



# Pacific Region Livestock Review

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### U.S. CATTLE ON FEED DOWN 1 PERCENT

Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter market in the U.S. for feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head totaled 10.9 million head on April 1, 2014. The inventory was 1 percent below April 1, 2013. The inventory included 7.07 million steers and steer calves, up 2 percent from the previous year. This group accounted for 65 percent of the total inventory. Heifers and heifer calves accounted for 3.71 million head, down 6 percent from 2013.

Placements in feedlots during March totaled 1.80 million, 5 percent below 2013. Net placements were 1.73 million head. During March, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 425,000, 600-699 pounds were 290,000, 700-799 pounds were 465,000, and 800 pounds and greater were 615,000.

Marketings of fed cattle during March totaled 1.66 million, 4 percent below 2013. Marketings for March are the lowest since the series began in 1996.

Other disappearance totaled 65,000 during March, 20 percent below 2013.

### CALIFORNIA CATTLE ON FEED

Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter in California feedlots totaled 475,000 head on April 1, 2014, 5 percent lower than last month and 2 percent lower than April 2013. During March, placements of 53,000 head were 9 percent below the previous year. Marketings of 70,000 head were 40 percent above March 2013. Other disappearance totaled 8,000 head.

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

State	Number On Feed March 1 1/			Placed During March		Marketed During March	
	2013	2014	2014/2013	2013	2014	2013	2014
	1,000 Head		Percent	1,000 Head			
Arizona	270	272	101	32	30	23	24
California	480	500	104	58	53	50	70
Colorado	990	940	95	160	165	160	130
Idaho	225	210	93	26	29	35	33
Iowa	630	670	106	72	71	68	69
Kansas	2,050	2,060	100	425	390	350	345
Minnesota	132	135	102	17	18	15	16
Nebraska	2,430	2,500	103	400	410	390	395
Oklahoma	305	270	89	55	52	53	46
South Dakota	230	240	104	32	37	31	35
Texas	2,550	2,470	97	530	470	480	430
Washington	233	198	85	35	35	34	29
Other States	320	325	102	42	35	35	38
UNITED STATES	10,845	10,790	99	1,884	1,795	1,724	1,660
State	Other Disappearance During March 2/		Number On Feed April 1 1/		2014		
	2013	2014	2013	2014	2013		
	1,000 Head		1,000 Head		Percent		
Arizona	1	1	278	277	100		
California	3	8	485	475	98		
Colorado	10	5	980	970	99		
Idaho	1	1	215	205	95		
Iowa	4	2	630	670	106		
Kansas	25	15	2,100	2,090	100		
Minnesota	1	1	133	136	102		
Nebraska	10	15	2,430	2,500	103		
Oklahoma	2	1	305	275	90		
South Dakota	1	2	230	240	104		
Texas	20	10	2,580	2,500	97		
Washington	1	2	233	202	87		
Other States	2	2	325	320	98		
UNITED STATES	81	65	10,924	10,860	99		

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 REGIONAL MILK PRODUCTION**

California milk producers produced 3.81 billion pounds of milk in March 2014. This was 12.1 percent above February 2014, and 3.7 percent above March 2013.

During the same quarter, Hawaii dairymen produced 7.4 million pounds of milk, a 5.7 percent increase from a year ago. Hawaii herd size averaged 2,300 head.

During the first quarter of 2014, Nevada dairymen produced 174 million pounds of milk, an increase of 10.8 percent from the same quarter last year. Herd size average 29,000 head.

Monthly milk per cow averaged 2,140 pounds, 230 pounds more than February 2014.

**MILK PRODUCTION, CALIFORNIA AND UNITED STATES**

Month	California								United States 1/ 2/					
	Milk Cows 3/		Milk Per Cow 4/		Milk Production 4/		Total Milk Receipts 5/		Milk Cows 3/		Milk Per Cow 4/		Milk Production 4/	
	2013	2014	2013	2014	2013	2014	2013	2014	2013	2014	2013	2014	2013	2014
	1,000 Head		Pounds		Million Pounds				1,000 Head		Pounds		Million Pounds	
Jan.	1,780	1,781	1,945	2,030	3,462	3,615	3,461	3,623	8,497	8,512	1,881	1,902	15,985	16,186
Feb.	1,780	1,780	1,815	1,910	3,231	3,400	3,225	3,396	8,498	8,513	1,732	1,750	14,715	14,899
Mar.	6/	1,781	6/	2,140	3,676	3,811	3,670		6/	8,514	6/	1,959	16,501	16,681
Apr.	6/		6/		3,619		3,617		6/		6/		16,105	
May	6/		6/		3,720		3,718		6/		6/		16,648	
June	6/		6/		3,486		3,485		6/		6/		15,860	
July	6/		6/		3,375		3,371		8,522		1,850		15,762	
Aug.	1,780		1,910		3,400		3,396		8,522		1,850		15,768	
Sept.	1,781		1,795		3,197		3,196		8,508		1,748		14,874	
Oct.	1,781		1,875		3,339		3,335		8,504		1,817		15,449	
Nov.	1,781		1,840		3,277		3,275		8,499		1,765		15,002	
Dec.	1,781		1,950		3,473		3,471		8,504		1,851		15,741	

- 1/ Revised 2013 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 was suspended for the months indicated; milk production totals were based on administrative data.

**AVERAGE PRICES RECEIVED BY FARMERS, CALIFORNIA AND UNITED STATES 1/**

Commodity	Unit	California			United States		
		March 2013	February 2014	March 15, 2014	March 2013	February 2014	March 15, 2014
		Dollars					
Hogs 2/ 3/	Cwt.	---	---	---	59.20	65.50	75.90
Cows 2/ 4/	Cwt.	---	---	---	83.80	95.40	99.90
Steers and Heifers 2/	Cwt.	---	---	---	127.00	145.00	149.00
Calves 2/	Cwt.	---	---	---	163.00	209.00	216.00
Milk Cows 5/	Head	---	---	---	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
All Milk, Wholesale 2/	Cwt.	17.51	23.13	24.00	19.10	24.90	25.40

- (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/ Previous month revised to monthly average.
- 3/ Prices include barrows, gilts, and sows.
- 4/ Beef cows and cull dairy cows sold for slaughter.
- 5/ Animals sold for dairy herd replacement only. Prices published January, April, July and October.

**HAY PRICES 1/**

Commodity	Unit	Alfalfa hay			Other Hay		
		March 2013	February 2013	March 2014	March 2013	February 2014	March 2014
		Dollars					
Arizona	Tons	220.00	205.00	215.00	200.00	205.00	210.00
California 2/	Tons	205.00	227.00	240.00	183.00	193.00	200.00
Idaho	Tons	210.00	200.00	195.00	150.00	170.00	170.00
Nevada	Tons	203.00	213.00	229.00	186.00	187.00	217.00
Oregon	Tons	227.00	210.00	225.00	177.00	160.00	180.00
Utah	Tons	175.00	180.00	175.00	142.00	145.00	140.00
UNITED STATES	Tons	219.00	188.00	191.00	152.00	129.00	137.00

- 1/ Current month hay prices are preliminary.
- 2/ Previous month revised to monthly average.

**PACIFIC REGION RED MEAT PRODUCTION IN 2013**

California's production of red meat in commercial plants during 2013 totaled 1,731.2 million pounds, slightly higher than last year. The month of May had the largest red meat production at 153.3 million pounds. In Hawaii, red meat production totaled 9.2 million pounds in 2013, 9 percent lower than 2012, and in Nevada, the 2013 total was

1.0 million pounds, 11 percent above 2012. Total red meat production for the U.S. totaled 49,174 million pounds in 2013, 1 percent lower than the previous year. Red meat includes beef, veal, pork, and lamb and mutton.

**RED MEAT PRODUCTION BY MONTH 1/**

Month	California		Hawaii		Nevada		United States	
	2012	2013	2012	2013	2012	2013	2012	2013
	Million Pounds							
January	141.6	149.2	0.8	0.8	0.1	0.1	4,123.0	4,349.0
February	136.6	130.8	0.9	0.7	0.1	0.1	3,914.1	3,672.4
March	147.7	139.0	0.8	0.8	0.1	(Y)	4,171.4	3,994.9
April	143.3	144.0	0.9	0.7	0.1	0.1	3,855.2	4,091.9
May	149.3	153.3	0.9	0.8	0.1	0.1	4,182.7	4,150.0
June	146.4	139.2	0.8	0.7	0.1	0.1	4,022.5	3,854.5
July	140.8	147.7	0.9	0.8	0.1	0.1	3,945.2	4,158.2
August	147.4	149.9	0.9	0.8	0.1	0.1	4,391.1	4,202.4
September	133.3	140.3	0.7	0.8	0.1	0.1	3,948.1	3,937.0
October	156.1	152.4	0.9	0.8	0.1	0.1	4,580.1	4,510.2
November	144.8	136.6	0.8	0.7	0.1	0.1	4,309.2	4,118.4
December	139.9	148.8	0.8	0.7	0.1	0.1	3,997.0	4,135.6
TOTAL 2/	1,727.0	1,731.2	10.1	9.2	0.9	1.0	49,439.9	49,174.0

1/ Includes total beef, veal, pork, and lamb and mutton, but excludes farm slaughter

2/ Totals based on unrounded data and may not equal sum of parts.

(Y) Less than level of precision shown.

**CALIFORNIA, NEVADA, AND HAWAII COMMERCIAL SLAUGHTER**

California's production of red meat during March 2014 totaled 142.8 million pounds (dressed weight), 10 percent higher than the previous month, and 3 percent higher than March 2013. This figure includes slaughter in Federally-inspected and State-inspected plants, but excludes slaughter done on farms. In March 2014, the average live

weight of cattle slaughtered in California was 1,308 pounds, calves 97 pounds, sheep & lambs 145 pounds, and hogs 247 pounds.

In Nevada, 100,000 pounds of red meat were produced in March 2014, and 800,000 pounds were produced in Hawaii.

**COMMERCIAL SLAUGHTER, MARCH 2013-14 1/**

Species and Location	Number Slaughtered		Total Live Weight		Average Live Weight	
	2013	2014	2013	2014	2013	2014
	1,000 Head		1,000 Pounds		Pounds	
<b>CATTLE</b>						
California	137.6	142.4	180,069	185,142	1,317	1,308
Hawaii	0.9	0.9	996	984	1,106	1,121
Nevada	0.1	0.1	58	80	1,011	1,051
U.S.	2,586.9	2,450.6	3,388,340	3,223,628	1,313	1,318
<b>CALVES</b>						
California	15.5	12.5	1,596	1,204	103	97
Hawaii	(Y)	(D)	(X)	(D)	(X)	(D)
Nevada	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
U.S.	62.6	53.6	15,742	14,787	252	277
<b>SHEEP &amp; LAMBS</b>						
California	27.7	26.0	3,923	3,771	142	145
Hawaii	0.1	0.1	7	8	110	129
Nevada	0.1	(Y)	8	(X)	119	(X)
U.S.	197.3	190.0	27,669	26,381	140	139
<b>HOGS</b>						
California	193.4	189.6	47,526	46,713	246	247
Hawaii	1.1	1.0	278	258	250	249
Nevada	(Y)	(Y)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
U.S.	9,316.2	8,674.6	2,578,404	2,470,084	277	285
<b>RED MEAT</b>						
	March 2013	February 2014	March 2014	Mar 14 Mar 13	Mar 14 Feb 14	
	Million Pounds			Percent		
California	139.0	129.5	142.8	103	110	
Hawaii	0.8	0.7	0.8	97	(Y)	
Nevada	(Y)	0.1	0.1	123	(Y)	
U.S.	3,994.9	3,653.1	3,814.8	95	104	

1/ Farm slaughter excluded.

(Y) Less than level of precision shown

**U.S. COMMERCIAL RED MEAT PRODUCTION  
DOWN 5 PERCENT FROM LAST YEAR**

Commercial red meat production for the U.S. totaled 3.81 billion pounds in March, down 5 percent from the 3.99 billion pounds produced in March 2013.

Beef production, at 1.94 billion pounds, was 5 percent below the previous year. Cattle slaughter totaled 2.45 million head, down 5 percent from March 2013. The average live weight was up 5 pounds from the previous year, at 1,318 pounds.

Veal production totaled 8.7 million pounds, 5 percent below March a year ago. Calf slaughter totaled 53,600 head, down 14 percent from March 2013. The average live weight was up 25 pounds from last year, at 277 pounds.

Pork production totaled 1.85 billion pounds, down 4 percent from the previous year. Hog slaughter totaled 8.67 million head, down 7 percent from March 2013. The average live weight was up 8 pounds from the previous year, at 285 pounds.

Lamb and mutton production, at 13.2 million pounds, was down 5 percent from March 2013. Sheep slaughter totaled 190,000 head, 4 percent below last year. The average live weight was 139 pounds, down 1 pound from March a year ago.

January to March 2014 commercial red meat production was 11.7 billion pounds, down 2 percent from 2013. Accumulated beef production was down 5 percent from last year, veal was down 9 percent, pork was up slightly from last year, and lamb and mutton production was down 1 percent.

March 2013 contained 21 weekdays (including 0 holidays) and 5 Saturdays.

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