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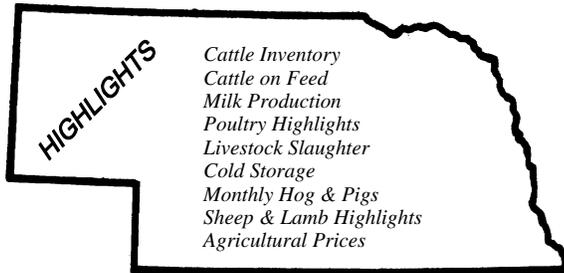
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CATTLE INVENTORY

All cattle and calves on hand January 1, 2001, in Nebraska totaled 6.6 million head, down 1% from both a year ago and two years ago. Calves born on Nebraska farms and ranches during 2000 totaled 1.84 million head, down 1% from 1999 but up 1% from the 1998 calf crop.

All cattle and calves in the United States as of January 1, 2001, totaled 97.3 million head, 1% below the 98.2 million on January 1, 2000, and 2% below the 99.1 million two years ago. The 2000 calf crop was estimated at 38.6 million head, down slightly from both 1999 and 1998. Calves born during the first half of the year are estimated at 28.4 million, down slightly from both 1999 and 1998.

Dear producers and other data users:

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.

On a personal note, I am proud to have assumed the position of State Statistician for this office effective December 31, 2000. This follows five years as State Statistician of the South Dakota statistics office, tours of duty in our Washington D.C. headquarters and as Deputy State Statistician of the North Dakota office. My roots are in a central South Dakota (Highmore) grain and cattle operation. I am a graduate of South Dakota State University in Brookings.

My goals as new State Statistician will be to continue providing timely, accurate and relevant Nebraska agricultural statistics; and to make them available to all who need them for their decision making. In this regard, your assistance and suggestions are respectfully requested. Thanks again to those who report and for the support of all State agriculturists.

William G. Hamlin
State Statistician

CATTLE AND CALVES: NUMBER BY CLASS JANUARY 1 AND CALF CROP, NEBRASKA AND UNITED STATES

Class	NEBRASKA				UNITED STATES			
	1999	2000	2001	<u>2001</u> 2000	1999	2000	2001	<u>2001</u> 2000
	Thousand head				Percent			
Cattle and calves	6,700	6,650	6,600	99	99,115	98,198	97,309	99
Cows and heifers that have calved	2,050	2,050	2,030	99	42,878	42,759	42,603	100
Beef cows	1,978	1,974	1,950	99	33,745	33,569	33,400	99
Milk cows	72	76	80	105	9,133	9,190	9,203	100
Heifers 500 pounds and over	1,860	1,860	1,820	98	19,774	19,649	19,775	101
For beef cow replacement	300	290	300	103	5,535	5,503	5,588	102
For milk cow replacement	30	30	30	100	4,069	4,000	4,047	101
Other heifers	1,530	1,540	1,490	97	10,170	10,147	10,140	100
Steers 500 pounds and over	2,140	2,170	2,230	103	16,891	16,682	16,438	99
Bulls 500 pounds and over	105	110	100	91	2,281	2,293	2,272	99
Calves under 500 pounds	545	460	420	91	17,290	16,815	16,221	96
	<u>1998</u>	1999	2000	<u>2000</u> 1999	1998	1999	2000	<u>2000</u> 1999
Calves born	1,860	1,860	1,840	99	38,812	38,796	38,621	100

NOTE: Classes may not add to totals due to rounding.

NUMBER OF LIVESTOCK OPERATIONS, NEBRASKA AND UNITED STATES, 1996-2000

Year	NEBRASKA					UNITED STATES				
	Cattle	Milk* Cows	Beef* Cows	Hogs	Sheep	Cattle	Milk* Cows	Beef* Cows	Hogs	Sheep
	Number					Number				
1996	28,000	1,600	23,000	8,500	1,700	1,176,700	130,980	885,980	142,380	76,600
1997	28,000	1,500	23,000	6,500	1,700	1,148,050	123,700	872,840	122,160	72,680
1998	29,000	1,400	23,000	5,900	1,700	1,115,650	117,180	855,460	113,830	68,550
1999	28,000	1,300	23,000	5,000	1,700	1,096,550	111,000	844,170	98,610	66,800
2000	27,000	1,200	23,000	4,000	1,700	1,075,860	105,250	830,880	85,760	66,000

* Included in number of cattle operations.

CATTLE ON FEED

NEBRASKA CATTLE ON FEED UP 4% FROM YEAR AGO

Nebraska feedlots with capacities of 1,000 or more head contained 2.4 million cattle on feed on January 1, up 4% from 2000 and 14% above 1999. Fed cattle marketings for the month of December totaled 340,000 head, down 15% from last year and 8% below December two years ago. Placements of cattle into feedlots during December totaled 340,000 head, unchanged from 1999 but 3% above 1998. Other disappearance during December totaled 10,000 head compared with 20,000 head during December 1999 and 10,000 head during December 1998.

U.S. CATTLE ON FEED UP 3% FROM 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 11.8 million head on January 1. The inventory was 3% above January 1, 2000. Placements in feedlots during December totaled 1.70 million, 3% above 1999 and 12% above 1998. Net placements were 1.60 million. Marketings of fed cattle during December totaled 1.75 million, 5% below 1999 and 4% below 1998. Other disappearance totaled 95,000 during December, 6% above 1999 and 12% above 1998.

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

STATE	JANUARY 1 NUMBER ON FEED 1/			DECEMBER PLACEMENTS			DECEMBER MARKETINGS			DECEMBER OTHER DISAPPEAR. 2/		
	2000	2001	<u>2001</u> <u>2000</u>	1999	2000	<u>2000</u> <u>1999</u>	1999	2000	<u>2000</u> <u>1999</u>	1999	2000	<u>2000</u> <u>1999</u>
	1,000 head			1,000 head			1,000 head			1,000 head		
	%			%			%			%		
Arizona*	272	301	111	36	30	83	25	23	92	4	4	100
California*	415	450	108	67	62	93	47	52	111	10	10	100
Colorado*	1,180	1,210	103	160	170	106	190	180	95	10	10	100
Idaho	310	320	103	50	58	116	59	60	102	1	3	300
Iowa*	375	385	103	45	38	84	39	45	115	1	3	300
Kansas*	2,310	2,400	104	400	420	105	480	460	96	10	20	200
Nebraska*	2,300	2,400	104	340	340	100	400	340	85	20	10	50
New Mexico	116	115	99	15	16	107	5	13	260	3	1	33
Oklahoma	430	410	95	53	57	108	60	59	98	3	3	100
So. Dakota	194	202	104	31	31	100	22	27	123	1	2	200
Texas*	2,900	2,930	101	360	380	106	420	400	95	20	20	100
Washington	228	250	110	38	53	139	48	48	100	3	2	67
Other Sts	445	425	96	51	44	86	47	47	100	4	7	175
U. S.	11,475	11,798	103	1,646	1,699	103	1,842	1,754	95	90	95	106

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.

CATTLE ON FEED: NUMBER ON FEED BY CLASS, 1,000+ CAPACITY FEEDLOTS, BY QUARTER, STATE, AND UNITED STATES, 2000-2001

State	Steers & Steer Calves			Heifers & Heifer Calves			Cows & Bulls		
	Jan. 1, 2000	Oct. 1, 2000	Jan. 1, 2001	Jan. 1, 2000	Oct. 1, 2000	Jan. 1, 2001	Jan. 1, 2000	Oct. 1, 2000	Jan. 1, 2001
	1,000 head								
AZ	252	259	286	20	13	15	0	0	0
CA	376	375	400	38	45	49	1	0	1
CO	650	670	670	520	495	530	10	5	10
ID	212	220	220	98	89	97	0	1	3
IA	240	205	250	135	135	135	0	0	0
KS	1,360	1,280	1,320	940	1,020	1,078	10	0	2
NE	1,340	1,195	1,380	940	870	975	20	35	45
NM	55	41	51	61	55	64	0	0	0
OK	265	240	245	164	157	162	1	3	3
SD	103	87	114	83	55	77	8	3	11
TX	1,550	1,600	1,630	1,349	1,299	1,299	1	1	1
WA	137	150	162	91	78	88	0	0	0
Other	300	240	290	135	90	127	10	5	8
U.S.	6,840	6,562	7,018	4,574	4,401	4,696	61	53	84

MILK COWS AND MILK PRODUCTION

Item & Quarter	NEBRASKA			20 STATES			UNITED STATES		
	1998	1999	2000	1998	1999	2000	1998	1999	2000
	Thousand head								
Milk cows 1/									
July-September	69	74	77	7,706	7,753	7,841	9,149	9,171	9,253
October-December	70	75	79	7,700	7,753	7,843	9,137	9,170	9,250
	Million pounds								
Milk production 2/									
July-September	262	281	322	33,110	34,344	35,698	38,519	39,771	41,311
October-December	266	296	327	33,435	34,792	35,225	38,937	40,406	40,877

1/ Includes dry cows, excludes heifers not yet fresh. 2/ Excludes milk sucked by calves.

POULTRY HIGHLIGHTS - DECEMBER

Item	1999	2000	2000 as % of 1999
No. of Layers			
NEBRASKA	11.9	11.8	100
30 States	309.2	311.0	101
U.S.	328.8	331.9	101
Eggs Produced			
NEBRASKA	259	254	98
30 States	6,850	6,809	99
U.S.	7,279	7,275	100
Chickens, U.S.			
Hatched, December			
Egg-type	33.0	35.0	106
Broiler	748.4	738.8	99
Hatched thru December			
Egg-type	450.9	429.8	95
Broiler	8,715.7	8,782.2	101

COMMERCIAL LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTER

December 2000 output and changes from last year and last month are shown below. December 1999 contained 23 weekdays (including one holiday) and four Saturdays. December 2000 contained 21 weekdays (including one holiday) and five Saturdays.

Item	Total 1/ (1,000)	Percent of	
		Dec. 1999	Nov. 2000
NEBRASKA			
Cattle, head	556.3	96	91
Hogs, head	533.7	96	91
Sheep & Lambs, head	2/	2/	2/
Red Meat, mil. lbs.	526.2	95	89
UNITED STATES			
Cattle, head	2,718.7	95	93
Calves, head	91.6	82	99
Hogs, head	8,094.4	91	92
Sheep & Lambs, head	300.9	85	102
Red Meat, mil. lbs.	3,619.8	94	92

1/ Excludes animals slaughtered on farms. 2/ Data included in U.S. total to avoid disclosure of individual operations.

U.S. COLD STORAGE HIGHLIGHTS

Frozen food stocks in refrigerated warehouses on December 31, 2000, were greater than year earlier levels for red meat, fruit, orange juice, and potatoes. Total red meat supplies in freezers were 6 percent below November 2000 but were 11 percent above December 1999. Frozen pork stocks were 7 percent below last month but 2 percent below last year. Total frozen poultry supplies were up 3 percent from last month but were 1 percent below last year's level. Stocks on December 31 for selected items and changes from last year and last month follow:

Commodity	Stocks 1,000 lbs.	Percent of	
		Dec. 1999	Nov. 2000
Total red meats	827,151	111	94
Beef	381,058	121	96
Pork	422,800	102	93
Poultry	1,052,776	99	103
Turkey	241,833	95	93
Chicken	807,540	101	107

MONTHLY HOG AND PIGS

The December 2000 U.S. pig crop at 8.35 million head, was 3% more than the previous year. Sows farrowing during this period totaled 940 thousand head, 2% above last year. The average pigs per litter rose to 8.89 pigs saved per litter for December, compared to 8.77 pigs last year.

The U.S. inventory of sows and gilts totaled 6.03 million head on January 1, 2001. U.S. sows and gilts bred during the month of December totaled 1.19 million head.

**MONTHLY FARROWINGS: NUMBER OF SOWS, PIGS PER LITTER, AND PIG CROP,
UNITED STATES DECEMBER-NOVEMBER 2000-2001 1/ 2/**

Month	Sows Farrowing		Pigs per Litter		Pig Crop	
	2000	2001	2000	2001	2000	2001
	1,000 head	1,000 head	Number	Number	1,000 head	1,000 head
Dec 1/	922	940	8.77	8.89	8,091	8,354
Jan	911		8.76		7,977	
Feb	965		8.76		8,454	
Mar	974		8.87		8,647	
Apr	959		8.84		8,484	
May	956		8.87		8,479	
Jun	975		8.85		8,626	
Jul	944		8.87		8,370	
Aug	980		8.87		8,690	
Sep	996		8.87		8,835	
Oct	947		8.90		8,428	
Nov	932		8.88		8,274	
Total	11,462		8.84		101,355	

1/ December preceding year. 2/ Monthly values may not add to quarterly or annual totals due to rounding.

**SHEEP AND LAMBS, JANUARY 1, 2000-2001 AND LAMB CROP, 1999-2000,
NEBRASKA AND UNITED STATES**

State	Total Breeding Sheep & Lambs		Total Market Sheep & Lambs		All Sheep & Lambs		Breeding Ewes 1 Year & Older Jan. 1		Lambs per 100 Ewes 1+, Jan. 1		Lamb Crop	
	2000	2001	2000	2001	2000	2001	1999	2000	1999	2000	1999	2000
	1,000 head						1,000 head		Percent		1,000 head	
NE	88.0	94.0	14.0	20.0	102.0	114.0	73.0	72.0	134	142	98.0	102.0
U.S.	5,164.0	4,927.0	1,868.0	1,988.0	7,032.0	6,915.0	4,322.0	4,229.0	110	109	4,733.0	4,622.0

U.S. INDEX OF PRICES RECEIVED

The preliminary All Farm Products Index of Prices Received in January was 96 based on 1990-92=100, down 2 points (2.0 percent) from the December index. Lower prices for eggs, cotton, hogs, and soybeans were partially offset by higher prices for cattle, tomatoes, milk, and strawberries. The seasonal change in the mix of commodities farmers sell often affects the overall index. Lower seasonal marketings of cotton,

tobacco, grapes and cottonseed were partially offset by higher marketings of cattle, corn and soybeans.

Compared with January 2000, the All Farm Products Index was 5 points (5.5 percent) higher. Price increases from January 2000 for cattle, milk, cotton, and strawberries were partially offset by lower prices for oranges, apples, potatoes and lettuce.

AVERAGE PRICES RECEIVED BY FARMERS

COMMODITY	Unit	NEBRASKA			UNITED STATES				
		January 2000 1/	December 2000 1/	Jan. 15, 2001	January 2000 1/	December 2000 1/	Jan. 15, 2001	% of Parity	Parity Price*
Wheat	Bu.	\$ 2.21	\$ 2.89	\$ 2.95	\$ 2.51	\$ 2.87	\$ 2.88	26	\$ 9.61
Corn	Bu.	1.79	1.99	1.95	1.91	1.97	1.96	29	6.56
Oats	Bu.	1.42	1.34	1.40	1.20	1.14	1.17	32	3.75
Grain Sorghum	Cwt.	2.82	3.40	3.45	2.86	3.54	3.53	26	11.20
Soybeans	Bu.	4.42	4.69	4.40	4.62	4.78	4.59	32	14.30
Hay, All, Baled	Ton	37.00	75.00	78.00	72.90	85.10	84.90	---	---
Alfalfa, Baled	Ton	38.00	77.00	81.00	76.00	91.00	91.30	---	---
Other, Baled	Ton	33.00	65.00	67.00	66.10	70.40	69.50	---	---
Dry Edible Beans	Cwt.	14.70	14.80	14.90	15.80	14.40	14.70	33	47.60
Hogs	Cwt.	38.30	41.30	38.10	36.80	39.80	37.10	36	103.00
Barrows & Gilts	Cwt.	38.30	41.50	38.20	37.00	40.30	37.40	---	---
Sows	Cwt.	31.50	32.50	31.00	32.80	30.70	31.10	---	---
Beef Cattle	Cwt.	68.20	73.80	73.90	67.80	71.90	74.60	48	157.00
Steers & Heifers	Cwt.	69.10	74.90	74.90	71.60	76.80	79.30	---	---
Cows	Cwt.	34.40	37.90	41.50	35.90	36.50	38.40	---	---
Calves	Cwt.	103.00	107.00	110.00	102.00	106.00	108.00	52	207.00
Sheep	Cwt.	36.00	37.00	2/	36.80	36.20	2/	50	72.10
Lambs	Cwt.	60.60	60.00	2/	70.90	71.80	2/	42	173.00

1/ Entire month average except hay and milk cows. 2/ Mid-month prices discontinued January 1996. *Parity price based on data for January 2001.

Errata: Nebraska Agrifacts, Issue 02-2001, 1/16/01 (the previous release).

Page 1: Table of Stocks of Grain & Hay - U.S. Corn Off Farm Stocks - Dec. 1, 1998, correct number is 2,730,220 thousand bushels, not 7,320,000. Page 1: Table of Stocks of Grain & Hay - Nebraska All Hay on farms - Dec. 1, 2000, is 71% of previous year, not 95% as indicated. Page 4: Nebraska Government Payments - The 1999 total should have read \$1,322.1 million, not billion as originally published in the narrative.

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