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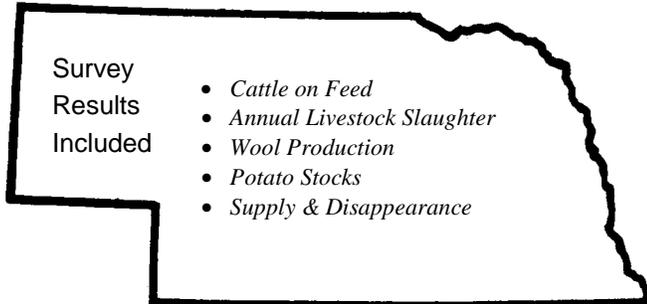
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Dear Nebraska Farmers, Ranchers and Agribusinesses:

The following narrative and tables are from recently published reports by USDA's Agricultural Statistics Board. These data are direct results of information provided by Nebraska producers and agribusinesses to the surveys conducted each month by this office. Thank you for your response to these surveys.

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Nebraska Cattle on Feed Up 6 Percent

Nebraska feedlots with capacities of 1,000 or more head contained 2.45 million cattle on feed on March 1, up 6 percent from last year and 8 percent above March 1, 2004. This is the highest March 1 inventory since the series began in 1994. Placements of cattle into feedlots during February totaled 330,000 head, up 5 percent from 2005 but 6 percent below 2004. Fed cattle marketings for the month of February totaled 360,000 head, up 9 percent from last year and 4 percent above February two years ago. Other disappearance during February totaled 10,000 head compared with 15,000 head during February 2005 and February 2004.

U.S. Cattle on Feed Up 8 Percent

Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter market in the United States for feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head totaled 12.0 million head on March 1, 2006. The inventory was 8 percent above March 1, 2005 and 9 percent above March 1, 2004. This is the highest March 1 inventory since the series began in 1996. Placements in feedlots during February totaled 1.60 million, 5 percent above 2005 but 1 percent below 2004. Marketings of fed cattle during February totaled 1.61 million, 1 percent below 2005 and 5 percent below 2004. Other disappearance totaled 73,000 during February, 5 percent below 2005 but 6 percent above 2004.

Cattle on Feed: Number on Feed, Placements, Marketings and Other Disappearance, 1,000+ Capacity Feedlots, by Month, State, and United States, 2005-2006

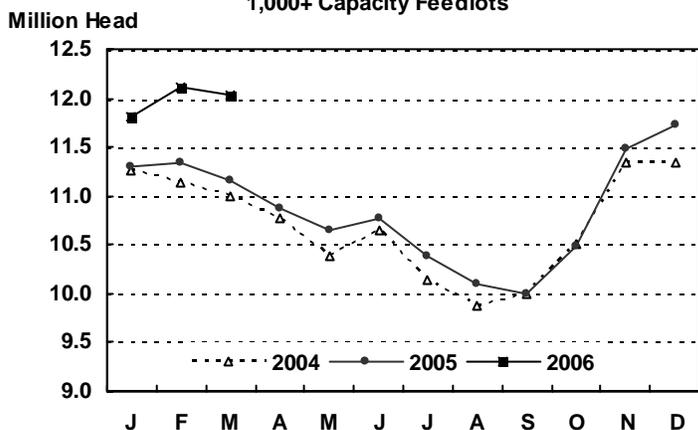
State	March 1 Number on Feed ¹			February Placements			February Marketings			February Other Disappearance ²		
	2005	2006	$\frac{2006}{2005}$	2005	2006	$\frac{2006}{2005}$	2005	2006	$\frac{2006}{2005}$	2005	2006	$\frac{2006}{2005}$
	1,000 Head		Percent	1,000 Head		Percent	1,000 Head		Percent	1,000 Head		Percent
Arizona	324	351	108	23	31	135	24	24	100	3	2	67
California	515	550	107	49	63	129	54	56	104	5	7	140
Colorado	1,040	1,090	105	175	150	86	185	165	89	10	5	50
Idaho	250	255	102	33	32	97	52	38	73	1	4	400
Iowa	465	520	112	57	60	105	55	58	105	2	2	100
Kansas	2,370	2,610	110	360	410	114	390	360	92	20	20	100
Nebraska	2,320	2,450	106	315	330	105	330	360	109	15	10	67
New Mexico	125	143	114	13	13	100	14	14	100	3	2	67
Oklahoma	340	365	107	48	49	102	56	56	100	2	3	150
South Dakota	210	210	100	32	33	103	26	29	112	1	4	400
Texas	2,690	3,010	112	340	360	106	360	370	103	10	10	100
Washington	185	154	83	32	25	78	35	22	63	2	2	100
Other States	320	315	98	46	42	91	53	60	113	3	2	67
United States	11,154	12,023	108	1,523	1,598	105	1,634	1,612	99	77	73	95

¹Cattle 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.

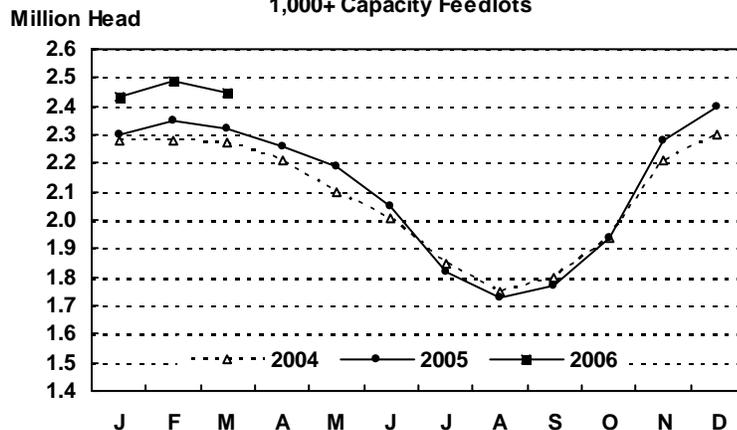
²Includes death losses, movement from feedlots to pastures and shipments to other feedlots for further feeding.

Source: USDA NASS Cattle on Feed, March 24, 2006.

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



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



Commercial Cattle Slaughter: Top Five States, 2000-2005¹

Rank	2000		2001		2002		2003		2004		2005	
	State	1,000 Head										
1	Kansas	8,213	Nebr.	7,694	Nebr.	7,862	Nebr.	7,661	Kansas	7,182	Kansas	7,321
2	Nebr.	7,617	Kansas	7,272	Kansas	7,404	Kansas	7,357	Nebr.	6,903	Nebr.	7,029
3	Texas	6,606	Texas	6,463	Texas	6,472	Texas	6,495	Texas	6,179	Texas	6,238
4	Colo.	2,636	Colo.	2,605	Colo.	2,596	Colo.	2,480	Colo.	2,415	Colo.	2,087
5	Wisc.	1,735	Wisc.	1,659	Wisc.	1,665	Wisc.	1,669	Wisc.	1,458	Wisc.	1,439

¹Includes slaughter in federally inspected and in other slaughter plants, but excludes animals on farms.
Source: USDA NASS Livestock Slaughter, 2005 Summary, March 2006.

Federally Inspected Plants and Head Slaughtered: Number by Species, Selected States and United States, 2005¹

State	Cattle		Calves		Hogs		Sheep and Lambs	
	Plants	Head	Plants	Head	Plants	Head	Plants	Head
	<i>Number</i>	<i>1,000</i>	<i>Number</i>	<i>1,000</i>	<i>Number</i>	<i>1,000</i>	<i>Number</i>	<i>1,000</i>
California	25	1,355.8	12	82.8	16	2,496.0		
Colorado	21	2,079.7			17	8.0	17	1,019.1
Illinois			10	72.8	25	9,249.5	18	183.7
Indiana			1	3.9	7	7,027.7	3	15.6
Iowa					21	29,810.3	5	412.1
Kansas	20	7,287.6					10	1.6
Kentucky	18	7.6			20	2,308.5	17	13.3
Minnesota	22	615.9			25	9,224.2	13	1.8
Nebraska	33	7,003.8			23	7,170.3	15	1.5
Ohio	10	37.6	3	48.0	13	1,031.8	7	0.2
Pennsylvania	85	826.3	38	153.0	81	2,830.3	67	57.1
South Dakota					5	4,760.9	5	8.1
Texas	34	6,217.9	8	8.2	23	339.8	17	50.5
Virginia	13	2.4			14	3,364.1	13	10.3
Wisconsin	11	1,393.8	3	121.8	7	450.1		
United States	657	31,831.6	227	717.7	630	102,518.9	496	2,554.6

¹Includes data from week ending January 8, 2005 through December 31, 2005.
Source: USDA NASS Livestock Slaughter 2005 Summary, March 2006.

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Wool: Number of Sheep and Lambs Shorn, Weight per Fleece, Production, Price and Value, Nebraska and United States 2003-2005

State	Sheep and Lambs Shorn	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					
2003	88	7.2	630	.35	221
2004	83	7.2	600	.43	258
2005	85	7.1	600	.40	240
United States					
2003	5,074	7.5	38,299	.73	28,126
2004	5,073	7.4	37,622	.80	29,921
2005	5,072	7.3	37,232	.71	26,272

Source: USDA NASS Sheep and Goats, January 27, 2006.

Potato Stocks

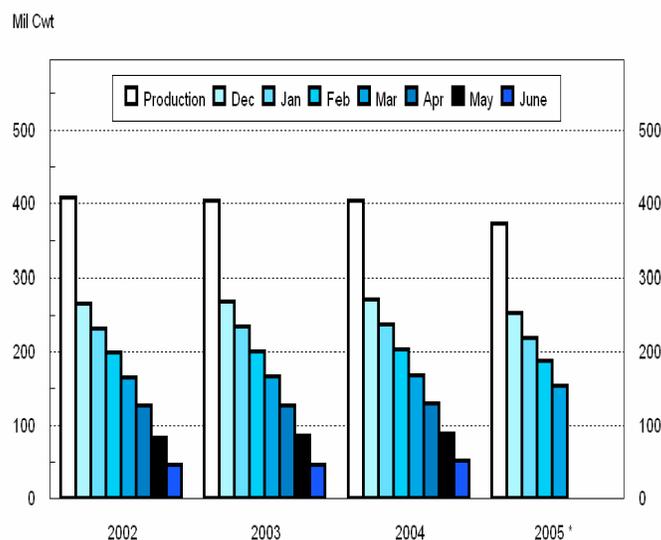
Fall Potatoes: 2005 Production and Stocks on March 1, 2006¹

State	Crop of 2005	
	Production	Total Stocks Mar. 1, 2006
	<i>1,000 Cwt.</i>	<i>1,000 Cwt.</i>
California	3,240	900
Colorado	22,292	10,200
Idaho	116,975	55,000
Maine	15,736	8,700
Michigan	13,920	3,600
Minnesota	17,630	7,100
Montana	3,434	2,900
Nebraska	8,245	3,300
New York	5,226	1,300
North Dakota	20,500	6,700
Ohio ²		
Oregon	22,023	11,500
Pennsylvania ²		
Washington	95,480	32,000
Wisconsin	27,880	10,500
Total 13 States	372,581	153,700

¹ Stocks include processor holdings and most of the seed to plant following year's crop. ² Stock estimates discontinued in 2005.

Source: USDA NASS Potato Stocks, March 15, 2006.

Fall Potatoes: Production and Stocks 15 Storage States



Production by crop year. Stocks by months following harvest.
* 13 Storage States for 2005.

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										
2003/04	10,089	1,087	14	11,190	5,795	2,537	1,900	10,232	958	2.42
2004/05	11,807	958	11	12,776	6,162	2,686	1,814	10,662	2,114	2.06
2005/06 ³	11,112	2,114	10	13,236	6,000	2,985	1,900	10,885	2,351	1.85-2.05
Soybeans										
2003/04	2,454	178	6	2,638	1,530	109	887	2,525	112	7.34
2004/05	3,124	112	6	3,242	1,696	187	1,103	2,986	256	5.74
2005/06 ³	3,086	256	4	3,346	1,720	162	900	2,782	565	5.40-5.80
Wheat										
2003/04	2,345	491	63	2,899	912	283	1,158	2,353	546	3.40
2004/05	2,158	546	71	2,775	905	268	1,063	2,235	540	3.40
2005/06 ³	2,105	540	85	2,730	910	278	1,000	2,188	542	3.35-3.45
Sorghum										
2003/04	411	43	0	454	182	40	199	421	34	2.39
2004/05	454	34	0	487	191	55	184	430	57	1.79
2005/06 ³	394	57	0	451	150	55	170	375	76	1.65-1.85

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, 2006.

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