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## NEBRASKA CATTLE ON FEED DOWN 2%

Nebraska feedlots, with capacities of 1,000 or more head, contained 1.81 million cattle on feed on August 1. This inventory was down 2% from last year but 13% above August 1, 1999. Fed cattle marketings for the month of July totaled 400,000 head, down 7% from last year and 17% below July two years ago. Placements during July totaled 320,000 head, down 2% from last year but 7% above 1999. Other disappearance during July totaled 10,000 head compared with 5,000 head during July 2000 and 10,000 head during July 1999.

## U.S. CATTLE ON FEED

Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter market in the United States for feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head totaled 10.89 million head on August 1, 2001. Placements in feedlots during July totaled 1.99 million. Net placements were 1.93 million. During July, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 469,000, 600-699 pounds were 444,000, 700-799 pounds were 606,000, and 800 pounds and greater were 467,000. During July, marketings of fed cattle totaled 2.05 million and other disappearance totaled 59,000.

### CATTLE ON FEED -- INVENTORIES, PLACEMENTS, MARKETINGS & OTHER DISAPPEARANCE

STATE	AUGUST 1 NUMBER ON FEED <u>1/</u>			JULY PLACEMENTS			JULY MARKETINGS			JULY OTHER DISAPPEAR. <u>2/</u>		
	2000	2001	<u>2001</u> 2000	2000	2001	<u>2001</u> 2000	2000	2001	<u>2001</u> 2000	2000	2001	<u>2001</u> 2000
	1,000 head		%	1,000 head		%	1,000 head		%	1,000 head		%
Arizona* . . .	262	297	113	24	44	183	35	36	103	1	2	200
California* .	420	475	113	60	56	93	45	48	107	5	3	60
Colorado* . .	1,050	1,060	101	185	195	105	230	240	104	5	5	100
Idaho . . . . .	280	310	111	56	60	107	65	69	106	1	1	100
Iowa* . . . . .	330	325	98	40	35	88	54	54	100	1	1	100
Kansas* . . .	2,190	2,420	111	510	570	112	470	485	103	10	15	150
<b>Nebraska*</b> .	1,840	1,810	98	325	320	98	430	400	93	5	10	200
New Mexico	93	101	109	19	13	68	12	9	75	3	1	33
Oklahoma . .	355	390	110	63	68	108	62	66	106	1	2	200
So. Dakota .	126	154	122	16	14	88	33	34	103	1	1	100
Texas* . . . .	2,720	3,000	110	520	510	98	520	495	95	10	15	150
Washington	194	229	118	49	61	124	57	58	102	0	1	
Other Sts . .	320	320	100	40	40	100	69	53	77	1	2	200
U.S. . . . .	10,180	10,891	107	1,907	1,986	104	2,082	2,047	98	44	59	134

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. \*Historical 7 States.

## MONTHLY HOG AND PIGS

The July 2001 U.S. pig crop at 8.50 million head, was 1% less than the previous year. Sows farrowing during this period totaled 955 thousand head, 2% below last year. The average pigs per litter for July rose to 8.91, compared to 8.85 last year.

The U.S. inventory of sows and gilts totaled 6.02 million head on August 1, 2001. U.S. sows and gilts bred during the month of July totaled 1.16 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	934	8.77	8.73	8,091	8,153
Jan	911	941	8.76	8.76	7,977	8,244
Feb	965	950	8.76	8.82	8,454	8,379
Mar	974	977	8.87	8.83	8,639	8,627
Apr	956	941	8.85	8.86	8,461	8,337
May	955	960	8.86	8.94	8,465	8,580
Jun	960	972	8.83	8.96	8,479	8,709
Jul	970	955	8.85	8.91	8,580	8,504
Aug	959		8.85		8,489	
Sep	970		8.84		8,578	
Oct	940		8.85		8,319	
Nov	938		8.86		8,311	
Total	11,420		8.83		100,843	

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

### U.S. COLD STORAGE HIGHLIGHTS

Frozen food stocks in refrigerated warehouses on July 31, 2001, were greater than year earlier levels for potatoes, orange juice and turkeys. Total red meat supplies in freezers were 3% below June 2001 and were 20% below July 2000. Frozen pork stocks were 9% below last month and were 29% below last year. Total frozen poultry supplies on July 31, 2001, were down 1% from last month and 12% below last year's level. Stocks on July 31 for selected items and changes from last year and last month follow:

Commodity	Stocks 1,000 lbs.	Percent of	
		July 2000	June 2001
Total red meats . . .	716,668	80	97
Beef . . . . .	351,582	90	103
Pork . . . . .	338,611	71	91
Poultry . . . . .	1,197,713	88	99
Turkey . . . . .	536,580	102	106
Chicken . . . . .	652,475	79	95

### POULTRY HIGHLIGHTS - JULY

Item	2000	2001	2001
			as % of 2000
	Millions		Percent
<b>No. of Layers</b>			
NEBRASKA . . . . .	12.1	11.5	96
30 States . . . . .	305.3	310.8	102
U.S. . . . .	325.6	331.6	102
<b>Eggs Produced</b>			
NEBRASKA . . . . .	249	249	100
30 States . . . . .	6,617	6,722	102
U.S. . . . .	7,061	7,181	102
<b>Chickens, U.S.</b>			
Hatched, July			
Egg-type . . . . .	33.2	37.9	114
Broiler . . . . .	740.2	760.2	103
Hatched thru July			
Egg-type . . . . .	256.0	279.1	109
Broiler . . . . .	5,223.6	5,205.6	100
<b>Turkeys, U.S.</b>			
Placed (July) . . . . .	26.8	27.1	101

### COMMERCIAL LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTER

July 2001 output and changes from last year and last month are shown below. July 2000 contained 21 weekdays (including one holiday) and five Saturdays. July 2001 contained 22 weekdays (including one holiday) and four Saturdays.

Item	Total 1/ (1,000)	Percent of	
		July 2000	June 2001
<b>NEBRASKA</b>			
Cattle, head . . . . .	651.8	102	92
Hogs, head . . . . .	489.3	104	103
Sheep & Lambs, head	.1	100	100
Red Meat, mil. lbs. . . . .	586.4	100	95
<b>UNITED STATES</b>			
Cattle, head . . . . .	2,940.5	99	94
Calves, head . . . . .	83.2	84	108
Hogs, head . . . . .	7,446.1	101	100
Sheep & Lambs, head	242.2	100	104
Red Meat, mil. lbs. . . . .	3,642.9	100	97

1/ Excludes animals slaughtered on farms.

### TURKEYS RAISED UNCHANGED FROM 2000

The preliminary estimate of turkeys raised in the United States during 2001 is 270 million, the same as were raised during 2000.

The following six States are expected to account for about two-thirds of the turkeys produced in the United States during 2001:

Minnesota, at 44.0 million birds, is expected to raise the largest number of any state, and shows a 1% increase from last year.

North Carolina ranks second with 43.0 million birds, 5% more than 2000.

Arkansas is in third place by producing 26.0 million birds, 7% less than a year ago.

Missouri and Virginia are tied with each producing 24.0 million birds. Missouri is up 4% from a year ago, while Virginia is down 6%.

California expects to raise 19.0 million turkeys, 6% above a year earlier.

State	2000	2001	2001 as % of 2000
	1,000 head		Percent
Arkansas .....	28,000	26,000	93
California .....	18,000	19,000	106
Connecticut .....	5	5	100
Delaware .....	4	4	100
Illinois .....	2,900	2,600	90
Indiana .....	13,500	14,000	104
Iowa .....	7,100	7,000	99
Maryland .....	440	450	102
Massachusetts .....	79	70	89
Michigan .....	3,500	4,500	129
Minnesota .....	43,500	44,000	101
Missouri .....	23,000	24,000	104
New Hampshire .....	14	8	57
New Jersey .....	59	46	78
New York .....	510	500	98
North Carolina .....	41,000	43,000	105
North Dakota .....	2,000	1,600	80
Ohio .....	4,400	4,600	105
Pennsylvania .....	9,300	9,500	102
South Carolina .....	9,900	9,700	98
South Dakota .....	4,300	4,500	105
Vermont .....	47	44	94
Virginia .....	25,500	24,000	94
West Virginia .....	4,100	4,000	98
Other States <sup>2/</sup> .....	28,811	27,311	95
United States .....	269,969	270,438	100

<sup>1/</sup> 2000 revised. <sup>2/</sup> Other States include Colorado, Kansas, Nebraska, Oklahoma, Oregon, Texas, Utah, and Wisconsin.

### JULY MILK PRODUCTION

Milk production in the 20 major States during July totaled 12.1 billion pounds, down 1.2% from production in these same States in July 2000. June revised production, at 12.1 billion pounds, was down 0.2% from June 2000. The June revision represented an increase of 0.3% or 34 million pounds from last month's preliminary production estimate.

Production per cow in the 20 major States averaged 1,555 pounds for July, 6 pounds below July 2000. The number of milk cows on farms in the 20 major States was 7.75 million head, 72,000 head less than July 2000, but unchanged from June 2001.

### HIRED WORKERS ON FARMS & FARM WAGE RATES SELECTED REGIONS AND UNITED STATES, JULY 9-15, 2000 & JULY 8-14, 2001 <sup>1/</sup>

Region <sup>2/</sup>	Hired Workers		WAGE RATES								
			All Hired Workers		Type of work						
	2000	2001			2000	2001	Field		Livestock		Field & Livestock
Thousands						Dollars per hour					
Lake .....	73	76	8.45	8.38	7.98	8.21	7.83	7.66	7.92	8.00	
Cornbelt I .....	69	69	8.23	8.66	7.79	7.65	8.33	8.13	7.87	7.75	
Cornbelt II .....	30	29	8.39	8.10	7.62	7.80	8.63	8.08	8.00	7.94	
Northern Plains .....	41	38	7.64	8.24	7.52	7.96	7.28	7.98	7.42	7.97	
Southern Plains .....	77	85	7.38	7.23	6.56	6.58	7.55	7.23	6.85	6.85	
Mountain I .....	37	34	7.32	7.61	6.70	7.08	7.63	7.73	7.02	7.37	
Mountain II .....	25	24	7.96	8.28	7.21	7.36	7.23	8.05	7.22	7.64	
United States .....	1,084	1,039	7.93	8.29	7.37	7.70	7.68	7.89	7.43	7.75	

<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.

## U.S. INDEX OF PRICES RECEIVED

The preliminary All Farm Products Index of Prices Received by Farmers in the United States in August was 109 based on 1990-92=100, up 2 points (1.9%) from the July Index. Higher prices for lettuce, strawberries, cantaloupes, and wheat were partially offset by lower prices for cattle, onions, peaches, and celery. The seasonal change in the mix of commodities farmers sell often affects the overall index. Higher seasonal marketings of

tobacco, cattle, grapes, and sweet corn were offset by lower marketings of wheat, hay, strawberries, and milk. Compared with August 2000, the All Farm Products Index was 13 points (14.0%) higher. Price increases from August 2000 for milk, broilers, cattle, and corn were partially offset by lower prices for eggs, turkeys, tomatoes, and cotton.

### AVERAGE PRICES RECEIVED BY FARMERS

COMMODITY	Unit	NEBRASKA			UNITED STATES				
		August 2000 <sup>1/</sup>	July 2001 <sup>1/</sup>	August 15, 2001	August 2000 <sup>1/</sup>	July 2001 <sup>1/</sup>	August 15, 2001	% of Parity	Parity Price <sup>2/</sup>
Wheat .....	Bu.	\$ 2.29	\$ 2.77	\$ 2.65	\$ 2.40	\$ 2.63	\$ 2.70	28	\$ 9.65
Corn .....	Bu.	1.52	1.86	1.92	1.52	1.88	1.93	29	6.58
Oats .....	Bu.	1.36	1.38	1.40	.93	1.33	1.30	34	3.77
Grain Sorghum .....	Cwt.	2.50	3.43	3.50	2.73	3.72	3.58	32	11.30
Soybeans .....	Bu.	4.34	4.67	4.75	4.45	4.79	4.87	34	14.30
Hay, All, Baled .....	Ton	57.00	68.00	70.00	80.50	96.30	97.70		
Alfalfa, Baled .....	Ton	61.00	71.00	72.00	83.90	105.00	105.00		
Other, Baled .....	Ton	47.00	61.00	65.00	68.50	72.50	74.00		
Dry Edible Beans ...	Cwt.	16.20	16.10	16.40	13.80	16.80	16.80	35	47.80
Hogs .....	Cwt.	47.10	54.30	53.70	43.80	51.70	51.70	50	103.00
Barrows & Gilts ..	Cwt.	47.20	54.60	54.00	44.30	52.30	52.40		
Sows .....	Cwt.	37.50	41.00	41.00	34.30	41.10	40.60		
Beef Cattle .....	Cwt.	65.50	72.80	70.80	65.50	71.90	70.90	45	158.00
Steers & Heifers ..	Cwt.	66.10	73.70	71.60	68.00	75.00	73.70		
Cows .....	Cwt.	40.00	42.50	43.50	39.00	42.90	43.40		
Calves .....	Cwt.	112.00	115.00	114.00	106.00	107.00	106.00	51	208.00
Sheep .....	Cwt.	34.10	33.60		30.70	32.40	n/a		72.40
Lambs .....	Cwt.	78.00	58.70		83.60	65.00	n/a		174.00

<sup>1/</sup> Entire month average except hay. <sup>2/</sup> Parity price based on data for August 2001.

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