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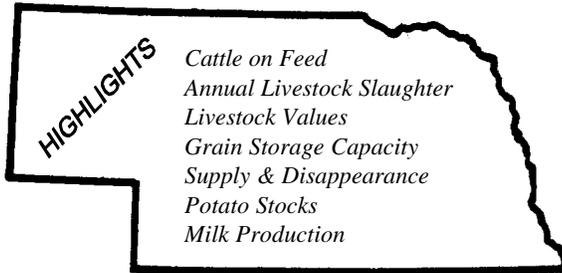
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NEBRASKA CATTLE ON FEED UP 3%

Nebraska cattle feeders, with a capacities of 1,000 or more head, contained 2.38 million cattle on feed on March 1. This inventory was up 3% from 2000 and 10% above March 1, 1999. Placements during February totaled 310,000 head, down 21% from last year and 24% below February two years ago. Fed cattle marketings for the month of February totaled 350,000 head, down 20% from last year and 10% below two years ago. Other disappearance during February totaled 10,000 head, compared with 10,000 head during February 2000 and 10,000 head during February 1999.

Dear producers and other data users:

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7 STATES AND U.S. CATTLE ON FEED

Cattle on feed March 1, 2001, in the historic seven monthly States for feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head totaled 10.01 million, up 3% from the previous year and 13% above March 1, 1999. During February, placements were down 17% and marketings were down 16% from a year ago.

Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter market in the United States for feed lots with capacity of 1,000 or more head totaled 11.70 million head on March 1, 2001. During February, placements were down 16% and marketings were down 15% from a year ago.

CATTLE ON FEED: INVENTORIES, PLACEMENTS, MARKETINGS & OTHER DISAPPEARANCE, 1,000+ CAPACITY FEEDLOTS

STATE	MARCH 1 NUMBER ON FEED ^{1/}			FEBRUARY PLACEMENTS			FEBRUARY MARKETINGS			FEBRUARY OTHER DISAPPEARANCE ^{2/}		
	2000	2001	<u>2001</u> 2000	2000	2001	<u>2001</u> 2000	2000	2001	<u>2001</u> 2000	2000	2001	<u>2001</u> 2000
	1,000 head		%	1,000 head		%	1,000 head		%	1,000 head		%
Arizona* . . .	275	307	112	27	41	152	24	28	117	3	8	267
California *	405	440	109	50	55	110	52	50	96	8	10	125
Colorado *..	1,180	1,190	101	250	195	78	265	225	85	5	10	200
Idaho	305	320	105	70	59	84	57	62	109	8	2	25
Iowa *	375	385	103	39	45	115	48	44	92	1	1	100
Kansas * . . .	2,320	2,470	106	420	335	80	430	350	81	10	15	150
Nebraska *	2,310	2,380	103	390	310	79	440	350	80	10	10	100
New Mexico	105	111	106	10	5	50	15	10	67	3	0	
Oklahoma ..	400	390	98	54	42	78	69	58	84	5	4	80
So. Dakota ..	200	207	104	37	35	95	36	29	81	1	4	400
Texas *	2,830	2,840	100	430	350	81	490	430	88	10	10	100
Washington	210	245	117	50	52	104	45	47	104	6	3	50
Other Sts . . .	415	410	99	53	56	106	75	62	83	8	4	50
U. S	11,330	11,695	103	1,880	1,580	84	2,046	1,745	85	78	81	104

* Historic 7 states.

^{1/} 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.

^{2/} Includes death losses, movement from feedlots to pastures and shipments to other feedlots for further feeding.

COMMERCIAL CATTLE SLAUGHTER, TOP FIVE STATES, SELECTED YEARS

Rank	1990		1995		1997		1998		1999		2000	
	State	1,000 Head										
1.	Kansas	6,259	Kansas	7,113	NEBR.	7,408	Kansas	7,541	Kansas	8,033	Kansas	8,213
2.	NEBR.	5,882	NEBR.	6,769	Kansas	7,369	NEBR.	7,300	NEBR.	7,436	NEBR.	7,617
3.	Texas	5,681	Texas	6,455	Texas	6,615	Texas	6,767	Texas	6,735	Texas	6,606
4.	Colo.	2,079	Colo.	2,569	Colo.	2,595	Colo.	2,417	Colo.	2,653	Colo.	2,636
5.	Iowa	1,830	Iowa	1,765	Wisc.	1,643	Wisc.	1,650	Wisc.	1,719	Wisc.	1,735

**FEDERALLY INSPECTED PLANTS AND HEAD SLAUGHTERED: NUMBER
BY SPECIES, SELECTED STATES AND UNITED STATES, 2000 1/**

State	Cattle		Calves		Hogs		Sheep and Lambs	
	Plants	Head	Plants	Head	Plants	Head	Plants	Head
	Number	1,000	Number	1,000	Number	1,000	Number	1,000
California	24	1,032.7	15	118.0	15	2,197.6		
Colorado	20	2,628.4			17	12.3	17	1,195.9
Illinois	10	984.1	5	112.3	18	9,198.9		
Indiana	6	4.7	5	108.6	9	6,257.4	6	32.7
Iowa	6	661.0			19	27,651.4	3	489.0
Kansas	13	8,173.7			8	401.5	5	0.4
Kentucky	21	5.4			26	2,169.5	14	9.8
Minnesota	28	630.0			28	7,982.0	19	1.5
Nebraska	32	7,591.5			22	6,251.8		
Ohio	10	65.2	4	21.2	11	1,070.5		
Pennsylvania	115	988.0	65	182.4	102	2,469.0	91	59.7
South Dakota	7	266.1			7	3,983.5	5	15.4
Texas	32	6,565.9	10	22.6	26	247.0	18	443.8
Virginia	13	8.5	9	0.7	12	3,753.6	8	10.0
Wisconsin	13	1,698.5	5	151.5	9	388.6	5	1.1
U.S.	738	35,631.4	314	1,088.5	721	96,435.8	541	3,308.0

1/ Includes data from week ending January 8, 2000 thru December 30, 2000.

ANNUAL LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY SUMMARY -- NEBRASKA AND UNITED STATES

SPECIES	YEAR	NEBRASKA			UNITED STATES		
		NUMBER	VALUE		NUMBER	VALUE	
			Per Head	Total Value		Per Head	Total Value
		(000)	Dollars	(000) \$	(000)	Dollars	(000) \$
All Cattle (January 1)	1997	6,650	560.00	3,724,000	101,656	525.00	53,383,392
	1998	6,750	630.00	4,252,500	99,744	603.00	60,193,070
	1999	6,700	570.00	3,819,000	99,115	594.00	58,833,650
	2000 1/	6,650	670.00	4,455,500	98,198	683.00	67,099,440
	2001	6,600	710.00	4,686,000	97,309	725.00	70,552,530
Hogs & Pigs (December 1)	1996	3,550	95.00	337,250	56,124	94.00	5,280,742
	1997	3,500	90.00	315,000	61,158	82.00	4,985,532
	1998	3,400	46.00	156,400	62,206	44.00	2,765,847
	1999 1/	3,000	73.00	219,000	59,342	72.00	4,254,293
	2000	3,100	77.00	238,700	59,848	76.00	4,554,219
Sheep & Lambs (January 1)	1997	95	93.00	8,835	8,024	96.00	761,650
	1998	100	100.00	10,000	7,825	102.00	797,826
	1999	105	98.00	10,290	7,215	88.00	637,634
	2000	102	110.00	11,220	7,032	95.00	668,750
	2001	114	120.00	12,540	6,915	96.00	660,533
Chickens 2/ (December 1)	1996	11,493	2.10	24,135	392,737	2.65	1,039,071
	1997	12,126	2.10	25,465	410,030	2.72	1,113,183
	1998	13,219	2.10	27,760	425,045	2.69	1,143,835
	1999	13,846	1.70	23,538	436,343	2.65	1,154,898
	2000	13,895	1.80	25,011	434,687	2.43	1,058,252

1/ Revised. 2/ Excludes commercial broilers.

GRAIN STORAGE CAPACITY

There were 527 commercially licensed off-farm storage facilities in Nebraska as of December 1, 2000. Storage capacity for these facilities totaled 692.4 million bushels compared to 660.8 million bushels last year.

On-farm storage capacity in Nebraska is estimated at 1.04 billion bushels, up 1% from last year.

ON & OFF FARM GRAIN STORAGE CAPACITY, DECEMBER 1, 2000, SELECTED STATES & U.S.

STATE	STORAGE CAPACITY		
	On-Farm	Off-Farm	Total
Million bushels			
Colorado	175	126	301
Illinois	1,270	1,116	2,386
Indiana	640	381	1,021
Iowa	1,650	1,022	2,672
Kansas	390	875	1,265
Minnesota	1,225	495	1,720
Missouri	420	226	646
NEBRASKA	1,040	692	1,732
No. Dakota	710	244	954
Ohio	430	348	778
Oklahoma	90	240	330
So. Dakota	605	147	752
Texas	150	600	750
Wisconsin	405	218	623
U.S.	11,310	8,343	19,653

OFF-FARM GRAIN STORAGE CAPACITY NEBRASKA & UNITED STATES, 1999 & 2000

District	Storage Capacity ^{1/}		Net Change	2000 as % of 1999
	12/1/99	12/1/00		
1,000 bushels				
Northwest	30,799	34,984	4,185	114
North	16,244	21,173	4,929	130
Northeast	74,544	76,776	2,232	103
Central	50,512	54,822	4,310	109
East	225,164	226,926	1,762	101
Southwest	63,105	68,745	5,640	109
South	100,785	104,454	3,669	104
Southeast	99,687	104,511	4,824	105
NEBRASKA	660,840	692,391	31,551	105
U.S.	8,090,320	8,343,000	252,680	103

^{1/} Licensed commercial storage, including temporary facilities licensed for use this year.

ON-FARM GRAIN STORAGE CAPACITY NEBRASKA & UNITED STATES, 1999 & 2000

District	Storage Capacity ^{1/}		Net Change	2000 as % of 1999
	12/1/99	12/1/00		
1,000 bushels				
Northwest	56,000	55,000	-1,000	98
North	52,000	51,000	-1,000	98
Northeast	183,000	190,000	7,000	104
Central	128,000	127,000	-1,000	99
East	278,000	280,000	2,000	101
Southwest	86,000	90,000	4,000	105
South	93,000	94,000	1,000	101
Southeast	154,000	153,000	-1,000	99
NEBRASKA	1,030,000	1,040,000	10,000	101
U.S.	11,160,000	11,310,000	150,000	101

^{1/} Licensed commercial storage, including temporary facilities licensed for use this year.

U.S. GRAINS SUPPLY AND DISAPPEARANCE OUTLOOK

CROP YEAR	SUPPLY				MARKET YEAR DISAPPEARANCE ^{1/} *				Market Year Ending Stocks*	Average Market Price
	Pro-duction	Begin-ning stocks	Im-ports	Total	Domestic		Ex-ports	Total		
					Primary Use ^{2/}	Other				
Million bushels										
\$/bu.										
CORN:										
1998/99	9,759	1,308	19	11,085	5,471	1,846	1,981	9,298	1,787	1.94
1999/00	9,431	1,787	15	11,232	5,664	1,913	1,937	9,515	1,718	1.82
2000/01	9,968	1,718	10	11,696	5,775	1,980	2,000	9,755	1,941	1.70-1.90
SOYBEANS:										
1998/99	2,741	200	3	2,944	1,590	201	805	2,595	348	4.93
1999/00	2,654	348	4	3,006	1,579	164	973	2,716	290	4.63
2000/01	2,770	290	3	3,063	1,590	168	975	2,733	330	4.45-4.65
WHEAT:										
1998/99	2,547	722	103	3,373	910	475	1,042	2,427	946	2.65
1999/00	2,299	946	95	3,339	925	376	1,090	2,390	950	2.48
2000/01	2,223	950	95	3,268	950	384	1,100	2,434	834	2.60-2.70
SORGHUM:										
1998/99	520	49	0	569	262	45	197	504	65	1.66
1999/00	595	65	0	660	284	55	256	595	65	1.57
2000/01	470	65	0	535	240	50	200	490	45	1.65-1.85

* Projections for the 2000 crop are USDA's World Outlook Board expectations of supply and disappearance as of March 8, 2001. Totals may not add due to rounding.

^{1/} Marketing year begins: Corn, Sorghum & Soybeans, September 1; Wheat, June 1.

^{2/} Primary uses: Corn & Sorghum = Feed; Soybeans = Crushing; Wheat = Food.

FALL POTATO STOCKS

Potato stocks on the first of March in the 15 Major Potato States totaled a record high 198 million cwt., up 17 percent from last year and 5 percent above the previous record set March 1, 1997. Disappearance at a record high 264 million cwt., was up 5 percent from last year and 4 percent above the previous record set during the 1996 season. Shrink and loss to this point in the season was 31.5 million cwt, up 26 percent from last year and 27 percent above two years ago. Processing of 2000 crop potatoes totaled 132 million cwt, up 2 percent from the 1999 crop and 1 percent above two years ago in comparable States. February processing was down 8 percent from the last year in comparable States.

2000 POTATO CROP

State	Production	Total Stocks Mar. 1, 2001
Thousand cwt.		
California	3,741	1,300
Colorado	27,972	13,000
Idaho	152,320	75,000
Maine	17,920	8,700
Michigan	14,963	3,400
Minnesota	21,240	10,100
Montana	3,503	3,000
NEBRASKA	10,127	<u>1</u>
New York	5,964	700
North Dakota	26,950	11,100
Ohio	1,134	<u>1</u>
Oregon	30,683	17,300
Pennsylvania	3,510	700
Washington	108,000	40,000
Wisconsin	33,800	10,500
Other States		3,520
TOTAL 15 STATES	461,827	198,320

1/ Combined into "Other States" to prevent disclosure of individual operations.

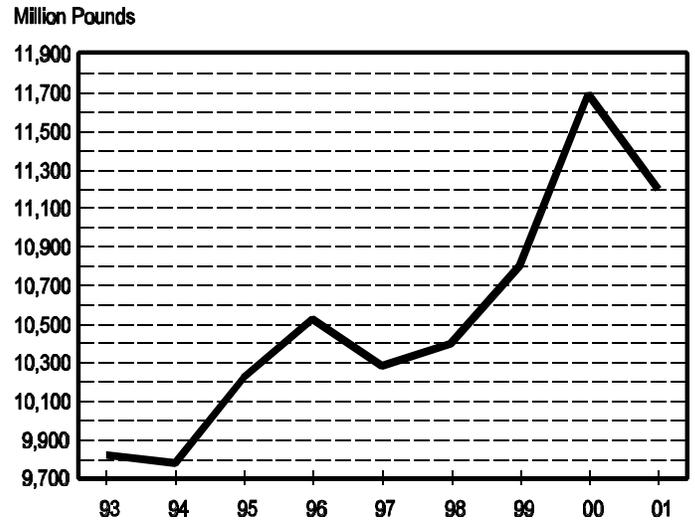
FEBRUARY MILK PRODUCTION

Milk production in the 20 major States during February totaled 11.2 billion pounds, down 4.3% from production in these same States in February 2000. Most of the decline is due to an extra day of production in February 2000, because of leap year. Adjusting production for the additional day would put February 2001 milk production down 0.9% from last year. January revised production, at 12.1 billion pounds, was down 1.6% from January 2000.

Production per cow in the 20 major States averaged 1,440 pounds for February, 66 pounds below February 2000.

The number of cows on farms in the 20 major States was 7.77 million head, 7,000 head more than February 2000 but 10,000 head less than January 2001.

February Milk Production, 1993-2001 20 States



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