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Trade Statistics

Export Numbers for U.S. Bovine Fresh/Wet Salted Hides

Number of Pieces/Thousand \$U.S.*

	Number of Pieces			Value Thousand \$		
	Jan - Dec 2012	Jan - Dec 2013	% Chg	Jan - Dec 2012	Jan - Dec 2013	% Chng
World	29,170,886	36,753,504	26%	1,665,466	1,858,411	12%
China/HK	15,831,977	22,308,196	41%	963,292	1,184,949	23%
Korea	5,746,836	6,181,343	8%	311,697	321,957	3%
Taiwan	1,486,753	2,142,693	44%	106,202	104,335	-2%
Mexico	1,599,264	1,682,799	5%	80,098	78,320	-2%
EU-28	1,469,519	1,836,397	25%	57,550	61,566	7%
Vietnam	828,940	648,592	-22%	53,549	33,621	-37%
Japan	990,308	807,902	-18%	38,605	28,702	-26%
Thailand	534,600	545,720	2%	30,040	23,093	-23%
Turkey	345,132	231,584	-33%	12,510	7,157	-43%
Indonesia	4,183	80,795	1832%	44	6,064	13682%
Canada	103,107	72,921	-29%	6,728	4,217	-37%
India	11,506	44,380	286%	689	1,366	98%
Israel	123,957	91,471	-26%	1,179	1,025	-13%
Pakistan	912	30,321	3225%	57	448	686%
Dom. Rep.	19,850	9,727	-51%	973	394	-60%
Macau	0	6,469	-	0	291	-
Colombia	150	7,008	4572%	4	198	4850%
Chile	0	2,420	-	0	162	-
Philippines	0	3,318	-	0	149	-
Haiti	3,800	12,358	225%	46	135	193%
Tajikistan	600	750	25%	24	48	100%
Trin. & Tob.	782	1,869	139%	35	47	34%
N. Zealand	1,849	924	-50%	83	42	-49%
Bahamas	1,868	730	-61%	56	36	-36%
Australia	0	800	-	0	24	-
Cambodia	4,998	568	-89%	150	20	-87%
UAE	0	518	-	0	16	-
Lebanon	659	331	-50%	20	10	-50%

****Source: USDA Foreign Agricultural Service GATS, U.S. Census Bureau. PLEASE NOTE: U.S. Census Bureau estimates the quantity of hides and skins exported based on the declared VALUE of a shipment. Therefore, the above QUANTITIES or NUMBER OF PIECES are over-inflated due to very high export values in 2013. U.S. Census is investigating these discrepancies.**

Export Numbers for U.S. Pig Skins Number of Pieces/Thousand \$U.S.

	Number of Pieces			Value Thousand \$		
	Jan - Dec 2012	Jan - Dec 2013	% Chg	Jan - Dec 2012	Jan - Dec 2013	% Chng
World Total	4,731,387	5,333,402	13%	50,067	57,530	15%
Mexico	2,359,767	2,528,838	7%	25,960	30,386	17%
Taiwan	1,079,508	1,469,524	36%	11,674	13,892	19%
Vietnam	442,702	643,800	45%	4,134	6,417	55%
Thailand	560,787	425,200	-24%	5,343	4,241	-21%
EU-28	62,750	161,235	157%	1,196	1,759	47%
Japan	12,665	72,125	469%	92	460	400%
China/HK	146,478	27,997	-81%	1,021	329	-68%
Ecuador	0	2,688	-	0	24	-
El Salvador	0	1,995	-	0	21	-

Export Numbers for U.S. Wet Blue Hides Number of Pieces/Thousand \$U.S.**

	Number of Pieces			Value Thousand \$		
	Jan - Dec 2012	Jan - Dec 2013	% Chg	Jan - Dec 2012	Jan - Dec 2013	% Chng
World Total	10,409,753	14,127,134	36%	621,682	791,022	27%
China/HK	4,095,523	4,893,887	19%	263,696	282,211	7%
EU-28	2,375,939	3,382,781	42%	149,855	195,836	31%
Vietnam	745,837	1,177,577	58%	50,037	69,979	40%
Mexico	1,341,556	1,742,259	30%	38,461	58,407	52%
Korea	270,431	685,818	154%	20,154	47,049	133%
Taiwan	349,457	713,663	104%	23,790	43,298	82%
Thailand	228,995	600,264	162%	16,314	40,297	147%
Dom. Rep.	743,042	636,630	-14%	43,101	37,839	-12%
Japan	146,120	133,952	-8%	8,431	6,536	-22%
India	68,182	94,751	39%	4,284	5,347	25%
Uruguay	38,728	29,904	-23%	3,142	2,540	-19%
Turkey	4,298	24,024	459%	253	1,375	443%
Chile	0	3,826	-	0	219	-
Indonesia	0	3,973	-	0	56	-

Togo	0	3,600	-	0	25	-
UAE	0	200	-	0	5	-
Brazil	1,645	25	-98%	164	3	-98%

***Source: USDA Foreign Agricultural Service GATS; U.S. Census Bureau. Please note, wet blue numbers include cattle/equine full grains, top grains and drop splits combined, and also employ estimates.**

Cattle on Feed Summary

National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA

(Available Here)

Released January 24, 2014

United States Cattle on Feed Down 5 Percent

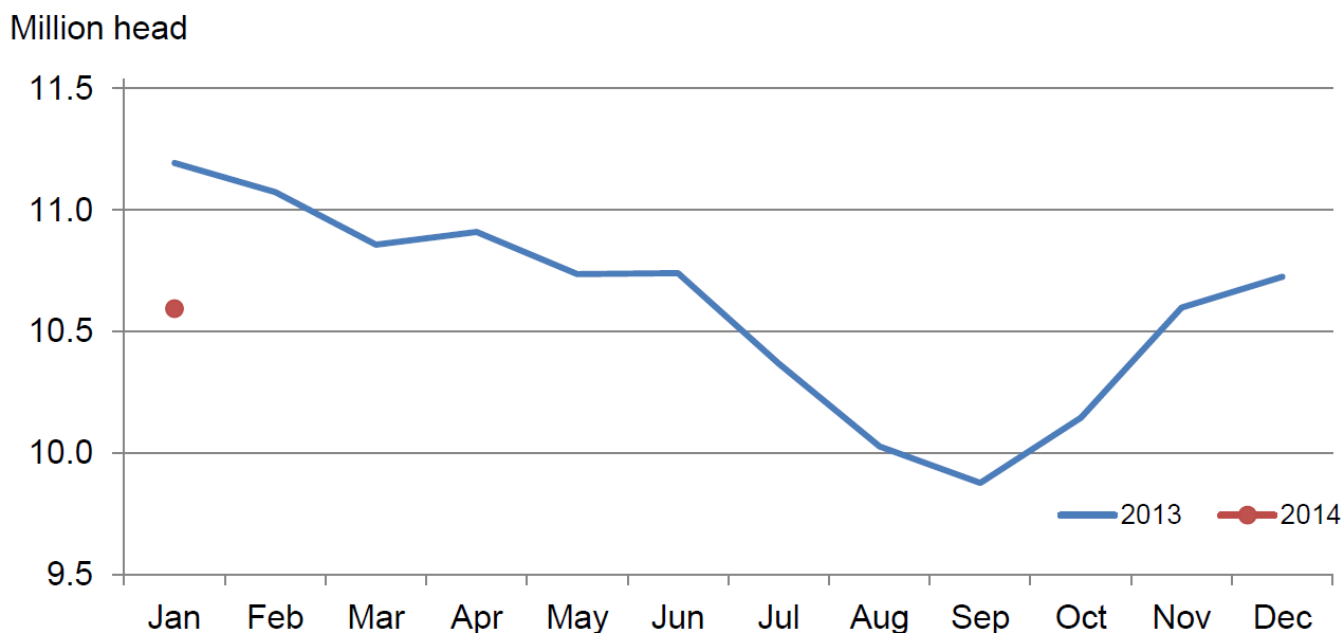
Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter market in the United States for feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head totaled 10.6 million head on January 1, 2014. The inventory was 5 percent below January 1, 2013. The inventory included 6.78 million steers and steer calves, down 4 percent from the previous year. This group accounted for 64 percent of the total inventory. Heifers and heifer calves accounted for 3.73 million head, down 8 percent from 2013.

Placements in feedlots during December totaled 1.68 million, 1 percent above 2012. Net placements were 1.60 million head. During December, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 485,000, 600-699 pounds were 420,000, 700-799 pounds were 391,000, and 800 pounds and greater were 385,000.

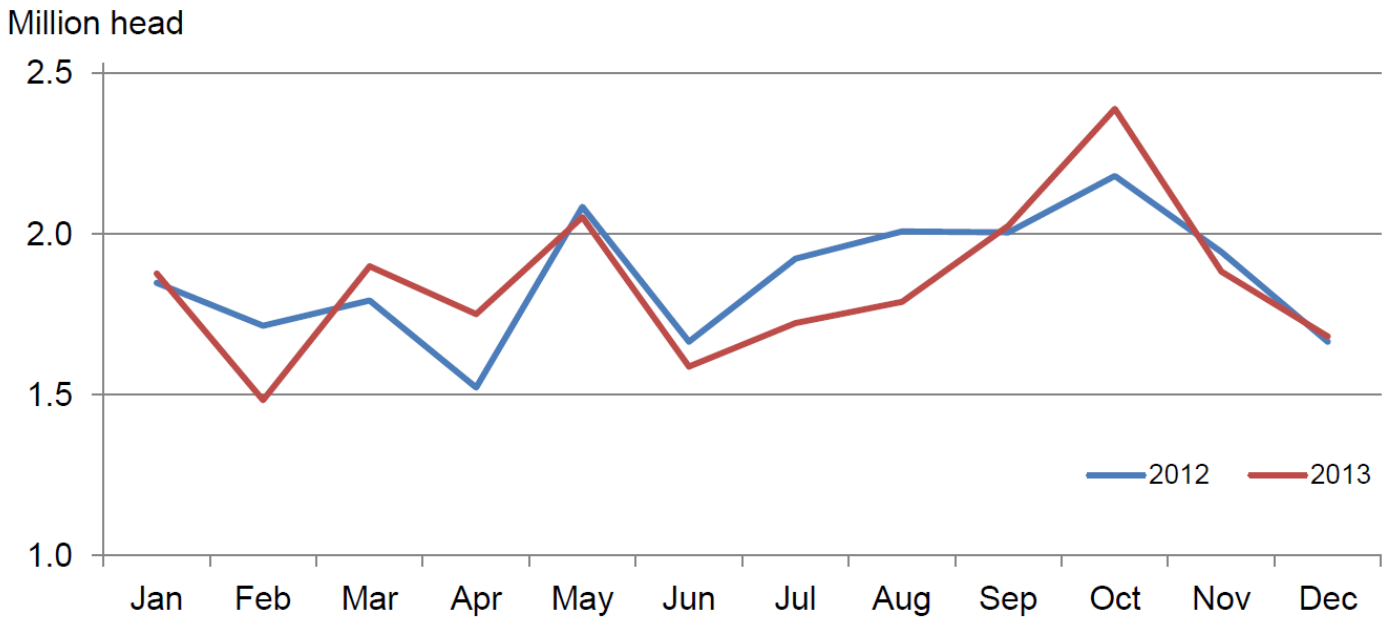
Marketings of fed cattle during December totaled 1.74 million, 1 percent below 2012.

Other disappearance totaled 77,000 during December, 4 percent above 2012.

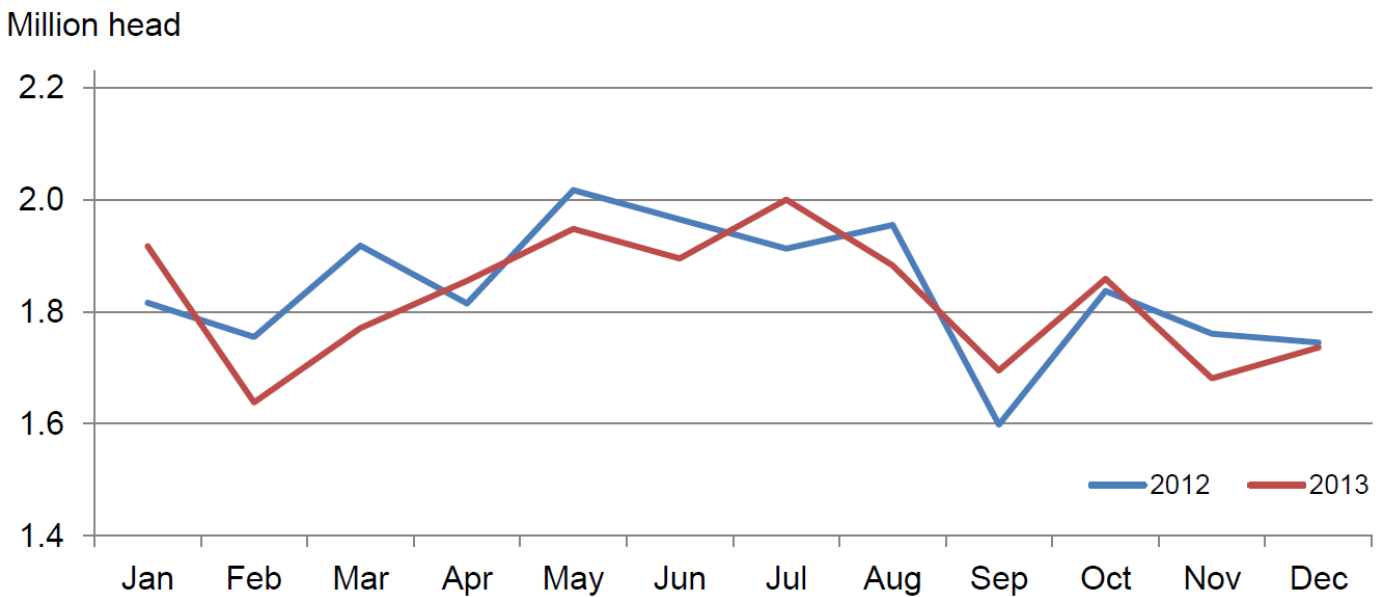
Cattle on Feed Inventory on 1,000+ Capacity Feedlots - United States



Number of Cattle Placed on 1,000+ Capacity Feedlots - United States



Number of Cattle Marketed on 1,000+ Capacity Feedlots - United States



2014 Actual Slaughter Under Federal Inspection
([Available Here](#))

	Total Cattle (Thou. Hd)	Beef Production (Mil Lbs)	Av. Live Weight (Lbs)	Av. Dressed Weight (Lbs)
Jan 1 – Feb. 14, 2014	3,951	3,165.5	1,337	803
% changed from 2013	-5.7%	-5.4%	0.6%	0.2%

Weekly Estimated Slaughter Statistics
Weekly Livestock, Meat and Grain Highlights
([Available Here](#))
As of February 10, 2014

	This Week	Change from Last Week	Change from Year Ago
Hogs			
Weekly Est. Hog Slaughter	2,171,000	1.8%	1.4%
YTD. Est. Hog Slaughter	12,051,000		-3.8%
Cattle			
Weekly Est. Cattle Slaughter	561,000	-0.9%	-5.2%
YTD Est. Cattle Slaughter	3,189,000		-9.1%

USDA Weekly Export Sales Statistics For the Week Ending February 6, 2014 ([Available Here](#))

Hides and Skins: Net sales of 183,200 pieces for 2014 were down 62 percent from the previous week and 65 percent from the prior 4-week average. Whole cattle hide sales of 189,100 pieces were primarily for China (116,800 pieces), South Korea (27,500 pieces), Taiwan (12,400 pieces), Japan (12,000 pieces), and Mexico (11,600 pieces). Exports of 320,200 pieces were down 39 percent from the previous week and 33 percent from the prior 4-week average. Whole cattle hide exports totaled 310,200 pieces, with the primary destinations being China (208,000 pieces), South Korea (48,000 pieces), Taiwan (23,000 pieces), Mexico (7,600 pieces), and Thailand (7,600 pieces).

Net sales of 91,200 wet blues for 2014 were reported for China (32,200 unsplit and 100 grain splits), Vietnam (32,000 unsplit), Mexico (15,900 grain splits), and Uruguay (6,400 unsplit). Exports of 129,100 wet blues were primarily to China (38,700 unsplit and 2,000 grain splits), Italy (25,200 unsplit and 8,600 grain splits), Vietnam (23,000 unsplit), and Mexico (12,900 grain splits and 800 unsplit). Net sales reductions of splits totaling 71,600 pounds for 2014 were for South Korea. Exports of 459,300 pounds were to South Korea (409,300 pounds) and Taiwan (50,000 pounds).

WEEKLY NET SALES ACTIVITY COUNTRY	WHOLE				WET BLUES		
	CATTLE HIDES 1601	CALF SKINS 1602	KIP SKINS 1603	CROUPONS 1604	UNSPLIT 1606	GRAIN SPLIT 1607	DROP SPLITS 1608
	THOUSAND UNITS						
ITALY	--0.3		--5.8		0.8		
NETHLDS			--0.1				
SLOVENIA	1.4						
JAPAN	12.0						
TAIWAN	12.4				--0.1		
CHINA	116.8				32.2	0.1	
HG KONG	--0.3				--0.1		
KOR REP	27.5					0.1	--71.6
THAILND	8.0						
VIETNAM					32.0		
DOM REP					4.0		
MEXICO	11.6					15.9	
URUGUAY					6.4		
NET SALES	189.1	0.0	--5.9	0.0	75.2	16.0	--71.6
WEEKLY EXPORTS	310.2	0.0	10.0	0.0	97.7	31.4	459.3
ACCUM. EXPORTS	2,233.6	0.0	28.0	0.0	471.7	183.6	2,471.7
OUTSTANDING SALES	2,940.0	6.7	44.3	0.0	503.8	142.2	2,105.9