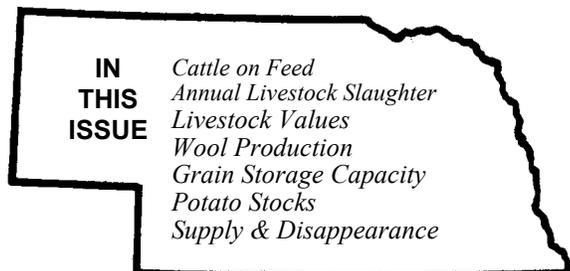


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## Nebraska Cattle on Feed Down 5 Percent

Nebraska feedlots with capacities of 1,000 or more head contained 2.19 million cattle on feed on March 1, down 5 percent from last year and 8 percent below March 1, 2001. Placements of cattle into feedlots during February totaled 330,000 head, down 11 percent from 2002 but 6 percent above 2001. Fed cattle marketings for the month of February totaled 350,000 head, equal to both last year and two years ago. Other disappearance during February totaled 10,000 head compared with 10,000 head during February 2002 and February 2001.

## U.S. Cattle on Feed Down 9 Percent

Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter market in the United States for feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head totaled 10.52 million head on March 1, 2003. The inventory was down 9 percent from the 11.52 million head on March 1, 2002 and 10 percent below March 1, 2001. Placements in feedlots during February totaled 1.66 million, 8 percent below 2002 but 5 percent above 2001. Marketings of fed cattle during February totaled 1.73 million, 4 percent below 2002 and 1 percent below 2001. Other disappearance totaled 71,000 during February, 13 percent above 2002 but 12 percent below 2001.

**Cattle on Feed: Number on Feed, Placements, Marketings and Other Disappearance, 1,000+ Capacity Feedlots, by Month, State, and United States, 2002-2003**

STATE	March 1 Number on Feed <sup>1</sup>			February Placements			February Marketings			February Other Disappearance <sup>2</sup>		
	2002	2003	$\frac{2003}{2002}$	2002	2003	$\frac{2003}{2002}$	2002	2003	$\frac{2003}{2002}$	2002	2003	$\frac{2003}{2002}$
	1,000 Head	Percent		1,000 Head	Percent		1,000 Head	Percent		1,000 Head	Percent	
Arizona	310	279	90	26	22	85	26	31	119	1	3	300
California	475	470	99	55	54	98	50	56	112	5	3	60
Colorado	1,150	990	86	190	170	89	210	200	95	10	10	100
Idaho	315	280	89	58	50	86	61	54	89	2	1	50
Iowa	400	360	90	57	58	102	51	56	110	1	2	200
Kansas	2,420	2,240	93	435	410	94	450	370	82	15	20	133
Nebraska	2,300	2,190	95	370	330	89	350	350	100	10	10	100
New Mexico	109	112	103	12	11	92	11	12	109	1	1	100
Oklahoma	345	320	93	55	46	84	59	55	93	1	1	100
So. Dakota	210	215	102	45	40	89	34	39	115	1	1	100
Texas	2,850	2,560	90	410	370	90	400	395	99	10	15	150
Washington	229	180	79	43	31	72	50	30	60	1	1	100
Other States	405	325	80	54	65	120	49	77	157	5	3	60
United States	11,518	10,521	91	1,810	1,657	92	1,801	1,725	96	63	71	113

<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, March 21, 2003.

**Commercial Cattle Slaughter: Top Five States, Selected Years**

Rank	1997		1998		1999		2000		2001		2002	
	State	1,000 Head										
1	Nebr.	7,408	Kansas	7,541	Kansas	8,033	Kansas	8,213	Nebr.	7,694	Nebr.	7,862
2	Kansas	7,369	Nebr.	7,300	Nebr.	7,436	Nebr.	7,617	Kansas	7,272	Kansas	7,404
3	Texas	6,615	Texas	6,767	Texas	6,735	Texas	6,606	Texas	6,463	Texas	6,472
4	Colo.	2,595	Colo.	2,417	Colo.	2,653	Colo.	2,636	Colo.	2,605	Colo.	2,596
5	Wisc.	1,643	Wisc.	1,650	Wisc.	1,719	Wisc.	1,735	Wisc.	1,659	Wisc.	1,665

Source: USDA NASS Livestock Slaughter, 2002 Summary, March 2003.

**Federally Inspected Plants and Head Slaughtered: Number by Species, Selected States and United States, 2002<sup>1</sup>**

State	Cattle		Calves		Hogs		Sheep and Lambs	
	Plants	Head	Plants	Head	Plants	Head	Plants	Head
	<i>Number</i>	<i>1,000</i>	<i>Number</i>	<i>1,000</i>	<i>Number</i>	<i>1,000</i>	<i>Number</i>	<i>1,000</i>
California	25	1,280.6	14	116.1	16	2,333.7		
Colorado	23	2,577.2			18	9.1	20	1,143.4
Illinois	12	906.8	8	103.2	21	8,939.7	11	187.7
Indiana	6	4.5	4	29.8	9	6,863.2	6	28.4
Iowa	6	663.9			18	28,677.4	3	467.5
Kansas	15	7,338.9			10	247.9		
Kentucky	18	6.4			22	2,219.3	14	9.7
Minnesota	25	738.9			25	8,775.1	19	1.9
Nebraska	31	7,808.4			22	6,900.0		
Ohio	13	72.5			13	1,093.3	7	3.3
Pennsylvania	107	1,031.3	57	188.6	101	2,602.5	84	69.2
South Dakota	7	167.4			6	4,273.8	5	12.1
Texas	31	6,409.2	6	16.9	23	335.4	17	288.8
Virginia	12	3.8	7	0.3	13	4,104.4	10	2.6
Wisconsin	12	1,616.4	5	147.5	6	384.9	4	0.9
United States	706	34,980.0	268	1,012.5	683	98,472.1	525	3,079.8

<sup>1</sup>Includes data from week ending January 5, 2002 thru December 28, 2002.

Source: USDA NASS Livestock Slaughter 2002 Summary, March 2003.

**Annual Livestock and Poultry Summary: Number and Value by Species, Nebraska and United States, 1998-2003**

Species	Year	Nebraska			United States		
		Number	Value		Number	Value	
			Per Head	Total Value		Per Head	Total Value
		<i>1,000</i>	<i>Dollars</i>	<i>\$1,000</i>	<i>1,000</i>	<i>Dollars</i>	<i>\$1,000</i>
All Cattle (January 1)	1999	6,700	570.00	3,819,000	99,115	594.00	58,833,650
	2000	6,650	670.00	4,455,500	98,198	683.00	67,099,440
	2001	6,600	710.00	4,686,000	97,277	725.00	70,495,030
	2002	6,400	690.00	4,416,000	96,704	747.00	72,283,865
	2003	6,200	720.00	4,464,000	96,106	726.00	69,785,870
Hogs & Pigs (December 1)	1998	3,400	46.00	156,400	62,206	44.00	2,765,847
	1999	3,000	73.00	219,000	59,342	72.00	4,254,293
	2000	3,050	79.00	240,950	59,138	77.00	4,542,493
	2001	2,900	84.00	243,600	59,804	77.00	4,589,912
	2002	2,900	75.00	217,500	58,943	71.00	4,159,643
Sheep & Lambs (January 1)	1999	105	98.00	10,290	7,215	88.00	637,634
	2000	102	110.00	11,220	7,032	95.00	668,750
	2001	114	120.00	13,680	6,965	100.00	694,495
	2002	101	108.00	10,908	6,685	94.00	618,123
	2003	89	122.00	10,858	6,350	104.00	657,663
Chickens <sup>1</sup> (December 1)	1998	13,219	2.10	27,760	425,045	2.69	1,143,835
	1999	13,846	1.70	23,538	436,343	2.65	1,154,898
	2000	13,895	1.80	25,011	435,056	2.44	1,060,964
	2001	13,704	1.80	24,667	441,509	2.42	1,068,851
	2002	13,679	1.80	24,622	438,948	2.38	1,045,222

<sup>1</sup>Excludes commercial broilers.

Source: USDA NASS Agricultural Prices, February 28, 2003, Cattle, January 31, 2003, Quarterly Hogs & Pigs, December 30, 2002, Sheep and Goats, January 31, 2003, Chicken & Eggs 2002 Summary, January 2003.

**Wool: Number of Sheep and Lambs Shorn, Weight per Fleece, Production, Price and Value, Nebraska and United States 2000-2002**

State	Sheep and Lambs Shorn <sup>1</sup>	Weight per Fleece	Production	Price per Pound	Value
Nebraska	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>Pounds</i>	<i>1,000 Pounds</i>	<i>Dollars</i>	<i>1,000 Dollars</i>
2000	95	7.2	685	.18	123
2001	85	7.3	620	.20	124
2002	80	7.6	610	.30	183
United States					
2000	6,135	7.6	46,446	.33	15,377
2001	5,689	7.6	43,016	.36	15,311
2002	5,453	7.5	41,150	.53	21,792

<sup>1</sup> Includes shearing at commercial feeding yards.  
Source: USDA NASS Sheep and Goats, January 31, 2003.

**Grain Storage Capacity**

**Grain Storage Capacity: Off-Farm, by District  
Nebraska and United States, 2001-2002**

District	Storage Capacity <sup>1</sup>		Net Change	2002 2001
	12/1/01	12/1/02		
	<i>1,000 Bushels</i>			
Northwest	36,589	38,572	1,983	105
North	19,781	16,464	-3,317	83
Northeast	74,331	80,985	6,654	109
Central	57,958	56,173	-1,785	97
East	221,766	224,274	2,508	101
Southwest	64,886	64,967	81	100
South	105,137	101,928	-3,209	97
Southeast	109,708	107,042	-2,666	98
Nebraska	690,156	690,405	249	100
United States	8,424,395	8,506,131	81,736	101

<sup>1</sup> Licensed commercial storage, including temporary facilities licensed for use this year.  
Source: USDA NASS Grain Stocks, January 10, 2003.

**Grain Storage Capacity: On-Farm, by District,  
Nebraska and United States, 2001-2002**

District	Storage Capacity		Net Change	2002 2001
	12/1/01 <sup>1</sup>	12/1/02		
	<i>1,000 Bushels</i>			
Northwest	53,000	51,000	-2,000	96
North	56,000	54,000	-2,000	96
Northeast	177,000	171,000	-6,000	97
Central	125,000	125,000		100
East	262,000	251,000	-11,000	96
Southwest	86,000	84,000	-2,000	98
South	94,000	91,000	-3,000	97
Southeast	147,000	143,000	-4,000	97
Nebraska	1,000,000	970,000	-30,000	97
United States	11,145,000	11,150,000	5,000	100

<sup>1</sup> Revised.  
Source: USDA NASS Grain Stocks, January 10, 2003.

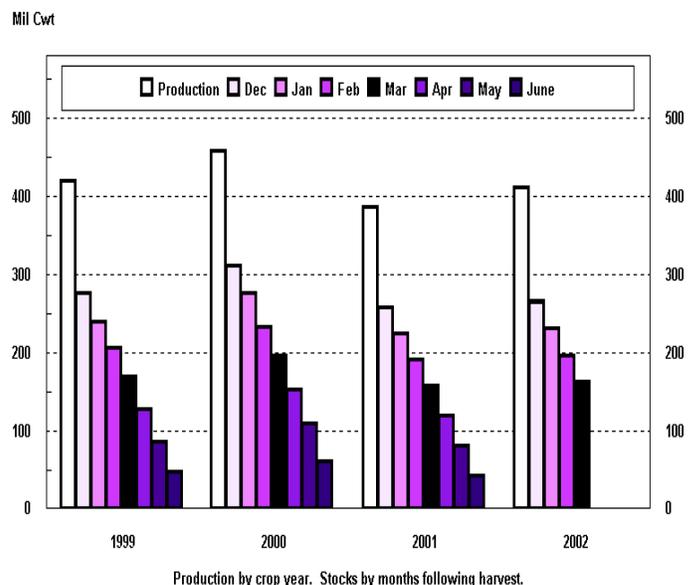
**Potato Stocks**

**Fall Potatoes: Production and Stocks,  
15 Selected States, March 1, 2003**

State	Production	Total Stocks Mar. 1, 2003
	<i>Thousand Cwt.</i>	
California	4,450	1,000
Colorado	27,885	12,700
Idaho	133,385	62,000
Maine	16,960	8,000
Michigan	13,878	4,300
Minnesota	18,700	7,400
Montana	3,224	2,800
Nebraska <sup>1</sup>	8,611	
New York	5,500	550
North Dakota	23,460	9,300
Ohio <sup>1</sup>	1,008	
Oregon	24,936	9,900
Pennsylvania	2,590	500
Washington	95,200	33,000
Wisconsin	31,125	9,500
Other States	2,950	2,950
<b>Total 15 States</b>	<b>410,912</b>	<b>163,900</b>

<sup>1</sup> Combined into "Other States".  
Source: USDA NASS Potato Stocks, March 13, 2003.

**Fall Potatoes: Production and Stocks  
15 Storage States**



## U.S. Grains Supply and Disappearance Outlook

Crop Year	Supply				Market Year Disappearance <sup>1</sup>				Market Year Ending Stocks	Average Market Price
	Pro-duction	Begin-ning stocks	Im-ports	Total	Domestic		Ex-ports	Total		
					Primary Use <sup>2</sup>	Other				
<i>Million Bushels</i>										
<i>\$/bu.</i>										
<b>Corn</b>										
2000/01	9,915	1,718	7	11,639	5,842	1,957	1,941	9,740	1,899	1.85
2001/02	9,507	1,899	10	11,416	5,877	2,054	1,889	9,820	1,596	1.97
2002/03 <sup>3</sup>	9,008	1,596	15	10,619	5,600	2,265	1,750	9,615	1,004	2.20-2.40
<b>Soybeans</b>										
2000/01	2,758	290	4	3,052	1,640	169	996	2,804	248	4.54
2001/02	2,891	248	2	3,141	1,700	171	1,063	2,933	208	4.38
2002/03 <sup>3</sup>	2,730	208	2	2,940	1,640	180	960	2,780	160	5.20-5.60
<b>Wheat</b>										
2000/01	2,232	950	90	3,272	950	384	1,062	2,396	876	2.62
2001/02	1,957	876	108	2,941	926	276	961	2,164	777	2.78
2002/03 <sup>3</sup>	1,616	777	65	2,459	935	184	875	1,994	465	3.55-3.65
<b>Sorghum</b>										
2000/01	471	65	0	536	222	35	237	494	42	1.89
2001/02	515	42	0	556	210	45	241	495	61	1.94
2002/03 <sup>3</sup>	370	61	0	431	160	45	200	405	26	2.25-2.45

<sup>1</sup> Marketing year begins: Corn, Sorghum & Soybeans, September 1; Wheat, June 1.

<sup>2</sup> Primary uses: Corn & Sorghum = Feed; Soybeans = Crushing; Wheat = Food.

<sup>3</sup> Projection.

Source: USDA's World Agricultural Supply and Demand Estimates, March 11, 2003.

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