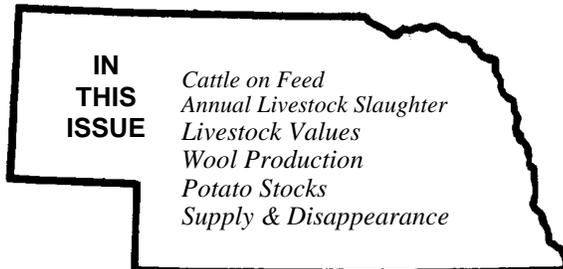


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Dear Producers and Data Users:

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Nebraska Cattle on Feed Up 2 Percent

Nebraska feedlots with capacities of 1,000 or more head contained 2.32 million cattle on feed on March 1, up 2 percent from last year and 6 percent above March 1, 2003. Placements of cattle into feedlots during February totaled 315,000 head, down 10 percent from 2004 and 5 percent below 2003. Fed cattle marketings for the month of February totaled 330,000 head, down 4 percent from last year and 6 percent below February two years ago. Other disappearance during February totaled 15,000 head compared with 15,000 head during February 2004 and 10,000 head during February 2003.

U.S. Cattle on Feed Up 2 Percent

Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter market in the United States for feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head totaled 11.2 million head on March 1, 2005. The inventory was 2 percent above March 1, 2004 and 6 percent above March 1, 2003. Placements in feedlots during February totaled 1.52 million, 6 percent below 2004 and 8 percent below 2003. Marketings of fed cattle during February totaled 1.63 million, 4 percent below 2004 and 6 percent below 2003. Other disappearance totaled 76,000 during February, 10 percent above 2004 and 7 percent above 2003.

Cattle on Feed: Number on Feed, Placements, Marketings and Other Disappearance, 1,000+ Capacity Feedlots, by Month, State, and United States, 2004-2005

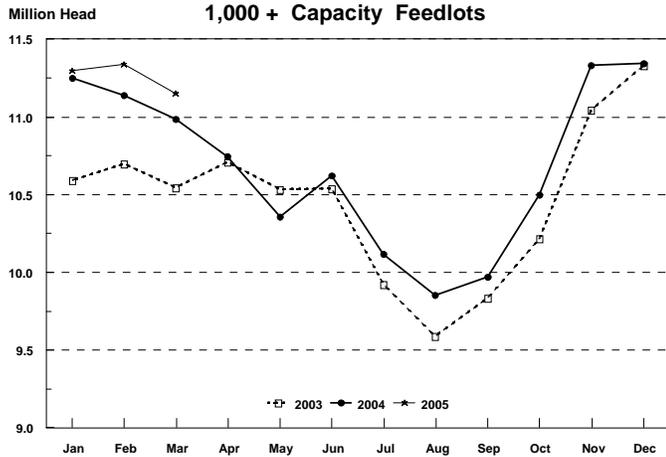
State	March 1 Number on Feed ¹			February Placements			February Marketings			February Other Disappearance ²		
	2004	2005	<u>2005</u> <u>2004</u>	2004	2005	<u>2005</u> <u>2004</u>	2004	2005	<u>2005</u> <u>2004</u>	2004	2005	<u>2005</u> <u>2004</u>
	1,000 Head	Percent		1,000 Head	Percent		1,000 Head	Percent		1,000 Head	Percent	
Arizona	295	322	109	27	23	85	25	24	96	3	2	67
California	500	515	103	56	49	88	52	54	104	4	5	125
Colorado	1,020	1,040	102	155	175	113	165	185	112	10	10	100
Idaho	265	250	94	43	33	77	52	52	100	1	1	100
Iowa	405	465	115	61	57	93	40	55	138	1	2	200
Kansas	2,390	2,370	99	390	360	92	405	390	96	15	20	133
Nebraska	2,270	2,320	102	350	315	90	345	330	96	15	15	100
New Mexico	112	125	112	16	13	81	20	14	70	1	3	300
Oklahoma	335	340	101	47	48	102	59	56	95	3	2	67
So. Dakota	210	210	100	43	32	74	32	26	81	1	1	100
Texas	2,690	2,690	100	350	340	97	420	360	86	10	10	100
Washington	185	185	100	26	32	123	34	35	103	2	2	100
Other States	310	320	103	48	46	96	45	53	118	3	3	100
United States	10,987	11,152	102	1,612	1,523	94	1,694	1,634	96	69	76	110

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.

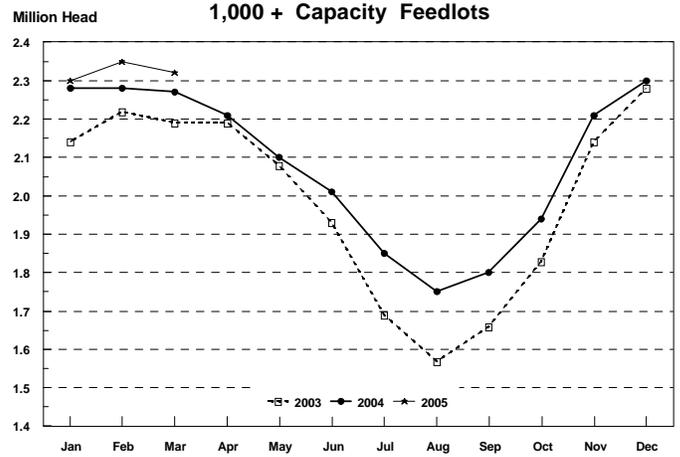
Source: USDA NASS Cattle on Feed, March 18, 2005.

**United States Cattle on Feed
1,000 + Capacity Feedlots**



Source: USDA Nebraska Agricultural Statistics Service

**Nebraska Cattle on Feed
1,000 + Capacity Feedlots**



Source: USDA Nebraska Agricultural Statistics Service

Commercial Cattle Slaughter: Top Five States, 1999-2004

Rank	1999		2000		2001		2002		2003		2004	
	State	1,000 Head										
1	Kansas	8,033	Kansas	8,213	Nebr.	7,694	Nebr.	7,862	Nebr.	7,661	Kansas	7,182
2	Nebr.	7,436	Nebr.	7,617	Kansas	7,272	Kansas	7,404	Kansas	7,357	Nebr.	6,903
3	Texas	6,735	Texas	6,606	Texas	6,463	Texas	6,472	Texas	6,495	Texas	6,179
4	Colo.	2,653	Colo.	2,636	Colo.	2,605	Colo.	2,596	Colo.	2,480	Colo.	2,415
5	Wisc.	1,719	Wisc.	1,735	Wisc.	1,659	Wisc.	1,665	Wisc.	1,669	Wisc.	1,458

Source: USDA NASS Livestock Slaughter, 2004 Summary, March 2005.

Federally Inspected Plants and Head Slaughtered: Number by Species, Selected States and United States, 2004¹

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	1,307.7	11	95.2	17	2,426.5		
Colorado	22	2,396.9			18	8.5		
Illinois	18	896.7	9	82.3	25	8,994.7	15	181.4
Indiana	4	2.0	1	5.6	8	7,061.7	4	20.1
Iowa	8	720.8			22	29,653.8	5	392.9
Kansas	18	7,115.3						
Kentucky	19	7.6			21	2,464.1	13	11.2
Minnesota	23	668.9			25	9,003.1	15	1.8
Nebraska	35	6,855.5			25	6,895.1		
Ohio	11	42.4	3	71.2	13	1,116.9	6	0.2
Pennsylvania	92	857.1	36	169.8	85	2,825.3	71	70.0
South Dakota					6	4,638.6	5	9.5
Texas	34	6,123.4	9	11.0	23	318.7	20	260.1
Virginia	11	2.1			12	3,896.0		
Wisconsin	12	1,409.9	4	119.2	8	493.2	3	1.8
United States	689	32,017.8	234	819.3	664	101,706.1	500	2,666.6

¹Includes data from week ending January 10, 2004 through January 1, 2005.

Source: USDA NASS Livestock Slaughter 2004 Summary, March 2005.

Annual Livestock and Poultry Summary: Number and Value by Species, Nebraska and United States, 2000-2005

Species	Year	Nebraska			United States		
		Number	Value		Number	Value	
			Per Head	Total Value		Per Head	Total Value
		<i>1,000</i>	<i>Dollars</i>	<i>\$1,000</i>	<i>1,000</i>	<i>Dollars</i>	<i>\$1,000</i>
All Cattle (January 1)	2003	6,200	720.00	4,464,000	96,100	728.00	69,948,620
	2004	6,250	880.00	5,500,000	94,888	818.00	77,594,700
	2005	6,350	910.00	5,778,500	95,848	916.00	87,820,795
Hogs & Pigs (December 1)	2002	2,950	76.00	224,200	59,513	71.00	4,209,683
	2003	2,900	72.00	208,800	60,444	67.00	4,024,949
	2004	2,850	110.00	313,500	60,501	102.00	6,163,286
Sheep & Lambs (January 1)	2003	97	122.00	11,834	6,300	104.00	654,288
	2004	102	134.00	13,668	6,105	119.00	723,785
	2005	97	146.00	14,162	6,135	130.00	799,288
Chickens ¹ (December 1)	2002	13,747	1.80	24,745	443,881	2.37	1,052,230
	2003	14,223	1.80	25,601	449,764	2.48	1,116,273
	2004	13,972	1.90	26,547	454,165	2.47	1,120,663

¹ Excludes commercial broilers.

Source: USDA NASS Agricultural Prices, February 28, 2005, Cattle, January 28, 2005, Quarterly Hogs & Pigs, December 28, 2004, Sheep and Goats, January 28, 2005, Chicken & Eggs 2004 Summary, February, 2005.

Wool: Number of Sheep and Lambs Shorn, Weight per Fleece, Production, Price and Value, Nebraska and United States 2002-2004

State	Sheep and Lambs Shorn ¹	Weight per Fleece	Production	Price per Pound	Value
	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>Pounds</i>	<i>1,000 Pounds</i>	<i>Dollars</i>	<i>1,000 Dollars</i>
Nebraska					
2002	87	7.4	640	.30	192
2003	88	7.2	630	.35	221
2004	83	7.2	600	.43	258
United States					
2002	5,462	7.5	41,078	.53	21,689
2003	5,074	7.5	38,299	.73	28,126
2004	5,073	7.4	37,622	.80	29,931

¹ Includes shearing at commercial feeding yards.

Source: USDA NASS Sheep and Goats, January 28, 2005.

Potato Stocks

Fall Potatoes: Production 2004 and Stocks on March 1, 2005

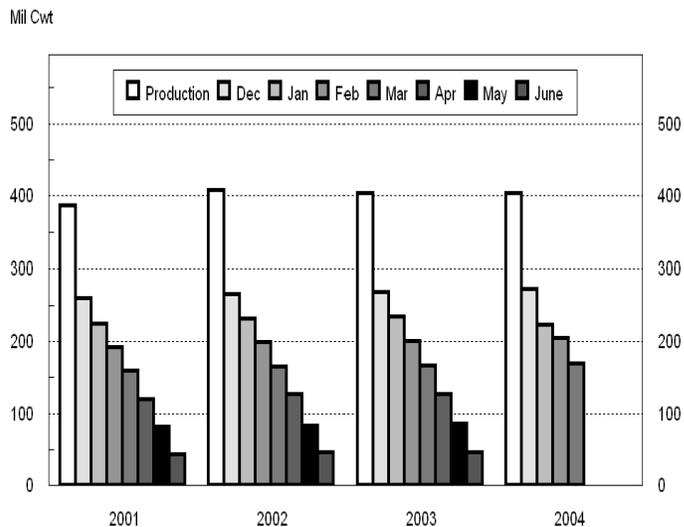
State	Production	Total Stocks Mar. 1, 2005
<i>Thousand Cwt.</i>		
California	3,876	1,300
Colorado	23,148	11,100
Idaho	131,970	64,000
Maine	19,220	9,400
Michigan	13,650	3,900
Minnesota	18,920	8,800
Montana	3,551	3,200
Nebraska ¹	9,288	
New York	5,184	700
North Dakota	26,765	13,100
Ohio ¹	1,080	
Oregon	19,775	9,000
Pennsylvania	2,640	700
Washington	93,810	29,000
Wisconsin	30,450	11,000
Other States		3,220
Total 15 States	403,327	168,420

¹ Combined into "Other States".

Source: USDA NASS Potato Stocks, March 15, 2005.

Fall Potatoes: Production and Stocks

15 Storage States



Production by crop year. Stocks by months following harvest.

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				
<i>Million Bushels</i>										
<i>\$/bu.</i>										
Corn										
2002/03	8,967	1,596	14	10,578	5,563	2,340	1,588	9,491	1,087	2.32
2003/04	10,089	1,087	14	11,190	5,798	2,537	1,897	10,232	958	2.42
2004/05 ³	11,807	958	10	12,775	6,075	2,795	1,850	10,720	2,055	1.95-2.15
Soybeans										
2002/03	2,756	208	5	2,969	1,615	131	1,044	2,791	178	5.53
2003/04	2,454	178	6	2,638	1,530	110	885	2,525	112	7.34
2004/05 ³	3,141	112	5	3,258	1,650	153	1,045	2,848	410	5.05-5.45
Wheat										
2002/03	1,606	777	77	2,460	919	200	850	1,969	491	3.56
2003/04	2,345	491	63	2,899	907	287	1,159	2,353	546	3.40
2004/05 ³	2,158	546	65	2,770	890	277	1,050	2,217	553	3.35-3.45
Sorghum										
2002/03	361	61	0	422	170	24	184	379	43	2.32
2003/04	411	43	0	454	180	40	201	421	34	2.39
2004/05 ³	455	34	0	488	205	50	175	430	58	1.60-1.80

¹ Marketing year begins: Corn, Sorghum & Soybeans, September 1; Wheat, June 1.

² Primary uses: Corn & Sorghum = Feed; Soybeans = Crushing; Wheat = Food.

³ Projection.

Source: USDA's World Agricultural Supply and Demand Estimates, March 10, 2005.

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