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Dear Cattle Feeders:

Information contained herein is the result of mail, phone and personal interview surveys conducted during the past few weeks. Special recognition and appreciation are extended to all producers and agribusinesses who provided data making these reports possible.

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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, 2006-2007

State	May 1 Number on Feed ¹			April Placements			April Marketings			April Other Disappearance ²		
	2006	2007	2007/2006	2006	2007	2007/2006	2006	2007	2007/2006	2006	2007	2007/2006
	1,000 head		Percent	1,000 head		Percent	1,000 head		Percent	1,000 head		Percent
Arizona	345	340	99	27	31	115	24	30	125	9	1	11
California	530	550	104	60	85	142	60	61	102	5	4	80
Colorado	1,060	1,020	96	130	155	119	130	135	104	10	20	200
Idaho	245	235	96	31	35	113	34	40	118	2	5	250
Iowa	495	530	107	64	61	95	66	59	89	3	2	67
Kansas	2,530	2,350	93	375	355	95	410	445	109	25	40	160
Nebraska	2,320	2,420	104	320	290	91	390	340	87	10	10	100
New Mexico	132	118	89	18	12	67	24	24	100	1	1	100
Oklahoma	340	335	99	48	54	113	66	68	103	2	1	50
South Dakota	200	230	115	28	36	129	35	34	97	3	2	67
Texas	2,910	2,680	92	455	380	84	470	490	104	15	10	67
Washington	152	154	101	23	22	96	22	30	136	1	1	100
Other States	300	335	112	40	57	143	54	65	120	1	2	200
United States	11,559	11,297	98	1,619	1,573	97	1,785	1,821	102	87	99	114

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 loss, movement from feedlots to pasture, and shipments to other feedlots for further feeding.

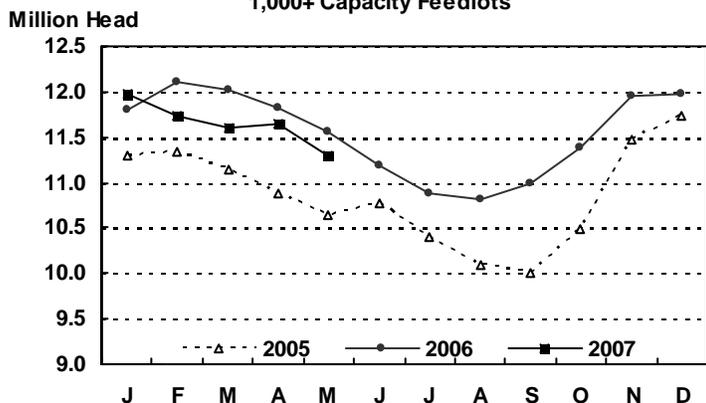
Source: USDA NASS Cattle on Feed, May 18, 2007

Cattle on Feed: Number Placed on Feed by Weight Group, 1,000+ Capacity Feedlots, by Month, State, and United States, 2006-2007

State	During April									
	Under 600		600-699		700-799		800 Plus		Total	
	2006	2007	2006	2007	2006	2007	2006	2007	2006	2007
	<i>1,000 Head</i>									
Colorado	40	30	20	30	35	40	35	55	130	155
Kansas	60	60	65	65	115	110	135	120	375	355
Nebraska	60	50	45	40	85	80	130	120	320	290
Texas	120	105	95	75	135	110	105	90	455	380
Other States	105	130	40	53	74	90	120	120	339	393
United States	385	375	265	263	444	430	525	505	1,619	1,573

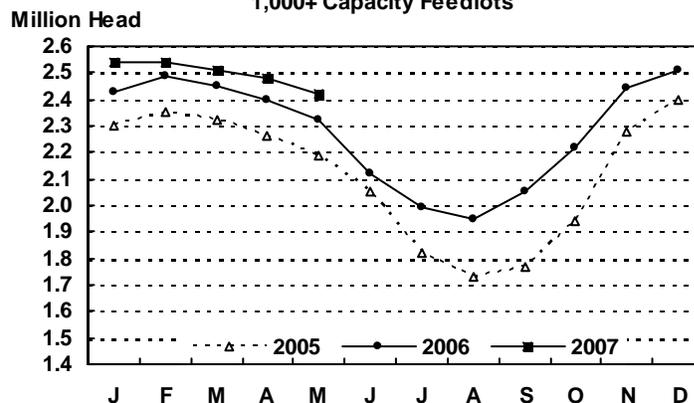
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**United States Cattle on Feed
1,000+ Capacity Feedlots**



Source: USDA NASS Nebraska Field Office

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



Source: USDA NASS Nebraska Field Office

Federally Inspected Red Meat Production: United States¹

Class	Apr 2006	Mar 2007	Apr 2007	Apr 07 % of		Jan-Apr ²		
				Apr 2006	Mar 2007	2006	2007	07 as % of 06
	<i>Million Pounds</i>	<i>Million Pounds</i>	<i>Million Pounds</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Million Pounds</i>	<i>Million Pounds</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Beef	1,941.3	2,088.5	1,988.2	102	95	7,929.7	8,132.5	103
Veal	10.1	13.3	11.6	115	88	45.2	50.8	113
Pork	1,605.5	1,846.5	1,697.7	106	92	6,897.7	7,051.7	102
Lamb & Mutton	16.2	19.0	14.3	88	75	63.5	61.7	97
Total Red Meat	3,573.2	3,967.3	3,711.9	104	94	14,936.1	15,296.7	102

¹Based on packers' dressed weights and excludes farm slaughter. ²Accumulated totals and percentages based on unrounded data.
Source: USDA NASS Livestock Slaughter May 25, 2007

Classification of Livestock Slaughtered Under Federal Inspection: United States

Item	Apr 2006	Mar 2007	Apr 2007	Jan-Apr ¹		Apr 2006	Mar 2007	Apr 2007	Jan-Apr ¹	
				2006	2007				2006	2007
	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>Percent of Total</i>				
Class²										
Cattle										
Steers	1,380	1,393	1,387	5,325	5,401	53.8	50.7	52.2	51.9	50.6
Heifers	763	820	768	3,153	3,211	29.7	29.9	28.9	30.7	30.1
All Cows	386	488	460	1,626	1,895	15.0	17.8	17.3	15.8	17.8
Dairy Cows	170	230	213	749	873	6.6	8.4	8.0	7.3	8.2
Other Cows	216	258	247	877	1,021	8.4	9.4	9.3	8.5	9.6
Bulls & Stags	37	46	44	161	166	1.4	1.7	1.7	1.6	1.6
Total¹	2,566	2,747	2,660	10,265	10,673	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Hogs										
Barrows & Gilts	7,615	8,790	8,087	32,723	33,588	96.6	96.4	96.4	96.7	96.4
Sows	246	284	261	1,027	1,078	3.1	3.1	3.1	3.0	3.1
Stags & Boars	23	45	40	93	161	0.3	0.5	0.5	0.3	0.5
Total¹	7,884	9,119	8,387	33,843	34,827	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Sheep										
Mature Sheep	10	9	10	36	36	4.3	3.4	4.8	4.1	4.1
Lambs & Yrlngs	224	258	193	840	833	95.7	96.6	95.2	95.9	95.9
Total¹	234	267	203	876	868	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

¹Total and percentages based on unrounded data. ²Species totals and classification reported by meat inspectors, Inspection Operations, FSIS.

Source: USDA NASS Livestock Slaughter May 25, 2007

Annual Cattle Price Reactions to Cattle on Feed Releases

Marketing Year ²	Number of and Average Price Changes ¹							
	Week Prior to Release				Week After Release			
	Increases		Decreases		Increases		Decreases	
	Number	Average	Number	Average	Number	Average	Number	Average
		<i>Dollars</i>		<i>Dollars</i>		<i>Dollars</i>		<i>Dollars</i>
1996	4	1.17	8	1.51	3	0.72	8	1.22
1997	5	1.30	7	0.79	5	1.19	7	0.74
1998	6	1.53	6	1.20	3	0.98	9	1.12
1999	9	0.73	3	1.11	5	0.38	7	0.50
2000	8	0.76	4	0.69	7	0.78	5	1.08
2001	5	0.84	7	1.78	5	1.87	7	1.47
2002	9	1.24	3	1.40	5	1.14	7	1.68
2003	5	3.73	7	2.41	5	1.90	7	3.24
2004	9	1.73	3	1.85	5	4.07	7	1.83
2005	2	1.65	10	1.43	5	1.01	7	1.28
2006	9	0.96	3	1.26	7	1.76	5	1.61

¹Prices based on the weekly weighted average price for live steers and heifers from feedlots in Texas, Oklahoma, Kansas, Colorado, Nebraska, Iowa, and Southern Minnesota. Total increases and decreases may not add to twelve for a year when the week-to-week price does not change.

²Marketing year represents the January-December calendar year.

Source: Market News, Agricultural Marketing Service

Monthly Cattle Price Reactions to Cattle on Feed Releases

Release Date	Inventory Change ²	Average Price ¹			Change From	
		Week Prior	Week of Release	Week After	Week Before to Week of Release	Week of Release To Week After
		<i>Percent</i>	<i>Dollars</i>	<i>Dollars</i>	<i>Dollars</i>	<i>Dollars</i>
Jan 20, 2006	4	93.32	96.00	94.60	2.68	-1.40
Feb 24, 2006	7	88.77	89.19	88.01	0.42	-1.18
Mar 24, 2006	8	85.94	86.24	83.90	0.30	-2.34
Apr 21, 2006	9	84.10	82.30	79.30	-1.80	-3.00
May 19, 2006	9	78.22	79.23	80.78	1.01	1.55
Jun 23, 2006	4	80.10	83.20	83.92	3.10	0.72
Jul 21, 2006	5	81.34	79.62	79.50	-1.72	-0.12
Aug 18, 2006	7	85.48	85.62	87.58	0.14	1.96
Sep 22, 2006	10	88.50	88.59	90.80	0.09	2.21
Oct 20, 2006	9	87.80	87.55	89.52	-0.25	1.97
Nov 17, 2006	4	85.66	86.37	87.63	0.71	1.26
Dec 22, 2006	2	85.10	85.33	87.98	0.23	2.65

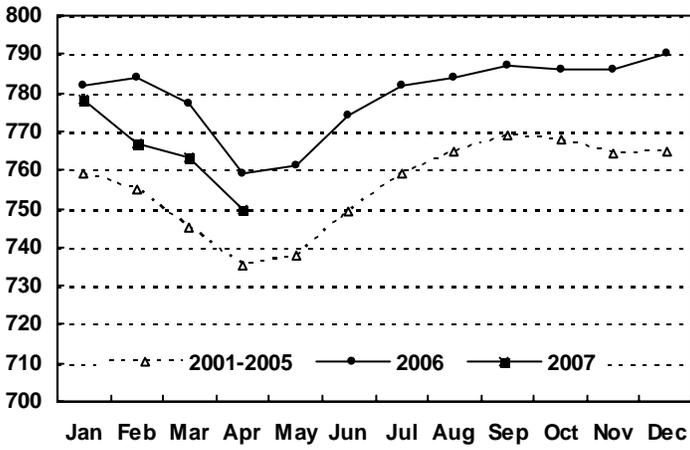
¹Prices based on the weekly weighted average prices per cwt. for live steers and heifers from feedlots in Texas, Oklahoma, Kansas, Colorado, Nebraska, Iowa, and Southern Minnesota.

²Change from previous year.

Source: Market News, Agricultural Marketing Service

Cattle Carcass Weights Federally Inspected

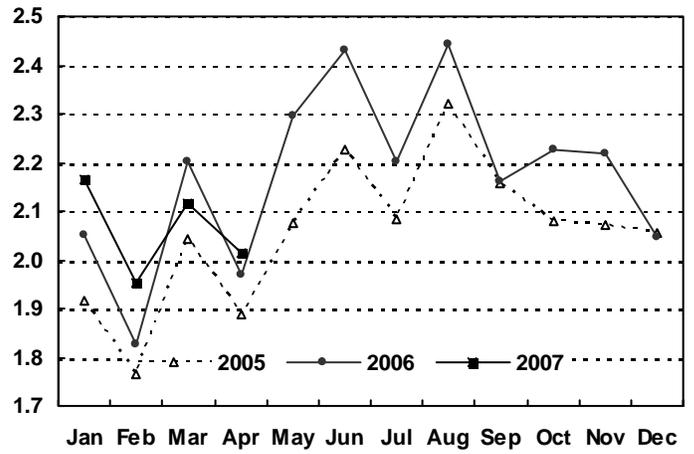
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Source: USDA NASS Nebraska Field Office

Commercial Beef Production

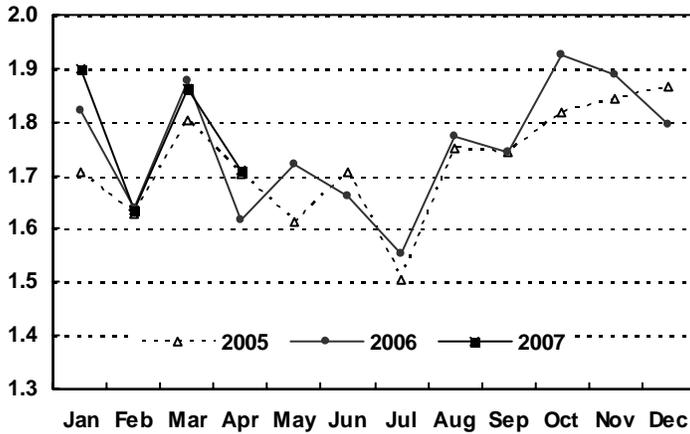
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Commercial Pork Production

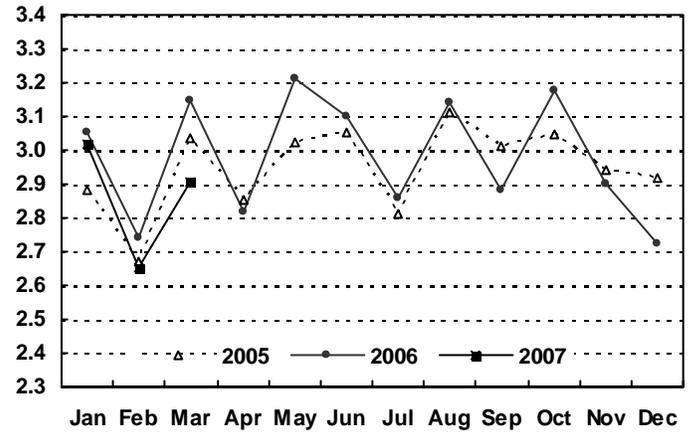
Million lbs.



Source: USDA NASS Nebraska Field Office

Certified Broiler Slaughter

Million lbs.



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