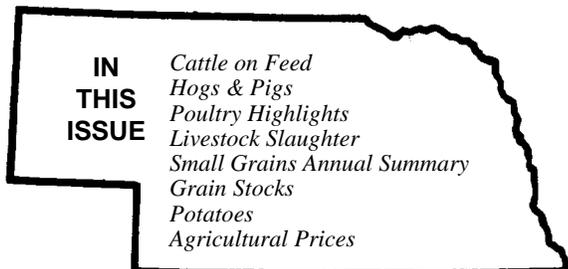


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### Nebraska Cattle on Feed Down 10 Percent

Nebraska feedlots with capacities of 1,000 or more head contained 1.66 million cattle on feed on September 1, down 10 percent from last year and 9 percent below September 1, 2001. Placements of cattle into feedlots during August totaled 470,000 head, up 6 percent from 2002 and 8 percent above 2001. Marketings of fed cattle during August totaled 370,000 head, down 3 percent from last year and 12 percent below August two years ago. Other disappearance during August totaled 10,000 compared with 5,000 last year and 5,000 during August 2001.

### U.S. Cattle on Feed Down 3 Percent

Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter market in the United States for feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head totaled 9.83 million head on September 1, 2003. The inventory was 3 percent below September 1, 2002 and 9 percent below September 1, 2001. Placements in feedlots during August totaled 2.37 million, 7 percent above 2002 and 8 percent above 2001. Marketings of fed cattle during August totaled 2.08 million, 3 percent below 2002 and 5 percent below 2001. Other disappearance totaled 60,000 during August, 40 percent above 2002 and 11 percent above 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	September 1 Number on Feed <sup>1</sup>			August Placements			August Marketings			August Other Disappearance <sup>2</sup>		
	2002	2003	<u>2003</u> 2002	2002	2003	<u>2003</u> 2002	2002	2003	<u>2003</u> 2002	2002	2003	<u>2003</u> 2002
	1,000 Head	Percent		1,000 Head	Percent		1,000 Head	Percent		1,000 Head	Percent	
Arizona	285	274	96	30	28	93	29	23	79	1	2	200
California	490	485	99	60	60	100	52	57	110	3	3	100
Colorado	1,000	900	90	245	240	98	230	195	85	5	5	100
Idaho	275	245	89	58	58	100	67	52	78	1	1	100
Iowa	310	300	97	56	79	141	65	73	112	1	1	100
Kansas	2,230	2,250	101	570	580	102	470	500	106	10	10	100
Nebraska	1,850	1,660	90	445	470	106	380	370	97	5	10	200
New Mexico	114	121	106	22	23	105	15	15	100	2	3	150
Oklahoma	305	345	113	74	84	114	78	72	92	1	2	200
So. Dakota	145	134	92	24	30	125	38	43	113	1	1	100
Texas	2,680	2,700	101	530	610	115	580	580	100	10	20	200
Washington	155	180	116	40	46	115	49	35	71	1	1	100
Other States	290	235	81	64	66	103	82	60	73	2	1	50
United States	10,129	9,829	97	2,218	2,374	107	2,135	2,075	97	43	60	140

<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, September 19, 2003.

## Hogs and Pigs

Nebraska inventory of all hogs and pigs on September 1, 2003, was 3.00 million head. This was up 3 percent from September 2002 and 2 percent above June 1, 2003. Breeding inventory, at 375,000 head, was up 4 percent from September 1, 2002 but unchanged from last quarter. Market hog inventory, at 2.63 million head, was 3 percent above last year and 2 percent above last quarter.

Inventory of all hogs and pigs in the United States was 59.6 million head on September 1, 2003. This was 2 percent below September 1, 2002 and but 2 percent above June 1, 2003. Breeding inventory, at 5.88 million head, was down 3 percent from September 1, 2002, and 1 percent below last quarter. Market hog inventory, at 53.7 million head, was 2 percent below last year but 2 percent above last quarter.

### Hogs and Pigs: September 1 Inventory, Sows Farrowing and Pig Crop, Nebraska and United States 2002-2003<sup>1</sup>

Item	Nebraska			United States		
	2002	2003	2003/2002	2002	2003	2003/2002
	<i>1,000 Head</i>		<i>Percent</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>		<i>Percent</i>
September 1 Inventory						
All hogs and pigs	2,900	3,000	103	60,725	59,623	98
Breeding	360	375	104	6,054	5,882	97
Market	2,540	2,625	103	54,670	53,741	98
Market Hogs & Pigs						
Under 60 pounds	1,000	1,030	103	20,070	19,862	99
60-119 pounds	650	690	106	13,655	13,570	99
120-179 pounds	500	500	100	11,019	10,848	98
180 pounds and over	390	405	104	9,926	9,461	95
Sows Farrowing						
December-February <sup>2</sup>	170	175	103	2,836	2,767	98
March-May	175	175	100	2,943	2,821	96
June-August	165	175	106	2,887	2,826	98
September-November	170	175 <sup>3</sup>	103	2,817	2,801 <sup>3</sup>	99
Total Sows Farrowing	680	700 <sup>4</sup>	103	11,483	11,217 <sup>4</sup>	98
Pig Crop						
December-February <sup>2</sup>	1,496	1,531	102	24,794	24,374	98
March-May	1,575	1,558	99	25,959	25,053	97
June-August	1,485	1,540	104	25,700	25,150	98
September-November	1,539			24,892		
Total Pig Crop	6,095			101,344		

<sup>1</sup> May not add due to rounding. <sup>2</sup> December preceding year. <sup>3</sup> Intentions. <sup>4</sup> Actual farrowings for December-August plus intentions for September-November.

Source: USDA NASS Quarterly Hog and Pigs, September 26, 2003.

### Poultry: Layers and Eggs, Turkey Poult Placements, Nebraska and United States, August 2003 with Comparisons

Item	2002	2003	2003/2002
	<i>Millions</i>		<i>Percent</i>
Number of Layers			
Nebraska	11.6	11.8	101
30 States	314.7	309.6	98
United States	336.2	332.0	99
Eggs Produced			
Nebraska	261	272	104
30 States	6,893	6,821	99
United States	7,356	7,308	99
Chickens Hatched, August			
United States			
Egg-type	35.7	33.2	93
Broiler	780.0	783.2	100
Hatched thru August			
United States			
Egg-type	290.3	281.1	97
Broiler	6,174.1	6,117.4	99
Turkeys Placed, August			
United States	24.9	24.0	96

Source: USDA NASS Chicken and Eggs, September 23, 2003. USDA NASS Turkey Hatchery, September 12, 2003.

### Commercial Livestock Slaughter

August 2003 number slaughtered and changes from last year and last month are shown below. August 2002 contained 22 weekdays and five Saturdays. August 2003 contained 21 weekdays and five Saturdays.

### Livestock Slaughter: By Commodity, Nebraska and United States, August 2003 with Comparisons

Item	Total <sup>1</sup>	Aug 2003 Percent of	
		August 2002	July 2003
<i>Nebraska</i>			
	<i>1,000 Head</i>		
Cattle, head	680.8	93	94
Hogs, head	549.8	96	101
Red Meat, mil. lbs.	625.6	90	95
<i>United States</i>			
Cattle, head	3,134.1	98	95
Calves, head	79.7	83	94
Hogs, head	8,043.1	94	99
Sheep & Lambs, head	241.2	91	101
Red Meat, mil. lbs.	3,912.9	95	97

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

Source: USDA NASS Livestock Slaughter, September 19, 2003.

**Small Grains Summary: By Commodity, Nebraska and United States, 2001-2003**

Classification	Nebraska				United States				
	2001	2002	2003	<u>2003</u> <u>2002</u>	2001	2002	2003	<u>2003</u> <u>2002</u>	
All Wheat									
Planted	1,000 Acres	1,750	1,650	1,900	115	59,597	60,468	61,700	102
Harvested	1,000 Acres	1,600	1,520	1,820	120	48,633	45,917	52,839	115
Yield	Bushels	37.0	32.0	46.0	144	40.2	35.3	44.2	125
Production	1,000 Bushels	59,200	48,640	83,720	172	1,957,043	1,619,001	2,336,526	144
Oats									
Planted	1,000 Acres	155	175	220	126	4,403	4,995	4,601	92
Harvested	1,000 Acres	60	55	90	164	1,905	2,093	2,224	106
Yield	Bushels	61.0	43.0	73.0	170	61.4	56.7	65.0	115
Production	1,000 Bushels	3,660	2,365	6,570	278	117,024	118,628	144,649	122
Barley									
Planted	1,000 Acres	5	6	6	100	4,967	5,071	5,299	104
Harvested	1,000 Acres	4	5	4	80	4,289	4,129	4,688	114
Yield	Bushels	45.0	43.0	50.0	116	58.2	54.9	58.9	107
Production	1,000 Bushels	180	215	200	93	249,420	226,573	276,087	122

Source: USDA NASS Small Grain September 30, 2003.

**Grain Stocks: By Commodity, Nebraska and United States, September 1, 2001-2003**

Grain and Position	Nebraska				United States			
	Sept. 1, 2001	Sept. 1, 2002	Sept. 1, 2003	<u>2003</u> <u>2002</u>	Sept. 1, 2001	Sept. 1, 2002	Sept. 1, 2003	<u>2003</u> <u>2002</u>
	<i>Thousand Bushels</i>				<i>Percent</i>			
Corn								
On Farms	78,000	80,000	54,000	68	753,150	586,800	484,900	83
Off Farms <sup>1</sup>	178,266	151,258	100,220	66	1,145,958	1,009,626	600,869	60
Total	256,266	231,258	154,220	67	1,899,108	1,596,426	1,085,769	68
All Wheat								
On Farms	15,000	13,000	16,000	123	696,850	580,200	689,970	119
Off Farms <sup>1</sup>	67,465	58,227	69,612	120	1,458,964	1,170,787	1,345,635	115
Total	82,465	71,227	85,612	120	2,155,814	1,750,987	2,035,605	116
Soybeans								
On Farms	3,300	2,800	4,600	164	83,500	62,700	58,000	93
Off Farms <sup>1</sup>	12,652	10,427	7,349	70	164,247	145,320	111,431	77
Total	15,952	13,227	11,949	90	247,747	208,020	169,431	81
Sorghum								
On Farms	2,900	2,000	400	20	8,900	7,400	4,500	61
Off Farms <sup>1</sup>	5,039	9,267	5,532	60	32,851	53,573	38,049	71
Total	7,939	11,267	5,932	53	41,751	60,973	42,549	70
Oats								
On Farms	2,000 <sub>2</sub>	1,600 <sub>2</sub>	2,300	144	74,800	70,500	82,100	116
Off Farms <sup>1</sup>			2,247		41,592	41,212	49,421	120
Total	2	2	4,547		116,392	111,712	131,521	118

<sup>1</sup>Includes stocks at mills, elevators, warehouses, terminals, and processors. <sup>2</sup> Not published to avoid disclosure of individual operations.

Source: USDA NASS Grain Stocks, September 30, 2003.

**Potatoes: Production, Disposition and Value, Nebraska and United States, 2001-2002**

Year	Production	Total Used for Seed	Farm Disposition			Price per Cwt.	Value of	
			Where Grown		Sold		Production	Sales
			Seed, Feed, Home	Shrink and Loss				
2001			<i>1,000 Cwt.</i>			<i>Dollars</i>		
Nebraska	8,400	570	153	720	7,527	6.60	55,440	49,678
United States	437,888	28,639	5,387	31,208	401,293	6.99	3,057,573	2,804,830
2002								
Nebraska	8,611	611	149	612	7,850	6.10	52,527	47,885
United States	459,802	28,299	5,631	30,955	423,216	6.69	3,066,081	2,831,698

**Potatoes: Stocks held by Growers, Local Dealers, and Processors, Nebraska and 15 Fall States, 2001-2002**

Crop Year	Current Year	Following Year					
	Dec 1	Jan 1	Feb 1	Mar 1	Apr 1	Mar 1	Jun 1
		<i>1,000 Cwt.</i>					
2001							
Nebraska	4,850	4,050	3,200	1	1	1	1
15 States	258,750	224,680	192,190	158,590	119,950	81,200	42,990
2002 <sup>2</sup>							
Nebraska	5,500	4,550	3,700	1	1	1	1
15 States	264,585	231,690	199,320	165,310	125,870	82,940	45,980

<sup>1</sup> Not published to avoid disclosure of individual operations. <sup>2</sup> Revised.

Source: USDA NASS Potatoes 2002 Summary, September 2003.

## Prices Received By Farmers

The preliminary All Farm Products Index of Prices Received by Farmers in September is 109, based on 1990-92=100, unchanged from the August index. Since last month, a higher Livestock and Products Index more than offset a lower All Crops Index. Higher commodity prices for cattle, lettuce, dairy, and broccoli more than offset lower prices for tomatoes, eggs, potatoes, and grapes. The seasonal change in the mix of commodities farmers sell, based on the past 3-year average, also affects the overall

index. Increased average marketings of soybeans, peanuts, corn, and apples more than offset decreased marketings of cattle, broilers, wheat and grapes.

The preliminary All Farm Products Index is up 11 points (11.2 percent) from September, 2002. Higher prices for cattle, hogs, broilers, and lettuce more than offset lower prices for corn, wheat, potatoes, and hay.

### Prices Received: By Commodity, Nebraska and United States, Preliminary September 2003 with Comparisons

Commodity	Unit	Nebraska			United States				
		Sept. 2002 <sup>1</sup>	Aug. 2003 <sup>1</sup>	Sept. 15, 2003	Sept. 2002 <sup>1</sup>	Aug. 2003 <sup>1</sup>	Sept. 15, 2003	% of Parity	Parity Price <sup>2</sup>
Wheat	Bushels	\$ 4.20	\$ 3.12	\$ 3.10	\$ 4.21	\$ 3.34	\$ 3.29	34	\$ 9.67
Corn	Bushels	2.48	2.09	2.08	2.47	2.15	2.13	32	6.61
Oats	Bushels	2.24	1.57	1.50	1.80	1.39	1.39	34	4.13
Grain Sorghum	Cwt.	4.45	3.52	3.60	4.30	3.93	3.83	34	11.20
Soybeans	Bushels	5.23	5.59	6.00	5.39	5.68	6.04	42	14.50
Hay, All, Baled	Ton	92.00	56.00	56.00	93.00	85.30	84.20		
Alfalfa, Baled	Ton	92.00	56.00	56.00	101.00	91.00	89.00		
Other, Baled	Ton	89.00	55.00	52.00	71.40	69.10	70.10		
Dry Edible Beans	Cwt.	20.30	18.80	17.10	17.90	17.60	17.20	34	50.50
Hogs	Cwt.	29.30	42.80	42.40	26.50	39.50	39.20	38	103.00
Barrows & Gilts	Cwt.	29.50	43.00	42.60	27.10	39.90	39.70		
Sows	Cwt.	16.80	33.50	31.10	15.10	32.60	30.10		
Beef Cattle	Cwt.	65.20	81.10	87.30	64.50	79.90	84.00	52	161.00
Steers & Heifers	Cwt.	66.20	82.20	88.60	67.80	83.50	88.20		
Cows	Cwt.	33.40	45.00	46.20	34.90	44.60	46.00		
Calves	Cwt.	95.40	115.00	113.00	92.40	107.00	106.00	49	216.00
Sheep	Cwt.	23.80	26.00		24.50	28.30			79.10
Lambs	Cwt.	71.00	81.70		76.30	87.60			185.00

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

<sup>2</sup> Parity price based on data for September 2003.

Source: USDA NASS Agricultural Prices, September 30, 2003.

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