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Dear producers and other data users:

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## Nebraska Cattle on Feed Down 1 Percent

Nebraska feedlots with capacities of 1,000 or more head contained 1.79 million cattle on feed on August 1, down 1 percent from last year and 3 percent below August 1, 2000. Placements of cattle into feedlots during July totaled 400,000 head, up 25 percent from 2001 and 23 percent above 2000. Marketings of fed cattle during July totaled 495,000 head, up 24 percent from last year and 15 percent above two years ago. Other disappearance during July totaled 5,000 compared with 10,000 last year and 5,000 during July 2000.

## U.S. Cattle on Feed Down 7 Percent

Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter market in the United States for feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head totaled 10.09 million head on August 1, 2002. The inventory was 7 percent below August 1, 2001 and 1 percent below August 1, 2000. Placements in feedlots during July totaled 1.84 million, 7 percent below 2001 and 4 percent below 2000. Marketings of fed cattle during July totaled 2.19 million, 7 percent above 2001 and 5 percent above 2000. Other disappearance totaled 45,000 during July, 24 percent below 2001 but 2 percent above 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	August 1 Number on Feed <sup>1</sup>			July Placements			July Marketings			July Other Disappearance <sup>2</sup>		
	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	297	285	96	44	26	59	36	31	86	2	1	50
California	475	485	102	56	59	105	48	56	117	3	3	100
Colorado	1,060	990	93	195	190	97	240	225	94	5	5	100
Idaho	310	285	92	60	52	87	69	66	96	1	1	100
Iowa	325	320	98	35	44	126	54	72	133	1	2	200
Kansas	2,420	2,140	88	570	510	89	485	520	107	15	10	67
Nebraska	1,810	1,790	99	320	400	125	400	495	124	10	5	50
New Mexico	101	109	108	13	18	138	9	9	100	1	1	100
Oklahoma	390	310	79	68	60	88	66	74	112	2	1	50
So. Dakota	154	160	104	14	18	129	34	30	88	1	3	300
Texas	3,000	2,740	91	510	390	76	495	490	99	15	10	67
Washington	229	165	72	61	39	64	58	53	91	1	1	100
Other States	320	310	97	40	34	85	53	72	136	2	2	100
United States	10,891	10,089	93	1,986	1,840	93	2,047	2,193	107	59	45	76

<sup>1</sup> 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.

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

Source: USDA NASS Cattle on Feed, August 16, 2002.

## Monthly Hogs and Pigs

The July 2002 U.S. pig crop at 8.68 million head, was 2 percent more than the previous year. Sows farrowing during this period totaled 980 thousand head, 2 percent above last year. The average pigs per litter for July decreased to 8.85, compared to 8.87 last year.

The U.S. inventory of sows and gilts on August 1, 2002, was 5.95 million head, slightly below August 1, 2001. U.S. sows and gilts bred during the month of July totaled 1.16 million head, up slightly from the previous year.

### Monthly Farrowings: Number of Sows, Pigs Per Litter, and Pig Crop, United States December-November 2001-2002<sup>1 2</sup>

Month	Sows Farrowing		Pigs per Litter		Pig Crop	
	2001	2002	2001	2002	2001	2002
	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>Number</i>	<i>Number</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>
Dec <sup>1</sup>	901	924	8.66	8.66	7,803	8,005
Jan	906	943	8.71	8.71	7,887	8,214
Feb	941	965	8.79	8.80	8,273	8,492
Mar	959	978	8.87	8.80	8,503	8,605
Apr	953	973	8.90	8.83	8,481	8,595
May	958	982	8.90	8.81	8,525	8,651
Jun	963	976	8.85	8.87	8,526	8,657
Jul	961	980	8.87	8.85	8,522	8,675
Aug	954		8.90		8,491	
Sep	966		8.78		8,481	
Oct	963		8.85		8,523	
Nov	960		8.84		8,488	
Total	11,385		8.83		100,503	

<sup>1</sup> December preceding year.

<sup>2</sup> Monthly values may not add to quarterly or annual totals due to rounding.

Source: USDA NASS Monthly Hogs and Pigs, August 30, 2002.

### Commercial Livestock Slaughter

July 2002 number slaughtered and changes from last year and last month are shown below. July 2001 contained 22 weekdays (including one holiday) and four Saturdays. July 2002 contained 23 weekdays (including one holiday) and four Saturdays.

#### Livestock Slaughter: By Commodity, Nebraska and United States, July 2002 with Comparisons

Item	Total <sup>1</sup>	July 2002 Percent of	
		July 2001	June 2002
Nebraska			
Cattle, head	<i>1,000 Head</i> 726.1	111	104
Hogs, head	570.6	117	110
Red Meat, mil. lbs.	680.5	116	106
United States			
Cattle, head	3,187.1	108	104
Calves, head	95.7	115	126
Hogs, head	8,067.5	108	107
Sheep & Lambs, head	257.6	106	112
Red Meat, mil. lbs.	4,016.0	110	105

<sup>1</sup> Excludes animals slaughtered on farms.

Source: USDA NASS Livestock Slaughter August 23, 2002.

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

Commodity	Stocks	July 2002 Percent of	
		July 2001	June 2002
<i>1,000 Lbs.</i>			
Total red meats	920,920	128	100
Beef	423,235	120	107
Pork	473,851	140	95
Poultry	1,580,945	133	105
Turkey	702,994	132	109
Chicken	870,788	135	102

Source: USDA NASS Cold Storage August 19, 2002.

### Poultry: Layers and Eggs, Nebraska and United States, July 2002 with Comparisons

Item	2001	2002	2002/2001
	<i>Millions</i>		<i>Percent</i>
Number of Layers			
Nebraska	11.5	11.6	101
30 States	311.4	314.0	101
United States	332.2	335.3	101
Eggs Produced			
Nebraska	249	261	105
30 States	6,735	6,879	102
United States	7,195	7,341	102
Chickens Hatched, July			
United States			
Egg-type	38.6	35.2	91
Broiler	769.4	781.4	102

Source: USDA NASS Chicken and Eggs August 23, 2002.

## Turkeys Raised Down 1 Percent from 2001

The preliminary estimate of turkeys raised in the United States during 2002 is 270 million, down 1 percent from the number raised during 2001.

The following six States are expected to account for about two-thirds of the turkeys produced in the United States during 2002:

North Carolina, at 44.5 million birds, is expected to raise the largest number of any state, and shows a 3 percent increase from last year.

Minnesota ranks second with 44.0 million birds, the same as 2001.

Arkansas is in third place by producing 29.0 million birds, 7 percent more than a year ago.

Missouri growers expect to produce 24.0 million birds in 2002, unchanged from the previous year.

Virginia, at 20.0 million birds is down 17 percent from 2001.

California expects to raise 17.7 million turkeys, 5 percent less than a year earlier.

### Turkeys: Number Raised, Selected States, and United States, 2001 & 2002<sup>1</sup>

State	2001	2002	2002
			as % of 2001
	<i>1,000 Head</i>		<i>Percent</i>
Arkansas	27,000	29,000	107
California	18,700	17,700	95
Illinois	2,900	2,900	100
Indiana	14,000	13,000	93
Iowa	7,100	6,800	96
Michigan	4,500	4,600	102
Minnesota	44,000	44,000	100
Missouri	24,000	24,000	100
North Carolina	43,000	44,500	103
North Dakota	1,600	1,900	119
Ohio	4,800	5,300	110
Pennsylvania	9,500	9,600	101
South Carolina	9,200	10,000	109
South Dakota	4,900	4,600	94
Virginia	24,000	20,000	83
United States	272,059	269,917	99

<sup>1</sup> 2001 revised.

Source: USDA NASS Turkeys Raised, August 23, 2002.

### Milk Cows and Production: By Month, 20 Selected States, 2001-2002<sup>1</sup>

Month	Milk Cows <sup>2</sup>		Milk per Cow <sup>3</sup>		Milk Production <sup>3</sup>		
	2001	2002	2001	2002	2001	2002	2002 as % of 2001
	<i>Thousands</i>		<i>Pounds</i>		<i>Million pounds</i>		
							<i>Percent</i>
January	7,784	7,745	1,549	1,585	12,059	12,272	102
February	7,764	7,744	1,431	1,468	11,108	11,365	102
March	7,743	7,744	1,599	1,649	12,384	12,771	103
April	7,740	7,754	1,571	1,619	12,156	12,555	103
May	7,749	7,764	1,632	1,677	12,647	13,021	103
June	7,751	7,779	1,555	1,583	12,052	12,315	102
July	7,746	7,786	1,552	1,580	12,025	12,305	102
August	7,735		1,520		11,754		
September	7,730		1,472		11,376		
October	7,726		1,522		11,756		
November	7,739		1,485		11,492		
December	7,750		1,549		12,008		
Annual	7,746		18,438		142,817		

<sup>1</sup> 2002 revised. <sup>2</sup> Includes dry cows, excludes heifers not yet fresh. <sup>3</sup> Excludes milk sucked by calves.

Source: USDA NASS Milk Production, August 15, 2002.

### Farm Labor: Number and Wage Rates for Type of Workers and All Hired Workers, Selected Regions and United States, July 8-14, 2001 & July 7-13, 2002<sup>1</sup>

Region <sup>2</sup>	Hired Workers		Wage Rates									
			All Hired Workers		Type of work							
	2001	2002			2001	2002	Field		Livestock		Field & Livestock	
	<i>Thousands</i>		<i>Dollars Per Hour</i>									
Lake	76	62	8.38	8.33	8.21	7.84	7.66	7.85	8.00	7.84		
Cornbelt I	69	54	8.66	9.13	7.65	8.08	8.13	9.07	7.75	8.36		
Cornbelt II	29	30	8.10	9.20	7.80	8.42	8.08	10.72	7.94	8.94		
Northern Plains	38	39	8.24	8.72	7.96	8.32	7.98	8.57	7.97	8.41		
Southern Plains	85	74	7.23	7.53	6.58	7.06	7.23	7.23	6.85	7.14		
Mountain I	34	30	7.61	7.62	7.08	7.12	7.73	7.74	7.37	7.42		
Mountain II	24	19	8.28	7.82	7.36	7.23	8.05	7.35	7.64	7.27		
United States	1,039	966	8.29	8.60	7.70	7.91	7.89	8.37	7.75	8.02		

<sup>1</sup> Excludes agricultural service workers. <sup>2</sup> 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 16, 2002.

## Prices Received By Farmers

The preliminary All Farm Products Index of Prices Received by Farmers in August was 101, based on 1990-92=100, up 1 point (1.0 percent) from the July index. Higher prices for corn, wheat, strawberries, and lettuce more than offset decreased prices for hogs, broilers, grapes, and potatoes. The seasonal change in the mix of commodities farmers sell often affects the overall index. Higher marketings for tobacco, cattle, grapes, and sweet corn

more than offset decreased marketings of wheat, hay, milk, and strawberries.

The current All Farm Products Index is 9 points (8.2 percent) below August, 2001. Lower prices for broilers, hogs, cattle, and lettuce more than offset higher prices for corn, wheat, soybeans, and grapes.

### Prices Received: By Commodity, Nebraska and United States, Preliminary August 2002 with Comparisons

Commodity	Unit	Nebraska			United States			% of Parity	Parity Price <sup>2</sup>
		August 2001 <sup>1</sup>	July 2002 <sup>1</sup>	August 15, 2002	August 2001 <sup>1</sup>	July 2002 <sup>1</sup>	August 15, 2002		
Wheat	Bushels	\$ 2.70	\$ 3.31	\$ 3.65	\$ 2.74	\$ 3.21	\$ 3.60	38	\$ 9.59
Corn	Bushels	1.90	2.11	2.45	1.90	2.13	2.48	38	6.49
Oats	Bushels	1.40	1.71	1.80	1.25	1.69	1.75	44	3.96
Grain Sorghum	Cwt.	3.47	3.65	4.45	3.49	4.06	4.43	40	11.00
Soybeans	Bushels	4.80	5.23	5.50	4.85	5.35	5.65	40	14.20
Hay, All, Baled	Ton	71.00	79.00	90.00	97.40	93.60	93.70		
Alfalfa, Baled	Ton	72.00	82.00	90.00	105.00	102.00	101.00		
Other, Baled	Ton	65.00	72.00	89.00	74.30	72.20	71.30		
Dry Edible Beans	Cwt.	16.90	20.80	20.80	17.40	24.50	22.10	46	48.00
Hogs	Cwt.	53.40	42.50	37.40	50.80	39.20	34.20	34	102.00
Barrows & Gilts	Cwt.	53.70	43.00	37.70	51.50	40.20	34.90		
Sows	Cwt.	40.00	19.40	21.40	39.40	20.00	20.80		
Beef Cattle	Cwt.	71.60	63.10	64.10	70.60	63.80	63.60	40	158.00
Steers & Heifers	Cwt.	72.50	64.00	65.00	73.50	66.60	66.30		
Cows	Cwt.	43.10	34.10	33.70	43.10	37.40	36.10		
Calves	Cwt.	112.00	100.00	98.20	106.00	94.90	94.70	45	210.00
Sheep	Cwt.	32.40	22.30		32.20	27.50			75.70
Lambs	Cwt.	49.40	74.40		54.80	75.70			179.00

<sup>1</sup> Entire month average except hay.

<sup>2</sup> Parity price based on data for August 2002.

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