RED MEAT PRODUCTION DOWN FROM LAST YEAR

Commercial red meat production for the United States totaled 4.03 billion pounds in November, up 7 percent from the 3.76 billion pounds produced in November 2014.

Beef production, at 1.93 billion pounds, was 5 percent above the previous year. Cattle slaughter totaled 2.29 million head, up 2 percent from November 2014. The average live weight was up 30 pounds from the previous year, at 1,393 pounds.

Veal production totaled 7.1 million pounds, 9 percent above November a year ago. Calf slaughter totaled 38,800 head, up 8 percent from

November 2014. The average live weight was up 4 pounds from last year, at 310 pounds.

Pork production totaled 2.08 billion pounds, up 10 percent from the previous year. Hog slaughter totaled 9.76 million head, up 11 percent from November 2014. The average live weight was down 1 pound from the previous year, at 285 pounds.

Lamb and mutton production, at 11.8 million pounds, was up 3 percent from November 2014. Sheep slaughter totaled 181,100 head, 5 percent above last year. The average live weight was 130 pounds, down 3 pounds from November a year ago.

January to November 2015 commercial red meat production was 44.1 billion pounds, up 2 percent from 2014. Accumulated beef production was down 3 percent from last year, veal was down 13 percent, pork was up 8 percent from last year, and lamb and mutton production was down 4 percent.

November 2014 contained 20 weekdays (including 2 holidays) and 5 Saturdays.

November 2015 contained 21 weekdays (including 2 holidays) and 4 Saturdays

Commercial Slaughter – States and United States: November 2014 and 2015

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	94.7	97.5	125,006	132,354	1,332	1,369
Hawaii	0.7	0.6	823	688	1,107	1,092
Nevada	0.1	0.1	119	113	1,020	1,000
United States	2,246.8	2,293.2	3,055,252	3,186,881	1,363	1,393
Calves						
California	6.7	9.4	656	816	100	88
Hawaii	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Nevada	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
United States	35.9	38.8	10,901	11,954	306	310
Sheep & lambs						
California	19.6	21.6	2,687	2,877	137	133
Hawaii	0.1	0.1	6	14	127	135
Nevada	0.1	0.1	11	10	130	108
United States	172.8	181.1	22,930	23,531	133	130
Hogs						
California	194.4	200.1	49,346	50,089	254	250
Hawaii	1.1	0.9	257	238	244	259
Nevada	(Y)	0.1	(X)	32	(X)	258
United States	8,809.8	9,762.2	2,521,944	2,784,828	286	285

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

(Y) Less than level of precision shown.

(X) Not applicable.

Commercial Red Meat Production - States and United States

State	November 2014	October 2015	November 2015	Percent of previous year
	Million pounds			Percent
California	106.7	116.6	110.9	104
Hawaii	0.7	0.7	0.6	88
Nevada	0.1	0.1	0.1	114
United States	3,757.7	4,313.4	4,033.1	107

PACIFIC REGION – HOG INVENTORY

California, Hawaii, and Nevada inventory of all hogs and pigs on December 1, 2015 was 95 thousand head, 9 thousand head, and 1 thousand head, respectively. Inventory was down 14 percent in California, unchanged in Hawaii, and down 50 percent in Nevada from December 1, 2014. Breeding hog inventory for California was 4 thousand head, Hawaii was 2 thousand head, and Nevada with 3 hundred head, respectively. Breeding hog inventory was down 33 percent in California, down 20 percent in Hawaii, and down 40 percent in Nevada from December 1, 2014. Market hog inventory for California was 91 thousand head, Hawaii was 7 thousand head, and Nevada at 1.5 thousand head, respectively. Market hog inventory was down 12 percent in California, up 8 percent in Hawaii, and down 53 percent in Nevada from December 1, 2014.

UNITED STATES HOG INVENTORY UP 1 PERCENT

United States inventory of all hogs and pigs on December 1, 2015 was 68.3 million head. This was up 1 percent from December 1, 2014, and up slightly from September 1, 2015. This is the highest inventory of all hogs and pigs since quarterly United States estimates began in 1988.

Breeding inventory, at 6.00 million head, was up 1 percent from last year, and up slightly from the previous quarter.

Market hog inventory, at 62.3 million head, was up 1 percent from last year, and up slightly from last quarter. This is the highest market hog inventory since quarterly United States estimates began in 1988.

Hog Breeding, Market, Total Inventory, and Pig Crop - Select States and United States: December 1, 2014 and 2015

State	Breeding		Market		Total		Percent of previous year	Sows farrowing		Pigs per litter		Pig crop	
	2014	2015	2014	2015	2014	2015		2015	2015	2015	2015	2015	2015
	1,000 head		1,000 head		1,000 head			1,000 head		Number		1,000 head	
California	6.0	4.0	104.0	91.0	110.0	95.0	86	8.00	8.50	7.38	7.29	59.0	62.0
Hawaii	2.5	2.0	6.5	7.0	9.0	9.0	100	2.40	2.00	7.50	7.25	18.0	14.5
Nevada	0.5	0.3	1.5	0.7	2.0	1.0	50	0.40	0.40	7.00	5.75	2.8	2.3
United States	5,938.8	6,002.4	61,837.5	62,296.9	67,776.3	68,299.3	101	11,557.67	11,568.62	9.94	10.38	114,855.8	120,078.6

CALIFORNIA – MILK PRODUCTION

California milk producers produced 3.20 billion pounds of milk in November 2015, which is 1 percent above October 2015, but 4 percent below November 2014.

Monthly milk per cow averaged 1,805 pounds, 20 pounds less than October 2015.

Milk Cows and Production by Month – California and United States – 2014 - 2015

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	1,778	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	3,602	3,671	3,602	8,547	8,626	1,912	1,928	16,344	16,633
May	1,779	1,779	2,110	2,055	3,754	3,654	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	2,522	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	1,880	3,451	3,343	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	3,172	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	3,242	8,594	8,635	1,864	1,860	16,017	16,058
Nov	1,780	1,776	1,885	1,805	3,355	3,206	3,352	3,203	8,598	8,639	1,806	1,811	15,527	15,642
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.

Price Received for Livestock – California and United States, October 2015 with Comparisons 1/

Commodity	Unit	California			United States		
		October 2014	September 2015	October 2015	October 2014	September 2015	October 2015
		Dollars					
Hogs, all	Cwt	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	77.00	54.50	55.50
Cows 2/	Cwt	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	116.00	104.00	89.50
Steers and heifers	Cwt	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	163.00	140.00	129.00
Calves	Cwt	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	307.00	241.00	234.00
Milk cows 3/	Head	2,200.00	2,200.00	2,100.00	2,120.00	2,030.00	1,980.00
Milk, all 4/ 5/	Cwt	22.93	15.72	16.13	24.90	17.50	17.70

- N/A 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/ Before deductions for hauling. Includes quality, quantity, and other premiums. Excludes hauling subsidies.
- 5/ October 2015 Fat test percent: all milk; 3.80.

Prices Received for Hay by Type – States and United States, October 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	180.00	130.00	135.00	220.00	170.00	170.00
California	230.00	165.00	160.00	165.00	135.00	130.00
Idaho	200.00	165.00	160.00	170.00	150.00	150.00
Nevada	235.00	165.00	165.00	230.00	200.00	200.00
Oregon	235.00	200.00	205.00	215.00	190.00	170.00
Utah	200.00	160.00	160.00	160.00	130.00	130.00
United States	193.00	157.00	156.00	128.00	119.00	124.00

1/ Current month hay prices are preliminary.