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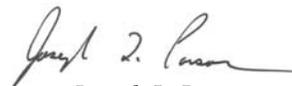
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Dear Nebraska Farmers, Ranchers and Agribusinesses:

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 Down 2 Percent

Nebraska feedlots with capacities of 1,000 or more head contained 1.91 million cattle on feed on August 1, down 2 percent from last year but 10 percent above August 1, 2005. Placements of cattle into feedlots during July totaled 350,000 head, down 8 percent from 2006 but 8 percent above 2005. Marketings of fed cattle during July totaled 480,000 head, up 17 percent from last year and 19 percent above July two years ago. Other disappearance during July totaled 10,000 head the same as 2006 and 2005.

U.S. Cattle on Feed Down 5 Percent

Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter market in the United States for feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head totaled 10.3 million head on August 1, 2007. The inventory was 5 percent below August 1, 2006 but 2 percent above August 1, 2005. Placements in feedlots during July totaled 1.62 million, 17 percent below 2006 and 3 percent below 2005. Marketings of fed cattle during July totaled 2.0 million, 3 percent above 2006 and 4 percent above 2005. Other disappearance totaled 61,000 during July, 5 percent above 2006 but unchanged from 2005.

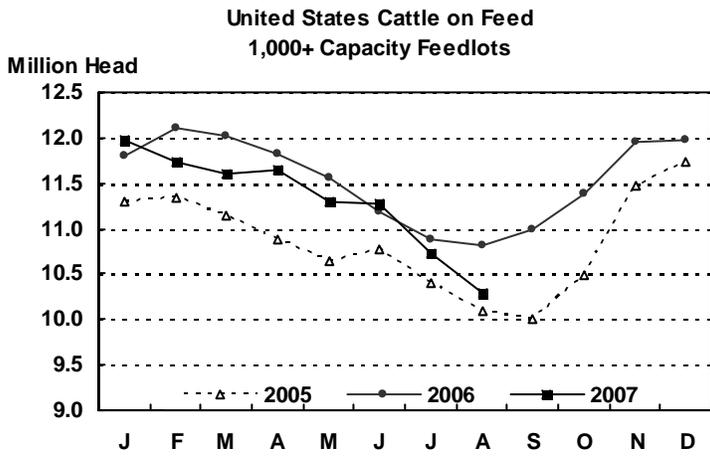
Cattle on Feed: Number on Feed, Placements, Marketings and Other Disappearance, 1,000+ Capacity Feedlots, by Month, State, and United States, 2006-2007

State	August 1 Number on Feed ¹			July Placements			July Marketings			July Other Disappearance ²		
	2006	2007	<u>2007</u> 2006	2006	2007	<u>2007</u> 2006	2006	2007	<u>2007</u> 2006	2006	2007	<u>2007</u> 2006
	1,000 Head	Percent		1,000 Head	Percent		1,000 Head	Percent		1,000 Head	Percent	
Arizona	339	341	101	31	32	103	34	33	97	2	1	50
California	515	540	105	55	51	93	67	54	81	3	2	67
Colorado	940	870	93	145	115	79	175	175	100	10	10	100
Idaho	225	205	91	36	35	97	40	49	123	1	1	100
Iowa	445	500	112	60	64	107	73	73	100	2	1	50
Kansas	2,360	2,100	89	590	430	73	495	450	91	15	20	133
Nebraska	1,950	1,910	98	380	350	92	410	480	117	10	10	100
New Mexico	144	129	90	23	12	52	18	14	78	1	1	100
Oklahoma	345	305	88	58	48	83	52	67	129	1	1	100
South Dakota	165	175	106	24	22	92	38	42	111	1	2	200
Texas	2,970	2,780	94	480	390	81	480	470	98	10	10	100
Washington	154	144	94	33	27	82	26	32	123	1	1	100
Other States	270	300	111	43	46	107	42	60	143	1	1	100
U.S.	10,822	10,299	95	1,958	1,622	83	1,950	1,999	103	58	61	105

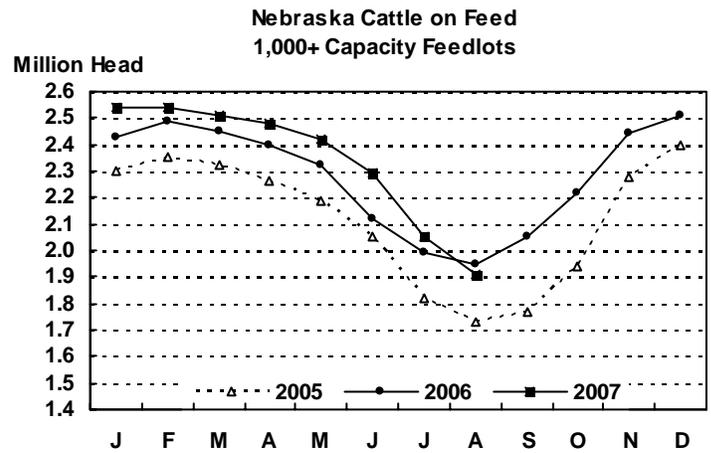
¹ Cattle and calves on feed are animals for slaughter market being fed a ration of grain or other concentrates and are expected to produce a carcass that will grade select or better.

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

Source: USDA NASS Cattle on Feed, August 17, 2007



Source: USDA NASS Nebraska Field Office



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Cattle on Feed: Number Placed on Feed by Weight Group, 1,000+ Capacity Feedlots, by Month, State, and United States, 2006-2007

State	During July									
	Under 600		600-699		700-799		800 Plus		Total	
	2006	2007	2006	2007	2006	2007	2006	2007	2006	2007
	<i>1,000 Head</i>									
Colorado	40	15	30	20	40	35	35	45	145	115
Kansas	140	75	145	90	165	140	140	125	590	430
Nebraska	60	55	65	60	100	90	155	145	380	350
Texas	220	110	110	100	105	115	45	65	480	390
Other States	110	105	53	42	80	65	120	125	363	337
United States	570	360	403	312	490	445	495	505	1,958	1,622

Source: USDA NASS Cattle on Feed August 17, 2007

Commercial Livestock Slaughter

July 2007 number slaughtered and changes from last year and last month are shown below. July 2006 contained 21 weekdays (including one holiday) and five Saturdays. July 2007 contained 22 weekdays (including one holiday) and four Saturdays.

Livestock Slaughter: By Commodity, Nebraska and United States, July 2007 with Comparisons

Item	Total ¹	July 2007 Percent of	
		July 2006	June 2007
<i>1,000 Head</i>			
Nebraska			
Cattle, head	624.5	102	95
Hogs, head	566.6	105	101
Red Meat, mil. lbs.	616.9	101	98
United States			
Cattle, head	2,901.6	102	94
Calves, head	62.6	108	102
Hogs, head	8,396.6	107	101
Sheep & Lambs, head	204.7	101	102
Red Meat, mil. lbs.	3,938.9	104	98

¹ Excludes animals slaughtered on farms.

Source: USDA NASS Livestock Slaughter August 24, 2007

Stocks in Cold Storage: By Commodity, United States, July 2007 with Comparisons

Commodity	Stocks	July 2007 Percent of	
		July 2006	June 2007
<i>1,000 Lbs.</i>			
Total red meats	947,242	103	103
Beef	467,479	98	109
Pork	459,795	110	98
Poultry	1,157,743	93	107
Turkey	502,635	98	112
Chicken	645,917	89	103

Source: USDA NASS Cold Storage August 22, 2007

Poultry: Layers and Eggs, Nebraska and United States, July 2007 with Comparisons

Item	2006		2007	2007/2006
	Millions	Percent	Percent	
Number of Layers				
Nebraska	11.7		10.8	92
United States	341.3		339.0	99
Table Eggs Produced				
Nebraska	262		254	97
United States	6,550		6,436	98
Chickens Hatched, July				
United States				
Egg-type	32.7		35.6	109
Broiler	801.5		820.9	102

Source: USDA NASS Chicken and Eggs August 21, 2007

Turkeys Raised Up 4 Percent from 2006

The preliminary estimate of turkeys raised in the United States during 2007 is 272 million, up 4 percent from the number raised during 2006.

The following six States are expected to account for about two-thirds of the turkeys produced in the U.S. during 2007:

Minnesota, at 46.0 million birds, is expected to raise the largest number of any state, showing a 2 percent increase from last year.

North Carolina ranks second with 39.0 million turkeys, up 4 percent from 2006.

Arkansas is in third place by producing 31.0 million birds, 3 percent more than a year ago.

Virginia, at 21.5 million birds, is unchanged from 2006.

Missouri growers expect to produce 21.0 million birds in 2007, up 5 percent from last year.

California, at 16.8 million turkeys, is up 6 percent from last year.

Turkeys: Number Raised, Selected States, and United States, 2006 & 2007¹

State	2006 ²	2007	2007
			as % of 2006
			<i>1,000 Head</i>
Arkansas	30,000	31,000	103
California	15,800	16,800	106
Illinois	2,700	2,800	104
Indiana	13,800	15,400	112
Iowa	8,200	7,800	95
Michigan	4,600	4,200	91
Minnesota	45,000	46,000	102
Missouri	20,000	21,000	105
North Carolina	37,500	39,000	104
Ohio	5,100	5,100	100
Pennsylvania	10,500	10,500	100
South Carolina	9,600	10,500	109
South Dakota	4,200	4,600	110
Virginia	21,500	21,500	100
United States ³	262,460	271,676	104

¹ Excludes young turkeys lost. ² Revised. ³ 28 State total.
Source: USDA NASS Turkeys Raised, August 23, 2007

Milk Cows and Production: By Month, 23 Selected States, 2006-2007¹

Month	Milk Cows ²		Milk per Cow ³		Milk Production ³		
	2006	2007	2006	2007	2006	2007	2007 as % of 2006
	<i>Thousands</i>		<i>Pounds</i>		<i>Million pounds</i>		<i>Percent</i>
January	8,198	8,280	1,711	1,724	14,027	14,276	102
February	8,206	8,277	1,586	1,582	13,018	13,098	101
March	8,224	8,285	1,775	1,783	14,599	14,771	101
April	8,240	8,280	1,726	1,746	14,222	14,457	102
May	8,257	8,286	1,782	1,795	14,712	14,874	101
June	8,269	8,294	1,697	1,713	14,033	14,204	101
July	8,258	8,308	1,688	1,743	13,937	14,483	104
August	8,255		1,676		13,838		
September	8,251		1,613		13,307		
October	8,255		1,652		13,637		
November	8,260		1,614		13,332		
December	8,276		1,690		13,983		
Annual	8,246		20,210		166,645		

¹ 2007 revised. ² Includes dry cows, excludes heifers not yet fresh. ³ Excludes milk sucked by calves.
Source: USDA NASS Milk Production, August 17, 2007

Farm Labor: Number and Wage Rates for Type of Workers and All Hired Workers, Selected Regions and United States, July 9-15, 2006 & July 8-14, 2007¹

Region ²	Hired Workers		Wage Rates							
			All Hired Workers		Type of work					
	2006	2007			2006	2007	Field		Livestock	
			2006	2007			2006	2007	2006	2007
	<i>Thousands</i>		<i>Dollars Per Hour</i>							
Lake	68	78	10.22	10.26	9.37	9.52	9.72	9.33	9.50	9.44
Cornbelt I	55	53	10.14	10.20	9.46	9.22	9.28	10.32	9.40	9.57
Cornbelt II	23	24	10.40	10.90	9.85	9.44	10.15	11.37	10.00	10.40
Northern Plains	41	40	9.60	9.54	8.94	9.13	9.92	9.18	9.28	9.15
Southern Plains	53	58	9.38	9.18	8.53	8.14	9.12	9.67	8.75	8.85
Mountain I	30	22	9.14	9.20	8.41	8.36	9.06	9.22	8.74	8.70
Mountain II	25	18	9.34	9.85	8.33	9.25	8.89	9.85	8.55	9.45
United States	876	847	9.72	10.04	8.93	9.31	9.49	9.80	9.07	9.44

¹ Excludes agricultural service workers. ² Regions consist of the following: Lake: Michigan, Minnesota, Wisconsin; Cornbelt I: Illinois, Indiana, Ohio; Cornbelt II: Iowa, Missouri; Northern Plains: Kansas, Nebraska, North Dakota, South Dakota; Southern Plains: Oklahoma, Texas; Mountain I: Idaho, Montana, Wyoming; Mountain II: Colorado, Nevada, Utah.
Source: USDA NASS Farm Labor, August 17, 2007

Prices Received: By Commodity, Nebraska and United States, Preliminary August 2007 with Comparisons

Commodity	Unit	Nebraska			United States				
		August 2006 ¹	July 2007 ¹	August 15, 2007	August 2006 ¹	July 2007 ¹	August 15, 2007	% of Parity	Parity Price ²
Wheat, All	Bushels	\$ 4.38	\$ 5.12	\$ 5.15	\$ 3.91	\$ 5.17	\$ 5.85	53	\$11.00
Corn	Bushels	2.08	3.42	3.35	2.09	3.32	3.17	39	8.10
Oats	Bushels	1.77	2.81	2.80	1.67	2.33	2.25	50	4.54
Grain Sorghum	Cwt.	3.75	5.85	6.00	4.35	5.52	5.89	43	13.80
Soybeans	Bushels	5.05	7.38	7.30	5.23	7.56	7.49	42	17.90
Hay, All, Baled	Ton	85.00	95.00	90.00	106.00	131.00	132.00		
Alfalfa, Baled	Ton	85.00	96.00	93.00	109.00	137.00	137.00		
Other, Baled	Ton	83.00	89.00	79.00	96.20	113.00	118.00		
Dry Edible Beans	Cwt.	19.40	28.00	28.60	19.50	28.50	26.40	46	57.40
Hogs	Cwt.	53.60	53.60	54.00	51.60	52.20	53.20	43	123.00
Barrows & Gilts	Cwt.	54.00	53.90	54.30	52.50	53.00	54.10		
Sows	Cwt.	36.40	38.50	37.50	34.90	36.80	36.00		
Beef Cattle	Cwt.	86.90	91.00	92.20	87.20	89.20	90.50	42	214.00
Steers & Heifers	Cwt.	88.00	92.10	93.30	91.50	93.10	94.40		
Cows	Cwt.	50.00	54.70	55.70	46.80	51.40	51.50		
Calves	Cwt.	144.00	136.00	134.00	136.00	127.00	129.00	42	308.00
Sheep	Cwt.	31.60	29.00		27.90	28.70			103.00
Lambs	Cwt.	85.80	100.00		95.40	98.60			251.00

¹ Entire month average except hay which is mid-month.

² Parity price based on data for August 2007.

Source: USDA NASS Agricultural Prices, August 31, 2007

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