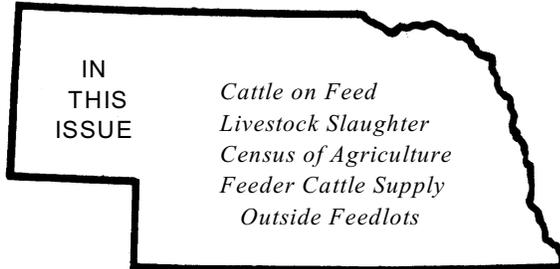


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Cattle on Feed: Number on Feed, Placements, Marketings, and Other Disappearance, 1,000+ Capacity Feedlots, by Month, State, and United States, 2001-2002

State	December 1 Number on Feed ¹			November Placements			November Marketings			November Other Disappearance ²		
	2001	2002	2002/2001	2001	2002	2002/2001	2001	2002	2002/2001	2001	2002	2002/2001
	1,000 head		Percent	1,000 head		Percent	1,000 head		Percent	1,000 head		Percent
Arizona	303	295	97	31	32	103	27	24	89	2	3	150
California	490	500	102	70	65	93	45	50	111	5	5	100
Colorado	1,160	1,070	92	175	190	109	180	170	94	5	10	200
Idaho	340	300	88	74	60	81	61	53	87	3	2	67
Iowa	350	350	100	75	80	107	64	63	98	1	2	200
Kansas	2,640	2,300	87	410	420	102	420	395	94	20	25	125
Nebraska	2,270	2,180	96	390	410	105	305	330	108	15	10	67
New Mexico	108	123	114	15	18	120	14	11	79	1	1	100
Oklahoma	385	340	88	59	55	93	66	53	80	3	2	67
South Dakota	195	195	100	53	56	106	29	30	103	0	1	
Texas	2,990	2,700	90	430	470	109	500	475	95	20	25	125
Washington	260	195	75	48	40	83	45	29	64	1	1	100
Other States	400	350	88	78	81	104	44	48	109	4	3	75
U.S.	11,891	10,898	92	1,908	1,977	104	1,800	1,731	96	80	90	113

¹Cattle 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.

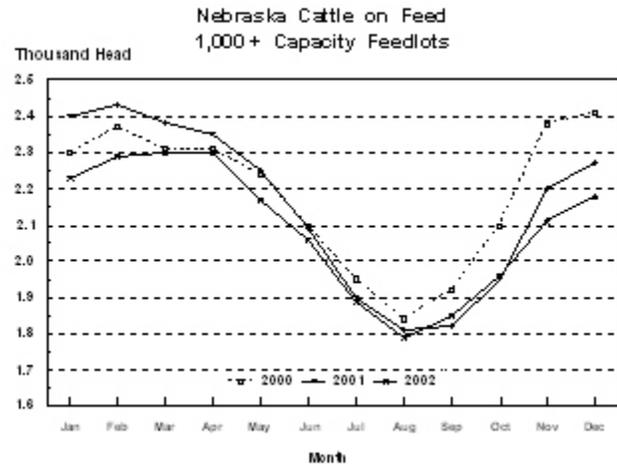
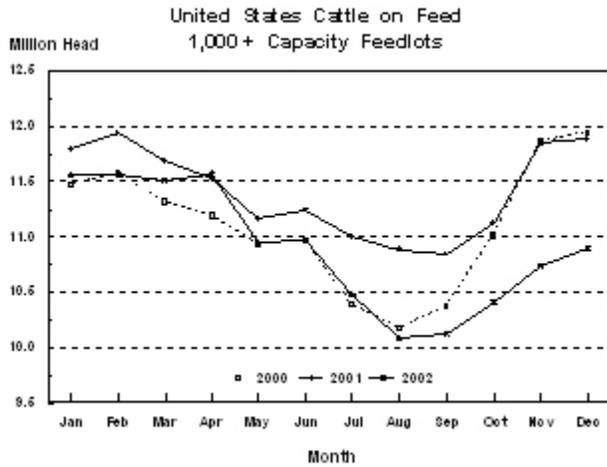
²Includes death losses, movement from feedlots to pastures, and shipments to other feedlots for further feeding.

Source: USDA NASS Cattle on Feed December 20, 2002

Cattle on Feed: Number Placed on Feed By Weight Group, 1,000+ Capacity Feedlots, By Month, State, and United States, 2001-2002

State	During November									
	Under 600		600-699		700-799		800 Plus		Total	
	2001	2002	2001	2002	2001	2002	2001	2002	2001	2002
	<i>1,000 Head</i>									
Colorado	57	58	49	60	43	43	26	29	175	190
Kansas	115	95	145	155	95	110	55	60	410	420
Nebraska	133	113	119	142	60	70	78	85	390	410
Texas	155	141	155	188	95	114	25	27	430	470
Other States	195	182	120	115	88	80	100	110	503	487
U.S.	655	589	588	660	381	417	284	311	1,908	1,977

Source: USDA NASS Cattle on Feed December 20, 2002



**Federally Inspected Livestock Slaughter and Meat Production: By Commodity,
By Week, United States, 2002 with Comparisons¹**

Item	Week Ending Saturday					Latest Week Percent of Year Ago	Year to Date	Percent of Year Ago
	Nov. 9	Nov. 16	Nov. 23	Nov. 30	Dec. 7			
Slaughter, Thousand Head								
Cattle	679	655	684	623	671	100	33,165	101
Calves	21	22	22	18	24	112	951	103
Hogs	2,089	2,029	2,050	1,816	2,031	97	92,698	102
Sheep & Lambs	62	63	63	57	65	94	2,904	101
Production, Million Pounds								
Beef	513.5	495.9	519.8	478.1	511.2	100	25,227.6	104
Veal	3.9	4.2	4.0	3.4	4.2	111	177.1	100
Pork	413.4	401.6	407.1	359.4	404.8	97	18,203.1	103
Lamb & Mutton	4.1	4.2	4.2	3.9	4.4	92	195.6	97
Red Meat	934.9	905.9	935.1	844.8	924.6	98	43,803.4	103

¹ Data are preliminary estimates. Source: USDA NASS, USDA MNS.

**Federally Inspected Livestock Slaughter: By Commodity, By Class,
United States, Week Ending December 7, 2002 with Comparisons¹**

Item	Weekly Slaughter	Percent of Year Ago	Percent of Total		Year to Date	Percent of Year Ago	Percent of Total	
			12/08/01	12/07/02			2001	2002
<i>1,000 Head</i>								
Cattle	671	100	100.0	100.0	33,165	101	100.0	100.0
Steers	307	96	47.7	45.8	16,587	103	49.1	50.0
Heifers	231	106	32.3	34.4	10,710	100	32.8	32.3
Cows	122	99	18.2	18.2	5,300	99	16.3	16.0
Bulls & Stags	11	87	1.8	1.6	567	96	1.8	1.7
Hogs	2,031	97	100.0	100.0	92,698	102	100.0	100.0
Barrows & Gilts	1,957	96	96.6	96.3	89,446	102	96.6	96.5
Sows	68	103	3.1	3.4	2,996	105	3.1	3.2
Stags & Boars	6	102	.3	.3	256	85	.3	.3
Sheep & Lambs	65	94	100.0	100.0	2,904	101	100.0	100.0
Mature Sheep	3	111	4.0	4.7	138	103	4.7	4.8
Lambs & Yearlings	62	94	96.0	95.3	2,766	101	95.3	95.2

¹ Data preliminary. Source: USDA NASS, USDA MNS.

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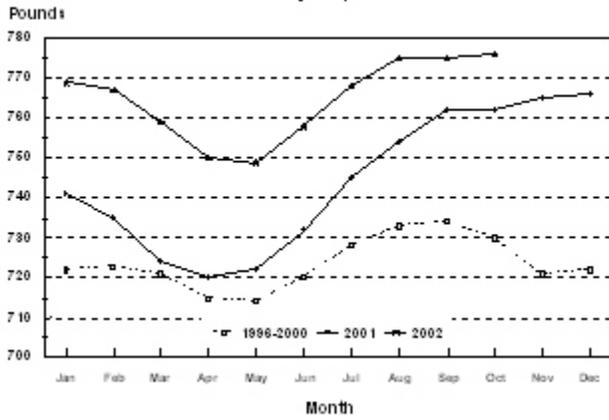
Feeder Cattle Supply Outside Feedlots

Item	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	Change from previous year
	<i>1,000 head</i>								<i>Percent</i>
On farms January 1:									
Calves < 500 lbs.	18,341	18,384	17,826	17,401	17,290	16,815	16,206	15,773	-2.7
Steers over 500 lbs.	17,513	17,815	17,392	17,189	16,891	16,682	16,441	16,800	2.2
Heifers over 500 lbs. ²	9,302	9,948	10,212	10,051	10,170	10,147	10,131	10,057	-0.7
Total	45,156	46,147	45,430	44,641	44,351	43,644	42,778	42,630	-0.3
On feed January 1 ¹	12,363	12,853	13,067	13,536	13,153	13,929	14,100	13,756	-2.4
Feeder cattle outside feedlots on January 1	32,793	33,294	32,363	31,105	31,198	29,715	28,678	28,874	0.7
Slaughter January-March:									
Calves	351	432	403	368	322	291	254	238	-6.3
Steers & heifers	6,662	7,085	7,030	7,039	7,151	7,458	6,852	6,871	0.3
Total	7,013	7,517	7,433	7,407	7,473	7,749	7,106	7,109	0.0
On feed April 1 ¹	12,585	12,235	12,890	12,281	12,821	13,600	13,774	13,823	0.4
Feeder cattle outside feedlots on April 1	25,559	26,395	25,107	24,953	24,057	22,295	21,898	21,698	-0.9
On farms July 1:									
Calves < 500 lbs.	32,000	31,700	30,900	30,600	30,500	30,200	29,700	29,500	-0.7
Steers over 500 lbs.	15,400	15,100	14,800	14,600	14,400	14,300	14,600	14,500	-0.7
Heifers over 500 lbs. ²	8,000	8,100	8,200	8,100	8,100	8,100	8,200	7,900	-3.7
Total	55,400	54,900	53,900	53,300	53,000	52,600	52,500	51,900	-1.1
On feed July 1 ¹	11,140	9,741	10,839	10,956	11,447	12,250	12,916	12,326	-4.6
Feeder cattle outside feedlots on July 1	44,260	45,159	43,061	42,344	41,553	40,350	39,584	39,574	0.0
Slaughter July-September:									
Calves	361	469	396	394	349	293	256	281	9.8
Steers & heifers	7,657	7,169	7,524	7,438	7,785	7,797	7,465	7,676	2.8
Total	8,018	7,638	7,920	7,832	8,134	8,090	7,721	7,957	3.1
On feed October 1 ¹	10,947	11,001	12,083	11,706	12,310	12,967	13,074	12,229	-6.5
Feeder cattle outside feedlots on October 1	36,435	36,261	33,897	33,762	32,556	31,543	31,705	31,714	0.0

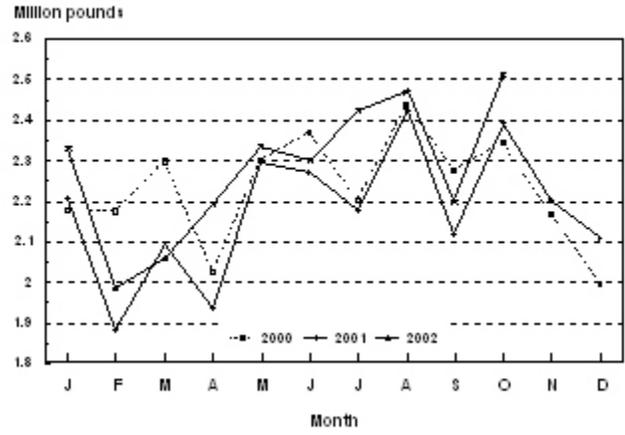
¹Estimated U.S. steers and heifers. ²Not including heifers for cow herd replacement.

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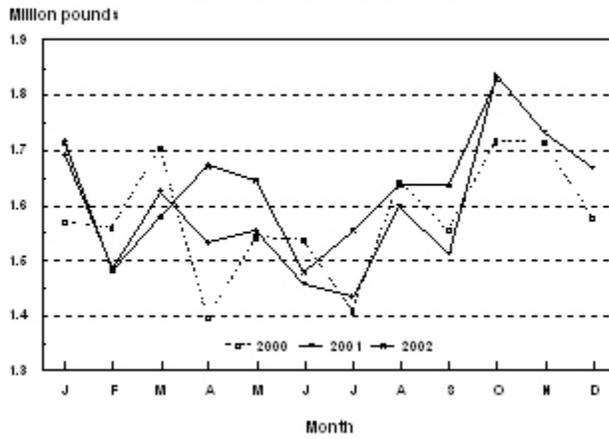
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