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Dear Cattle Feeders:

Information contained herein is the result of mail, phone and personal interview surveys conducted during the past few weeks. Special recognition and appreciation are extended to all producers and agribusinesses who provided data making these reports possible.

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Director

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

State	May 1 Number on Feed ¹			April Placements			April Marketings			April Other Disappearance ²		
	2004	2005	2005/2004	2004	2005	2005/2004	2004	2005	2005/2004	2004	2005	2005/2004
	1,000 head		Percent	1,000 head		Percent	1,000 head		Percent	1,000 head		Percent
Arizona	295	328	111	31	31	100	27	24	89	2	2	100
California	500	500	100	75	64	85	67	59	88	3	5	167
Colorado	940	970	103	150	120	80	170	150	88	10	20	200
Idaho	250	240	96	45	39	87	47	37	79	3	2	67
Iowa	415	455	110	57	55	96	53	53	100	4	2	50
Kansas	2,240	2,260	101	355	375	106	440	425	97	35	30	86
Nebraska	2,100	2,190	104	320	320	100	420	380	90	10	10	100
New Mexico	105	114	109	14	19	136	11	16	145	3	2	67
Oklahoma	310	305	98	51	52	102	68	70	103	3	2	67
South Dakota	200	200	100	26	27	104	28	31	111	3	1	33
Texas	2,560	2,630	103	415	500	120	480	480	100	15	10	67
Washington	175	147	84	26	19	73	35	30	86	1	1	100
Other States	285	300	105	35	39	111	45	46	102	5	3	60
U.S.	10,375	10,639	103	1,600	1,660	104	1,891	1,801	95	97	90	93

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.

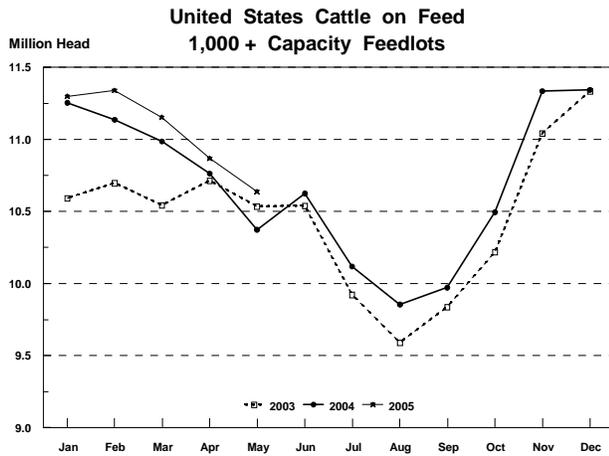
²Includes death losses, movement from feedlots to pastures, and shipments to other feedlots for further feeding.

Source: USDA NASS Cattle on Feed May 20, 2005

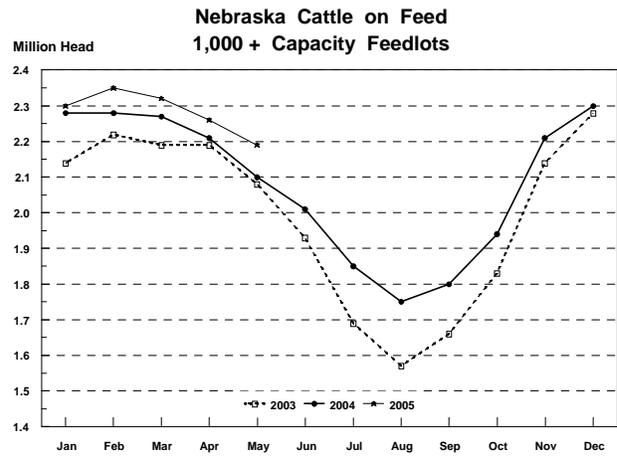
Cattle on Feed: Number Placed on Feed By Weight Group, 1,000+ Capacity Feedlots, By Month, State, and United States, 2004-2005

State	During April									
	Under 600		600-699		700-799		800 Plus		Total	
	2004	2005	2004	2005	2004	2005	2004	2005	2004	2005
	1,000 Head									
Colorado	15	20	37	20	61	35	37	45	150	120
Kansas	45	50	60	50	140	120	110	155	355	375
Nebraska	50	45	52	40	105	105	113	130	320	320
Texas	85	105	100	70	175	170	55	155	415	500
Other States	120	120	55	45	85	70	100	110	360	345
U.S.	315	340	304	225	566	500	415	595	1,600	1,660

Source: USDA NASS Cattle on Feed May 20, 2005



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Federally Inspected Red Meat Production: United States¹

Class	Apr 2004	Mar 2005	Apr 2005	Apr 05 % of		Jan-Apr ²		05 as % of 04
				Apr 2004	Mar 2005	2004	2005	
	Million Pounds	Million Pounds	Million Pounds	Percent	Percent	Million Pounds	Million Pounds	Percent
Beef	1,929	2,012	1,863	97	93	7,673	7,499	98
Veal	13.5	12.9	12.6	94	98	56.9	50.3	88
Pork	1,711	1,788	1,691	99	95	6,796	6,786	100
Lamb & Mutton	16.5	18.8	14.9	90	79	66.9	62.0	93
Total Red Meat	3,669	*3,832	3,581	98	93	14,593	14,397	99

*Revised.

¹Based on packers' dressed weights and excludes farm slaughter. ²Accumulated totals and percentages based on unrounded data.

Source: USDA NASS Livestock Slaughter May 20, 2005

Classification of Livestock Slaughtered Under Federal Inspection: United States

Item	Apr 2004	Mar 2005	Apr 2005	Jan-Apr ¹		Apr 2004	Mar 2005	Apr 2005	Jan-Apr ¹	
				2004	2005				2004	2005
	1,000 Head	1,000 Head	1,000 Head	1,000 Head	1,000 Head	Percent of Total	Percent of Total	Percent of Total	Percent of Total	Percent of Total
Class²										
Cattle										
Steers	1,366	1,367	1,336	5,093	5,058	51.5	51.1	53.1	49.1	50.8
Heifers	836	871	772	3,424	3,161	31.5	32.6	30.7	33.0	31.7
All Cows	405	395	366	1,695	1,579	15.2	14.7	14.6	16.3	15.9
Dairy Cows	179	199	173	820	773	6.7	7.4	6.9	7.9	7.8
Other Cows	226	196	193	875	806	8.5	7.3	7.7	8.4	8.1
Bulls & Stags	47	41	43	167	167	1.8	1.5	1.7	1.6	1.7
Total¹	2,654	2,674	2,517	10,379	9,965	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Hogs										
Barrows & Gilts	8,262	*8,556	8,095	32,827	32,544	96.4	96.6	96.7	96.5	96.7
Sows	283	278	248	1,101	1,021	3.3	3.1	3.0	3.2	3.0
Stags & Boars	22	24	26	88	92	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3
Total¹	8,567	*8,858	8,369	34,016	33,657	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Sheep										
Mature Sheep	13	11	11	45	41	5.6	4.0	5.4	4.8	4.7
Lambs & Yrlngs	225	257	197	894	834	94.4	96.0	94.6	95.2	95.3
Total¹	238	268	208	939	875	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

*Revised.

¹Total and percentages based on unrounded data. ²Species totals and classification reported by meat inspectors, Inspection Operations, FSIS.

Source: USDA NASS Livestock Slaughter May 20, 2005

Annual Price Reactions to Cattle on Feed Reports

Marketing Year ²	Number of and Average Price Changes ¹							
	Week Prior to Release				Week After Release			
	Increases		Decreases		Increases		Decreases	
	Number	Average	Number	Average	Number	Average	Number	Average
		<i>Dollars</i>		<i>Dollars</i>		<i>Dollars</i>		<i>Dollars</i>
1993	6	1.62	6	1.28	5	1.35	7	1.80
1994	5	1.79	7	0.98	3	1.95	9	1.40
1995	5	0.85	6	1.48	4	0.71	8	0.79
1996	4	1.17	8	1.51	3	0.72	8	1.22
1997	5	1.30	7	0.79	5	1.19	7	0.74
1998	6	1.53	6	1.20	3	0.98	9	1.12
1999	9	0.73	3	1.11	5	0.38	7	0.50
2000	8	0.76	4	0.69	7	0.78	5	1.08
2001	5	0.84	7	1.78	5	1.87	7	1.47
2002	9	1.24	3	1.40	5	1.14	7	1.68
2003	5	3.73	7	2.41	5	1.90	7	3.24
2004	9	1.73	3	1.85	5	4.07	7	1.83

¹Prices based on the weekly weighted average price for live steers and heifers from feedlots in Texas, Oklahoma, Kansas, Colorado, Nebraska, Iowa, and Southern Minnesota. Total increases and decreases may not add to twelve for a year when the week-to-week price does not change. Mandatory Price Reporting began April 1, 2001.

²Marketing year represents the January-December calendar year.

Source: Market News, Agriculture Marketing Service

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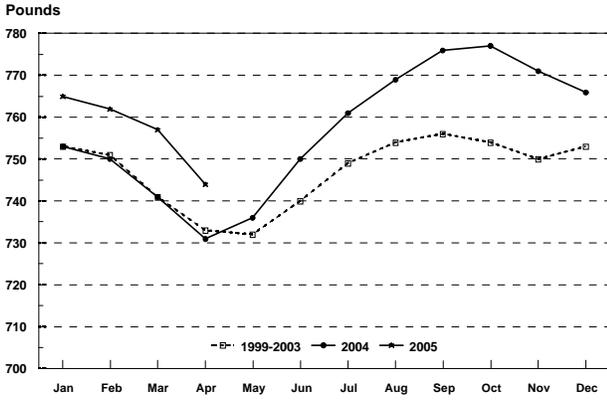
Release Date	Inventory Change ²	Average Price ¹			Change From	
		Week Prior	Week of Release	Week After	Week Before to Week of Release	Week of Release to Week After
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Dollars</i>	<i>Dollars</i>	<i>Dollars</i>	<i>Dollars</i>	<i>Dollars</i>
Jan 16, 2004	6	74.55	79.00	85.72	4.45	6.72
Feb 20, 2004	4	77.31	78.78	81.94	1.47	3.16
Mar 19, 2004	4	87.77	86.61	82.85	-1.16	-3.76
Apr 16, 2004	0.3	86.06	86.74	85.15	0.68	-1.59
May 21, 2004	-2	87.40	86.04	85.15	-1.36	-0.89
Jun 18, 2004	1	90.03	87.00	89.55	-3.03	2.55
Jul 23, 2004	2	82.66	84.69	84.58	2.03	-0.11
Aug 20, 2004	3	84.43	86.96	82.22	2.53	-4.74
Sep 17, 2004	1	81.56	84.39	83.88	2.83	-0.51
Oct 22, 2004	3	85.59	86.00	84.76	0.41	-1.24
Nov 19, 2004	3	84.25	84.62	88.43	0.37	3.81
Dec 17, 2004	0.1	84.76	85.57	89.68	0.81	4.11

¹Prices based on the weekly weighted average prices per cwt. For live steers and heifers from feedlots in Texas, Oklahoma, Kansas, Colorado, Nebraska, Iowa, and Southern Minnesota.

²Change from previous year.

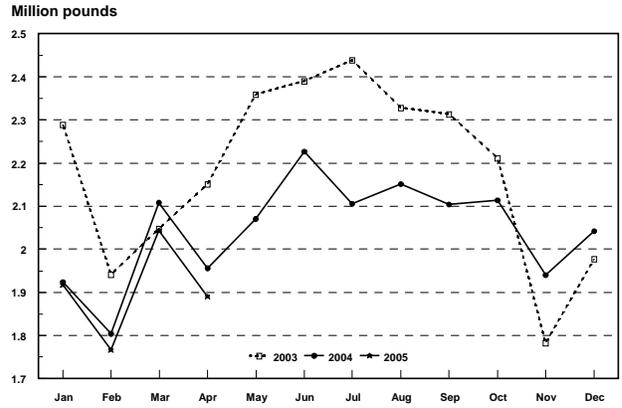
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**Cattle Carcass Weights
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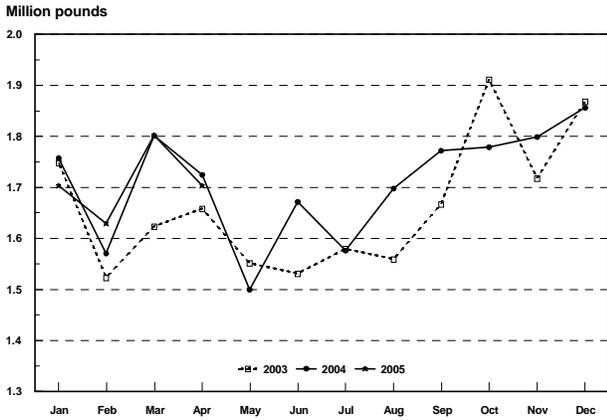
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Commercial Beef Production



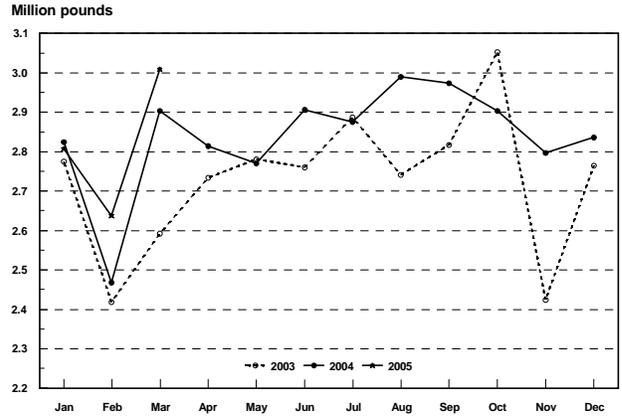
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Commercial Pork Production



Source: USDA Nebraska Agricultural Statistics Service

Certified Broiler Slaughter



Source: USDA Nebraska Agricultural Statistics Service

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