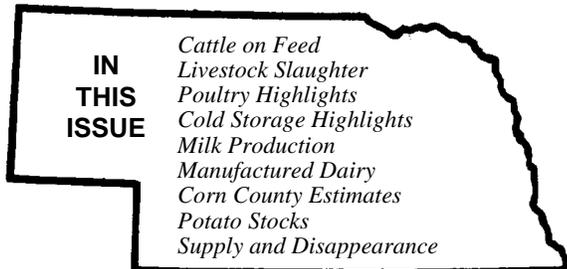


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## Nebraska Cattle on Feed Up 2 Percent

Nebraska feedlots with capacities of 1,000 or more head contained 2.26 million cattle on feed on April 1, up 2 percent from last year and 3 percent above April 1, 2003. Placements of cattle into feedlots during March totaled 300,000, up 2 percent from 2004 but 6 percent below March 2003. Fed cattle marketings for the month of March totaled 350,000, the same as last year but 13 percent above March two years ago. Other disappearance during March totaled 10,000 compared with 5,000 during March 2004 and 10,000 during March 2003.

## U.S. Cattle on Feed Up 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 10.9 million head on April 1, 2005. The inventory was 1 percent above both last year and April 1, 2003. Placements in feedlots during March totaled 1.76 million, 3 percent below 2004 and 13 percent below 2003. Marketings of fed cattle during March totaled 1.97 million, up slightly from 2004 and 9 percent above 2003. Other disappearance totaled 69,000 during March, 3 percent above 2004 and 11 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	April 1 Number on Feed <sup>1</sup>			March Placements			March Marketings			March Other Disappearance <sup>2</sup>		
	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	293	323	110	33	27	82	32	24	75	3	2	67
California	495	500	101	70	65	93	71	70	99	4	10	250
Colorado	970	1,020	105	150	175	117	190	185	97	10	10	100
Idaho	255	240	94	39	44	113	46	53	115	3	1	33
Iowa	415	455	110	69	55	80	56	64	114	3	1	33
Kansas	2,360	2,340	99	460	445	97	470	460	98	20	15	75
Nebraska	2,210	2,260	102	295	300	102	350	350	100	5	10	200
New Mexico	105	113	108	16	13	81	21	23	110	2	2	100
Oklahoma	330	325	98	74	61	82	77	73	95	2	3	150
So. Dakota	205	205	100	33	31	94	36	34	94	2	2	100
Texas	2,640	2,620	99	490	480	98	530	540	102	10	10	100
Washington	185	159	86	35	22	63	34	47	138	1	1	100
Other States	300	310	103	46	42	91	54	50	93	2	2	100
United States	10,763	10,870	101	1,810	1,760	97	1,967	1,973	100	67	69	103

<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.

Source: USDA NASS Cattle on Feed, April 22, 2005.

### Commercial Livestock Slaughter

March 2005 number slaughtered and changes from last year and last month are shown below. March 2004 contained 23 weekdays and four Saturdays. March 2005 contained 23 weekdays and four Saturdays.

#### Livestock Slaughter: By Commodity, Nebraska and United States, March 2005 with Comparisons

Item	Total <sup>1</sup>	Mar 2005 Percent of	
		Mar 2004	Feb 2005
<b>Nebraska</b> <i>1,000 Head</i>			
Cattle, head	594.4	103	119
Hogs, head	628.7	108	112
Red Meat, mil. lbs.	594.5	107	116
<b>United States</b>			
Cattle, head	2,723.4	95	116
Calves, head	67.9	89	110
Hogs, head	8,946.1	99	110
Sheep & Lambs, head	280.3	91	130
Red Meat, mil, lbs.	3,878.6	98	113

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

Source: USDA NASS Livestock Slaughter, April 22, 2005.

### Poultry: Layers and Eggs, Nebraska and United States, March 2005 with Comparisons

Item	2004	2005	2005/2004
	<i>Millions</i>		<i>Percent</i>
<b>Number of Layers</b>			
Nebraska	11.8	12.1	102
United States	341.7	347.3	102
<b>Total Eggs Produced</b>			
Nebraska	274	264	96
United States	7,547	7,726	102
<b>Chickens Hatched, March</b>			
United States			
Egg-type	37.5	39.9	106
Broiler	791.9	815.8	103

Source: USDA NASS Chicken and Eggs, April 22, 2005.

#### Stocks in Cold Storage: By Commodity, United States, March 2005 with Comparisons

Commodity	Stocks	March 2005 Percent of	
		Mar 2004	Feb 2005
<i>1,000 Lbs.</i>			
Total red meats	932,584	106	98
Beef	373,636	90	93
Pork	543,400	121	100
Poultry	1,090,660	98	107
Turkey	418,532	83	110
Chicken	671,808	111	106

Source: USDA NASS Cold Storage, April 22, 2005.

#### Milk Cows and Production: By Quarter, Nebraska, 23 Selected States and United States, 2004-2005

Item and Quarter	Nebraska		23 States		United States	
	2004	2005	2004	2005	2004	2005
<i>1,000 Head</i>						
Milk Cows <sup>1</sup>						
January-March	61	60	8,051	8,085	8,993	8,995
<i>Million Pounds</i>						
Milk Production <sup>2</sup>						
January-March	267	264	38,777	39,327	42,759	43,238

<sup>1</sup> Includes dry cows, excludes heifers not yet fresh. <sup>2</sup> Excludes milk sucked by calves.

Source: USDA NASS Milk Production, April 15, 2005.

#### Manufactured Dairy Products: Production of Selected Products by Region and United States, 2003-2004

Commodity	West North Central Region		United States	
	2003	2004	2003	2004
<i>1,000 Pounds</i>				
Butter	101,861	120,293	1,242,360	1,249,678
Yogurt	103,354	114,755	2,506,562	2,708,654
Nonfat Dry Milk	67,313	59,584	1,589,041	1,406,390
Total Cheese <sup>1</sup>	1,079,246	1,077,099	8,557,243	8,876,463
American Type Cheese	811,483	806,040	3,621,656	3,738,776
Cheddar Cheese	680,131	688,187	2,701,064	2,763,063
<i>1,000 Gallons</i>				
Frozen Products				
Ice Cream, Regular, Total	159,330	152,323	992,876	943,659
Ice Cream, Regular, Hard	139,565	143,342	875,414	844,666
Ice Cream, Lowfat, Total	55,667	57,775	398,265	415,474
Ice Cream, Lowfat Hard	21,653	23,012	101,393	114,090
Sherbet, Total	14,013	14,220	54,126	54,626

<sup>1</sup> Excluding cottage cheese.

Source: USDA NASS Dairy Products 2004 Summary, April 2005.

**Corn: Acreage, Yield and Production  
by County and District, Nebraska, 2004<sup>1</sup>**

County and District	Planted for All Purposes	Harvested for Grain	Yield per Harvested Acre	Production	County and District	Planted for All Purposes	Harvested for Grain	Yield per Harvested Acre	Production
	<i>Acres</i>		<i>Bushels</i>			<i>Acres</i>		<i>Bushels</i>	
Banner	7,000	6,400	115.3	738,000	Butler	139,000	137,200	166.6	22,855,200
Box Butte	60,000	55,400	146.6	8,119,000	Cass	122,000	121,000	170.1	20,585,600
Cheyenne	20,000	16,400	136.6	2,239,500	Colfax	104,000	100,800	179.6	18,104,400
Dawes	3,500	2,000	135.3	270,500	Dodge	141,000	139,700	181.5	25,356,700
Deuel	16,000	15,500	148.4	2,299,700	Douglas	28,000	27,600	171.9	4,745,100
Garden	16,500	15,500	152.8	2,368,400	Hamilton	189,000	187,000	186.9	34,958,800
Kimball	16,000	13,300	116.1	1,543,500	Lancaster	128,000	126,200	154.7	19,522,700
Morrill	65,000	59,200	145.7	8,624,800	Merrick	128,000	126,400	177.1	22,387,000
Scotts Bluff	84,000	80,700	149.6	12,073,500	Nance	73,000	67,400	156.8	10,569,900
Sheridan	32,500	25,000	121.6	3,040,500	Platte	195,000	188,100	183.2	34,466,400
Sioux	14,500	12,600	143.0	1,801,800	Polk	122,000	119,100	171.9	20,474,100
Other Counties					Sarpy	36,000	35,800	165.7	5,931,000
<b>NORTHWEST</b>	<b>335,000</b>	<b>302,000</b>	<b>142.8</b>	<b>43,119,200</b>	Saunders	173,000	171,500	166.7	28,583,000
Arthur	1,700	1,300	130.0	169,000	Seward	132,000	129,600	173.0	22,425,400
Blaine	2,300	1,500	173.0	259,500	Washington	85,000	84,100	160.5	13,501,300
Boyd	30,000	11,300	79.2	895,300	York	200,000	198,500	185.7	36,867,500
Brown	38,000	34,800	170.4	5,928,600	Other Counties				
Cherry	17,000	13,400	180.8	2,422,600	<b>EAST</b>	<b>1,995,000</b>	<b>1,960,000</b>	<b>174.2</b>	<b>341,334,100</b>
Garfield	11,500	10,300	153.1	1,576,800	Chase	144,000	140,300	184.9	25,943,400
Grant					Dundy	73,000	68,700	163.1	11,204,700
Holt	158,000	151,100	184.5	27,880,700	Frontier	65,000	62,200	132.8	8,257,400
Hooker					Hayes	55,000	51,000	148.1	7,553,400
Keya Paha	11,000	7,700	129.2	994,700	Hitchcock	41,000	39,500	131.4	5,190,000
Logan	23,000	21,700	140.2	3,041,700	Keith	87,000	85,100	159.5	13,577,300
Loup	8,200	7,100	156.9	1,113,800	Lincoln	199,000	192,100	167.0	32,087,000
McPherson	1,900	1,600	174.1	278,500	Perkins	161,000	158,400	150.7	23,869,200
Rock	23,000	22,500	177.4	3,992,200	Red Willow	55,000	52,200	135.0	7,045,200
Thomas					Other Counties				
Wheeler	34,000	31,900	148.3	4,731,200	<b>SOUTHWEST</b>	<b>880,000</b>	<b>849,500</b>	<b>158.6</b>	<b>134,727,600</b>
Other Counties	400	300	170.0	51,000	Adams	163,000	161,300	180.3	29,078,200
<b>NORTH</b>	<b>360,000</b>	<b>316,500</b>	<b>168.5</b>	<b>53,335,600</b>	Franklin	72,000	70,200	167.9	11,786,000
Antelope	171,000	163,600	169.1	27,672,800	Furnas	79,000	75,200	119.7	8,998,800
Boone	161,000	156,900	159.2	24,981,100	Gosper	67,000	64,100	161.1	10,327,700
Burt	122,000	120,900	161.6	19,540,800	Harlan	77,000	73,900	154.7	11,435,000
Cedar	156,000	150,000	161.2	24,186,600	Kearney	153,000	150,500	185.1	27,855,000
Cuming	151,000	145,100	172.1	24,973,600	Phelps	162,000	157,900	193.8	30,608,300
Dakota	57,000	56,600	166.0	9,393,900	Webster	57,000	54,400	156.8	8,529,000
Dixon	86,000	84,200	162.5	13,681,800	Other Counties				
Knox	120,000	110,500	144.1	15,921,100	<b>SOUTH</b>	<b>830,000</b>	<b>807,500</b>	<b>171.7</b>	<b>138,618,000</b>
Madison	132,000	127,200	152.8	19,441,300	Clay	146,000	141,300	173.5	24,518,100
Pierce	132,000	126,000	155.9	19,648,800	Fillmore	169,000	167,200	173.9	29,080,600
Stanton	77,000	73,900	168.8	12,475,000	Gage	124,000	119,900	144.4	17,319,100
Thurston	86,000	84,900	157.2	13,349,800	Jefferson	79,000	76,500	160.9	12,312,000
Wayne	114,000	109,200	164.8	17,995,700	Johnson	38,000	37,300	155.8	5,811,700
Other Counties					Nemaha	78,000	77,000	165.4	12,732,400
<b>NORTHEAST</b>	<b>1,565,000</b>	<b>1,509,000</b>	<b>161.2</b>	<b>243,262,300</b>	Nuckolls	72,000	70,800	151.6	10,730,000
Buffalo	185,000	173,800	175.4	30,479,800	Otoe	118,000	116,100	163.0	18,921,600
Custer	226,000	208,500	158.3	33,011,400	Pawnee	39,000	37,600	148.2	5,570,800
Dawson	194,000	188,900	176.4	33,319,600	Richardson	96,000	94,200	162.5	15,303,400
Greeley	72,000	66,200	143.8	9,522,600	Saline	106,000	104,500	157.4	16,447,400
Hall	188,000	184,200	192.8	35,515,100	Thayer	115,000	113,600	164.3	18,658,800
Howard	93,000	88,800	153.0	13,587,600	Other Counties				
Sherman	74,000	71,200	153.2	10,911,000	<b>SOUTHEAST</b>	<b>1,180,000</b>	<b>1,156,000</b>	<b>162.1</b>	<b>187,405,900</b>
Valley	73,000	67,900	170.1	11,550,200	<b>NEBRASKA</b>	<b>8,250,000</b>	<b>7,950,000</b>	<b>166.0</b>	<b>1,319,700,000</b>
Other Counties									
<b>CENTRAL</b>	<b>1,105,000</b>	<b>1,049,500</b>	<b>169.5</b>	<b>177,897,300</b>					

<sup>1</sup>Missing data included in other counties, district and state totals.

Note: County estimates for other Nebraska crops are available at <http://www.nass.usda.gov:81/ipedb/>

Source: USDA Nebraska Agricultural Statistics Service.

## Potato Stocks

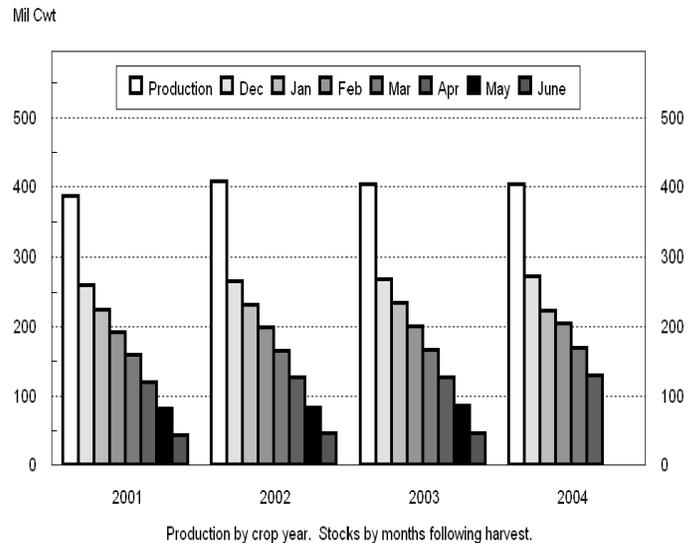
### Fall Potatoes: Production and Stocks on April 1, 2004-2005

State	Crop of 2004	
	Production	Total Stocks April 1, 2005
	<i>1,000 Cwt.</i>	
California	3,876	900
Colorado	23,148	8,500
Idaho	131,970	52,000
Maine	19,220	7,500
Michigan	13,650	2,700
Minnesota	18,920	6,500
Montana	3,551	2,000
Nebraska <sup>1</sup>	9,288	
New York	5,184	320
North Dakota	26,765	10,300
Ohio <sup>1</sup>	1,080	
Oregon	19,775	6,200
Pennsylvania	2,640	600
Washington	93,810	22,000
Wisconsin	30,450	7,700
Other States		2,400
<b>Total 15 States</b>	<b>403,327</b>	<b>129,620</b>

<sup>1</sup> Nebraska and Ohio combined into "Other States".

Source: USDA NASS Potato Stocks, April 14, 2005.

### Fall Potatoes: Production and Stocks 15 Storage States



### U.S. Grains Supply and Disappearance Outlook

Crop Year	Supply				Market Year Disappearance <sup>1</sup>				Market Year Ending Stocks	Average Market Price
	Pro-duction	Begin-ning stocks	Im-ports	Total	Domestic		Ex-ports	Total		
					Primary Use <sup>2</sup>	Other				
	<i>Million Bushels</i>									<i>\$/Bu.</i>
<b>Corn</b>										
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 <sup>3</sup>	11,807	958	10	12,775	6,000	2,760	1,800	10,560	2,215	2.00-2.10
<b>Soybeans</b>										
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 <sup>3</sup>	3,141	112	5	3,258	1,650	153	1,080	2,883	375	5.25-5.55
<b>Wheat</b>										
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 <sup>3</sup>	2,158	546	70	2,775	890	294	1,050	2,234	541	3.35-3.45
<b>Sorghum</b>										
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 <sup>3</sup>	455	34	0	488	195	52	175	422	66	1.65-1.75

<sup>1</sup> Marketing year begins: Corn, Sorghum & Soybeans, September 1; Wheat, June 1. <sup>2</sup> Primary uses: Corn & Sorghum = Feed; Soybeans = Crushing; Wheat = Food. <sup>3</sup> Projection. Source: USDA's World Agricultural Supply and Demand Estimates, April 8, 2005.

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