



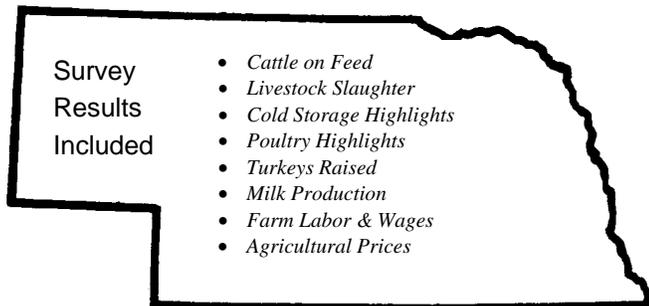
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Dear Nebraska Farmers, Ranchers and Agribusinesses:

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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Director

Nebraska Cattle on Feed Up 1 Percent

Nebraska feedlots with capacities of 1,000 or more head contained 1.92 million cattle on feed on August 1, up 1 percent from last year but 2 percent below August 1, 2006. Placements of cattle into feedlots during July totaled 320,000 head, down 9 percent from 2007 and 16 percent below 2006. Marketings of fed cattle during July totaled 440,000 head, down 8 percent from last year but 7 percent above July two years ago. Other disappearance during July totaled 10,000 head the same as 2007 and 2006.

U.S. Cattle on Feed Down 4 Percent

Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter market in the United States for feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head totaled 9.87 million head on August 1, 2008. The inventory was 4 percent below August 1, 2007 and 9 percent below August 1, 2006. Placements in feedlots during July totaled 1.66 million, 2 percent above 2007 but 15 percent below 2006. Marketings of fed cattle during July totaled 2.04 million, 2 percent above 2007 and 5 percent above 2006. Other disappearance totaled 45,000 during July, 26 percent below 2007 and 22 percent below 2006.

Cattle on Feed: Number on Feed, Placements, Marketings and Other Disappearance, 1,000+ Capacity Feedlots, by Month, State, and United States, 2007-2008

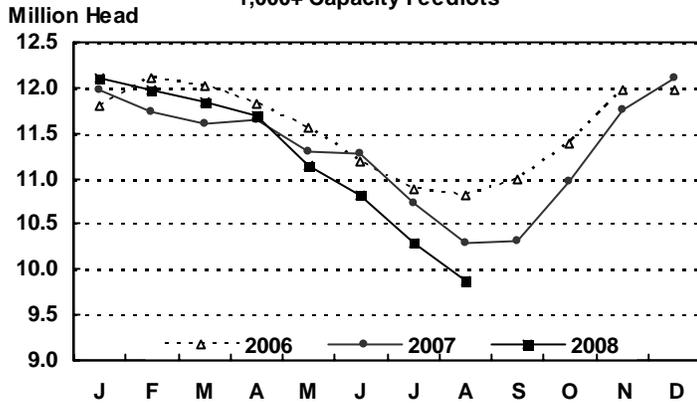
State	August 1 Number on Feed ¹			July Placements			July Marketings			July Other Disappearance ²		
	2007	2008	<u>2008</u> <u>2007</u>	2007	2008	<u>2008</u> <u>2007</u>	2007	2008	<u>2008</u> <u>2007</u>	2007	2008	<u>2008</u> <u>2007</u>
	1,000 Head	Percent		1,000 Head	Percent		1,000 Head	Percent		1,000 Head	Percent	
Arizona	341	357	105	32	37	116	33	35	106	1	1	100
California	540	515	95	51	45	88	54	48	89	2	2	100
Colorado	870	750	86	115	105	91	175	170	97	10	5	50
Idaho	205	180	88	35	29	83	49	48	98	1	1	100
Iowa	500	475	95	64	51	80	73	75	103	1	1	100
Kansas	2,100	2,010	96	430	440	102	450	500	111	20	10	50
Nebraska	1,910	1,920	101	350	320	91	480	440	92	10	10	100
New Mexico	129	164	127	12	32	267	14	21	150	1	1	100
Oklahoma	305	290	95	48	46	96	67	55	82	1	1	100
South Dakota	175	170	97	22	21	95	42	35	83	2	1	50
Texas	2,780	2,590	93	390	460	118	470	520	111	10	10	100
Washington	144	133	92	27	32	119	32	38	119	1	1	100
Other States	300	315	105	46	43	93	60	57	95	1	1	100
U.S.	10,299	9,869	96	1,622	1,661	102	1,999	2,042	102	61	45	74

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.

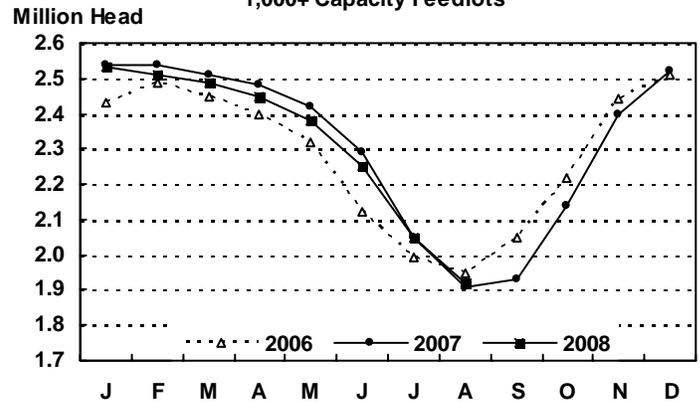
Source: USDA NASS Cattle on Feed, August 22, 2008

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



Source: USDA NASS Nebraska Field Office

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



Source: USDA NASS Nebraska Field Office

**Cattle on Feed: Number Placed on Feed by Weight Group, 1,000+ Capacity
Feedlots, by Month, State, and United States, 2007-2008**

State	During July									
	Under 600		600-699		700-799		800 Plus		Total	
	2007	2008	2007	2008	2007	2008	2007	2008	2007	2008
	<i>1,000 Head</i>									
Colorado	15	15	20	20	35	30	45	40	115	105
Kansas	75	70	90	90	140	155	125	125	430	440
Nebraska	55	40	60	50	90	90	145	140	350	320
Texas	110	130	100	110	115	130	65	90	390	460
Other States	105	105	42	50	65	71	125	110	337	336
United States	360	360	312	320	445	476	505	505	1,622	1,661

Source: USDA NASS Cattle on Feed August 22, 2008

Commercial Livestock Slaughter

July 2008 number slaughtered and changes from last year and last month are shown below. July 2007 contained 22 weekdays (including one holiday) and four Saturdays. July 2008 contained 23 weekdays (including one holiday) and four Saturdays.

**Livestock Slaughter: By Commodity,
Nebraska and United States,
July 2008 with Comparisons**

Item	Total ¹	July 2008 Percent of	
		July 2007	June 2008
<i>1,000 Head</i>			
Nebraska			
Cattle, head	646.6	104	102
Hogs, head	649.5	115	110
Red Meat, mil. lbs.	650.7	105	105
United States			
Cattle, head	3,064.0	106	104
Calves, head	87.9	141	117
Hogs, head	9,465.2	113	107
Sheep & Lambs, head	207.8	101	108
Red Meat, mil. lbs.	4,251.6	108	105

¹ Excludes animals slaughtered on farms.

Source: USDA NASS Livestock Slaughter August 22, 2008

**Stocks in Cold Storage: By Commodity, United
States, July 2008 with Comparisons**

Commodity	Stocks	July 2008 Percent of	
		July 2007	June 2008
<i>1,000 Lbs.</i>			
Total red meats	940,722	100	98
Beef	424,064	91	101
Pork	492,227	108	95
Poultry	1,368,160	116	103
Turkey	618,448	123	110
Chicken	747,227	112	97

Source: USDA NASS Cold Storage August 22, 2008

**Poultry: Layers and Eggs, Nebraska and
United States, July 2008 with Comparisons**

Item	2007		2008/2007
	2007	2008	
<i>Millions</i>			
<i>Percent</i>			
Number of Layers			
Nebraska	10.8	9.4	87
United States	340.0	336.1	99
Table Eggs Produced			
Nebraska	254	228	90
United States	6,461	6,486	100
Chickens Hatched, July			
United States			
Egg-type	36.0	37.9	105
Broiler	819.0	806.6	98

Source: USDA NASS Chicken and Eggs August 22, 2008

Turkeys Raised Down Slightly from 2007

The preliminary estimate of turkeys raised in the United States during 2008 is 271 million, down slightly from the number raised during 2007.

The following six States are expected to account for about two-thirds of the turkeys produced in the U.S. during 2008:

Minnesota, at 49.0 million turkeys, is up 2 percent from last year.

North Carolina at 39.0 million turkeys, is unchanged from last year.

Arkansas at 31.0 million turkeys, is unchanged from a year ago.

Virginia, at 21.0 million turkeys, is unchanged from 2007.

Missouri growers expect to produce 20.0 million turkeys, unchanged from last year.

Indiana, at 15.9 million turkeys, is up 5 percent from last year.

Turkeys: Number Raised, Selected States, and United States, 2007 & 2008¹

State	2007 ²	2008	2008 as % of 2007
	<i>1,000 Head</i>		<i>Percent</i>
Arkansas	31,000	31,000	100
California	16,000	15,700	98
Illinois	2,700	2,700	100
Indiana	15,100	15,900	105
Iowa	8,300	9,000	108
Michigan	4,800	4,800	100
Minnesota	48,000	49,000	102
Missouri	20,000	20,000	100
North Carolina	39,000	39,000	100
Ohio	5,200	5,200	100
Pennsylvania	11,500	11,500	100
South Carolina	10,500	10,500	100
South Dakota	4,500	4,600	102
Virginia	21,000	21,000	100
United States ³	271,685	271,084	100

¹ Excludes young turkeys lost. ² Revised. ³ 28 State total.
Source: USDA NASS Turkeys Raised, August 25, 2008

Milk Cows and Production: By Month, 23 Selected States, 2007-2008¹

Month	Milk Cows ²		Milk per Cow ³		Milk Production ³		
	2007	2008	2007	2008	2007	2008	2008 as % of 2007
	<i>Thousands</i>		<i>Pounds</i>		<i>Million pounds</i>		
							<i>Percent</i>
January	8,284	8,413	1,726	1,746	14,302	14,688	103
February	8,286	8,427	1,584	1,654	13,125	13,942	106
March	8,295	8,436	1,783	1,794	14,787	15,134	102
April	8,292	8,448	1,745	1,757	14,470	14,839	103
May	8,298	8,459	1,791	1,818	14,860	15,375	103
June	8,302	8,460	1,712	1,735	14,216	14,678	103
July	8,322	8,465	1,742	1,742	14,500	14,750	102
August	8,330		1,719		14,323		
September	8,341		1,645		13,718		
October	8,355		1,697		14,176		
November	8,369		1,654		13,843		
December	8,389		1,718		14,414		
Annual	8,322		20,516		170,734		

¹ 2008 previous month revised. ² Includes dry cows, excludes heifers not yet fresh. ³ Excludes milk sucked by calves.
Source: USDA NASS Milk Production, August 18, 2008

Farm Labor: Number and Wage Rates for Type of Workers and All Hired Workers, Selected Regions and United States, July 8-14, 2007 & July 6-12, 2008¹

Region ²	Hired Workers		Wage Rates									
			All Hired Workers		Type of work							
	2007	2008			2007	2008	Field		Livestock		Field & Livestock	
	<i>Thousands</i>		<i>Dollars Per Hour</i>									
Lake	78	64	10.26	10.75	9.52	10.10	9.33	10.09	9.44	10.10		
Cornbelt I	53	44	10.20	10.90	9.22	10.27	10.32	10.87	9.57	10.43		
Cornbelt II	24	28	10.90	10.25	9.44	10.29	11.37	9.23	10.40	9.90		
Northern Plains	40	36	9.54	10.27	9.13	9.89	9.18	10.17	9.15	10.00		
Southern Plains	58	57	9.18	9.80	8.14	8.60	9.67	10.12	8.85	9.20		
Mountain I	22	30	9.20	10.00	8.36	10.49	9.22	8.98	8.70	9.78		
Mountain II	18	23	9.85	11.00	9.25	10.39	9.85	11.14	9.45	10.65		
United States	843	828	9.99	10.34	9.24	9.66	9.73	9.98	9.37	9.74		

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 15, 2008

Prices Received: By Commodity, Nebraska and United States, Preliminary August 2008 with Comparisons

Commodity	Unit	Nebraska			United States				
		August 2007 ¹	July 2008 ¹	August 15, 2008	August 2007 ¹	July 2008 ¹	August 15, 2008	% of Parity	Parity Price ²
Wheat, All	Bushels	\$ 4.96	\$ 7.16	\$ 7.50	\$ 5.64	\$ 7.16	\$ 8.02	58	\$13.80
Corn	Bushels	3.26	5.12	4.75	3.26	5.24	4.90	56	8.73
Oats	Bushels	2.82	3.53	3.50	2.24	3.46	3.17	56	5.67
Grain Sorghum	Cwt.	5.58	9.86	7.90	5.93	9.07	8.26	53	15.60
Soybeans	Bushels	7.33	13.30	12.00	7.72	13.30	12.10	56	21.60
Hay, All, Baled	Ton	91.00	92.00	92.00	124.00	164.00	165.00		
Alfalfa, Baled	Ton	93.00	94.00	94.00	135.00	177.00	180.00		
Other, Baled	Ton	79.00	80.00	81.00	105.00	130.00	126.00		
Dry Edible Beans	Cwt.	27.00	36.10	36.30	25.70	36.50	39.60	56	70.20
Hogs	Cwt.	53.40	57.60	63.60	51.30	54.20	59.70	41	145.00
Barrows & Gilts	Cwt.	53.70	58.30	64.20	52.10	56.00	61.10		
Sows	Cwt.	37.30	22.10	32.90	36.10	20.10	33.10		
Beef Cattle	Cwt.	93.20	99.80	101.00	91.40	95.10	96.10	36	264.00
Steers & Heifers	Cwt.	94.40	101.00	102.00	95.70	99.60	100.00		
Cows	Cwt.	53.70	60.70	62.70	51.50	56.40	57.60		
Calves	Cwt.	137.00	124.00	122.00	127.00	115.00	114.00	30	383.00
Sheep	Cwt.	31.70	29.90		28.30	26.90			121.00
Lambs	Cwt.	97.30	110.00		97.90	103.00			301.00

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

² Parity price based on data for August 2008.

Source: USDA NASS Agricultural Prices, August 29, 2008

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