



# Nevada Ag Stats Newsletter

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## January Cattle Inventory

**Nevada:** All cattle and calves in Nevada as of January 1, 2013 totaled 460,000 head, down 2 percent from January 1, 2012. Beef cows, at 231,000 head, were down 2 percent from last year. Milk cows, at 29,000 head, were unchanged from last year. Steers weighing 500 pounds and over, at 46,000 head, were up 10 percent from last year. Calves under 500 pounds, totaled 66,000 head, up 8 percent from last year. The 2012 calf crop was estimated at 205,000 head, down 5 percent from 2011.

**United States:** All cattle and calves in the United States as of January 1, 2013 totaled 89.3 million head, 2 percent below the 90.8 million on January 1, 2012. This is the lowest January 1 inventory of all cattle and calves since the 88.1 million on hand in 1952. All cows and heifers that have calved, at 38.5 million, were down 2 percent from the 39.4 million on January 1, 2012. Beef cows, at 29.3 million, were down 3 percent from January 1, 2012. Milk cows, at 9.2 million, unchanged from January 1, 2012. The 2012 calf crop was estimated at 34.3 million head, down 3 percent from 2011. This is the smallest calf crop since the 33.7 million born during 1949. Calves born during the first half of 2012 are estimated at 25.0 million, down 3 percent from 2011.

## **Cattle and Calves – Nevada and United States: January 1, 2012 and 2013**

| Class of Livestock        | Nevada     |            |                 | United States |            |                 |
|---------------------------|------------|------------|-----------------|---------------|------------|-----------------|
|                           | 2012       | 2013       | '13 as % of '12 | 2012          | 2013       | '13 as % of '12 |
|                           | 1,000 head | 1,000 head | percent         | 1,000 head    | 1,000 head | percent         |
| All Cattle and Calves     | 470        | 460        | 98              | 90,768.5      | 89,299.6   | 98              |
| All Cows that have Calved | 265        | 260        | 98              | 39,387.4      | 38,515.2   | 98              |
| Beef Cows                 | 236        | 231        | 98              | 30,157.9      | 29,295.3   | 97              |
| Milk Cows                 | 29         | 29         | 100             | 9,229.5       | 9,219.9    | 100             |
| Beef Replacement          | 41         | 36         | 88              | 5,261.6       | 5,360.6    | 102             |
| Milk Replacement          | 10         | 9          | 90              | 4,622.0       | 4,550.7    | 98              |
| Other Heifers             | 37         | 30         | 81              | 9,454.2       | 9,217.6    | 97              |
| Steers 500 Lbs. +         | 42         | 46         | 110             | 15,832.5      | 15,812.7   | 100             |
| Bulls 500 Lbs. +          | 14         | 13         | 93              | 2,096.0       | 2,055.8    | 98              |
| Calves Under 500 Lbs.     | 61         | 66         | 108             | 14,114.8      | 13,787.0   | 98              |

## Goat and Kid Inventory

**Nevada:** Meat and other goat inventory totaled 5,000 head, unchanged from 2012. Angora goat and Milk goat inventories for Nevada are not published to prevent disclosure of individual information.

**United States:** All goat inventory in the United States on January 1, 2013, totaled 2.81 million head, down 2 percent from 2012. Breeding goat inventory totaled 2.32 million head, down 2 percent from 2012. Does one year old and older, at 1.73 million head, were 2 percent below last year's number. Market goats and kids totaled 490 thousand head, up one percent from a year ago. Kid crop for 2012 totaled 1.79 million head for all goats, down 5 percent from 2011. Meat and all other goats totaled 2.32 million head on January 1, 2013, down 2 percent from 2012. Milk goat inventory was 360 thousand head, unchanged from January 1, 2012, while Angora goats were down 7 percent, totaling 136 thousand head.

## **Meat and Other Goat Inventory – Nevada and United States: January 1, 2012 and 2013**

|               | 2012      | 2013      | 2013 as % of 2012 |
|---------------|-----------|-----------|-------------------|
| Nevada        | 5,000     | 5,000     | 100               |
| United States | 2,356,000 | 2,315,000 | 98                |

## January Sheep Inventory

**Nevada:** The January 1, 2013 inventory of all sheep and lambs in Nevada was 73,000 head, 3,000 head more than January 1, 2012. Breeding sheep and lambs, at 63,000 head, was unchanged from 2012. Market sheep and lambs, at 10,000 head, was up 3,000 head from 2012. The Nevada lamb crop was 48,000 head during 2012, unchanged from 2011. Wool production in Nevada totaled 570 thousand pounds in 2012 compared with 535 thousand in 2011. Nevada wool brought an average price of \$1.90 per pound in 2012 making the wool value \$1,083,000.

**United States:** All sheep and lamb inventory in the United States on January 1, 2013, totaled 5.34 million head, down 1 percent from 2012. Breeding sheep inventory decreased to 3.98 million head on January 1, 2013, down 1 percent from 4.0 million head on January 1, 2012. Ewes one year old and older, at 3.14 million head, were 1 percent below last year. Market sheep and lambs on January 1, 2013, totaled 1.36 million head, down 1 percent from January 1, 2012. Market lambs comprised 94 percent of the total market inventory. Twenty-three percent were lambs under 65 pounds, 12 percent were 65 - 84 pounds, 22 percent were 85 - 105 pounds, and 37 percent were over 105 pounds. Market sheep comprised the remaining 6 percent of total market inventory. The 2012 lamb crop of 3.46 million head, was down 2 percent from 2011. The 2012 lambing rate was 109 lambs per 100 ewes one year old and older on January 1, 2012, unchanged from 2011. Shorn wool production in the United States during 2012 was 28.5 million pounds, down 3 percent from 2011. Sheep and lambs shorn totaled 3.93 million head, also down 2 percent from 2011. The average price paid for wool sold in 2012 was \$1.53 per pound for a total value of 43.6 million dollars, down 11 percent from 48.9 million dollars in 2011. Sheep death loss during 2012 totaled 229 thousand head, a decrease of 5 percent from 2011. Lamb death loss decreased 4 percent from 380 thousand head in 2011 to 365 thousand head in 2012.

### **Sheep and Lamb Inventory – Nevada and United States: January 1, 2012 and 2013**

| Class of Livestock         | Nevada       |              |                            | United States |              |                            |
|----------------------------|--------------|--------------|----------------------------|---------------|--------------|----------------------------|
|                            | 2012<br>head | 2013<br>head | '13 as % of '12<br>percent | 2012<br>head  | 2013<br>head | '13 as % of '12<br>percent |
| All Sheep and Lambs        | 70,000       | 73,000       | 104                        | 5,365,000     | 5,335,000    | 99                         |
| All Breeding Sheep & Lambs | 63,000       | 63,000       | 100                        | 3,995,000     | 3,975,000    | 99                         |
| Ewes                       | 49,000       | 50,000       | 102                        | 3,165,000     | 3,140,000    | 99                         |
| Rams                       | 2,000        | 2,000        | 100                        | 170,000       | 175,000      | 103                        |
| Replacement Lambs          | 12,000       | 11,000       | 92                         | 660,000       | 660,000      | 100                        |
| All Market Sheep & Lambs   | 7,000        | 10,000       | 143                        | 1,370,000     | 1,360,000    | 99                         |
| Market Sheep               | 1,000        | 1,000        | 100                        | 84,000        | 75,000       | 89                         |
| Market Lambs               | 6,000        | 9,000        | 150                        | 1,286,000     | 1,285,000    | 100                        |

## January Weather Summary

January temperatures were colder than average. Low temperatures ranged from 23 to -24 degrees. Las Vegas recorded a high of 65 degrees for the month. Ely recorded a low of -24 degrees for the month. All stations recorded some precipitation. Eureka recorded the most with 1.02 inches. Cattle marketing continued. Onion processing was ongoing. Main farm and ranch activities include: equipment maintenance, feeding and doctoring livestock.

### **Weather data for stations in Nevada: January 2013**

| Station    | Temperature (°F) |                       |      |     | Precipitation (inches) |                       |                  |
|------------|------------------|-----------------------|------|-----|------------------------|-----------------------|------------------|
|            | Monthly Avg.     | Departure from Normal | High | Low | Monthly Total          | Departure from Normal | Greatest 24 Hour |
| Reno       | 30.2             | -5.4                  | 60   | 6   | 0.12                   | -0.91                 | 0.04             |
| Elko       | 14.1             | -11.0                 | 47   | -17 | 0.69                   | -0.43                 | 0.20             |
| Ely        | 17.1             | -8.2                  | 51   | -24 | 0.80                   | 0.10                  | 0.35             |
| Winnemucca | 14.7             | -15.4                 | 49   | -21 | 0.37                   | -0.50                 | 0.14             |
| Eureka     | 16.6             | -7.2                  | 47   | -20 | 1.09                   | 0.35                  | 0.65             |
| Tonopah    | 30.2             | -2.3                  | 58   | -2  | 0.30                   | -0.19                 | 0.14             |
| Las Vegas  | 45.7             | -3.0                  | 65   | 23  | 0.43                   | -0.11                 | 0.42             |

## Winter Wheat Seedings

**Nevada:** Winter wheat seeded area for harvest in 2013 is estimated at 20,000 acres, matching that of 2012.

**United States:** Planted area for harvest in 2013 is estimated at 41.8 million acres, up 1 percent from 2012 and 3 percent above 2011. Seeding began last August but by the middle of September was behind the 5-year average as producers waited for improved soil moisture levels. However, by the end of October, seeding had progressed ahead of last year and the 5-year average. More acres were seeded this year due to the early row crop harvest and higher prices.

## Hay and Corn Silage Production

**Nevada:** All hay harvested acres is estimated at 415 thousand acres, down 8 percent from 2011. Production totaled 1,336 thousand tons, down 104 thousand tons from 2011. All hay yield was 3.22 tons per acre. Alfalfa hay area harvested totaled 240 thousand acres, down 4 percent from 2011. Alfalfa yield was unchanged from last year at 4.4 tons per acre, bringing total alfalfa production to 1,056 thousand tons for 2012. All other hay harvested totaled 175 thousand acres, down 25,000 acres from 2011. Total other hay production was down 18 percent, at 280 thousand tons. Corn silage harvested acreage, at 6,000 acres, was down 25 percent from 2011. The yield, at 26 tons per acre, was up 1 ton per acre from last year. Corn silage production totaled 156 thousand tons.

**United States:** Production of all dry hay for 2012 is estimated at 120 million tons, down 2 percent from the October 1 forecast and down 9 percent from the 2011 total. This is the lowest United States production level since 1964. Area harvested is estimated at 56.3 million acres, down 2 percent from the October 1 forecast but up 1 percent from last year. The average yield, at 2.13 tons per acre, is up 0.01 ton from October but down 0.23 ton from the previous year. This is the lowest United States yield since 1976. Alfalfa production in 2012 is estimated at 52.0 million tons, down 6 percent from the October 1 forecast and down 20 percent from 2011. This is the lowest United States production level since 1953. Harvested area, at 17.3 million acres, is 8 percent below the October 1 forecast and 10 percent below the previous year. This is the smallest harvested area since 1948. Average yield is estimated at 3.01 tons per acre, 0.06 ton above the October 1 forecast but down 0.39 ton from 2011. Compared with last year, alfalfa hay harvested area decreased throughout much of the United States as one of the hottest, driest growing seasons on record negatively impacted soil moisture levels and crop growth. Driven by poor yields across much of the central and northern Great Plains, Midwest, and Northern Tier, production decreased 21 percent or more in 15 of the 42 estimating States. All other hay production in 2012 totaled 67.8 million tons, up 2 percent from the October 1 forecast and 3 percent above 2011. This is the second lowest United States production since 1998. Harvested area, at 39.0 million acres, is up less than 1 percent from October and 7 percent from last year. Average yield is estimated at 1.74 tons per acre, up 0.03 ton from October but down 0.07 ton from last year. Corn silage production is estimated at 113 million tons in 2012, up 4 percent from 2011 and represents the highest production in the United States since 1982. The United States silage yield is estimated at 15.4 tons per acre, down 3.0 tons from 2011. Area harvested for silage is estimated at 7.38 million acres, up 24 percent from a year ago.

### **Hay and Corn Silage Area Harvested, Yield, and Production – Nevada and United States: 2011 - 2012**

|                      | 2011        |               |            | 2012        |               |            |
|----------------------|-------------|---------------|------------|-------------|---------------|------------|
|                      | Acres       | Yield         | Production | Acres       | Yield         | Production |
|                      | 1,000 acres | Tons per acre | 1,000 tons | 1,000 acres | Tons per acre | 1,000 tons |
| <b>Nevada</b>        |             |               |            |             |               |            |
| All Hay              | 450         | 3.20          | 1,440      | 415         | 3.22          | 1,336      |
| Alfalfa Hay          | 250         | 4.40          | 1,100      | 240         | 4.40          | 1,056      |
| All Other Hay        | 200         | 1.70          | 340        | 175         | 1.60          | 280        |
| Corn for Silage      | 8           | 25.0          | 200        | 6           | 26.0          | 156        |
| <b>United States</b> |             |               |            |             |               |            |
| All Hay              | 55,653      | 2.36          | 131,216    | 56,260      | 2.13          | 119,878    |
| Alfalfa Hay          | 19,213      | 3.40          | 65,332     | 17,292      | 3.01          | 52,049     |
| All Other Hay        | 36,440      | 1.81          | 65,884     | 38,968      | 1.74          | 67,829     |
| Corn for Silage      | 5,935       | 18.4          | 109,094    | 7,379       | 15.4          | 113,450    |

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### Quarterly Milk Production

**Nevada:** The October - December 2012 quarterly milk production totaled 160 million pounds, 1.8 percent below last year's 163 million pounds. During the last quarter of 2012, the average number of milk cows totaled 29,000.

**United States:** Milk production in the United States during the October - December quarter totaled 49.1 billion pounds, up 0.9 percent from the October - December quarter last year. The average number of milk cows in the United States during the quarter was 9.20 million head, 17,000 head less than the same period last year.

### Hay Prices

**Nevada:** The all hay price, at \$195.00 per ton, is down \$9.00 from December and down \$34.00 from last January. Alfalfa and alfalfa mixtures came in at \$196.00 per ton, down \$9.00 from December and down \$39.00 from a year ago. All other hay, at \$163.00 per ton, is down \$11.00 from November and up \$13.00 from 2012.

**United States:** The all hay price, at \$191 per ton, is down \$1.00 from December but \$19.00 higher than last January. Alfalfa and alfalfa mixtures came in at \$217.00 per ton, unchanged from December. All other hay at \$144.00 per ton, is up \$2.00 from last month.

### Hay Prices Received by Type measured in \$ per Ton – Select States & United States: January 2013

| State         | All Hay   |           |           | Alfalfa Hay |           |           | Other Hay <sup>1</sup> |           |           |
|---------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-------------|-----------|-----------|------------------------|-----------|-----------|
|               | Jan. 2012 | Dec. 2012 | Jan. 2013 | Jan. 2012   | Dec. 2012 | Jan. 2013 | Jan. 2012              | Dec. 2012 | Jan. 2013 |
| Arizona       | 247.00    | 191.00    | 201.00    | 250.00      | 190.00    | 200.00    | 180.00                 | 210.00    | 210.00    |
| California    | 235.00    | 203.00    | 208.00    | 243.00      | 209.00    | 215.00    | 215.00                 | 180.00    | 185.00    |
| Idaho         | 213.00    | 198.00    | 197.00    | 220.00      | 200.00    | 200.00    | 140.00                 | 140.00    | 150.00    |
| Nevada        | 229.00    | 204.00    | 195.00    | 235.00      | 205.00    | 196.00    | 150.00                 | 174.00    | 163.00    |
| Oregon        | 221.00    | 202.00    | 213.00    | 239.00      | 222.00    | 225.00    | 195.00                 | 177.00    | 201.00    |
| Utah          | 189.00    | 189.00    | 180.00    | 189.00      | 192.00    | 183.00    | 152.00                 | 154.00    | 148.00    |
| United States | 172.00    | 192.00    | 191.00    | 193.00      | 217.00    | 217.00    | 132.00                 | 142.00    | 144.00    |

<sup>1</sup> Other hay is comprised of grain and grain mixtures, timothy, clover, wild, prairie, range, and other types.