



Pacific Region Livestock Review

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Pacific Region Cattle Inventory

California cattle and calves as of January 1, 2016 totaled 5.20 million head. This is 2 percent above 5.10 million head on January 1, 2015. The 2015 calf crop was estimated at 1.99 million head, up 3 percent from last year's calf crop.

Hawaii cattle and calves as of January 1, 2016 totaled 140,000 head. This is 5 percent above 133,000 head on January 1, 2015. The 2015 calf crop was estimated at 60,000 head, up 9 percent from last year's calf crop.

Nevada cattle and calves as of January 1, 2016 totaled 435,000 head. This is 1 percent above 430,000 head on January 1, 2015. The 2015 calf crop was estimated at 200,000 head, up 5 percent from last year's calf crop.

United States Cattle Inventory

All cattle and calves in the United States as of January 1, 2016 totaled 92.0 million head. This is 3 percent above the 89.1 million head on January 1, 2015. The 2015 calf crop in the United States was estimated at 34.3 million head, up 2 percent from last year's calf crop.

Cattle Inventory by Class - States and United States: January 1, 2015 and 2016

Class	California		Hawaii		Nevada		United States	
	2015	2016	2015	2016	2015	2016	2015	2016
	<i>1,000 head</i>							
Cattle and calves	5,100.0	5,200.0	133.0	140.0	430.0	435.0	89,143.0	91,988.0
All cows	2,370.0	2,400.0	71.0	75.0	240.0	245.0	38,609.0	39,646.2
Beef cows	590.0	625.0	68.8	72.8	212.0	217.0	29,302.1	30,330.8
Milk cows	1,780.0	1,775.0	2.2	2.2	28.0	28.0	9,306.9	9,315.4
Heifers 500 pounds and over	1,040.0	1,040.0	17.0	17.5	75.0	78.0	19,261.2	19,822.3
Beef cow replacement	130.0	120.0	11.0	11.5	37.0	41.0	6,086.4	6,285.2
Milk cow replacement	770.0	790.0	1.0	1.0	9.0	9.0	4,710.4	4,824.0
Other	140.0	130.0	5.0	5.0	29.0	28.0	8,464.4	8,713.1
Steers 500 pounds and over	550.0	610.0	9.0	9.5	44.0	42.0	15,629.5	16,320.4
Bulls 500 pounds and over	70.0	70.0	4.0	4.0	12.0	13.0	2,109.4	2,142.4
Calves under 500 pounds	1,070.0	1,080.0	32.0	34.0	59.0	57.0	13,533.9	14,056.7
Calf crop ¹	1,930.0	1,990.0	55.0	60.0	190.0	200.0	33,522.0	34,301.7

¹ Calf crop accounts for calves born in 2014 and 2015, respectively.

Prices Received for Livestock - California and United States, December 2015 with Comparisons ¹

Commodity	California			United States		
	December 2014	November 2015	December 2015	December 2014	November 2015	December 2015
	<i>dollars</i>	<i>dollars</i>	<i>dollars</i>	<i>dollars</i>	<i>dollars</i>	<i>dollars</i>
Hogs, all.....cwt	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	64.30	45.90	42.80
Cows ²	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	115.00	82.00	74.80
Steers and heifers.....cwt	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	166.00	131.00	123.00
Calves	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	303.00	217.00	193.00
Milk cows ³	1,800.00	2,100.00	1,800.00	1,990.00	1,980.00	1,830.00
Milk, all ^{4 5}	17.90	16.12	15.82	20.40	18.20	17.20

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

⁵ December 2015 Fat test percent; all milk 3.89.

California Cattle on Feed

Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter in California for feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head totaled 455,000 head on December 1, 2015, down 1 percent from last month and up 6 percent from December 1, 2014. During November, placements of 49,000 head were down 4 from the previous year. Marketings of fed cattle during December totaled 49,000 head and were down 9 percent from November 2014. Other disappearance totaled 5,000 head and decreased 29 percent from November 2014.

United States Cattle on Feed

Cattle and calves on feed for the slaughter market in the United States for feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head totaled 10.6 million head on January 1, 2016. The inventory was down slightly from January 1, 2015.

Placements in feedlots during November totaled 1.78 million head, down 1 percent from 2015. Net placements were 1.45 million head. During December, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 375,000 head, 600-699 pounds were 355,000 head, 700-799 pounds were 357,000 head, and 800 pounds and greater were 440,000 head.

Marketings of fed cattle during December totaled 1.67 million head, and increased 1 percent from 2015.

Other disappearance totaled 78,000 head during December, up 8 percent from 2015.

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

State	Number on feed January 1 ¹			Placed during December		Marketed during December	
	2015	2016	Percent of previous year	2014	2015	2014	2015
	1,000 head	1,000 head	percent	1,000 head	1,000 head	1,000 head	1,000 head
Arizona.....	249	255	102	26	33	26	21
California.....	425	450	106	51	49	54	49
Colorado.....	900	870	97	130	115	135	130
Idaho.....	230	240	104	45	43	34	37
Iowa.....	640	620	97	101	90	80	97
Kansas.....	2,050	2,090	102	330	335	370	370
Minnesota.....	137	155	113	17	16	13	12
Nebraska.....	2,460	2,420	98	385	390	440	440
Oklahoma.....	255	270	106	36	35	39	38
South Dakota.....	230	255	111	27	41	30	35
Texas.....	2,500	2,430	97	325	305	365	370
Washington.....	210	195	93	30	38	42	45
Other States.....	340	325	96	34	37	27	30
United States.....	10,626	10,575	100	1,537	1,527	1,655	1,674

State	Other disappearance during December ²		Number on feed by class January 1 ¹			
	2014	2015	Steers and steer calves		Heifers and heifer calves	
			2015	2016	2015	2016
	1,000 head	1,000 head	1,000 head	1,000 head	1,000 head	1,000 head
Arizona.....	3	5	246	247	3	6
California.....	7	5	395	420	30	30
Colorado.....	5	5	580	590	320	280
Idaho.....	1	1	140	165	90	75
Iowa.....	1	3	490	470	150	150
Kansas.....	10	15	1,100	1,160	950	930
Minnesota.....	1	1	109	127	28	28
Nebraska.....	15	20	1,620	1,560	840	860
Oklahoma.....	2	2	170	185	85	85
South Dakota.....	2	1	145	150	85	105
Texas.....	20	15	1,600	1,740	900	690
Washington.....	3	3	123	125	87	70
Other States.....	2	2	230	225	110	100
United States.....	72	78	6,948	7,164	3,678	3,411

¹ Cattle on feed are steers and heifers being fed a ration of 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 losses, movement from feedlot to pasture, and shipments to other feedlots for further feeding.

California Milk Production

California milk producers produced 3.36 billion pounds of milk in December 2015, which is up 5 percent from November, but down 3 percent from December 2014. Monthly milk per cow averaged 1,895 pounds, up 90 pounds from November 2015.

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

Month	California						Total milk receipts ⁵		United States ^{1 2}					
	Milk cows ³		Milk per cow ⁴		Milk production ⁴		2014	2015	Milk cows ³		Milk per cow ⁴		Milk production ⁴	
	2014	2015	2014	2015	2014	2015			2014	2015	2014	2015	2014	2015
	1,000 head	1,000 head	pounds	pounds	million pounds	million pounds	million pounds	million pounds	1,000 head	1,000 head	pounds	pounds	million pounds	million pounds
Jan	1,781	1,779	2,035	1,985	3,624	3,531	3,623	3,528	8,516	8,621	1,900	1,919	16,179	16,544
Feb	1,780	1,779	1,910	1,845	3,400	3,282	3,396	3,281	8,516	8,621	1,748	1,754	14,884	15,124
Mar	1,781	1,779	2,140	2,080	3,811	3,700	3,806	3,697	8,530	8,623	1,957	1,962	16,690	16,918
Apr	1,780	1,779	2,065	2,025	3,676	3,602	3,671	3,602	8,547	8,627	1,912	1,929	16,343	16,641
May	1,779	1,778	2,110	2,055	3,754	3,654	3,750	3,649	8,558	8,633	1,979	1,998	16,934	17,246
Jun	1,779	1,778	1,995	1,910	3,549	3,396	3,544	3,393	8,572	8,630	1,894	1,900	16,239	16,397
Jul	1,779	1,778	1,980	1,915	3,522	3,405	3,521	3,402	8,584	8,630	1,908	1,922	16,382	16,589
Aug	1,779	1,778	1,940	1,880	3,451	3,343	3,449	3,338	8,586	8,633	1,885	1,894	16,184	16,349
Sep	1,779	1,777	1,850	1,785	3,291	3,172	3,291	3,170	8,592	8,636	1,805	1,807	15,512	15,609
Oct	1,779	1,777	1,930	1,825	3,433	3,243	3,432	3,242	8,593	8,638	1,863	1,860	16,010	16,063
Nov	1,780	1,776	1,885	1,805	3,355	3,206	3,352	3,203	8,600	8,640	1,806	1,811	15,528	15,646
Dec	1,781	1,775	1,950	1,895	3,473	3,364	3,471	3,360	8,613	8,638	1,888	1,896	16,264	16,381

¹ Revised 2015 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.

Prices Received for Hay Prices by Type - States and United States: December 2015 with Comparisons¹

State	Alfalfa hay			Other hay		
	December 2014	November 2015	December 2015	December 2014	November 2015	December 2015
	dollars per ton					
Arizona	200.00	140.00	140.00	220.00	200.00	200.00
California	220.00	160.00	165.00	160.00	120.00	120.00
Idaho	200.00	180.00	190.00	170.00	150.00	150.00
Nevada	235.00	165.00	160.00	220.00	195.00	175.00
Oregon	240.00	220.00	200.00	190.00	190.00	170.00
Utah	180.00	160.00	160.00	145.00	130.00	130.00
United States	180.00	150.00	150.00	122.00	127.00	129.00

¹ Current month hay prices are preliminary.

Pacific Region Commercial Slaughter

California's production of red meat during December 2015 totaled 122.1 million pounds (dressed weight), 4 percent higher than December 2014. This figure includes slaughter in Federally-inspected and state-inspected plants, but excludes farm slaughter. In December 2015, the average live weight of cattle slaughtered in California was 1,368 pounds, calves 98 pounds, sheep & lambs 139 pounds, and hogs 251 pounds. In Hawaii, 700,000 pounds of red meat were produced in December 2015, and 100,000 pounds were produced in Nevada.

United States Commercial Slaughter

Commercial red meat production for the United States totaled 4.27 billion pounds in December, up 3 percent from the 4.14 billion pounds produced in December 2014.

Beef production, at 2.05 billion pounds, was 2 percent above the previous year. Cattle slaughter totaled 2.45 million head, up slightly from December 2014.

Veal production totaled 7.8 million pounds, 2 percent above December a year ago. Calf slaughter totaled 45,200 head, up 5 percent from December 2014.

Pork production totaled 2.21 billion pounds, up 4 percent from the previous year. Hog slaughter totaled 10.36 million head, up 5 percent from December 2014.

Lamb and mutton production, at 13.2 million pounds, was down 1 percent from December 2014. Sheep slaughter totaled 199,600 head, slightly above last year.

January to December 2015 commercial red meat production was 48.4 billion pounds, up 2 percent from 2014. Accumulated beef production was down 2 percent from last year, veal was down 12 percent, pork was up 7 percent from last year, and lamb and mutton production was down 3 percent.

Commercial Slaughter - States and United States: December 2014 and 2015

Specie and State	Number slaughtered		Total live weight		Average live weight	
	2014	2015	2014	2015	2014	2015
	<i>1,000 head</i>	<i>1,000 head</i>	<i>1,000 pounds</i>	<i>1,000 pounds</i>	<i>pounds</i>	<i>pounds</i>
Cattle						
California.....	106.7	105.0	139,198	142,486	1,316	1,368
Hawaii.....	0.9	0.8	1,020	857	1,104	1,136
Nevada.....	0.1	0.1	112	117	1,038	1,041
United States.....	2,439.3	2,451.1	3,318,040	3,394,037	1,363	1,388
Calves						
California.....	7.2	10.4	776	1,009	109	98
Hawaii.....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Nevada.....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
United States.....	43.0	45.2	12,946	13,248	303	295
Sheep & lambs						
California.....	23.6	24.2	3,225	3,376	137	139
Hawaii.....	0.1	0.2	9	25	137	142
Nevada.....	0.1	0.1	8	16	129	135
United States.....	199.5	199.6	26,675	26,402	134	132
Hogs						
California.....	215.8	228.6	53,930	57,333	250	251
Hawaii.....	1.3	1.1	319	277	237	243
Nevada.....	0.1	0.1	19	21	255	259
United States.....	9,850.3	10,360.4	2,818,905	2,951,033	286	285

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

Commercial Red Meat Production - States and United States

State	December 2014	November 2015	December 2015
	<i>million pounds</i>	<i>million pounds</i>	<i>million pounds</i>
California.....	117.5	110.9	122.1
Hawaii.....	0.8	0.6	0.7
Nevada.....	0.1	0.1	0.1
United States.....	4,135.5	4,033.1	4,273.6

Pacific Region Sheep and Lamb Inventory

All sheep and lamb inventory in California and Nevada on January 1, 2016 totaled 575 thousand head and 60 thousand head, respectively. Inventory in California was down 4 percent and inventory in Nevada was down 13 percent from the previous year. Breeding sheep inventory for California was 320 thousand head and Nevada was 49 thousand head on January 1, 2016. Market sheep for California and Nevada were unchanged from the previous year of 10,000 and 1,000. California lamb crop for 2015 was 235,000 head and Nevada was 39,000 head.

United States Total Sheep and Lamb Inventory

All sheep and lamb inventory in the United States on January 1, 2016 totaled 5.32 million head, up 1 percent from 2015. Breeding sheep inventory at 3.97 million head on January 1, 2016, increased 1 percent from 3.94 million head on January 1, 2015. Ewes one year old and older, at 3.13 million head, were slightly above last year. Market sheep and lambs on January 1, 2016 totaled 1.36 million head, up 1 percent from January 1, 2015. Market lambs comprised 94 percent of the total market inventory. Market sheep comprised the remaining 6 percent of total market inventory.

Sheep and Lamb Inventory by Class - States and United States: January 1, 2015 and 2016

Class	California		Nevada		United States	
	2015	2016	2015	2016	2015	2016
	<i>1,000 head</i>					
All sheep and lambs.....	600.0	575.0	69.0	60.0	5,280.0	5,320.0
Breeding sheep and lambs.....	330.0	320.0	60.0	49.0	3,935.0	3,965.0
Ewes - 1 year old & older.....	275.0	265.0	48.0	40.0	3,110.0	3,125.0
Rams - 1 year old & older.....	10.0	10.0	2.0	2.0	175.0	175.0
Replacement lambs under one year old.....	45.0	45.0	10.0	7.0	650.0	665.0
Market sheep and lambs.....	270.0	255.0	9.0	11.0	1,345.0	1,355.0
Market lambs.....	260.0	245.0	8.0	10.0	1,260.0	1,280.0
Under 65 pounds.....	110.0	110.0	-	2.0	327.0	330.0
65 - 84 pounds.....	15.0	15.0	2.0	2.0	163.0	179.0
85 - 105 pounds.....	40.0	45.0	4.0	3.0	267.0	264.0
Over 105 pounds.....	95.0	75.0	2.0	3.0	503.0	507.0
Market sheep.....	10.0	10.0	1.0	1.0	85.0	75.0
Lamb crop ¹	240.0	235.0	47.0	39.0	3,440.0	3,440.0

- Represents zero.

¹ Lamb crop is defined as lambs born in the Eastern States and lambs docked or branded in the Western States.

Wool Production and Value, States and United States: 2014 and 2015

State	Sheep shorn		Weight per fleece		Production		Price per pound		Value ¹	
	2014	2015	2014	2015	2014	2015	2014	2015	2014	2015
	<i>1,000 head</i>	<i>1,000 head</i>	<i>pounds</i>	<i>pounds</i>	<i>1,000 pounds</i>	<i>1,000 pounds</i>	<i>dollars</i>	<i>dollars</i>	<i>\$1,000</i>	<i>\$1,000</i>
California.....	460	430	6.3	6.6	2,900	2,850	1.35	1.55	3,915	4,418
Nevada.....	54	47	9.8	9.4	530	440	1.95	2.10	1,034	924
United States.....	3,680	3,680	7.3	7.4	26,680	27,050	1.46	1.45	38,909	39,298

¹ Production multiplied by marketing-year average price for individual states. United States value is the summation of state values and may not add due to rounding.

Goat Inventory by Type - California and United States: January 1, 2015 and 2016

State	Angora		Milk		Meat and Other	
	2015	2016	2015	2016	2015	2016
	<i>head</i>	<i>head</i>	<i>head</i>	<i>head</i>	<i>head</i>	<i>head</i>
California.....	3,400	3,600	40,000	39,000	85,000	90,000
United States.....	160,000	150,000	365,000	375,000	2,125,000	2,095,000