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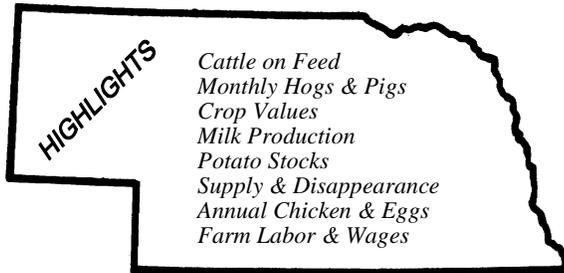
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NEBRASKA CATTLE ON FEED UP 3%

Nebraska cattle feeders, with a capacity of 1,000+ head, had 2.43 million cattle on feed for slaughter markets on February 1. This inventory was up 3% from last year and 13% above February 1, 1999. Placements into these feedlots during January totaled 480,000 head, down 4% from last year but 7% above 1999. Fed cattle marketings for the month of January totaled 430,000 head, up 2% from last year and 8% above two years ago. Other disappearance during January totaled 20,000 head compared with 10,000 head during January 2000 and 10,000 head during January 1999.

7 STATES AND U.S. CATTLE ON FEED

Cattle on feed February 1, 2001 in the historic seven monthly States for feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head totaled 10.2 million, up 3% from the previous year and 15% above 1999. During January, placements were up 2% and marketings were unchanged from a year ago.

Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter market in the United States for feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head totaled 11.9 million head on February 1, 2001. During January, placements were up 2% and marketings were unchanged from a year ago.

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

STATE	FEBRUARY 1 NUMBER ON FEED 1/			JANUARY PLACEMENTS			JANUARY MARKETINGS			JANUARY OTHER DISAPPEAR. 2/		
	2000	2001	<u>2001</u> <u>2000</u>	2000	2001	<u>2001</u> <u>2000</u>	2000	2001	<u>2001</u> <u>2000</u>	2000	2001	<u>2001</u> <u>2000</u>
	1,000 head		%	1,000 head		%	1,000 head		%	1,000 head		%
Arizona* . . .	275	302	110	29	28	97	24	25	104	2	2	100
California * .	415	445	107	57	60	105	50	55	110	7	10	143
Colorado * .	1,200	1,230	103	290	305	105	260	275	106	10	10	100
Idaho	300	325	108	66	71	108	70	65	93	6	1	17
Iowa *	385	385	100	60	52	87	48	51	106	2	1	50
Kansas * . . .	2,340	2,500	107	520	580	112	480	465	97	10	15	150
Nebraska *	2,370	2,430	103	500	480	96	420	430	102	10	20	200
New Mexico	113	116	103	10	11	110	13	10	77	0	0	0
Oklahoma . .	420	410	98	62	68	110	67	65	97	5	3	60
So. Dakota .	200	205	103	38	35	92	30	31	103	2	1	50
Texas *	2,900	2,930	101	475	460	97	465	450	97	10	10	100
Washington	211	243	115	45	55	122	59	59	100	3	3	100
Other Sts . . .	445	420	94	64	58	91	62	61	98	2	2	100
U. S	11,574	11,941	103	2,216	2,263	102	2,048	2,042	100	69	78	113

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 7 states.

MONTHLY HOG AND PIGS

The January 2000 U.S. pig crop at 8.46 million head, was 6% more than the previous year. Sows farrowing during this period totaled 947 thousand head, 4% above last year. The average pigs per litter for January rose to 8.94, compared to 8.76 pigs last year.

The U.S. inventory of sows and gilts totaled 6.03 million head on February 1, 2001. U.S. sows and gilts bred during the month of January totaled 1.17 million head.

**MONTHLY FARROWINGS: NUMBER OF SOWS, PIGS PER LITTER, AND PIG CROP,
UNITED STATES DECEMBER-NOVEMBER 2000-2001 1/ 2/**

Month	Sows Farrowing		Pigs per Litter		Pig Crop	
	2000	2001	2000	2001	2000	2001
	1,000 head	1,000 head	Number	Number	1,000 head	1,000 head
Dec 1/	922	940	8.77	8.89	8,091	8,354
Jan	911	947	8.76	8.94	7,977	8,460
Feb	965		8.76		8,454	
Mar	974		8.87		8,647	
Apr	959		8.84		8,484	
May	956		8.87		8,479	
Jun	975		8.85		8,626	
Jul	944		8.87		8,370	
Aug	980		8.87		8,690	
Sep	996		8.87		8,835	
Oct	947		8.90		8,428	
Nov	932		8.88		8,274	
Total	11,462		8.84		101,355	

1/ December preceding year. 2/ Monthly values may not add to quarterly or annual totals due to rounding.

**CROPS -- MARKETING YEAR AVERAGE PRICE AND VALUE OF PRODUCTION,
NEBRASKA & UNITED STATES, 1998-2000**

Crop	Prod. Unit	Price			Value of Production		
		1998	1999	2000	1998	1999	2000
		Dollars			1,000 dollars		
NEBRASKA							
Corn for Grain	Bu.	1.88	1.75	1.95	2,330,730	2,018,975	1,977,885
Sorghum for Grain	Bu.	1.68	1.52	1.75	94,752	65,010	61,250
Oats	Bu.	1.19	1.00	1.30	6,331	4,650	2,457
Barley	Bu.	1.80	1.40	1.60	720	202	259
All Wheat	Bu.	2.54	2.20	2.70	210,312	179,520	160,380
Winter Wheat	Bu.	2.54	2.20	2.70	210,312	179,520	160,380
Rye	Bu.	1.80	1.40	1/	518	567	1/
Soybeans	Bu.	4.83	4.47	4.70	796,950	807,394	817,095
Dry Edible Beans	Cwt.	18.00	16.30	16.00	65,988	60,962	51,680
All Hay (baled)	Ton	48.50	37.50	66.00	363,150	286,440	392,105
Alfalfa Hay (baled)	Ton	49.50	39.00	68.00	259,875	202,020	284,580
All Other Hay (baled)	Ton	42.50	33.50	57.50	103,275	84,420	107,525
All Potatoes	Cwt.	4.95	4.95	4.80	48,511	52,175	48,610
Sugar Beets	Ton	35.20	33.20	NA	32,877	41,766	NA
Sunflower (all)	Cwt.	10.80	9.54	8.50	9,086	11,112	5,491
Sunflower (oil)	Cwt.	9.50	7.50	6.80	4,476	4,759	2,866
Sunflower (non-oil)	Cwt.	13.60	12.10	11.60	4,610	6,353	2,625
UNITED STATES							
Corn for Grain	Bu.	1.94	1.82	1.85	18,922,084	17,103,991	18,621,160
Sorghum for Grain	Bu.	1.66	1.57	1.75	905,468	937,406	822,598
Oats	Bu.	1.10	1.10	1.05	199,748	169,576	164,555
Barley	Bu.	1.98	2.13	2.15	686,517	597,038	632,098
All Wheat	Bu.	2.65	2.48	2.65	6,780,623	5,593,989	5,970,197
Winter Wheat	Bu.	2.52	2.29	2.55	4,740,361	3,870,955	3,986,686
Rye	Bu.	2.49	2.27	2.49	30,404	25,084	21,430
Soybeans	Bu.	4.93	4.63	4.75	13,493,891	12,205,352	13,073,497
Dry Edible Beans	Cwt.	19.00	16.40	15.30	567,243	547,636	422,565
All Hay (baled)	Ton	84.60	76.90	83.00	11,606,734	11,014,373	11,179,702
Alfalfa Hay (baled)	Ton	88.10	80.20	87.00	6,951,140	6,338,797	6,505,437
All Other Hay (baled)	Ton	71.80	66.80	69.00	4,655,594	4,675,576	4,674,265
All Potatoes	Cwt.	5.56	5.77	4.95	2,635,279	2,745,712	2,539,561
Sugar Beets	Ton	36.40	37.20	NA	1,181,494	1,242,895	NA
Sunflower (all)	Cwt.	10.60	7.53	6.45	536,971	339,993	241,419
Sunflower (oil)	Cwt.	9.37	6.33	5.60	423,775	229,593	169,128
Sunflower (non-oil)	Cwt.	14.60	13.40	11.60	113,196	110,400	72,291

1/ Estimates not published individually beginning in 2000.

NOTE: All prices in this report are marketing year average prices which do not include allowances or adjustments for: commodities under government loan at the end of the marketing year; commodities forfeited to the Commodity Credit Corporation; or crop deficiency and disaster payments. Estimates shown for 2000 crops are preliminary. NA -- Not Available.

JANUARY MILK PRODUCTION

Milk production in the 20 major States during January totaled 12.1

billion pounds, down 1.5% from production in these same States in January 2000. Production per cow in the 20 major States averaged 1,550 pounds for January, 29 pounds below January 2000. The number of cows on farms in the 20 major States was 7.79 million head, 27,000 head more than January 2000, but 12,000 head less than December 2000.

POTATO STOCKS

Potato stocks in the 15 States totaled a record high 235 million cwt. on February 1, 2001, up 13% from last year and 4% above the previous record set in February 1997.

ANNUAL MILK PRODUCTION

Milk production for 2000 in **Nebraska** totaled 1.25 billion pounds, up 10% from 1.14 billion pounds a year earlier. Average number of milk cows, at 77,000 head, was up 3,000 head from a year ago, while milk per cow, at 16,260 pounds, was up 868 pounds from a year earlier.

United States annual milk production totaled 167.7 billion pounds, 3.0% above 1999. This was the fourth consecutive year of increased milk production and a new record high. Milk cow numbers, at 9.21 million head, were up 0.6% from 1999. Production per cow averaged 18,204 pounds for 2000, 432 pounds above 1999.

Milk production for 2000 in the **20 major States** totaled 144.5 billion pounds, up 3% from 1999. Milk cow numbers were set at 7.80 million up 1% from 1999. Production per cow totaled 18,532 pounds up 422 pounds from the previous year.

2000 POTATO CROP

State	Production	Total Stocks
		Feb. 1, 2001
Thousand cwt.		
California	3,741	1,700
Colorado	27,972	15,100
Idaho	152,320	86,500
Maine	17,920	10,900
Michigan	14,963	5,200
Minnesota	21,240	11,600
Montana	3,503	3,150
NEBRASKA	10,127	4,200
New York	5,964	1,300
North Dakota	26,950	13,300
Ohio	1,134	150
Oregon	30,683	20,500
Pennsylvania	3,510	950
Washington	108,000	47,000
Wisconsin	33,800	13,500
TOTAL 15 STATES	461,827	235,050

U.S. GRAINS SUPPLY AND DISAPPEARANCE OUTLOOK

CROP YEAR	SUPPLY				MARKET YEAR DISAPPEARANCE 1/*				Market Year Ending Stocks*	Average Market Price
	Production	Beginning stocks	Imports	Total	Domestic		Exports	Total		
					Primary Use 2/	Other				
Million bushels										\$/bu.
CORN:										
1998/99	9,759	1,308	19	11,085	5,471	1,846	1,981	9,298	1,787	1.94
1999/00	9,431	1,787	15	11,232	5,664	1,913	1,937	9,515	1,718	1.82
2000/01	9,968	1,718	10	11,696	5,775	1,980	2,050	9,805	1,891	1.70-1.90
SOYBEANS:										
1998/99	2,741	200	3	2,944	1,590	201	805	2,595	348	4.93
1999/00	2,654	348	4	3,006	1,579	164	973	2,716	290	4.63
2000/01	2,770	290	3	3,063	1,590	168	960	2,718	345	4.50-4.80
WHEAT:										
1998/99	2,547	722	103	3,373	910	475	1,042	2,427	946	2.65
1999/00	2,299	946	95	3,339	925	376	1,090	2,390	950	2.48
2000/01	2,223	950	95	3,268	945	384	1,100	2,429	839	2.60-2.70
SORGHUM:										
1998/99	520	49	---	569	262	45	197	504	65	1.66
1999/00	595	65	---	660	284	55	256	595	65	1.57
2000/01	470	65	---	535	240	50	200	490	45	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. * Projections for 1999 and 2000 crops are USDA's World Outlook Board expectations of supply and disappearance as of February 8, 2001. Totals may not add due to rounding.

CHICKEN INVENTORY, NEBRASKA AND UNITED STATES, DECEMBER 1, 1998-2000

Item	NEBRASKA				UNITED STATES			
	1998	1999	2000	2000 as % of 1999	1998	1999	2000	2000 as % of 1999
	Thousands				Percent			
All Chickens	13,219	13,846	13,895	100	425,045	436,343	434,687	100
Hens & Pullets Laying Age	10,613	11,842	11,840	100	321,718	329,320	332,205	101
Pullets 3 mo. & over not of laying age	1,186	203	424	209	39,664	38,587	38,325	99
Pullets under 3 mo. old	1,420	1,801	1,628	90	55,981	58,775	56,083	95
Other chickens	0	0	3	---	7,682	9,661	8,074	84

EGG PRODUCTION, NEBRASKA AND UNITED STATES, YEAR ENDED NOVEMBER 30, 1998-2000

Item	NEBRASKA			UNITED STATES		
	1998	1999	2000	1998	1999	2000
Eggs Produced (million)	2,706	2,837	2,999	79,690	82,715	84,412
Average Number of Layers (thousand)	10,398	11,167	11,909	312,035	322,354	327,908
Eggs per Layer (number)	260	254	252	255	257	257

HIRED WORKERS ON FARMS & FARM WAGE RATES
SELECTED REGIONS AND UNITED STATES, JANUARY 9-15, 2000 & JANUARY 7-13, 2001 1/

Region 2/	Hired Workers		WAGE RATES							
			All Hired Workers		Type of work					
					Field		Livestock		Field & Livestock	
	2000	2001	2000	2001	2000	2001	2000	2001	2000	2001
	Thousands		Dollars per hour							
Lake	48	38	8.83	9.53	8.72	9.12	7.96	8.26	8.11	8.57
Cornbelt I	36	34	9.32	10.10	8.51	8.58	8.45	9.06	8.48	8.88
Cornbelt II	19	14	8.13	9.05	7.31	7.86	7.87	8.61	7.80	8.49
Northern Plains	29	32	8.34	9.11	8.12	8.45	7.90	8.47	7.98	8.46
Southern Plains	44	65	7.52	7.98	7.06	7.35	7.10	7.71	7.08	7.53
Mountain I	21	19	8.15	8.63	7.44	8.06	7.72	8.22	7.64	8.19
Mountain II	19	18	8.09	8.72	7.46	7.57	7.60	7.76	7.56	7.68
United States	685	678	8.10	8.65	7.25	7.71	7.61	8.09	7.37	7.85

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.

HIRED WORKERS DOWN 2 PERCENT, WAGE RATES UP 7 PERCENT FROM A YEAR AGO

There were 841,000 hired workers on the Nation's farms and ranches the week of January 7-13, 2001, down 2% from a year ago. There were 678,000 workers hired directly by farm operators. Agricultural service employees working on farms and ranches made up the remaining 163,000 workers. Migrant workers accounted for 10.0% of the January hired workforce compared to 7.7% last year.

Farm operators paid their hired workers an average wage of \$8.65 per hour during the January 2001 survey week, up 55 cents from a year earlier. Field workers received an average of \$7.71 per hour, up 46 cents from last January. Livestock workers earned \$8.09 per hour compared with \$7.61 a year earlier. The Field and Livestock worker combined wage rate was up 48 cents from last year.

Number of hours worked averaged 36.9 hours for hired workers during the survey week compared with 38.4 hours a year ago.

The largest increases in number of hired farm workers over last year occurred in the Southern Plains (Oklahoma and Texas), Appalachian II (Kentucky, Tennessee, and West Virginia), and Northeast I (New England and New York) regions.

The largest decreases in number of hired farm workers from a year ago were in the Delta (Arkansas, Louisiana, and Mississippi), Corn Belt II (Iowa and Missouri), and Lake (Michigan, Minnesota, and Wisconsin) regions.

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