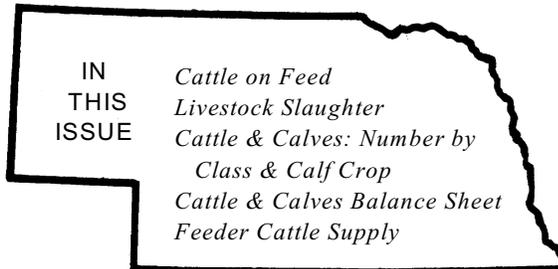


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Cattle on Feed: Number on Feed, Placements, Marketings, and Other Disappearance, 1,000+ Capacity Feedlots, by Month, State, and United States, 2002-2003

State	July 1 Number on Feed ¹			June Placements			June Marketings			June Other Disappearance ²		
	2002	2003	2003/2002	2002	2003	2003/2002	2002	2003	2003/2002	2002	2003	2003/2002
	1,000 head		Percent	1,000 head		Percent	1,000 head		Percent	1,000 head		Percent
Arizona	291	266	91	24	34	142	31	32	103	1	2	200
California	485	490	101	67	73	109	62	63	102	5	5	100
Colorado	1,030	890	86	155	135	87	210	230	110	5	5	100
Idaho	300	255	85	49	63	129	58	67	116	1	1	100
Iowa	350	310	89	36	34	94	60	63	105	1	1	100
Kansas	2,160	2,160	100	380	415	109	480	510	106	10	15	150
Nebraska	1,890	1,690	89	295	270	92	460	500	109	5	10	200
New Mexico	101	115	114	23	21	91	16	13	81	2	3	150
Oklahoma	325	350	108	53	52	98	67	59	88	1	3	300
South Dakota	175	167	95	18	27	150	47	55	117	1	3	300
Texas	2,850	2,820	99	465	470	101	470	520	111	15	10	67
Washington	180	160	89	28	39	139	47	38	81	1	1	100
Other States	350	250	71	51	49	96	68	82	121	3	2	67
U.S.	10,487	9,923	95	1,644	1,682	102	2,076	2,232	108	51	61	120

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.

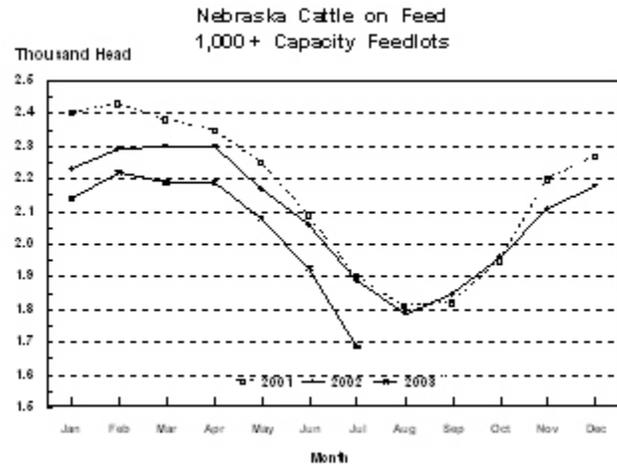
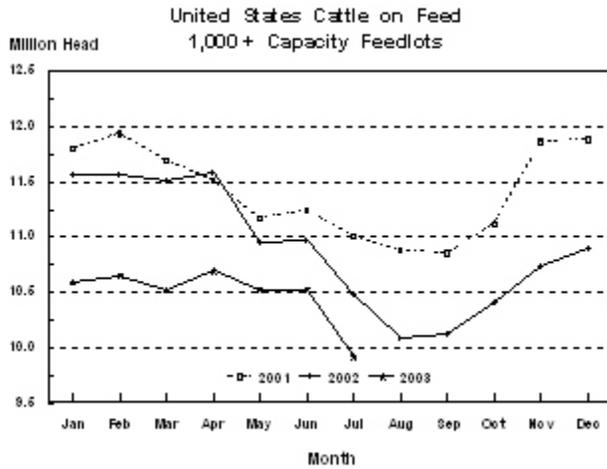
²Includes death losses, movement from feedlots to pastures, and shipments to other feedlots for further feeding.

Source: USDA NASS Cattle on Feed July 18, 2003

Cattle on Feed: Number Placed on Feed By Weight Group, 1,000+ Capacity Feedlots, By Month, State, and United States, 2002-2003

State	During June									
	Under 600		600-699		700-799		800 Plus		Total	
	2002	2003	2002	2003	2002	2003	2002	2003	2002	2003
	<i>1,000 Head</i>									
Colorado	23	26	43	39	48	38	41	32	155	135
Kansas	50	80	85	95	155	135	90	105	380	415
Nebraska	33	33	49	50	85	75	128	112	295	270
Texas	120	120	130	120	145	145	70	85	465	470
Other States	115	115	49	57	80	90	105	130	349	392
U.S.	341	374	356	361	513	483	434	464	1,644	1,682

Source: USDA NASS Cattle on Feed July 18, 2003



**Federally Inspected Livestock Slaughter and Meat Production: By Commodity,
By Week, United States, 2003 with Comparisons¹**

Item	Week Ending Saturday					Latest Week Percent of Year Ago	Year to Date	Percent of Year Ago
	June 7	June 14	June 21	June 28	July 5			
Slaughter, Thousand Head								
Cattle	793	776	749	754	626	100	18,234	101
Calves	17	17	17	18	15	91	501	104
Hogs	1,830	1,855	1,794	1,793	1,482	101	49,743	100
Sheep & Lambs	52	51	51	51	44	101	1,450	91
Production, Million Pounds								
Beef	582.6	572.2	555.3	558.8	465.1	98	13,538.8	100
Veal	3.4	3.3	3.3	3.5	2.6	90	97.8	105
Pork	363.3	367.3	353.7	350.9	288.9	102	9,877.3	101
Lamb & Mutton	3.5	3.5	3.4	3.4	2.9	104	98.5	89
Red Meat	952.8	946.3	915.7	916.6	759.5	99	23,612.4	100

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

**Federally Inspected Livestock Slaughter: By Commodity, By Class,
United States, Week Ending July 5, 2003 with Comparisons¹**

Item	Weekly Slaughter	Percent of Year Ago	Percent of Total		Year to Date	Percent of Year Ago	Percent of Total	
			07/06/02	07/05/03			2002	2003
	<i>1,000 Head</i>				<i>1,000 Head</i>			
Cattle	626	100	100.0	100.0	18,234	101	100.0	100.0
Steers	319	96	53.5	51.1	9,088	101	50.2	49.8
Heifers	209	108	31.0	33.4	5,793	99	32.5	31.8
Cows	87	99	14.1	13.9	3,039	108	15.6	16.7
Bulls & Stags	10	108	1.4	1.6	313	100	1.7	1.7
Hogs	1,482	101	100.0	100.0	49,743	100	100.0	100.0
Barrows & Gilts	1,425	101	96.5	96.2	47,997	100	96.5	96.5
Sows	54	113	3.2	3.6	1,614	103	3.2	3.2
Stags & Boars	3	77	.3	.2	131	92	.3	.3
Sheep & Lambs	44	101	100.0	100.0	1,450	91	100.0	100.0
Mature Sheep	3	100	6.0	6.0	69	94	4.6	4.8
Lambs & Yearlings	41	101	94.0	94.0	1,380	91	95.4	95.2

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

U.S. July 1 Cattle Inventory Down 1 Percent

All cattle and calves in the United States as of July 1, 2002, totaled 103.9 million head, 1 percent below the 105.1 million on July 1, 2001 and 2 percent below the 105.8 million two years ago according to the Nebraska Agricultural Statistics Service.

U.S. Calf Crop Down 1 Percent

The 2003 calf crop is expected to be 38.0 million, down 1 percent from 2002 and down 1 percent from 2001. Calves born during the first half of the year are estimated at 27.7 million, down 1 percent from 2002 and down 1 percent from 2001.

Cattle and Calves: Number by Class and Calf Crop, United States, July 1, 2001-2003

Class	2001	2002	2003	2003 as % of 2002
	<i>1,000 head</i>			<i>Percent</i>
Cattle and calves	105,800	105,100	103,900	99
Cows and heifers that have calved	43,000	42,900	42,700	100
Beef cows	33,900	33,750	33,600	100
Milk cows	9,100	9,150	9,100	99
Heifers 500 pounds and over	16,400	16,200	15,900	98
For beef cow replacement	4,600	4,600	4,600	100
For milk cow replacement	3,600	3,700	3,600	97
Other heifers	8,200	7,900	7,700	97
Steers 500 pounds and over	14,600	14,500	14,200	98
Bulls 500 pounds and over	2,100	2,100	2,100	100
Calves under 500 pounds	29,700	29,400	29,000	99
Calf crop - annual	38,280	38,193	38,000	99
Calf crop - Jan.-June	28,100	27,900	27,700	99
Calf crop - July-Dec.	10,180	10,293	10,300	100

Source: USDA NASS Cattle July 18, 2003

Cattle and Calves Balance Sheet, United States, January 1 - June 30, 2001-2003¹

Item	2001	2002	2003
	<i>Million head</i>		
January 1 Inventory	97.3	96.7	96.1
Calf Crop and Imports	29.4	29.1	28.6
Total supply ²	126.7	125.8	124.7
Slaughter	18.1	18.1	18.4
Deaths and Exports	2.7	2.5	2.5
Total Disappearance ²	20.8	20.7	20.9
Residual ²	-0.1	0.0	0.1
July 1 Inventory	105.8	105.1	103.9

¹Preliminary. ²Totals may not add due to rounding. Source: USDA NASS Cattle July 18, 2003

Feeder Cattle Supply July 1, 2003

Item	2002	2003	% PY
	<i>1,000 head</i>		
<u>Cattle Inventory</u>			
Calves <500 lbs.	29,400	29,000	99
Steers & Heifers >500 lbs.	30,700	30,100	98
Total Supply	60,100	59,100	98
<u>U.S. Cattle on Feed</u>			
Cattle on Feed	12,400	11,700	94
<u>Supply Outside Feedlots</u>			
Total Supply	47,700	47,400	99

F.I. Cattle Slaughter January - June

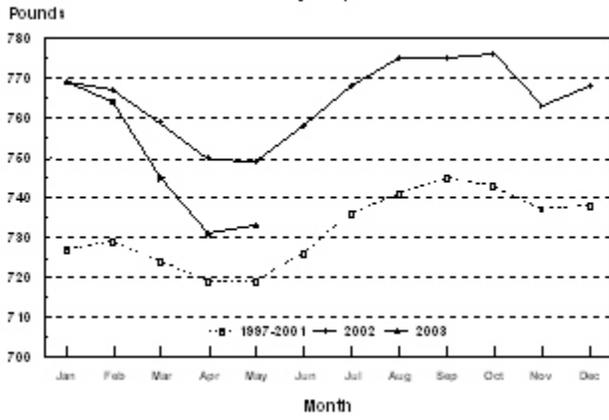
Item	2002	2003	% PY
	<i>Thousand head</i>		
Steers	8,625	8,728	101
Heifers	5,631	5,558	99
Dairy Cows	1,247	1,408	113
Beef Cows	1,460	1,520	104
Bulls & Stags	301	302	100
<u>Total</u>	<u>17,265</u>	<u>17,517</u>	<u>101</u>

% PY = Percent of previous year.

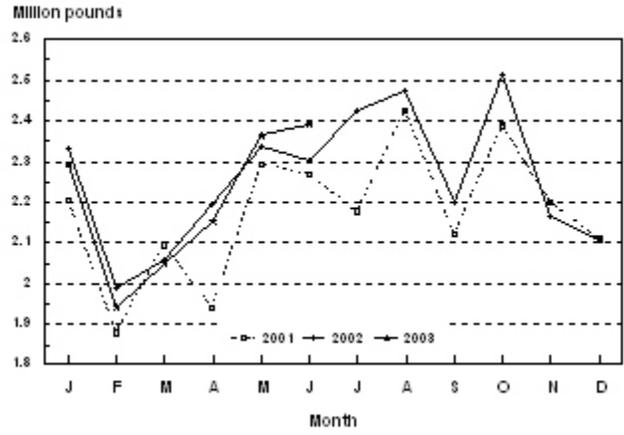
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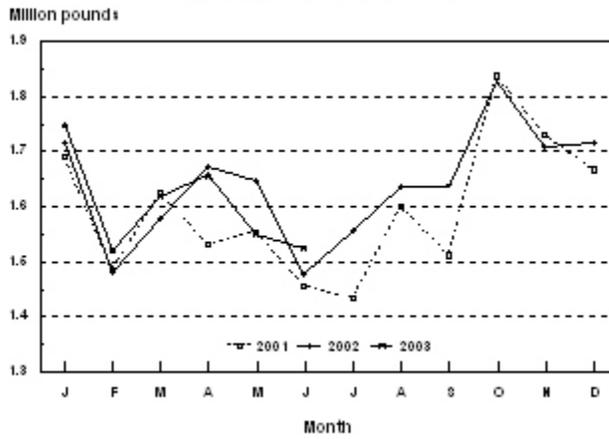
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