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## Nebraska Cattle on Feed Down 1 Percent

Nebraska feedlots with capacities of 1,000 or more head contained 1.73 million cattle on feed on August 1, down 1 percent from last year but 10 percent above August 1, 2003. Placements of cattle into feedlots during July totaled 325,000 head, up 5 percent from 2004 but 7 percent below 2003. Marketings of fed cattle during July totaled 405,000 head, the same as last year and 12 percent below two years ago. Other disappearance during July totaled 10,000 compared with 5,000 last year and 10,000 during July 2003.

## U.S. Cattle on Feed Up 2 Percent

Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter market in the United States for feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head totaled 10.1 million head on August 1, 2005. The inventory was 2 percent above August 1, 2004 and 5 percent above August 1, 2003. Placements in feedlots during July totaled 1.68 million, 2 percent below 2004 and 16 percent below 2003. Marketings of fed cattle during July totaled 1.92 million, slightly below 2004 and 16 percent below 2003. Other disappearance totaled 60,000 during July, 3 percent above 2004 but unchanged from 2003.

**Cattle on Feed: Number on Feed, Placements, Marketings and Other Disappearance, 1,000+ Capacity Feedlots, by Month, State, and United States, 2004-2005**

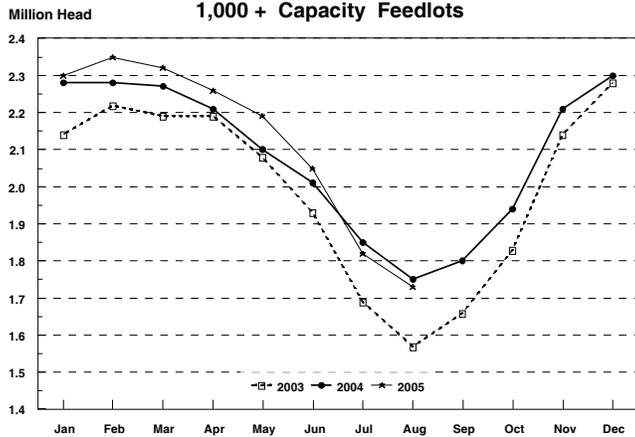
State	August 1 Number on Feed <sup>1</sup>			July Placements			July Marketings			July Other Disappearance <sup>2</sup>		
	2004	2005	<u>2005</u> 2004	2004	2005	<u>2005</u> 2004	2004	2005	<u>2005</u> 2004	2004	2005	<u>2005</u> 2004
	1,000 Head	Percent		1,000 Head	Percent		1,000 Head	Percent		1,000 Head	Percent	
Arizona	294	313	106	32	29	91	31	37	119	2	1	50
California	520	530	102	65	72	111	60	59	98	5	3	60
Colorado	880	820	93	145	125	86	200	200	100	5	5	100
Idaho	235	250	106	43	36	84	47	45	96	1	1	100
Iowa	380	400	105	52	49	94	60	63	105	2	1	50
Kansas	2,120	2,190	103	520	480	92	475	470	99	15	20	133
Nebraska	1,750	1,730	99	310	325	105	405	405	100	5	10	200
New Mexico	127	134	106	22	23	105	17	18	106	2	3	150
Oklahoma	315	320	102	61	62	102	59	61	103	2	1	50
South Dakota	157	143	91	12	15	125	26	30	115	2	3	150
Texas	2,670	2,890	108	395	400	101	470	450	96	15	10	67
Washington	165	137	83	33	26	79	32	30	94	1	1	100
Other States	255	235	92	29	36	124	43	50	116	1	1	100
U.S.	9,868	10,092	102	1,719	1,678	98	1,925	1,918	100	58	60	103

<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.

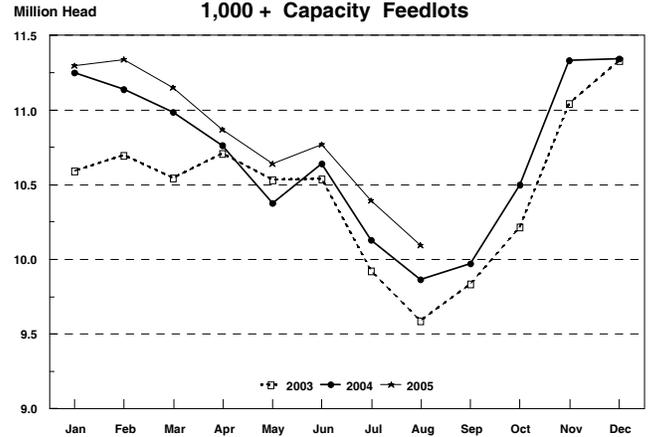
Source: USDA NASS Cattle on Feed, August 19, 2005.

**Nebraska Cattle on Feed  
1,000 + Capacity Feedlots**



Source: USDA NASS Nebraska Field Office

**United States Cattle on Feed  
1,000 + Capacity Feedlots**



Source: USDA NASS Nebraska Field Office

**Cattle on Feed: Number Placed on Feed By Weight Group, 1,000+ Capacity Feedlots, By Month, State, and United States, 2004-2005**

State	During July									
	Under 600		600-699		700-799		800 Plus		Total	
	2004	2005	2004	2005	2004	2005	2004	2005	2004	2005
	<i>1,000 Head</i>									
Colorado	30	20	30	20	50	45	35	40	145	125
Kansas	90	85	105	100	190	150	135	145	520	480
Nebraska	40	40	55	65	84	90	131	130	310	325
Texas	155	130	90	105	100	110	50	55	395	400
Other States	130	125	44	48	75	70	100	105	349	348
U.S.	445	400	324	338	499	465	451	475	1,719	1,678

Source: USDA NASS Cattle on Feed August 19, 2005

**Commercial Livestock Slaughter**

July 2005 number slaughtered and changes from last year and last month are shown below. July 2004 contained 22 weekdays (including one holiday) and five Saturdays. July 2005 contained 21 weekdays (including one holiday) and five Saturdays.

**Livestock Slaughter: By Commodity, Nebraska and United States, July 2005 with Comparisons**

Item	Total <sup>1</sup>	July 2005 Percent of	
		July 2004	June 2005
<i>1,000 Head</i>			
Nebraska			
Cattle, head	594.3	102	90
Hogs, head	539.5	99	89
Red Meat, mil. lbs.	578.3	103	90
United States			
Cattle, head	2,718.4	98	93
Calves, head	58.6	85	99
Hogs, head	7,662.0	95	90
Sheep & Lambs, head	200.8	91	90
Red Meat, mil. lbs.	3,615.9	98	91

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

Source: USDA NASS Livestock Slaughter August 19, 2005.

**Stocks in Cold Storage: By Commodity, United States, July 2005 with Comparisons**

Commodity	Stocks	July 2005 Percent of	
		July 2004	June 2005
<i>1,000 Lbs.</i>			
Total red meats	847,659	105	100
Beef	380,372	89	111
Pork	445,578	121	90
Poultry	1,213,210	91	101
Turkey	508,168	85	100
Chicken	704,490	96	102

Source: USDA NASS Cold Storage August 22, 2005.

**Poultry: Layers and Eggs, Nebraska and United States, July 2005 with Comparisons**

Item	Millions		Percent
	2004	2005	
<b>Number of Layers</b>			
Nebraska	11.6	12.0	104
United States	342.5	340.2	99
<b>Table Eggs Produced</b>			
Nebraska	267	276	103
United States	6,455	6,441	100
<b>Chickens Hatched, July</b>			
United States			
Egg-type	34.9	35.3	101
Broiler	806.7	807.7	100

Source: USDA NASS Chicken and Eggs August 23, 2005.

## Turkeys Raised Down 3 Percent from 2004

The preliminary estimate of turkeys raised in the United States during 2005 is 256 million, down 3 percent from the number raised during 2004.

The following six States are expected to account for about two-thirds of the turkeys produced in the United States during 2005:

Minnesota, at 44.5 million birds, is expected to raise the largest number of any state, showing a 2 percent decrease from last year.

North Carolina ranks second with 36.0 million birds, down 8 percent from 2004.

Arkansas is in third place by producing 29.0 million birds, 2 percent more than a year ago.

Virginia, at 21.0 million birds, is up 7 percent from 2004.

Missouri growers expect to produce 20.5 million birds in 2005, down 5 percent from the previous year.

California expects to raise 15.1 million turkeys, 4 percent less than a year earlier.

### Turkeys: Number Raised, Selected States, and United States, 2004 & 2005<sup>1</sup>

State	2004	2005	2005
			as % of 2004
		<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Arkansas	28,500	29,000	102
California	15,700	15,100	96
Illinois	2,900	2,900	100
Indiana	13,300	13,600	102
Iowa	9,000	9,800	109
Michigan	5,000	4,900	98
Minnesota	45,500	44,500	98
Missouri	21,500	20,500	95
North Carolina	39,000	36,000	92
North Dakota	1,000	1,100	110
Ohio	5,800	5,600	97
Pennsylvania	12,000	10,800	90
South Carolina	12,000	9,100	76
South Dakota	4,500	4,500	100
Virginia	19,700	21,000	107
<b>United States</b>	<b>263,207</b>	<b>256,247</b>	<b>97</b>

<sup>1</sup> 2004 revised.

Source: USDA NASS Turkeys Raised, August 24, 2005.

### Milk Cows and Production: By Month, 23 Selected States, 2004-2005<sup>1</sup>

Month	Milk Cows <sup>2</sup>		Milk per Cow <sup>3</sup>		Milk Production <sup>3</sup>		
	2004	2005	2004	2005	2004	2005	2005 as % of 2004
	<i>Thousands</i>		<i>Pounds</i>		<i>Million pounds</i>		<i>Percent</i>
January	8,044	8,083	1,624	1,640	13,061	13,258	102
February	8,051	8,076	1,531	1,519	12,329	12,270	100
March	8,059	8,095	1,661	1,702	13,387	13,779	103
April	8,063	8,109	1,636	1,683	13,194	13,647	103
May	8,064	8,121	1,692	1,757	13,641	14,266	105
June	8,083	8,132	1,607	1,686	12,988	13,712	106
July	8,096	8,144	1,623	1,682	13,143	13,698	104
August	8,102		1,601		12,970		
September	8,104		1,533		12,426		
October	8,103		1,583		12,824		
November	8,102		1,531		12,404		
December	8,097		1,610		13,037		
<b>Annual</b>	<b>8,081</b>		<b>19,231</b>		<b>155,404</b>		

<sup>1</sup> 2005 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 16, 2005.

### Farm Labor: Number and Wage Rates for Type of Workers and All Hired Workers, Selected Regions and United States, July 11-17, 2004 & July 10-16, 2005<sup>1</sup>

Region <sup>2</sup>	Hired Workers		Wage Rates									
			All Hired Workers		Type of work							
	2004	2005			2004	2005	Field		Livestock		Field & Livestock	
	2004	2005	2004	2005	2004	2005	2004	2005	2004	2005	2004	2005
	<i>Thousands</i>				<i>Dollars Per Hour</i>							
Lake	69	75	9.30	9.66	8.29	8.66	9.13	9.52	8.55	8.97		
Cornbelt I	50	54	9.60	9.56	8.80	9.20	8.96	8.77	8.85	9.10		
Cornbelt II	24	31	8.70	9.56	8.08	8.86	8.61	9.14	8.35	9.05		
Northern Plains	39	45	8.86	9.05	8.24	8.15	9.22	9.49	8.52	8.60		
Southern Plains	68	63	8.58	9.27	7.59	8.07	8.18	9.06	7.81	8.50		
Mountain I	34	29	8.23	8.79	7.91	8.39	7.89	8.51	7.90	8.44		
Mountain II	23	26	9.47	9.20	8.63	8.62	9.39	8.49	8.90	8.58		
<b>United States</b>	<b>961</b>	<b>930</b>	<b>9.04</b>	<b>9.39</b>	<b>8.34</b>	<b>8.62</b>	<b>8.74</b>	<b>9.25</b>	<b>8.43</b>	<b>8.78</b>		

<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 19, 2005.

## Prices Received By Farmers

The preliminary All Farm Products Index of Prices Received by Farmers in August, at 117, based on 1990-92=100, decreased 1 point (0.8 percent) from July. The Crop Index is down 2 points (1.7 percent) while the Livestock Index decreased 1 point (0.8 percent). Producers received lower commodity prices for corn, soybeans, eggs, and sweet corn. Higher prices were received for lettuce, peaches, strawberries, and turkeys. The overall

index is also affected by the seasonal change based on a 3-year average mix of commodities a producer sells. Increased average marketings of cattle, grapes, sweet corn, and calves offset decreased marketings of wheat, hay, milk, and broilers.

The preliminary All Farm Products Index is down 3 points (2.5 percent) from August, 2004.

### Prices Received: By Commodity, Nebraska and United States, Preliminary August 2005 with Comparisons

Commodity	Unit	Nebraska			United States				
		August 2004 <sup>1</sup>	July 2005 <sup>1</sup>	August 15, 2005	August 2004 <sup>1</sup>	July 2005 <sup>1</sup>	August 15, 2005	% of Parity	Parity Price <sup>2</sup>
Wheat, All	Bushels	\$ 3.03	\$ 3.10	\$ 3.08	\$ 3.27	\$ 3.20	\$ 3.21	31	\$10.40
Corn	Bushels	2.35	2.04	1.85	2.34	2.11	1.89	27	6.99
Oats	Bushels	1.26	1.49	1.50	1.32	1.59	1.53	37	4.15
Grain Sorghum	Cwt.	3.58	3.60	3.20	4.01	3.94	3.68	32	11.40
Soybeans	Bushels	6.56	6.60	6.00	6.83	6.65	6.09	36	16.90
Hay, All, Baled	Ton	50.00	46.00	46.00	92.20	99.70	99.70		
Alfalfa, Baled	Ton	51.00	46.00	47.00	99.30	109.00	109.00		
Other, Baled	Ton	47.00	43.00	43.00	71.90	75.90	74.80		
Dry Edible Beans	Cwt.	17.60	22.40	22.40	20.90	25.40	22.40	42	53.00
Hogs	Cwt.	57.10	51.20	51.90	55.30	49.80	50.00	45	112.00
Barrows & Gilts	Cwt.	57.30	51.50	52.20	55.80	50.30	50.50		
Sows	Cwt.	45.40	36.20	37.10	46.90	37.70	38.60		
Beef Cattle	Cwt.	88.40	85.30	86.00	87.70	85.30	84.70	47	181.00
Steers & Heifers	Cwt.	89.40	86.20	87.00	91.00	88.40	88.00		
Cows	Cwt.	56.10	55.00	53.90	54.70	53.80	51.90		
Calves	Cwt.	147.00	140.00	140.00	131.00	132.00	131.00	53	246.00
Sheep	Cwt.	38.60	38.50		37.30	40.30			88.60
Lambs	Cwt.	89.70	104.00		97.90	109.00			220.00

<sup>1</sup> Entire month average except hay which is mid-month.

<sup>2</sup> Parity price based on data for August 2005.

Source: USDA NASS Agricultural Prices, August 31, 2005.

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