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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. – Feb. 2013	Jan. – Feb. 2014	% Chg	Jan. – Feb. 2013	Jan. – Feb. 2014	% Chng
World	5,697,949	5,922,600	4%	295,784	297,488	1%
China/HK	3,406,237	3,599,622	6%	183,057	190,408	4%
Korea	1,117,020	884,052	-21%	61,669	46,357	-25%
Taiwan	330,536	460,321	39%	17,545	21,739	24%
EU-28	214,532	450,159	110%	7,133	14,868	108%
Mexico	224,601	196,026	-13%	10,795	10,001	-7%
Japan	119,341	126,258	6%	4,070	4,313	6%
Thailand	55,990	65,341	17%	2,968	3,500	18%
Vietnam	130,754	68,368	-48%	6,360	3,256	-49%
Turkey	39,660	43,774	10%	506	2,001	295%
Dom. Rep.	0	6,681	-	0	301	-
Canada	15,080	5,248	-65%	898	274	-69%
Israel	19,273	7,862	-59%	277	193	-30%
Pakistan	7,000	2,275	-68%	124	116	-6%
Colombia	0	3,451	-	0	104	-
India	0	2,627	-	0	29	-
Bahamas	0	365	-	0	18	-
Australia	0	170	-	0	10	-

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 investing these discrepancies.

Export Numbers for U.S. Pig Skins

Number of Pieces/Thousand \$U.S.

	Number of Pieces			Value Thousand \$		
	Jan. – Feb. 2013	Jan. – Feb. 2014	% Chg	Jan. – Feb. 2013	Jan. – Feb 2014	% Chng
World Total	871,383	1,062,484	22%	9,881	9,770	-1%
Mexico	435,060	396,604	-9%	5,099	4,407	-14%
Taiwan	236,844	414,960	75%	2,936	2,909	-1%
Thailand	56,000	121,100	116%	525	1,192	127%
Vietnam	92,800	103,699	12%	876	1,007	15%
EU-28	33,250	24,500	-26%	331	206	-38%
Japan	13,914	1,621	-88%	92	49	-47%

Export Numbers for U.S. Wet Blue Hides

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

	Number of Pieces			Value Thousand \$		
	Jan. – Feb. 2013	Jan. – Feb. 2014	% Chg	Jan. – Feb. 2013	Jan. – Feb 2014	% Chng
World Total	2,303,580	2,565,230	11%	127,860	142,937	12%
China/HK	877,713	999,699	14%	52,033	56,903	9%
EU-28	473,538	454,616	-4%	26,954	28,010	4%
Vietnam	167,784	351,661	110%	9,678	21,237	119%
Mexico	350,900	299,234	-15%	10,101	10,527	4%
Thailand	22,884	123,858	441%	1,309	7,792	495%
Taiwan	123,295	144,545	17%	7,772	7,574	-3%
Dom. Rep.	94,305	76,887	-18%	5,849	4,368	-25%
Korea	156,207	66,861	-57%	11,871	3,717	-69%
Uruguay	13,544	24,503	81%	1,309	1,402	7%
India	16,923	15,614	-8%	823	1,015	23%
Japan	2,887	7,752	169%	136	395	190%

***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 March 21, 2014

United States Cattle on Feed Down 1 Percent

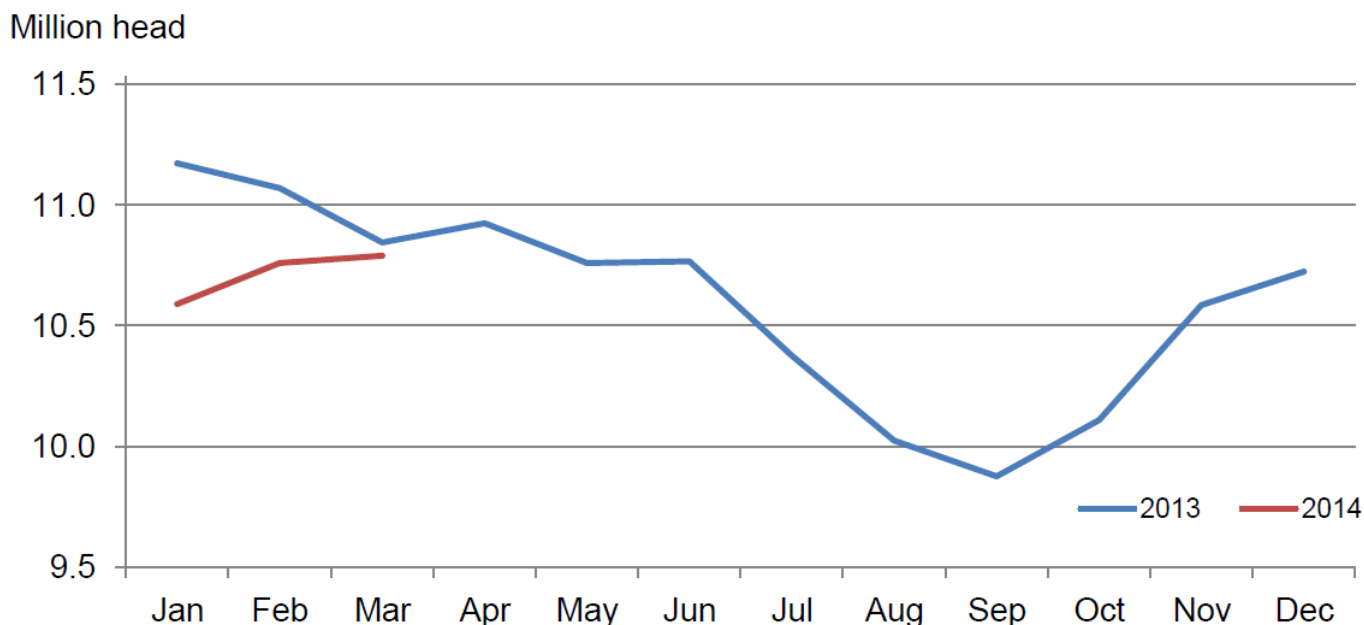
Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter market in the United States for feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head totaled 10.8 million head on March 1, 2014. The inventory was 1 percent below March 1, 2013.

Placements in feedlots during February totaled 1.65 million, 15 percent above 2013. Net placements were 1.58 million head. During February, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 390,000, 600-699 pounds were 330,000, 700-799 pounds were 415,000, and 800 pounds and greater were 515,000.

Marketings of fed cattle during February totaled 1.55 million, 3 percent below 2013. Marketings for February are the lowest for the month since the data series began in 1996.

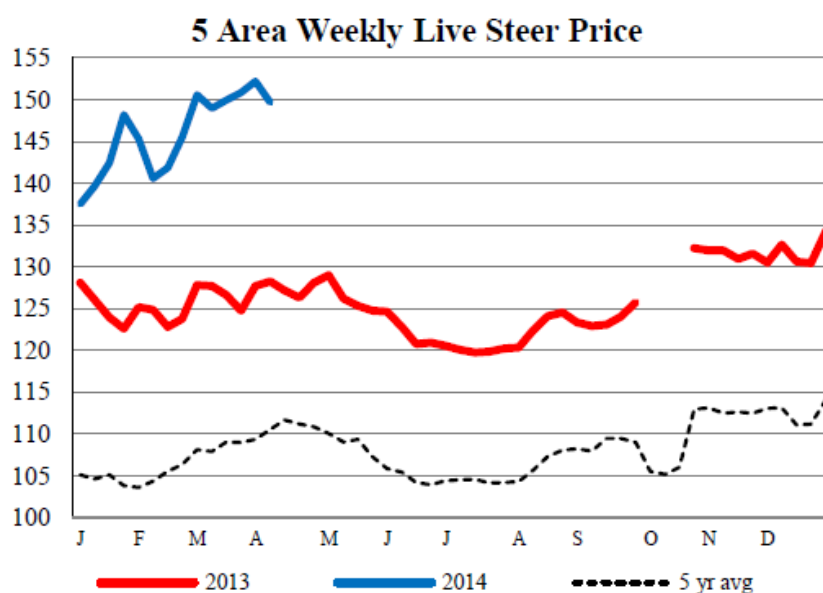
Other disappearance totaled 71,000 during February, 18 percent above 2013.

Cattle on Feed Inventory 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 – April 11, 2014	8,485	6,784	1,333	801
% changed from 2013	-5.0%	-4.4%	1.0%	0.6%



Weekly Estimated Slaughter Statistics Weekly Livestock, Meat and Grain Highlights ([Available Here](#)) As of April 14, 2014

	This Week	Change from Last Week	Change from Year Ago
Hogs			
Weekly Est. Hog Slaughter	2,020,000	-0.5%	-2.8%
YTD. Est. Hog Slaughter	30,601,000		-3.9%
Cattle			
Weekly Est. Cattle Slaughter	573,000	-1.7%	-5.6%
YTD Est. Cattle Slaughter	8,288,000		-6.3%

USDA Weekly Export Sales Statistics For the Week Ending April 3, 2014 ([Available Here](#))

Hides and Skins: Net sales of 450,400 pieces reported for 2014 were up 15 percent from the previous week, but down 3 percent from the prior 4-week average. Whole cattle hide sales of 450,300 pieces were primarily for China (287,500 pieces), South Korea (64,100 pieces), Thailand (44,100 pieces), Taiwan (30,700 pieces), and Hong Kong (11,600 pieces). Decreases were reported for the Netherlands (3,100 pieces). Exports of 372,100 pieces were down 24 percent from the previous week and 26 percent from the prior 4-week average. Whole cattle hides exports totaled 367,000 pieces, with the primary destinations being China (219,300 pieces), South Korea (89,000 pieces), Taiwan (21,200 pieces), Thailand (10,900 pieces), and Mexico (10,800 pieces).

Net sales of 129,500 wet blues for 2014 were reported for China (55,400 unsplit and 9,500 grain splits), Mexico (21,300 grain splits), Italy (14,500 unsplit), and Taiwan (11,400 unsplit). Exports of 164,900 wet blues were primarily to China (57,000 unsplit and 6,300 grain splits), Italy (19,300 unsplit and 7,200 grain splits), Vietnam (26,300 unsplit), Mexico (20,400 grain splits and 4,600 unsplit), Taiwan (6,900 unsplit), and the Dominican Republic (3,200 unsplit and 2,200 grain splits). Net sales of splits totaling 133,300 pounds for 2014 were reported for Hong Kong (79,300 pounds), South Korea (57,700 pounds), and India (4,500 pounds). Decreases were reported for Vietnam (8,200 pounds). Exports of 710,300 pounds were reported to South Korea (517,300 pounds), Hong Kong (150,000 pounds) and China (43,000 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	2.5	0.1			14.5		
NETHLDS	--3.1						
JAPAN	3.3						
TAIWAN	30.7				11.4		
CHINA	287.5				55.4	9.5	
INDIA					1.3	2.4	4.5
HG KONG	11.6				0.9		79.3
KOR REP	64.1					1.1	57.7
THAILND	44.1				--0.1		
VIETNAM					9.6		--8.2
DOM REP						2.2	
MEXICO	9.6					21.3	
NET SALES	450.3	0.1	0.0	0.0	93.0	36.5	133.3
WEEKLY EXPORTS	367.0	2.1	3.1	0.0	128.6	36.2	710.3
ACCUM. EXPORTS	5,987.1	4.0	61.2	0.0	1,239.6	438.3	7,379.6
OUTSTANDING SALES	2,955.9	11.9	38.0	0.0	504.3	161.0	4,631.7