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## California Snowpack Offering Dry Outlook

### Audio with Fresno County Farm Bureau CEO/Executive Director Ryan Jacobsen

So far not so good when it comes to snowpack and water allocations in California. Another snow survey is set in Northern California this week.

That survey will help water managers to determine how much water will runoff from the mountains and into reservoirs during the spring snowmelt. The first survey in early January found virtually no snow because of a very dry December.

But the California Department of Water Resources did increase water allocations from 15% to now 20% for most state water project contractors.

Fresno County Farm Bureau CEO/Executive Director Ryan Jacobsen is worried about the impact a dry year will have on valley agriculture, following a drought breaking wet season just a year ago...tape

Cut #1 :51 OC:... "at this point."

The impact will most likely be seen on the west side of the San Joaquin valley, where row crops need a reliable and affordable supply of water...tape

Cut #2 :49 OC:... "look too great."

Even though California producers are better prepared to grow with less water following years of drought, Jacobsen reminds us that it still takes water to farm...tape

Cut #3 :54 OC:... "growers out there."

That's Fresno County Farm Bureau CEO/Executive Director Ryan Jacobsen.

Cattle and calves on feed for the slaughter market in the United States for feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head totaled 11.5 million head on January 1, 2018. The inventory was 8 percent above January 1, 2017. The inventory included 7.34 million steers and steer calves, up 4 percent from the previous year. This group accounted for 64 percent of the total inventory. Heifers and heifer calves accounted for 4.15 million head, up 16 percent from 2017.

Placements in feedlots during December totaled 1.80 million head, 1 percent above 2016. Net placements were 1.73 million head. During December, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 470,000 head, 600-699 pounds were 410,000 head, 700-799 pounds were 445,000 head, and 800-899 pounds were 279,000 head, 900-999 pounds were 100,000 head, and 1,000 pounds and greater were 95,000 head.

Marketings of fed cattle during December totaled 1.75 million head, 1 percent below 2016.

Other disappearance totaled 74,000 head during December, 35 percent above 2016.

Cattle and calves on feed for the slaughter market in California for feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head totaled 490,000 head on January 1, 2018. The inventory was 4 percent above last month and 14 percent above January 1, 2017. During December, placements in feedlots totaled 83,000 head, up 28 percent from the previous year. Marketings of fed cattle during December totaled 60,000 head, up 15 percent from December 2016. Other disappearance totaled 3,000 head during December, unchanged from December 2016.