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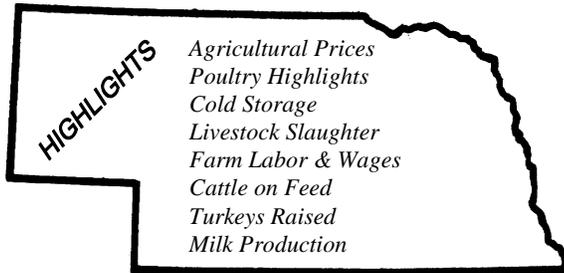
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offset price increases for eggs, tomatoes, sweet corn, and grapes. The seasonal change in the mix of commodities farmers sell often affects the overall index. Higher seasonal marketings of tobacco, cattle, grapes, and sweet corn more than offset lower marketings of wheat, hay, milk, and broilers. These marketing changes kept the index from falling one more point.

U.S. INDEX OF PRICES RECEIVED

The Preliminary All Farm Products Index of Prices Received in August was 97 based on 1990-92=100, down 1 point (1%) from the July index. Lower prices for broilers, cattle, hogs, and corn more than

Compared with August 1999, the All Farm Products Index was 2 points (2%) lower. Price decreases from August 1999 for milk, corn, broilers, and oranges more than offset price increases for hogs, cattle, sweet corn, and calves.

AVERAGE PRICES RECEIVED BY FARMERS

| COMMODITY | Unit | NEBRASKA | | | UNITED STATES | | | | |
|------------------------|------|-----------------------|---------------------|-----------------|-----------------------|---------------------|-----------------|-------------|---------------|
| | | August 1999 <u>1/</u> | July 2000 <u>1/</u> | August 15, 2000 | August 1999 <u>1/</u> | July 2000 <u>1/</u> | August 15, 2000 | % of Parity | Parity Price* |
| Wheat | Bu. | \$ 2.24 | \$ 2.42 | \$ 2.39 | \$ 2.53 | \$ 2.32 | \$ 2.30 | 24 | \$ 9.67 |
| Corn | Bu. | 1.72 | 1.67 | 1.50 | 1.75 | 1.64 | 1.48 | 22 | 6.67 |
| Oats | Bu. | .93 | 1.21 | 1.25 | .97 | 1.07 | 1.02 | 30 | 3.38 |
| Grain Sorghum | Cwt. | 2.88 | 2.68 | 2.45 | 2.85 | 2.81 | 2.59 | 25 | 10.50 |
| Soybeans | Bu. | 4.29 | 4.42 | 4.28 | 4.39 | 4.53 | 4.38 | 32 | 13.90 |
| Hay, All, Baled | Ton | 36.00 | 55.00 | 57.00 | 78.90 | 80.20 | 80.50 | --- | --- |
| Alfalfa, Baled | Ton | 38.00 | 57.00 | 61.00 | 84.90 | 84.50 | 83.90 | --- | --- |
| Other, Baled | Ton | 32.00 | 42.00 | 47.00 | 62.60 | 66.60 | 68.50 | --- | --- |
| Dry Edible Beans | Cwt. | 17.40 | 15.60 | 16.10 | 18.00 | 15.10 | 15.50 | 31 | 49.40 |
| Hogs | Cwt. | 37.90 | 51.10 | 47.80 | 36.20 | 48.50 | 44.40 | 44 | 102.00 |
| Barrows & Gilts | Cwt. | 38.10 | 51.20 | 48.00 | 36.90 | 49.30 | 45.00 | --- | --- |
| Sows | Cwt. | 25.60 | 36.50 | 36.00 | 23.00 | 34.70 | 34.20 | --- | --- |
| Beef Cattle | Cwt. | 65.10 | 68.00 | 66.20 | 63.50 | 67.50 | 65.10 | 42 | 155.00 |
| Steers & Heifers | Cwt. | 65.80 | 68.20 | 67.00 | 66.20 | 70.40 | 67.70 | --- | --- |
| Cows | Cwt. | 37.60 | 39.30 | 40.00 | 36.30 | 39.20 | 38.60 | --- | --- |
| Calves | Cwt. | 91.00 | 104.00 | 107.00 | 89.60 | 106.00 | 105.00 | 53 | 199.00 |
| Sheep | Cwt. | 33.00 | 33.70 | n/a | 29.80 | 34.20 | n/a | --- | 67.60 |
| Lambs | Cwt. | 80.60 | 82.00 | n/a | 80.30 | 87.00 | n/a | --- | 164.00 |
| All Milk | Cwt. | 12.80 | <u>2/</u> | <u>2/</u> | 15.10 | 12.70 | 12.50 | 40 | 31.60 |
| Milk, Fluid | Cwt. | 12.80 | <u>2/</u> | <u>2/</u> | 15.00 | 12.70 | 12.50 | --- | --- |
| Milk, Mfg. | Cwt. | 13.70 | <u>2/</u> | <u>2/</u> | 15.30 | 10.70 | 10.60 | --- | --- |

1/ Entire month average except hay and milk cows. 2/ Monthly and mid-month prices discontinued January 2000. *Parity price based on data for August 2000. n/a = not available.

U.S. COLD STORAGE HIGHLIGHTS

Frozen food stocks in refrigerated warehouses on July 31, 2000 were greater than year earlier levels for fruit, red meat, potatoes and orange juice concentrate. Total red meat supplies in freezers were 3% below June 2000 but 6% above July 1999. Frozen pork stocks were 3% below last month and 4% below last year. Total frozen poultry supplies were up 1% from last month but were 9% below last year's level. Stocks on July 31 for selected items and changes from last year and last month follow:

| Commodity | Stocks 1,000 lbs. | Percent Change | |
|-------------------|----------------------|----------------|-----------|
| | | July 1999 | June 2000 |
| Total red meats . | 862,980 | +6% | -3% |
| Beef | 366,128 | +25% | -4% |
| Pork | 473,884 | -4% | -3% |
| Poultry | 1,346,568 | -9% | +1% |
| Turkey | 520,097 | -13% | +3% |
| Chicken | 821,417 | -6% | Sm-% |

POULTRY HIGHLIGHTS - JULY

| Item | 1999 | 2000 | '00% of '99 |
|-------------------------|---------|---------|----------------|
| | | | |
| No. of Layers | | | |
| NEBRASKA | 11.3 | 12.1 | 107 |
| 30 States | 301.0 | 305.7 | 102 |
| U.S. | 319.8 | 325.7 | 102 |
| Eggs Produced | | | |
| NEBRASKA | 240 | 249 | 104 |
| 30 States | 6,495 | 6,631 | 102 |
| U.S. | 6,903 | 7,056 | 102 |
| Chickens, U.S. | | | |
| Hatched, July | | | |
| Egg-type | 34.3 | 33.1 | 97 |
| Broiler | 751.6 | 739.9 | 98 |
| Hatched thru July | | | |
| Egg-type | 271.2 | 256.3 | 95 |
| Broiler | 5,151.3 | 5,213.3 | 101 |
| Turkeys, U.S. | | | |
| Placed (July) | 26.8 | 27.1 | 101 |

COMMERCIAL LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTER

July 2000 output and changes from last year and last month are shown below. July 1999 contained 22 weekdays and five Saturdays. July 2000 contained 21 weekdays (including one holiday) and five Saturdays.

| Item | Total <u>1</u> / (1,000) | % Change | |
|---------------------------|-----------------------------|--------------|--------------|
| | | July 1999 | June 2000 |
| <u>NEBRASKA</u> | | | |
| Cattle, head | 638.0 | Sm.+ | -8 |
| Hogs, head | 472.5 | -4 | -5 |
| Sheep & Lambs, head | .1 | Same | Same |
| Red Meat, mil. lbs. . . . | 584.6 | +2 | -6 |
| <u>UNITED STATES</u> | | | |
| Cattle, head | 2,962.1 | -4 | -8 |
| Calves, head | 98.8 | -11 | +4 |
| Hogs, head | 7,356.3 | -7 | -7 |
| Sheep & Lambs, head | 243.2 | -8 | -7 |
| Red Meat, mil. lbs. . . . | 3,643.3 | -4 | -8 |

1/ Excludes animals slaughtered on farms.

HIRED WORKERS ON FARMS & FARM WAGE RATES

SELECTED REGIONS AND UNITED STATES, JULY 11-17, 1999 & JULY 9-15, 2000 1/

| Region <u>2</u> / | Hired Workers | | WAGE RATES | | | | | | | |
|---------------------------|---------------|-------|-------------------|------|--------------|------|-----------|------|-------------------|------|
| | | | All Hired Workers | | Type of work | | | | | |
| | | | | | Field | | Livestock | | Field & Livestock | |
| | 1999 | 2000 | 1999 | 2000 | 1999 | 2000 | 1999 | 2000 | 1999 | 2000 |
| | Thousands | | Dollars per hour | | | | | | | |
| Lake | 88 | 73 | 7.73 | 8.45 | 7.35 | 7.98 | 7.15 | 7.83 | 7.29 | 7.92 |
| Cornbelt I | 68 | 69 | 8.03 | 8.23 | 7.54 | 7.79 | 7.39 | 8.33 | 7.52 | 7.87 |
| Cornbelt II | 30 | 30 | 7.90 | 8.39 | 7.22 | 7.62 | 8.07 | 8.63 | 7.58 | 8.00 |
| Northern Plains | 54 | 41 | 7.73 | 7.64 | 7.32 | 7.52 | 7.63 | 7.28 | 7.37 | 7.42 |
| Southern Plains | 60 | 77 | 6.60 | 7.38 | 6.23 | 6.56 | 6.40 | 7.55 | 6.26 | 6.85 |
| Mountain I | 31 | 37 | 6.61 | 7.32 | 6.17 | 6.70 | 6.97 | 7.63 | 6.43 | 7.02 |
| Mountain II | 31 | 25 | 7.26 | 7.96 | 6.47 | 7.21 | 7.09 | 7.23 | 6.73 | 7.22 |
| United States | 1,155 | 1,079 | 7.58 | 7.89 | 7.05 | 7.32 | 7.22 | 7.65 | 7.08 | 7.39 |

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.

NEBRASKA CATTLE ON FEED UP 15%

Nebraska feedlots, with capacities of 1,000 or more head, contained 1.84 million cattle on feed on August 1. This inventory was up 15% from last year and 26% above two years ago.

Fed cattle marketings for July totaled 430,000 head, down 10% from last year but 2% above July two years ago.

Placements of cattle into feedlots during July totaled 325,000 head, up 8% from last year and 12% above 1998. Other disappearance during July totaled 5,000 head compared with 10,000 head last year and 10,000 head during July 1998.

HISTORIC 7 STATES CATTLE ON FEED UP 12%

Cattle on feed August 1, 2000, in the historic 7 monthly States for feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head totaled 8.81 million, up 12% from the previous year and 14% above August 1, 1998.

Marketings during July totaled 1.78 million, 2% below 1999 but 2% above 1998.

Placements in feedlots during July totaled 1.67 million, 7% above 1999 but slightly below 1998. Other disappearance during July was 37,000 head, 14% below 1999 and 10% below 1998.

CATTLE ON FEED -- INVENTORIES, PLACEMENTS, MARKETINGS & OTHER DISAPPEARANCE, 1,000+ CAPACITY FEEDLOTS

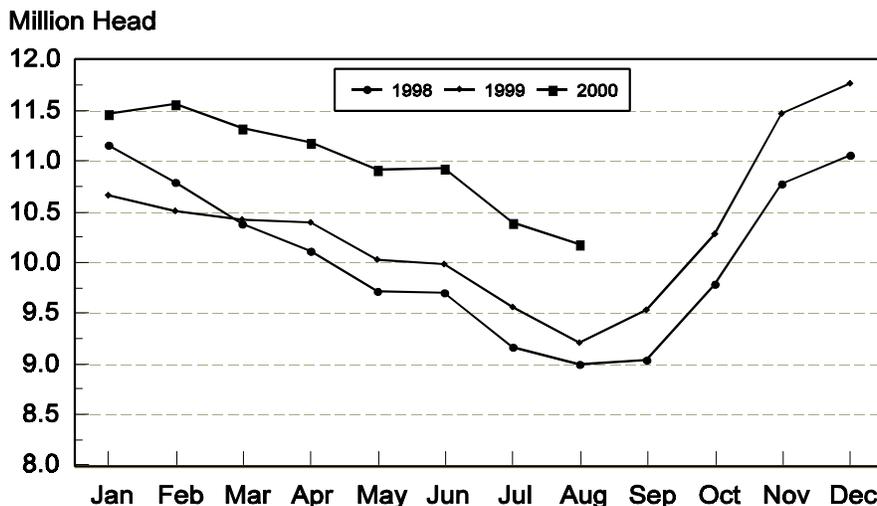
| STATE | AUGUST 1 NUMBER ON FEED 1/ | | | JULY PLACEMENTS | | | JULY MARKETINGS | | | JULY OTHER DISAPPEAR 2/ | | |
|--------------------|-------------------------------|--------|---------------------|--------------------|-------|---------------------|--------------------|-------|---------------------|----------------------------|------|---------------------|
| | 1999 | 2000 | <u>2000</u> 1999 | 1999 | 2000 | <u>2000</u> 1999 | 1999 | 2000 | <u>2000</u> 1999 | 1999 | 2000 | <u>2000</u> 1999 |
| | 1,000 head | | % | 1,000 head | | % | 1,000 head | | % | 1,000 head | | % |
| Arizona* . . . | 194 | 262 | 135 | 23 | 24 | 104 | 26 | 35 | 135 | 1 | 1 | 100 |
| California* . | 395 | 420 | 112 | 55 | 60 | 109 | 50 | 45 | 90 | 5 | 5 | 100 |
| Colorado* . . | 960 | 1,050 | 109 | 175 | 185 | 106 | 230 | 220 | 96 | 5 | 5 | 100 |
| Idaho | 265 | 280 | 106 | 48 | 56 | 117 | 56 | 65 | 116 | 2 | 1 | 50 |
| Iowa* | 290 | 330 | 114 | 32 | 40 | 125 | 50 | 54 | 108 | 2 | 1 | 50 |
| Kansas* . . . | 1,990 | 2,190 | 110 | 500 | 520 | 104 | 460 | 480 | 104 | 10 | 10 | 100 |
| Nebraska* . | 1,600 | 1,840 | 115 | 300 | 325 | 108 | 480 | 430 | 90 | 10 | 5 | 50 |
| New Mexico | 83 | 93 | 112 | 16 | 19 | 119 | 14 | 12 | 86 | 1 | 3 | 300 |
| Oklahoma . . | 325 | 355 | 109 | 73 | 63 | 86 | 71 | 62 | 87 | 2 | 1 | 50 |
| So. Dakota . | 125 | 126 | 101 | 14 | 16 | 114 | 27 | 33 | 122 | 2 | 1 | 50 |
| Texas* | 2,480 | 2,720 | 110 | 480 | 520 | 108 | 520 | 520 | 100 | 10 | 10 | 100 |
| Washington | 202 | 194 | 96 | 45 | 49 | 109 | 57 | 57 | 100 | 1 | 0 | --- |
| Other Sts . . . | 320 | 320 | 100 | 51 | 40 | 78 | 75 | 69 | 92 | 1 | 1 | 100 |
| U.S. | 9,209 | 10,180 | 111 | 1,812 | 1,917 | 106 | 2,116 | 2,082 | 98 | 52 | 44 | 86 |
| 7 States | 7,909 | 8,812 | 111 | 1,565 | 1,674 | 107 | 1,816 | 1,784 | 98 | 43 | 37 | 84 |

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.

* Historic seven states.

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



TURKEYS RAISED UNCHANGED FROM 1999

The preliminary estimate of turkeys raised in the United States during 2000 is 273 million, the same as were raised during 1999.

The following six States are expected to account for about two-thirds of the turkeys produced in the United States during 2000:

North Carolina is forecast to continue as the nation's leader in turkey production with 44.0 million birds, 5% less than 1999.

Minnesota ranks second with 43.0 million, down 1% from last year.

Arkansas is in third place by producing 28.0 million birds, 4% less than a year ago.

Virginia is the nation's fourth largest producing State with 25.0 million birds, up 4% from a year ago.

Missouri is in fifth place with 23.5 million birds, up 7% from last year's production.

California expects to raise 17.3 million turkeys, 1% below a year earlier.

TURKEYS: NUMBER RAISED, 1999 & 2000 ^{1/}

| State | 1999 | 2000 | 2000 as % of 1999 |
|----------------------------------|------------|---------|-------------------------|
| | 1,000 head | | Percent |
| Arkansas | 27,000 | 28,000 | 104 |
| California | 17,500 | 17,300 | 99 |
| Connecticut | 5 | 5 | 100 |
| Delaware | 4 | 3 | 75 |
| Illinois | 2,900 | 2,900 | 100 |
| Indiana | 13,500 | 13,500 | 100 |
| Iowa | 7,800 | 7,200 | 92 |
| Maryland | 600 | 435 | 73 |
| Massachusetts | 78 | 80 | 103 |
| Michigan | 2,700 | 4,700 | 174 |
| Minnesota | 43,500 | 43,000 | 99 |
| Missouri | 22,000 | 23,500 | 107 |
| New Hampshire | 15 | 14 | 93 |
| New Jersey | 50 | 57 | 114 |
| New York | 490 | 490 | 100 |
| North Carolina | 46,500 | 44,000 | 95 |
| North Dakota | 1,800 | 2,200 | 122 |
| Ohio | 4,700 | 4,700 | 100 |
| Pennsylvania | 9,800 | 9,600 | 98 |
| South Carolina | 9,500 | 9,100 | 96 |
| South Dakota | 4,200 | 4,000 | 95 |
| Vermont | 41 | 40 | 98 |
| Virginia | 24,000 | 25,000 | 104 |
| West Virginia | 4,500 | 4,300 | 96 |
| Other States ^{2/} | 29,811 | 28,711 | 96 |
| United States | 272,994 | 272,835 | 100 |

^{1/} 1999 revised. ^{2/} Other States include Colorado, Georgia, Kansas, Michigan, Nebraska, Oklahoma, Oregon, Texas, Utah, and Wisconsin.

JULY MILK PRODUCTION

Milk production in the 20 major States during July totaled 12.2 billion pounds, up 5.0% from production in these same States in July 1999. This increase is magnified by unusually hot temperatures during July 1999 which lowered milk production per cow. June revised production, at 12.1 billion pounds was up 2.9% from June 1999. The June revision represented a increase of 0.1%

or 13 million pounds from last months preliminary production estimate.

Production per cow in the 20 major States averaged 1,557 pounds for July, 59 pounds above July 1999. The number of cows on farms in the 20 major States was 7.83 million head, 83,000 head more than July 1999 and 24,000 head more than June 2000.

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