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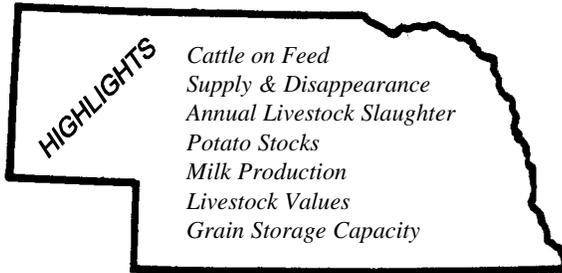
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## CATTLE ON FEED

### NEBRASKA UP 2% FROM A YEAR AGO

Nebraska cattle feeders, with a capacity of 1,000+ head, contained 2.16 million cattle on feed on March 1. This inventory was up 2% from last year and 5% above March 1, 1997. Placements during February totaled 410,000 head, up 24% from last year and 21% above February two years ago. Fed cattle marketings for the month of February totaled 390,000 head, up 11% from both last year and two years ago. Other disappearance during February totaled 10,000 head, compared with 10,000 head during February 1998 and 10,000 head during February 1997.

### HISTORIC 7 STATES UP SLIGHTLY

Cattle on feed March 1, 1999, in the historic seven States for feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head totaled 8.86 million, up slightly from the previous year and 1% above March 1, 1997. Placements in feedlots during February totaled 1.54 million, 20% above 1998 but 1% below 1997. Marketings during February totaled 1.55 million, 2% below 1998 and slightly below 1997. Other disappearance during February was 42,000 head, 25% below 1998 but the same as 1997.

### U.S. UP SLIGHTLY FROM A YEAR AGO

Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter market in the United States for feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head totaled 10.40 million head on March 1, 1999. Placements in feedlots during February totaled 1.79 million. Net placements were 1.72 million. During February, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 333,000, 600-699 pounds were 492,000, 700-799 pounds were 596,000 and 800 pounds and greater were 367,000. Marketings of fed cattle during February totaled 1.82 million. Other disappearance totaled 65,000 during February.

**CATTLE ON FEED: INVENTORIES, PLACEMENTS, MARKETINGS & OTHER DISAPPEARANCE,  
 1,000+ CAPACITY FEEDLOTS**

STATE	MARCH 1 NUMBER ON FEED 1/			FEBRUARY PLACEMENTS			FEBRUARY MARKETINGS			FEBRUARY OTHER DISAPPEARANCE 2/		
	1998	1999	<u>1999</u> 1998	1998	1999	<u>1999</u> 1998	1998	1999	<u>1999</u> 1998	1998	1999	<u>1999</u> 1998
	1,000 head		%	1,000 head		%	1,000 head		%	1,000 head		%
Arizona*	220	203	92	28	27	96	18	25	139	10	1	10
California *	375	385	103	30	45	150	45	40	89	5	5	100
Colorado *	1,030	1,130	110	205	235	115	265	240	91	10	5	50
Idaho	270	275	102	48	57	119	44	45	102	4	7	175
Iowa *	350	350	100	27	46	170	41	45	110	1	1	100
Kansas *	2,120	2,020	95	360	380	106	420	370	88	10	10	100
<b>Nebraska *</b>	<b>2,120</b>	<b>2,160</b>	<b>102</b>	<b>330</b>	<b>410</b>	<b>124</b>	<b>350</b>	<b>390</b>	<b>111</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>100</b>
New Mexico	108	107	99	9	8	89	19	13	68	1	1	100
Oklahoma	375	365	97	45	54	120	77	71	92	3	3	100
So. Dakota	173	184	106	25	33	132	27	32	119	1	1	100
Texas *	2,620	2,610	100	310	400	129	440	440	100	10	10	100
Washington	175	181	103	34	43	126	34	51	150	4	6	150
Other Sts	440	430	98	45	50	111	65	60	92	0	5	0
U. S.	10,376	10,400	100	1,496	1,788	120	1,845	1,822	99	69	65	94

1/ 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.

2/ Includes death losses, movement from feedlots to pastures and shipments to other feedlots for further feeding. \* Historic 7 states.

**U.S. GRAINS SUPPLY AND DISAPPEARANCE OUTLOOK**

CROP YEAR	SUPPLY				MARKET YEAR DISAPPEARANCE <sup>1/</sup> *				Market Year Ending Stocks*	Average Market Price
	Pro-duction	Begin-ning stocks	Im-ports	Total	Domestic		Ex-ports	Total		
					Primary Use <sup>2/</sup>	Other				
Million bushels										\$/bu.
<b>CORN:</b>										
1996/97 . . . .	9,233	426	13	9,672	5,302	1,692	1,795	8,789	883	2.71
1997/98 . . . .	9,207	883	9	10,099	5,505	1,782	1,504	8,791	1,308	2.43
1998/99 . . . .	9,761	1,308	12	11,081	5,700	1,870	1,800	9,370	1,711	1.90-2.10
<b>SOYBEANS:</b>										
1996/97 . . . .	2,380	183	9	2,573	1,436	123	882	2,441	132	7.35
1997/98 . . . .	2,689	132	5	2,826	1,597	158	870	2,626	200	6.47
1998/99 . . . .	2,757	200	6	2,963	1,560	153	780	2,493	470	4.95-5.15
<b>WHEAT:</b>										
1996/97 . . . .	2,277	376	92	2,746	891	410	1,002	2,302	444	4.30
1997/98 . . . .	2,481	444	95	3,020	916	341	1,040	2,297	722	3.38
1998/99 . . . .	2,550	722	95	3,368	925	438	1,050	2,413	955	2.65-2.75
<b>SORGHUM:</b>										
1996/97 . . . .	795	18	0	814	516	45	205	766	47	2.34
1997/98 . . . .	634	47	0	681	365	55	212	632	49	2.21
1998/99 . . . .	520	49	0	569	275	45	185	505	64	1.65-1.75

\* Projections for 1997 and 1998 crops are USDA's World Outlook Board expectations of supply and disappearance as of March 11, 1999. Totals may not add due to rounding.

<sup>1/</sup> Marketing year begins: Corn, Sorghum & Soybeans, September 1; Wheat, June 1.

<sup>2/</sup> Primary uses: Corn & Sorghum = Feed; Soybeans = Crushing; Wheat = Food.

**COMMERCIAL CATTLE SLAUGHTER, TOP FIVE STATES, SELECTED YEARS**

Rank	1980		1990		1995		1996		1997		1998	
	State	1,000 Head										
1.	Texas	5,793	Kansas	6,259	Kansas	7,113	NEBR.	7,293	NEBR.	7,408	Kansas	7,541
2.	NEBR.	5,612	NEBR.	5,882	NEBR.	6,769	Kansas	6,988	Kansas	7,369	NEBR.	7,300
3.	Iowa	2,999	Texas	5,681	Texas	6,455	Texas	6,800	Texas	6,615	Texas	6,767
4.	Kansas	2,968	Colo.	2,079	Colo.	2,569	Colo.	2,571	Colo.	2,595	Colo.	2,417
5.	Calif.	1,972	Iowa	1,830	Iowa	1,765	Wisc.	1,595	Wisc.	1,643	Wisc.	1,650

**FEDERALLY INSPECTED PLANTS AND HEAD SLAUGHTERED: NUMBER BY SPECIES, SELECTED STATES AND UNITED STATES, 1998 <sup>1/</sup>**

State	Cattle		Calves		Hogs		Sheep and Lambs	
	Plants	Head	Plants	Head	Plants	Head	Plants	Head
	Number	1,000	Number	1,000	Number	1,000	Number	1,000
California . . . . .	23	1,007.4	14	188.0	15	2,122.6		
Colorado . . . . .	23	2,396.1			20	33.0	20	1,284.4
Illinois . . . . .	11	977.4	5	122.6	19	8,760.1		
Indiana . . . . .	6	4.5			10	6,228.9	7	29.9
Iowa . . . . .	7	909.6			19	28,758.4	4	535.8
Kansas . . . . .	11	7,467.8						
Kentucky . . . . .	23	37.7			27	2,513.2	14	7.2
Minnesota . . . . .	28	647.2			26	7,867.4		
Nebraska . . . . .	33	7,253.5			22	6,234.9		
Ohio . . . . .	11	72.0	4	49.5	10	1,101.4		
Pennsylvania . . . . .	121	951.1	79	192.3	116	2,417.2	97	69.6
South Dakota . . . . .	7	228.1			7	4,406.3	4	92.8
Texas . . . . .	38	6,681.8	10	37.5	27	173.9		
Virginia . . . . .	12	9.1	10	1.0	12	4,155.0	11	15.9
Wisconsin . . . . .	13	1,603.3	7	209.5	9	304.2		
U.S. . . . .	795	34,650.2	339	1,416.0	757	98,882.4	556	3,657.2

<sup>1/</sup> Includes data from week ending January 10, 1998 thru January 2, 1999.

## FALL POTATO STOCKS

Potato stocks on the first of March in the 15 Major Potato States totaled 174 million cwt., down 1 percent from a year ago and 8 percent below two years ago. Disappearance of 251 million cwt., was up 6 percent from last year but 1 percent below the record high from 1996 crop. Shrink and loss of 25.2 million cwt. was up 17 percent from last year but 3 percent below two years ago. Processing of 1998 crop potatoes totaled 129 million cwt, up 9 percent from the 1997 crop but 2 percent below the 1996 crop. February processing was up 6 percent from last year.

### 1998 POTATO CROP

State	Production	Total Stocks Mar. 1, 1999
Thousand cwt.		
California	3,708	1,600
Colorado	25,360	11,800
Idaho	139,650	67,500
Maine	18,060	8,450
Michigan	14,725	3,900
Minnesota	21,170	8,900
Montana	3,180	2,650
NEBRASKA	8,175	1/2,500
New York	7,290	900
North Dakota	28,670	11,800
Ohio	1,200	1/
Oregon	26,229	13,000
Pennsylvania	3,360	600
Washington	93,225	29,500
Wisconsin	30,895	11,000
TOTAL 15 STATES	424,897	174,100

1/ Combined to prevent possible disclosure of individual operations.

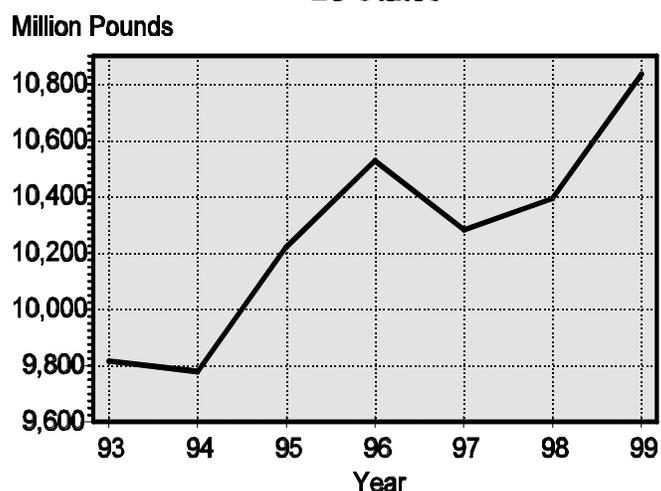
## FEBRUARY MILK PRODUCTION

Milk production in the 20 major States during February totaled 10.8 billion pounds, 4.3 percent above production in these same States in February 1998. January revised production, at 11.7 billion pounds, was 3.5% above January 1998.

Production per cow in the 20 major States averaged 1,407 pounds for February, 60 pounds above February 1998.

The number of cows on farms in the 20 major States was 7.70 million head, 16,000 head less than February 1998 and 4,000 head less than January 1999.

### February Milk Production, 1993-1999 20 States



### ANNUAL LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY SUMMARY -- NEBRASKA AND UNITED STATES

SPECIES	YEAR	NEBRASKA			UNITED STATES		
		NUMBER	VALUE		NUMBER	VALUE	
			Per Head	Total Value		Per Head	Total Value
(000)	Dollars	(000) \$	(000)	Dollars	(000) \$		
All Cattle (January 1)	1995	6,100	610.00	3,721,000	102,785	615.00	63,212,775
	1996	6,500	500.00	3,250,000	103,548	503.00	52,084,644
	1997	6,650	560.00	3,724,000	101,656	525.00	53,369,400
	1998	6,750	630.00	4,252,500	99,744	603.00	60,193,070
	1999	6,650	570.00	3,790,500	98,522	594.00	58,560,210
Hogs & Pigs (December 1)	1994	4,350	55.00	239,250	59,738	53.20	3,178,062
	1995	4,050	71.00	287,550	58,201	70.70	4,114,811
	1996	3,550	95.00	337,250	56,124	94.00	5,275,656
	1997	3,500	90.00	315,000	61,158	82.00	4,985,532
	1998	3,400	46.00	156,400	62,156	46.00	2,831,847
Sheep & Lambs (January 1)	1995	105	75.00	7,875	8,989	74.70	671,478
	1996	105	96.00	10,080	8,465	86.50	732,223
	1997	95	93.00	8,835	8,024	96.00	770,304
	1998	100	100.00	10,000	7,825	102.00	797,826
	1999	105	98.00	10,290	7,238	88.00	640,428
Chickens (December 1)	1994	10,600	1.90	20,140	385,747	2.34	902,815
	1995	11,005	1.90	20,910	388,077	2.41	934,905
	1996	11,493	2.10	24,135	392,737	2.65	1,039,071
	1997	12,126	2.10	25,465	410,030	2.72	1,113,183
	1998	13,219	2.10	27,760	424,094	2.69	1,139,984

### OFF-FARM GRAIN STORAGE CAPACITY

There were 524 commercially licensed off-farm storage facilities in

Nebraska as of December 1, 1998. Storage capacity for these facilities

totaled 628.6 million bushels compared to 628.7 million bushels last year.

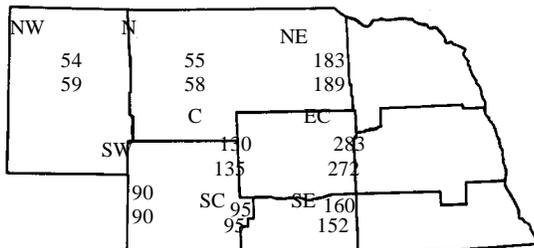
On-farm storage capacity in Nebraska is estimated at 1.05 billion bushels, the same as last year.

**ON & OFF FARM GRAIN STORAGE CAPACITY,  
DECEMBER 1, 1998,  
SELECTED STATES & U.S.**

STATE	STORAGE CAPACITY		
	On-Farm	Off-Farm*	Total
	Million bushels		
Colorado .....	190	109	299
Illinois .....	1,230	1,082	2,312
Indiana .....	670	342	1,012
Iowa .....	1,600	1,026	2,626
Kansas .....	400	784	1,184
Minnesota .....	1,180	479	1,659
Missouri .....	430	228	658
<b>NEBRASKA .....</b>	<b>1,050</b>	<b>629</b>	<b>1,679</b>
No. Dakota .....	750	245	995
Ohio .....	430	338	768
Oklahoma .....	90	239	329
So. Dakota .....	550	135	685
Texas .....	130	578	708
Wisconsin .....	400	194	594
U.S. ....	11,125	8,006	19,131

\* Licensed commercial storage, including temporary facilities licensed for use this year.

**NEBRASKA -- ON-FARM GRAIN STORAGE  
CAPACITY (million bu.), 1998 & 1997 1/  
BY AGRICULTURAL STATISTICS DISTRICT**



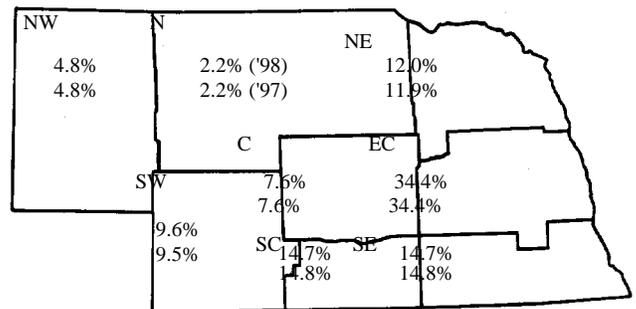
1/ Based on quarterly survey December 1, 1998.  
Top Number = 1998; Bottom Number = 1997.

**OFF-FARM GRAIN STORAGE CAPACITY  
NEBRASKA & UNITED STATES, 1997 & 1998**

District	Storage Capacity 1/		Net Change	1998 1997
	12/1/97	12/1/98		
	1,000 bushels			%
Northwest ....	30,462	30,396	-66	-0.2
North .....	13,573	13,567	-6	-0.0
Northeast .....	74,932	75,350	418	0.6
Central .....	47,617	47,444	-173	-0.4
East .....	216,004	216,342	338	-0.2
Southwest .....	60,029	60,529	500	0.8
South .....	93,279	92,517	-762	-0.8
Southeast .....	92,794	92,465	-329	-0.4
<b>NEBRASKA ..</b>	<b>628,690</b>	<b>628,610</b>	<b>-80</b>	<b>-0.0</b>
U.S. ....	7,961,340	8,005,580	44,240	0.6

1/ Licensed commercial storage, including temporary facilities licensed for use this year.

**NEBRASKA -- PERCENT OF OFF-FARM  
GRAIN STORAGE CAPACITY, 1998 & 1997  
BY AGRICULTURAL STATISTICS DISTRICTS**



Numbers represent percent of total off-farm storage capacity by Agricultural Statistics Districts. The top number represents December 1, 1998, and the bottom number December 1, 1997.