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California Cattle on Feed

Cattle and calves on feed for the slaughter market in California for feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head totaled 415,000 head on May 1, 2016. The inventory was 1 percent below from last month and down 8 percent from May 1, 2015. During April, placements in feedlots totaled 50,000 head, up 2 percent from the previous year. Marketings of fed cattle during April totaled 52,000 head, up 30 percent from April 2015. Other disappearance totaled 3,000 head during April, 25 percent below April 2015.

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 10.8 million head on May 1, 2016. The inventory was up 1 percent from May 1, 2015. Placements in feedlots during April totaled 1.66 million head, 7 percent above from 2015. Net placements were 1.59 million head. During April, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 334,000 head, 600-699 pounds were 225,000 head, 700-799 pounds were 390,000 head, and 800 pounds and greater were 715,000 head. Marketings of fed cattle during April totaled 1.66 million head, 1 percent above from last year. Other disappearance totaled 76,000 head during April, 15 percent above from previous year.

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

State	Number on feed May 1 ¹			Placed during April		Marketed during April	
	2015	2016	Percent of previous year	2015	2016	2015	2016
	1,000 head	1,000 head	percent	1,000 head	1,000 head	1,000 head	1,000 head
Arizona	240	305	127	24	25	24	22
California	450	415	92	49	50	40	52
Colorado	900	900	100	145	145	120	135
Idaho	235	240	102	30	24	24	23
Iowa	660	640	97	63	78	72	75
Kansas	2,060	2,150	104	315	370	355	385
Minnesota	145	158	109	11	12	11	13
Nebraska	2,500	2,420	97	390	380	405	380
Oklahoma	270	300	111	34	56	48	50
South Dakota	240	265	110	28	24	21	22
Texas	2,410	2,490	103	385	435	435	435
Washington	230	195	85	42	34	35	33
Other States	300	305	102	32	31	49	33
United States	10,640	10,783	101	1,548	1,664	1,639	1,658

State	Other disappearance during April ¹	
	2015	2016
	1,000 head	1,000 head
Arizona	1	1
California	4	3
Colorado	15	10
Idaho	1	1
Iowa	1	3
Kansas	10	15
Minnesota	1	1
Nebraska	15	20
Oklahoma	1	1
South Dakota	2	2
Texas	10	10
Washington	2	1
Other States	3	8
United States	66	76

¹ Includes death loss, movement from feedlot to pasture, and shipments to other feedlots for further feeding.

Pacific Region Commercial Slaughter

California's production of red meat during April 2016 totaled 102 million pounds (dressed weight), 5 percent below than April 2015. This figure includes slaughter in Federally-inspected and state-inspected plants, but excludes farm slaughter. In April 2016, the average live weight of cattle slaughtered in California was 1,343 pounds, calves averaged 95 pounds, sheep and lambs averaged 144 pounds, and hogs averaged 244 pounds. In Hawaii, 700,000 pounds of red meat were produced in April 2016, and 100,000 pounds of red meat were produced in Nevada.

United States Commercial Slaughter

Commercial red meat production for the United States totaled 3.98 billion pounds in April, 2016, 1 percent below the 4.02 billion pounds produced in April 2015.

Beef production, at 1.96 billion pounds, was 2 percent above the previous year. Cattle slaughter totaled 2.41 million head, up 1 percent from April 2015.

Veal production totaled 6.00 million pounds, 10 percent below April a year ago. Calf slaughter totaled 34,800 head, down 2 percent from April 2015.

Pork production totaled 2.00 billion pounds, down 3 percent from the previous year. Hog slaughter totaled 9.37 million head, down 3 percent from April 2015.

Lamb and mutton production, at 12.8 million pounds, was 6 percent below from April 2015. Sheep slaughter totaled 189,000 head, down 5 percent from last year.

Commercial Slaughter - States and United States: April 2015 and 2016

Specie and State	Number slaughtered		Total live weight		Average live weight	
	2015	2016	2015	2016	2015	2016
	<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.....	95.9	90.7	127,937	120,810	1,346	1,343
Hawaii.....	0.9	0.7	1,021	838	1,168	1,146
Nevada.....	0.1	0.1	110	110	1,002	1,056
United States.....	2,383.3	2,409.1	3,182,425	3,240,073	1,338	1,348
Calves						
California.....	7.0	8.3	683	780	98	95
Hawaii.....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Nevada.....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
United States.....	35.4	34.8	11,179	10,125	318	293
Sheep & lambs						
California.....	27.8	26.3	4,030	3,794	145	144
Hawaii.....	0.2	0.2	21	32	138	141
Nevada.....	0.1	0.1	8	9	132	118
United States.....	199.3	189.0	27,351	25,536	137	135
Hogs						
California.....	186.5	185.0	46,211	45,140	248	244
Hawaii.....	1.1	0.9	268	235	252	251
Nevada.....	0.1	0.1	32	21	261	280
United States.....	9,676.8	9,366.3	2,751,185	2,665,736	284	285

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

Commercial Red Meat Production - States and United States

State	April 2015	March 2016	April 2016
	<i>million pounds</i>	<i>million pounds</i>	<i>million pounds</i>
California.....	106.9	117.5	101.6
Hawaii.....	0.8	0.8	0.7
Nevada.....	0.1	0.1	0.1
United States.....	4,016.0	4,261.7	3,982.9

California Milk Production

California milk producers had a total of 1.77 million milk cows for April that produced 3.48 billion pounds of milk. Milk production is down 3 percent from March, 2016 and down 3 percent from April 2015. Monthly milk per cow averaged 1,965 pounds, down 70 pounds from March 2016.

Milk Cows and Production by Month - California and United States: 2015 and 2016

Month	California						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	
	2015	2016	2015	2016	2015	2016	2015	2016	2015	2016	2015	2016	2015	2016
	<i>1,000 head</i>	<i>1,000 head</i>	<i>pounds</i>	<i>pounds</i>	<i>million pounds</i>	<i>million pounds</i>	<i>million pounds</i>	<i>million pounds</i>	<i>1,000 head</i>	<i>1,000 head</i>	<i>pounds</i>	<i>pounds</i>	<i>million pounds</i>	<i>million pounds</i>
Jan	1,779	1,774	1,985	1,935	3,531	3,433	3,528	3,430	8,621	8,627	1,919	1,922	16,544	16,581
Feb	1,779	1,774	1,845	1,860	3,282	3,300	3,281	3,299	8,621	8,633	1,754	1,833	15,124	15,824
Mar	1,779	1,773	2,080	2,035	3,700	3,608	3,697	3,603	8,623	8,644	1,962	1,993	16,918	17,227
Apr	1,779	1,773	2,025	1,965	3,602	3,484	3,602	3,479	8,627	8,648	1,929	1,948	16,641	16,843
May	1,778		2,055		3,654		3,649		8,633		1,998		17,246	
Jun	1,778		1,910		3,396		3,393		8,630		1,900		16,397	
Jul	1,778		1,915		3,405		3,402		8,630		1,922		16,589	
Aug	1,778		1,880		3,343		3,338		8,633		1,894		16,349	
Sep	1,777		1,785		3,172		3,170		8,636		1,807		15,609	
Oct	1,777		1,825		3,243		3,242		8,638		1,860		16,063	
Nov	1,776		1,805		3,206		3,203		8,640		1,811		15,646	
Dec	1,775		1,895		3,364		3,360		8,638		1,896		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 Livestock - California and United States, April 2015 with Comparisons¹

Commodity	California			United States		
	April 2015	March 2016	April 2016	April 2015	March 2016	April 2016
	<i>dollars</i>	<i>dollars</i>	<i>dollars</i>	<i>dollars</i>	<i>dollars</i>	<i>dollars</i>
Hogs, all.....cwt	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	49.00	50.00	51.00
Cows ²cwt	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	113.00	80.00	81.50
Steers and heifers.....cwt	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	164.00	137.00	133.00
Calves.....cwt	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	288.00	199.00	183.00
Milk cows ³head	2,000.00	1,800.00	1,800.00	1,970.00	1,830.00	1,820.00
Milk, all ^{4,5}cwt	14.52	14.13	13.63	16.50	15.30	15.00

(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 April 2016 Fat test percent; all milk 3.76.

Prices Received for Hay Prices by Type - States and United States: April 2016 with Comparisons¹

State	Alfalfa hay			Other hay		
	April 2015	March 2016	April 2016	April 2015	March 2016	April 2016
	<i>dollars per ton</i>	<i>dollars per ton</i>	<i>dollars per ton</i>	<i>dollars per ton</i>	<i>dollars per ton</i>	<i>dollars per ton</i>
Arizona	200.00	180.00	180.00	200.00	195.00	160.00
California	215.00	165.00	165.00	175.00	130.00	115.00
Idaho	160.00	150.00	140.00	155.00	150.00	140.00
Nevada	215.00	130.00	125.00	190.00	150.00	140.00
Oregon	200.00	170.00	175.00	180.00	170.00	180.00
Utah.....	175.00	145.00	145.00	140.00	120.00	115.00
United States	183.00	144.00	153.00	140.00	126.00	130.00

¹ Current month hay prices are preliminary.