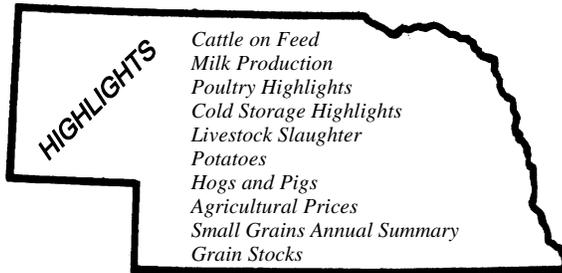


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## 7 STATES CATTLE ON FEED UP 10%

Cattle and calves on feed September 1, 2000, in the 7 Monthly States for feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head totaled 8.98 million, up 10% from the previous year and 16% above September 1, 1998. Placements in feedlots during August totaled 2.09 million, slightly above 1999 and 18% above 1998. Marketings during August totaled 1.89 million, 8% above 1999 and 12% above 1998. Other disappearance during August was 36,000 head, 14% below 1999 and 1998.

## NEBRASKA CATTLE ON FEED UP 13%

Nebraska feedlots, with capacities of 1,000 or more head had 1.92 million cattle on feed on September 1, up 13% from last year and 26% above two years ago. Fed cattle marketings for the month of August totaled 410,000 head, up 5% from last year and 8% above two years ago. Placements of cattle into feedlots during August totaled 495,000 head. This was down 1% from last year but 10% above 1998. Other disappearance during August totaled 5,000 head compared with 10,000 head during both August 1999 and August 1998.

## U.S. CATTLE ON FEED UP 9%

Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter market in the United States for feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head totaled 10.38 million head on September 1, 2000. The inventory was 9% above September 1, 1999 and 15% above September 1, 1998. Placements in feedlots during August totaled 2.44 million, slightly above 1999 and 18% above 1998. Net placements were 2.39 million. Marketings of fed cattle during August totaled 2.19 million, 7% above 1999 and 11% above 1998. Other disappearance totaled 49,000 during August, 11% below 1999 and 6% below 1998.

### INVENTORIES, PLACEMENTS, MARKETINGS & OTHER DISAPPEARANCE, 1,000+ CAPACITY FEEDLOTS

STATE	SEPTEMBER 1			AUGUST			AUGUST			AUGUST		
	NUMBER ON FEED <sup>1/</sup>			PLACEMENTS			MARKETINGS			OTHER DISAPPEAR. <sup>2/</sup>		
	1999	2000	00/99	1999	2000	00/99	1999	2000	00/99	1999	2000	00/99
	1,000 head			1,000 head			1,000 head			1,000 head		
			%			%			%			%
Arizona*	200	257	129	29	29	100	22	33	150	1	1	100
California*	375	415	111	60	56	93	55	57	104	5	4	80
Colorado*	960	1,080	113	255	300	118	250	265	106	5	5	100
Idaho	285	290	102	79	73	92	58	60	103	1	3	300
Iowa*	300	330	110	56	51	91	45	50	111	1	1	100
Kansas*	2,090	2,220	106	575	530	92	465	490	105	10	10	100
<b>Nebraska*</b>	1,700	1,920	113	500	495	99	390	410	105	10	5	50
New Mexico	81	90	111	14	18	129	14	17	121	2	4	200
Oklahoma	350	375	107	98	98	100	70	76	109	3	2	67
So. Dakota	110	128	116	21	35	167	35	32	91	1	1	100
Texas*	2,560	2,760	108	610	630	103	520	580	112	10	10	100
Washington	215	204	95	66	58	88	49	47	96	4	1	25
Other Sts	310	315	102	65	67	103	73	70	96	2	2	100
U.S.	9,536	10,384	109	2,428	2,440	100	2,046	2,187	107	55	49	89

<sup>1/</sup> Cattle and calves on feed are animals for slaughter market being fed a ration of grain or other concentrates and are expected to produce a carcass that will grade select or better.

<sup>2/</sup> Includes death losses, movement from feedlots to pastures and shipments to other feedlots for further feeding.

\* Historical 7 States.

### NEBRASKA CATTLE ON FEED DATA USE

Recently Nebraska Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) was asked to provide data that would help determine the feasibility of possible economic development in South Central Nebraska. The request was for the number of cattle placed on feed in feedlots during 1999. NASS estimated, in 1999, that 350,000 head were placed in Dawson County and 810,000 head were placed in the surrounding counties which include Custer, Buffalo, Phelps, Gosper, Frontier, and Lincoln. This information was compiled from cattle feeders in this area through the monthly Cattle on Feed Survey.

## AUGUST MILK PRODUCTION

Milk production in the 20 major States during August totaled 12.0 billion pounds, up 4.0% from production in these same States in August 1999. July revised production, at 12.2 billion pounds was up 5.4% from July 1999.

Production per cow in the 20 major States averaged 1,530 pounds for August, 43 pounds above August 1999.

The number of cows on farms in the 20 major States was 7.84 million head, 89,000 head more than August 1999 and 10,000 head more than July 2000.

## U.S. COLD STORAGE HIGHLIGHTS

Frozen food stocks in refrigerated warehouses on August 31, 2000 were greater than the year earlier levels for, fruit, red meat, and potatoes. Stocks on August 31 for selected items and changes from last year and last month follow:

Commodity	Stocks 1,000 lbs.	Percent of	
		Aug. 1999	July 2000
Total red meats . . .	852,312	102	99
Beef . . . . .	377,857	100	104
Pork . . . . .	447,968	104	95
Poultry . . . . .	1,336,689	93	99
Turkey . . . . .	524,604	90	100
Chicken . . . . .	807,020	95	98

### POULTRY HIGHLIGHTS -AUGUST

Item	1999	2000	2000 % of 1999
<b>No. of Layers</b>			
NEBRASKA . . . . .	11,293	12,048	107
30 States . . . . .	301,048	305,373	101
U.S. . . . .	320,173	325,485	102
<b>Eggs Produced</b>			
Millions			
NEBRASKA . . . . .	239	260	109
30 States . . . . .	6,549	6,601	102
U.S. . . . .	7,100	6,971	102
<b>Chickens, U.S.</b>			
Hatched, August			
Egg-type . . . . .	35.5	34.3	97
Broiler . . . . .	741.7	739.9	100
Hatched thru August			
Egg-type . . . . .	306.7	290.7	95
Broiler . . . . .	5,893.0	5,953.2	101
<b>Turkeys, U.S.</b>			
Placed (August) . . . . .	24.8	25.4	103

### COMMERCIAL LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTER

August 2000 output and changes from last year and last month are shown below. August 2000 contained 23 weekdays and four Saturdays. August 1999 also contained 22 weekdays and four Saturdays.

Item	Total <sup>1/</sup> (1,000)	Percent of	
		August 1999	July 2000
<u>NEBRASKA</u>			
Cattle, head . . . . .	703.1	107	110
Hogs, head . . . . .	545.3	101	115
Sheep & Lambs, head	.1	50	100
Red Meat, mil. lbs. . . . .	652.2	110	112
<u>UNITED STATES</u>			
Cattle, head . . . . .	3,259.6	103	110
Calves, head . . . . .	99.8	84	101
Hogs, head . . . . .	8,622.3	103	117
Sheep & Lambs, head	283.3	96	116
Red Meat, mil. lbs. . . . .	4,113.9	105	113

<sup>1/</sup> Excludes animals slaughtered on farms.

### POTATOES BY SEASONAL GROUPS, NEBRASKA & U.S., 1997-1999

SEASONAL GROUP	Area Planted			Area Harvested			Yield			Production		
	1997	1998	1999	1997	1998	1999	1997	1998	1999	1997	1998	1999
	1,000 acres			1,000 acres			Cwt.			1,000 cwt.		
<b>SUMMER</b>												
Nebraska . . . . .	4.2	4.5	4.9	4.1	4.4	4.5	390	365	360	1,599	1,606	1,620
U.S. . . . .	67.9	73.0	68.9	65.0	68.1	64.0	280	278	296	18,171	18,933	18,972
<b>FALL</b>												
Nebraska . . . . .	20.0	22.0	21.6	19.9	21.8	21.2	390	375	420	7,761	8,175	8,904
U.S. . . . .	1,210.1	1,235.1	1,203.0	1,185.1	1,214.0	1,166.1	357	356	369	423,190	432,737	429,847
<b>ALL POTATOES</b>												
Nebraska . . . . .	24.2	26.5	26.5	24.0	26.2	25.7	390	373	409	9,360	9,781	10,524
U.S. . . . .	1,383.5	1,416.6	1,376.8	1,353.6	1,387.7	1,332.4	345	343	359	467,091	475,771	478,216

### POTATOES: PRODUCTION, DISPOSITION AND VALUE, NEBRASKA & U.S., 1998-1999

Year	Production	Total Used for Seed	Farm Disposition			Price per Cwt.	Value of	
			Where Grown		Sold		Production	Sales
			Seed, Feed, Home	Shrink and Loss				
			1,000 cwt.			Dollars	1,000 dollars	
<b>1998</b>								
Nebraska . . . . .	9,781	575	166	963	8,652	4.95	48,511	42,854
U.S. . . . .	475,771	29,217	5,766	35,454	434,551	5.56	2,633,198	2,415,756
<b>1999</b>								
Nebraska . . . . .	10,524	598	209	793	9,522	4.95	52,175	47,212
U.S. . . . .	478,216	29,726	5,538	35,562	437,116	5.77	2,745,712	2,522,286

## HOGS AND PIGS

Nebraska pork producers had an estimated 3.1 million hogs and pigs on hand September 1, 2000. This number was up 5% from a year earlier but 9% below two years ago. Hogs and pigs kept for breeding, at 400,000, were up 11% from last year but down 5% from two years ago. Market hogs, at 2.7 million, were 4% above last year.

Inventory of all hogs and pigs in the United States was estimated at 60.2 million head on September 1, 2000. This was 1% below September 1999, but 1% above June 1, 2000 inventories. Breeding hog inventory, at 6.27 million head, was down 1% from September 1, 1999, but up 1% from June 1, 2000. Market hog inventory was 1% below last year.

### HOGS AND PIGS: INVENTORY, SEPTEMBER 1; SOWS FARROWING AND PIG CROP, 1999-2000

Item	NEBRASKA			17 STATES			UNITED STATES		
	1999	2000	2000 % of 1999	1999	2000	2000 % of 1999	1999	2000	2000 % of 1999
	1,000 head			1,000 head			1,000 head		
<b>On Farms - September 1:</b>									
All hogs and pigs	2,950	3,100	105	56,740	56,340	99	60,776	60,185	99
For breeding	360	400	111	5,810	5,770	99	6,301	6,266	99
Market	2,590	2,700	104	50,930	50,570	99	54,474	53,920	99
<b>Market hogs &amp; pigs</b>									
<b>by weight groups:</b>									
Under 60 pounds	1,070	1,130	106	18,965	18,830	99	20,243	20,041	99
60-119 pounds	600	670	112	12,565	12,450	99	13,414	13,275	99
120-179 pounds	520	510	98	10,380	10,340	100	11,129	11,047	99
180 pounds and over	400	390	98	9,020	8,950	99	9,689	9,557	99
<b>Sows Farrowed:</b>									
December 1/-February	165	160	97	2,671	2,586	97	2,891	2,798	97
March-May	165	155	94	2,759	2,683	97	2,986	2,900	97
June-August	150	160	107	2,700	2,688	100	2,920	2,903	99
September-November	160	*160	100	2,630	*2,672	102	2,844	*2,883	101
TOTAL	640	635	99	10,760	10,629	99	11,641	11,484	99
<b>Pigs Saved:</b>									
December 1/-February	1,411	1,400	99	23,365	22,699	97	25,247	24,522	97
March-May	1,419	1,380	97	24,302	23,885	98	26,270	25,786	98
June-August	1,298	1,440	111	23,962	23,798	99	25,860	25,681	99
September-November	1,400	---	---	23,113	---	---	24,972	---	---
TOTAL PIG CROP	5,528	---	---	94,742	---	---	102,349	---	---
Item	2000	2001	2001 % of 2000	2000	2001	2001 % of 2000	2000	2001	2001 % of 2000
<b>Sows Farrowed:</b>									
December 1/-February	160	*170	106	2,586	*2,681	104	2,798	*2,894	103

1/ December preceding year. \* Intentions.

## U.S. INDEX OF PRICES RECEIVED

The preliminary All Farm Products Index of Prices Received in September by Farmers in the United States was 99 based on 1990-92=100, up 1 point (1%) from August. Higher prices for lettuce, broilers, milk, and tobacco were partially offset by the decrease in prices for eggs, hogs, potatoes, and grapes. The seasonal change in the mix of commodities farmers sell often affects the overall index. Lower seasonal marketings of cattle, broilers, grapes, and wheat were partially offset

by higher marketings of soybeans, peanuts, corn, apples, and potatoes. These marketing changes kept the index from increasing more than 1 point.

Compared with September 1999, the All Farm Products Index was 3 points (3.1%) higher. Price increases from September 1999 for lettuce, hogs, broilers, and cattle were partially offset by lower prices for milk, corn, oranges, and wheat.

### AVERAGE PRICES RECEIVED BY FARMERS

COMMODITY	Unit	NEBRASKA			UNITED STATES				
		Sept. 1999 1/	August 2000 1/	Sept. 15, 2000	Sept. 1999 1/	August 2000 1/	Sept. 15, 2000	% of Parity	Parity Price*
Wheat	Bu.	\$ 2.27	\$ 2.29	\$ 2.50	\$ 2.58	\$ 2.41	\$ 2.43	25	9.60
Corn	Bu.	1.67	1.52	1.55	1.75	1.53	1.55	23	6.62
Oats	Bu.	1.15	1.36	1.30	1.08	.94	.995	30	3.36
Grain Sorghum	Cwt.	2.77	2.50	2.55	2.82	2.73	2.69	26	10.40
Soybeans	Bu.	4.42	4.34	4.46	4.57	4.45	4.54	33	13.80
Hay, All, Baled	Ton	34.00	57.00	62.00	76.60	80.50	82.70	---	---
Alfalfa, Baled	Ton	35.00	61.00	64.00	79.80	83.90	87.20	---	---
Other, Baled	Ton	32.00	47.00	54.00	66.00	68.50	67.80	---	---
Dry Edible Beans	Cwt.	18.00	16.20	16.60	18.10	13.90	14.50	30	49.00
Hogs	Cwt.	35.80	47.10	43.50	33.90	43.80	41.60	41	101.00
Barrows & Gilts	Cwt.	35.90	47.20	43.70	34.40	44.40	42.00	---	---
Sows	Cwt.	26.90	37.50	35.50	22.80	34.40	33.00	---	---
Beef Cattle	Cwt.	65.90	65.50	66.50	63.80	65.50	65.70	43	154.00
Steers & Heifers	Cwt.	66.60	66.10	67.30	67.10	68.00	68.70	---	---
Cows	Cwt.	34.40	40.00	39.50	34.60	39.00	37.30	---	---
Calves	Cwt.	91.00	112.00	107.00	90.90	106.00	104.00	53	197.00
Sheep	Cwt.	33.80	34.10	n/a	29.20	30.70	---	---	67.10
Lambs	Cwt.	71.30	78.00	n/a	75.30	83.60	---	---	162.00
All Milk	Cwt.	14.70	2/	2/	15.70	12.60	12.90	40	31.40
Milk, Fluid	Cwt.	14.70	2/	---	15.70	12.60	12.90	---	---
Milk, Mfg.	Cwt.	14.00	2/	---	15.10	10.70	11.10	---	---

1/ Entire month average except hay. 2/ Monthly and mid-month prices discontinued January 2000. \*Parity price based on data for September 2000. n/a = not available.

**SMALL GRAIN ANNUAL SUMMARY -- NEBRASKA AND THE UNITED STATES**

Classification	NEBRASKA			UNITED STATES		
	1998	1999	2000	1998	1999	2000
<b>All Wheat:</b>						
Planted . . . . . 1,000 Acres	1,900	1,900	1,750	65,821	62,714	62,529
Harvested . . . . . 1,000 Acres	1,800	1,700	1,650	59,002	53,823	53,228
Yield . . . . . Bushels	46.0	48.0	36.0	43.2	42.7	42.1
Production . . . . . 1,000 Bushels	82,800	81,600	59,400	2,547,321	2,299,010	2,239,240
<b>Oats:</b>						
Planted . . . . . 1,000 Acres	170	135	130	4,892	4,673	4,477
Harvested . . . . . 1,000 Acres	95	75	45	2,755	2,453	2,334
Yield . . . . . Bushels	56.0	62.0	42.0	60.2	59.6	64.4
Production . . . . . 1,000 Bushels	5,320	4,650	1,890	165,981	146,193	150,300
<b>Barley:</b>						
Planted . . . . . 1,000 Acres	10	5	10	6,337	5,194	5,844
Harvested . . . . . 1,000 Acres	8	3	6	5,864	4,734	5,211
Yield . . . . . Bushels	50.0	48.0	27.0	60.0	59.2	61.4
Production . . . . . 1,000 Bushels	400	144	162	352,125	280,292	320,195
<b>Rye:</b>						
Planted . . . . . 1,000 Acres	30	45	1/	1,566	1,582	1,335
Harvested . . . . . 1,000 Acres	12	15	1/	418	383	302
Yield . . . . . Bushels	24.0	27.0	1/	29.1	28.8	28.5
Production . . . . . 1,000 Bushels	288	405	1/	12,161	11,038	8,619

1/ Estimates not published individually beginning in 2000.

**STOCKS OF GRAIN**

Grain and Position	NEBRASKA				UNITED STATES			
	Sept. 1, 1998	Sept. 1, 1999	Sept. 1, 2000	2000 1999	Sept. 1, 1998	Sept. 1, 1999	Sept. 1, 2000	2000 1999
	Thousand bushels				Thousand bushels			
				%				%
<b>Corn</b>								
On Farms . . . . .	75,000	120,000	105,000	88	640,000	797,000	793,000	99
Off Farms 1/ . . . . .	97,377	159,889	125,059	78	667,803	989,977	922,195	93
Total . . . . .	172,377	279,889	230,059	82	1,307,803	1,786,977	1,715,195	96
<b>All Wheat</b>								
On Farms . . . . .	26,000	27,000	19,000	70	885,720	888,060	822,690	93
Off Farms 1/ . . . . .	68,202	75,940	69,602	92	1,499,595	1,556,983	1,542,929	99
Total . . . . .	94,202	102,940	88,602	86	2,385,315	2,445,043	2,365,619	97
<b>Soybeans</b>								
On Farms . . . . .	4,200	7,600	8,000	105	84,300	145,000	112,500	78
Off Farms 1/ . . . . .	8,478	11,994	14,335	120	115,499	203,482	175,178	86
Total . . . . .	12,678	19,594	22,335	114	199,799	348,482	287,678	83
<b>Sorghum</b>								
On Farms . . . . .	2,700	4,900	2,500	51	13,700	13,800	12,200	88
Off Farms 1/ . . . . .	6,941	11,582	10,697	92	35,203	51,363	53,173	104
Total . . . . .	9,641	16,482	13,197	80	48,903	65,163	65,373	100
<b>Oats</b>								
On Farms . . . . .	3,500	4,000	1,500	38	110,300	97,300	101,900	105
Off Farms 1/ . . . . .	2/	2/	2/	2/	51,502	51,151	49,157	96
Total . . . . .	2/	2/	2/	2/	161,802	148,451	151,057	102

1/ Includes stocks at mills, elevators, warehouses, terminals, and processors. 2/ Not published to avoid disclosure of individual operations.

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