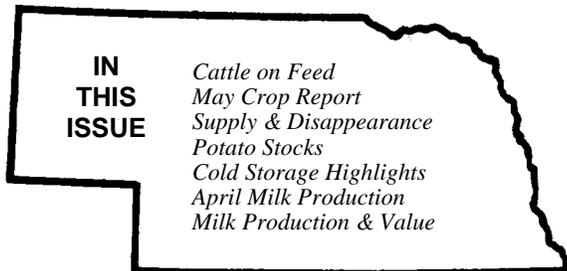


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Nebraska Cattle on Feed Down 4 Percent

Nebraska feedlots with capacities of 1,000 or more head contained 2.17 million cattle on feed on May 1, down 4 percent from last year and 3 percent below May 1, 2000. Placements of cattle into feedlots during April totaled 260,000, up 4 percent from 2001 but 19 percent below 2000. Marketings of fed cattle during April totaled 380,000 head, up 10 percent from last year but equal to April two years ago. Other disappearance during April totaled 10,000 compared with 5,000 during April 2001 and 10,000 during April 2000.

U.S. Cattle on Feed Down 2 Percent

Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter market in the United States for feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head totaled 10.96 million head on May 1, 2002. The inventory was 2 percent below May 1, 2001 but slightly above May 1, 2000. Placements in feedlots during April totaled 1.45 million, 6 percent below 2001 and 15 percent below 2000. Marketings of fed cattle during April totaled 1.99 million, 10 percent above 2001 and 6 percent above 2000. Other disappearance totaled 83,000 during April, 7 percent below 2001 and 8 percent below 2000.

Cattle on Feed: Number on Feed, Placements, Marketings and Other Disappearance, 1,000+ Capacity Feedlots, by Month, State, and United States, 2001-2002

STATE	May 1 Number on Feed ¹			April Placements			April Marketings			April Other Disappearance ²		
	2001	2002	<u>2002</u> 2001	2001	2002	<u>2002</u> 2001	2001	2002	<u>2002</u> 2001	2001	2002	<u>2002</u> 2001
	1,000 Head	Percent		1,000 Head	Percent		1,000 Head	Percent		1,000 Head	Percent	
Arizona	308	304	99	27	26	96	25	34	136	3	2	67
California	435	480	110	60	59	98	50	61	122	10	3	30
Colorado	1,170	1,080	92	160	165	103	170	190	112	10	15	150
Idaho	330	315	95	56	52	93	53	60	113	3	2	67
Iowa	380	385	101	37	40	108	41	49	120	1	1	100
Kansas	2,380	2,270	95	350	320	91	395	445	113	35	25	71
Nebraska	2,250	2,170	96	250	260	104	345	380	110	5	10	200
New Mexico	83	102	123	12	11	92	25	21	84	1	1	100
Oklahoma	345	340	99	51	49	96	72	67	93	4	2	50
So. Dakota	215	215	100	27	28	104	25	32	128	2	1	50
Texas	2,640	2,700	102	440	365	83	520	550	106	10	15	150
Washington	254	215	85	37	26	70	39	39	100	1	2	200
Other States	380	380	100	44	52	118	55	63	115	4	4	150
United States	11,170	10,956	98	1,551	1,453	94	1,815	1,991	110	89	83	93

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, May 17, 2002.

2002 Wheat Production Down 3 Percent from Last Year

Based on May 1 conditions, Nebraska's 2002 winter wheat crop is forecast at 57.6 million bushels, down 3 percent from last year's crop. Average yield is forecast at 36 bushels per acre, down 1 bushels from last year's yield and 1.9 bushels below the ten-year average.

Acreage to be harvested for grain is estimated at 1.6 million acres, unchanged from last year. This would be 94 percent of the

planted acres, up from last year's 91 percent and the ten-year average of 92 percent. As of May 1, topsoil moisture supplies were rated mostly short to very short in the major wheat growing areas. Disease and insect pressure to date was light.

May 1 Hay Stocks Up from Last Year

May 1 hay stocks of 1.28 million tons, are up 780,000 tons from last year's abnormally low level of 500,000 tons, but 15 percent below hay stocks of two years ago.

Winter Wheat and Hay Stocks: Comparative Data, Nebraska and United States, 2000-2002

Classification	Nebraska			United States			
	2000	2001	2002 ¹	2000	2001	2002 ¹	
Winter Wheat							
Harvested for Grain ²	Percent	94.0	91.0	94.0	81.0	76.0	73.0
For harvest	1,000 Acres	1,650	1,600	1,600	35,072	31,295	30,174
Yield	Bushels	36.0	37.0	36.0	44.7	43.5	43.1
Production	1,000 Bushels	59,400	59,200	57,600	1,566,023	1,361,479	1,300,726
All Hay Farm Stocks	1,000 Tons	1,500	500	1,280	28,817	21,106	22,494

¹ Winter wheat forecasted May 1, 2002. ² Percent of seeded acreage.

Winter Wheat: Acreage, Yield, and Production By Nebraska Agricultural Districts 2001-2002¹

District	Winter Wheat							
	Planted Acres ²		Acres Harvested		Yield		Production	
	2001	2002	2001	2002	2001	2002	2001	2002
	<i>1,000 Acres</i>		<i>1,000 Acres</i>		<i>Bushels</i>		<i>1,000 Bushels</i>	
Northwest	750.0	750.0	677.8	695.0	32.2	33.5	21,815.2	23,306.0
North	13.0	14.0	9.1	11.5	39.8	34.0	362.2	391.0
Northeast	2.0	2.0	1.2	1.5	40.4	33.0	48.5	50.0
Central	23.0	21.0	17.5	17.0	42.0	37.0	734.8	629.0
East	22.0	23.0	18.3	21.0	42.3	38.0	775.0	798.0
Southwest	575.0	530.0	539.8	508.0	39.2	37.0	21,141.7	18,796.0
South	200.0	200.0	184.8	194.0	44.5	35.0	8,232.6	6,790.0
Southeast	165.0	160.0	151.5	152.0	40.2	45.0	6,090.0	6,840.0
Nebraska	1,750.0	1,700.0	1,600.0	1,600.0	37.0	36.0	59,200.0	57,600.0

¹ Preliminary 2001 estimates and 2002 forecasts as of May 1, 2002. ² Planted acres are for all purposes.

Winter Wheat: Area Harvested, Yield and Production, Selected States and United States, 2001-2002

State	Winter Wheat					
	Acres Harvested		Yield		Production	
	2001	2002 ¹	2001	2002 ¹	2001	2002 ¹
	<i>1,000 Acres</i>		<i>Bushels</i>		<i>1,000 Bushels</i>	
Colorado	2,000	1,800	33.0	30.0	66,000	54,000
Kansas	8,200	8,000	40.0	37.0	328,000	296,000
Missouri	760	760	54.0	55.0	41,040	41,800
Montana	870	1,000	22.0	28.0	19,140	28,000
Nebraska	1,600	1,600	37.0	36.0	59,200	57,600
Oklahoma	3,700	3,600	33.0	31.0	122,100	111,600
South Dakota	370	1,050	32.0	40.0	11,840	42,000
Texas	3,200	2,500	34.0	32.0	108,800	80,000
Washington	1,750	1,700	61.0	66.0	106,750	112,200
United States	31,295	30,174	43.5	43.1	1,361,479	1,300,726

¹ Forecasted May 1, 2002.

Source: USDA NASS Crop Production, May 10, 2002.

U.S. Grains Supply and Disappearance Outlook

Crop Year	Supply				Market Year Disappearance ¹				Market Year Ending Stocks	Average Market Price
	Pro-duction	Begin-ning stocks	Im-ports	Total	Domestic		Ex-ports	Total		
					Primary Use ²	Other				
<i>Million Bushels</i>										
<i>\$/bu.</i>										
Corn										
2000/01	9,915	1,718	7	11,639	5,838	1,967	1,935	9,740	1,899	1.85
2001/02	9,507	1,899	10	11,416	5,825	2,045	1,925	9,795	1,621	1.85-1.95
2002/03 ³	9,935	1,621	15	11,571	5,750	2,160	2,100	10,010	1,561	1.75-2.15
Soybeans										
2000/01	2,758	290	4	3,052	1,641	164	1,000	2,804	248	4.54
2001/02	2,891	248	3	3,141	1,690	171	1,020	2,881	260	4.25
2002/03 ³	2,850	260	4	3,114	1,710	173	975	2,859	255	4.00-4.90
Wheat										
2000/01	2,232	950	90	3,272	956	379	1,061	2,396	876	2.62
2001/02	1,958	876	105	2,939	945	281	975	2,201	738	2.78
2002/03 ³	1,886	738	105	2,729	955	280	875	2,110	619	2.50-3.10
Sorghum										
2000/01	471	65	0	536	220	35	239	494	42	1.89
2001/02	515	42	0	556	215	45	250	510	46	1.80-1.90
2002/03 ³	533	46	0	579	225	50	250	525	54	1.60-2.00

¹ Marketing year begins: Corn, Sorghum & Soybeans, September 1; Wheat, June 1. ² Primary uses: Corn & Sorghum = Feed; Soybeans = Crushing; Wheat = Food. ³ Projection.

Source: USDA's World Agricultural Supply and Demand Estimates, May 10, 2002.

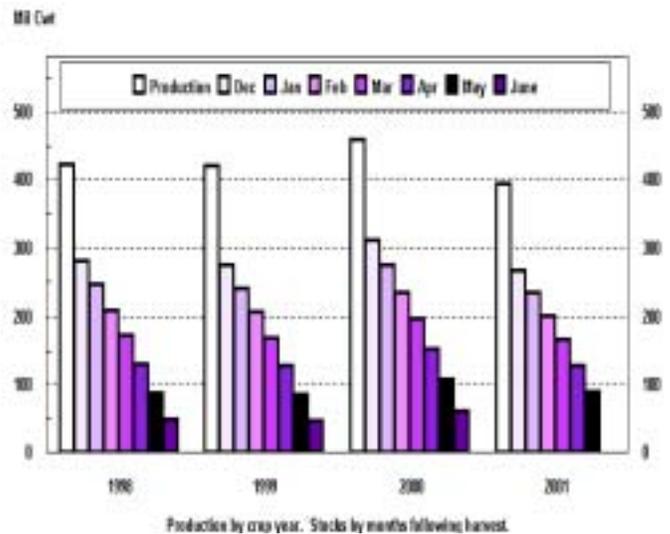
Potato Stocks

Fall Potatoes: Production and Stocks, 15 Selected States, May 1, 2002

State	Production	Total Stocks May 1, 2002
<i>Thousand Cwt.</i>		
California	1,113	110
Colorado	21,357	5,100
Idaho	127,980	40,500
Maine	16,120	3,000
Michigan	14,030	400
Minnesota	18,425	4,300
Montana	3,040	700
Nebraska ¹	8,512	
New York ¹	5,942	
North Dakota	26,400	7,600
Ohio ¹	984	
Oregon	20,730	6,500
Pennsylvania ¹	3,173	
Washington	94,400	18,000
Wisconsin	31,955	4,000
Other States		930
Total 15 States	394,161	91,140

¹ Nebraska, New York, Ohio and Pennsylvania combined into "Other States". Source: USDA NASS Potato Stocks, May 14, 2002.

Fall Potatoes: Production and Stocks 15 Storage States



Cold Storage

Frozen food stocks in refrigerated warehouses on April 30, 2002, were greater than year earlier levels for pork, poultry, beef, vegetables, and orange juice. Total red meat supplies in freezers were 3 percent above March 2002 and 29 percent above April 2001. Frozen pork stocks were 6 percent above last month and 31 percent above last year. Total frozen poultry supplies on April 30, 2002, were up 8 percent from last month and were 30 percent above last year's level. Total pounds of turkey in freezers increased 12 percent from last month and 30 percent from last year. Stocks on April 30 for selected items and changes from last year and last month follow:

Stocks in Cold Storage: By Commodity, United States, April 2002 with Comparisons

Commodity	Stocks 1,000 lbs.	Percent of	
		April 2001	March 2002
Total red meats	995,544	129	103
Beef	407,493	129	99
Pork	565,365	131	106
Poultry	1,370,295	130	108
Turkey	512,038	130	112

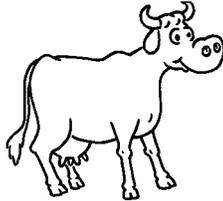
Source: USDA NASS Cold Storage, May 20, 2002.

April Milk Production

Milk production in the 20 major States during April totaled 12.5 billion pounds, up 2.9 percent from production in these same States in April 2001. March revised production, at 12.8 billion pounds, was up 3.1 percent from March 2001.

Production per cow in the 20 major States averaged 1,614 pounds for April, 43 pounds above April 2001.

The number of milk cows on farms in the 20 major States was 7.75 million head, 12,000 head more than April 2001, and 8,000 head more than March 2002.



Milk Production: By Month, 20 Selected States, 2001-2002

Month	by Month		Cumulative	
	2001	2002	2001	2002
	<i>Million Pounds</i>		<i>Million Pounds</i>	
January	12,059	12,272	12,059	12,272
February	11,108	11,365	23,167	23,637
March	12,384	12,771	35,551	36,408
April	12,156	12,513	47,707	48,921
May	12,647		60,354	
June	12,052		72,406	
July	12,025		84,431	
August	11,754		96,185	
September	11,376		107,561	
October	11,756		119,317	
November	11,492		130,809	
December	12,008		142,817	

Source: USDA NASS Milk Production, May 16, 2002.

Milk Production and Value: Nebraska and United States, 2000-2001

Year	Number of Milk Cows ¹	Production of Milk and Milkfat ²					Total Utilized on Farms	Sold to Plants & Dealers		
		Per Milk Cow		Percent of Fat in Milk	Total Production			Sold	Price per 100 lbs.	Receipts from Sales
		Milk	Milkfat		Milk	Milkfat				
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Pounds</i>		<i>Percent</i>	<i>Million Pounds</i>			<i>Dollars</i>	<i>1,000 Dollars</i>	
Nebraska										
2000	76	16,513	611	3.70	1,255	46.4	13	1,242	11.70	145,314
2001	72	16,056	596	3.71	1,156	42.9	12	1,144	14.60	167,024
United States										
2000	9,206	18,201	670	3.68	167,559	6,170.6	1,303	166,256	12.40	20,607,889
2001	9,115	18,139	666	3.67	165,336	6,072.3	1,264	164,072	15.05	24,694,531

¹ Average number during year, excluding heifers not yet fresh. ² Excludes milk sucked by calves.
Source: USDA NASS Milk Production, Disposition and Income 2001 Summary, April 25, 2002.

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