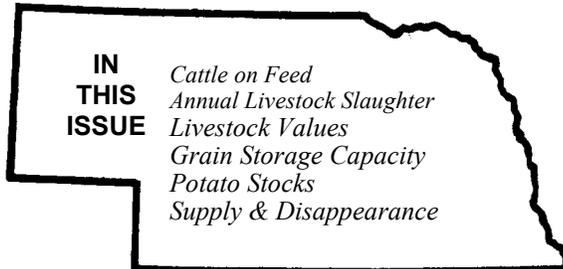


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Nebraska Cattle on Feed Down 3 Percent

Nebraska feedlots with capacities of 1,000 or more head contained 2.3 million cattle on feed on March 1, down 3 percent from last year and slightly below March 1, 2000. Placements of cattle into feedlots during February totaled 370,000 head, up 19 percent from 2001 but 5 percent below 2000. Fed cattle marketings for the month of February totaled 350,000 head, unchanged from last year but 20 percent below February two years ago. Other disappearance during February totaled 10,000 head compared with 10,000 head during February 2001 and February 2000.

U.S. Cattle on Feed Down 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 11.52 million head on March 1, 2002. The inventory was down 2 percent from the 11.70 million head on March 1, 2001 but 2 percent above March 1, 2000. Placements in feedlots during February totaled 1.81 million, 14 percent above 2001 but 4 percent below 2000. Marketings of fed cattle during February totaled 1.80 million, 3 percent above 2001 but 12 percent below 2000. Other disappearance totaled 63,000 during February, 22 percent below 2001 and 19 percent below 2000.

Cattle on Feed: Number on Feed, Placements, Marketings and Other Disappearance, 1,000+ Capacity Feedlots, by Month, State, and United States, 2001-2002

STATE	March 1 Number on Feed ¹			February Placements			February Marketings			February Other Disappearance ²		
	2001	2002	<u>2002</u> <u>2001</u>	2001	2002	<u>2002</u> <u>2001</u>	2001	2002	<u>2002</u> <u>2001</u>	2001	2002	<u>2002</u> <u>2001</u>
	1,000 Head	1,000 Head	Percent	1,000 Head	1,000 Head	Percent	1,000 Head	1,000 Head	Percent	1,000 Head	1,000 Head	Percent
Arizona	307	310	101	41	26	63	28	26	93	8	1	13
California	440	475	108	55	55	100	50	50	100	10	5	50
Colorado	1,190	1,150	97	195	185	95	225	205	91	10	10	100
Idaho	320	315	98	59	58	98	62	61	98	2	2	100
Iowa	385	400	104	45	57	127	44	51	116	1	1	100
Kansas	2,470	2,420	98	335	435	130	350	450	129	15	15	100
Nebraska	2,380	2,300	97	310	370	119	350	350	100	10	10	100
New Mexico	111	109	98	5	12	240	10	11	110	0	1	
Oklahoma	390	345	88	42	55	131	58	59	102	4	1	25
So. Dakota	207	210	101	35	45	129	29	34	117	4	1	25
Texas	2,840	2,850	100	350	410	117	430	400	93	10	10	100
Washington	245	229	93	52	43	83	47	50	106	3	1	33
Other States	410	405	99	56	54	96	62	49	79	4	5	125
United States	11,695	11,518	98	1,580	1,805	114	1,745	1,796	103	81	63	78

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.

Source: USDA NASS Cattle on Feed, March 15, 2002.

Commercial Cattle Slaughter: Top Five States, Selected Years

Rank	1995		1997		1998		1999		2000		2001	
	State	1,000 Head										
1	Kansas	7,113	NEBR.	7,408	Kansas	7,541	Kansas	8,033	Kansas	8,213	NEBR.	7,694
2	NEBR.	6,769	Kansas	7,369	NEBR.	7,300	NEBR.	7,436	NEBR.	7,617	Kansas	7,272
3	Texas	6,455	Texas	6,615	Texas	6,767	Texas	6,735	Texas	6,606	Texas	6,463
4	Colo.	2,569	Colo.	2,595	Colo.	2,417	Colo.	2,653	Colo.	2,636	Colo.	2,605
5	Iowa	1,765	Wisc.	1,643	Wisc.	1,650	Wisc.	1,719	Wisc.	1,735	Wisc.	1,659

Source: USDA NASS Livestock Slaughter, 2001 Summary, March 2002.

Federally Inspected Plants and Head Slaughtered: Number by Species, Selected States and United States, 2001¹

State	Cattle		Calves		Hogs		Sheep and Lambs	
	Plants	Head	Plants	Head	Plants	Head	Plants	Head
	<i>Number</i>	<i>1,000</i>	<i>Number</i>	<i>1,000</i>	<i>Number</i>	<i>1,000</i>	<i>Number</i>	<i>1,000</i>
California	25	1,051.7	12	100.4	14	2,272.6		
Colorado	20	2,595.0			16	10.1	16	1,071.4
Illinois	12	916.8	9	110.6	21	9,127.9		
Indiana	6	4.9	6	88.1	9	6,498.4	7	31.5
Iowa	8	765.1			18	27,254.9	5	453.3
Kansas	15	7,213.6			9	317.4		
Kentucky	21	6.0			25	2,120.0	13	8.2
Minnesota	26	670.1			26	8,407.5	19	1.4
Nebraska	32	7,649.4			23	6,642.8		
Ohio	12	65.6			12	1,059.3		
Pennsylvania	110	948.6	60	170.2	105	2,522.6	91	56.7
South Dakota	7	304.1			6	4,055.3	5	13.1
Texas	32	6,418.0	12	17.8	25	286.2	17	421.0
Virginia	11	4.1	8	0.7	11	3,925.6	7	7.3
Wisconsin	12	1,616.8	4	134.8	7	382.1	5	0.5
United States	723	34,684.0	310	976.9	699	96,231.6	538	3,055.6

¹Includes data from week ending January 6, 2001 thru December 29, 2001.

Source: USDA NASS Livestock Slaughter 2001 Summary, March 2002.

Annual Livestock and Poultry Summary: Number and Value by Species, Nebraska and United States, 1997-2002

Species	Year	Nebraska			United States		
		Number	Value		Number	Value	
			Per Head	Total Value		Per Head	Total Value
		<i>1,000</i>	<i>Dollars</i>	<i>\$1,000</i>	<i>1,000</i>	<i>Dollars</i>	<i>\$1,000</i>
All Cattle (January 1)	1998	6,750	630.00	4,252,500	99,744	603.00	60,193,070
	1999	6,700	570.00	3,819,000	99,115	594.00	58,833,650
	2000	6,650	670.00	4,455,500	98,198	683.00	67,099,440
	2001 ¹	6,600	710.00	4,686,000	97,277	725.00	70,495,030
	2002	6,400	690.00	4,416,000	96,704	747.00	72,218,965
Hogs & Pigs (December 1)	1997	3,500	90.00	315,000	61,158	82.00	4,985,532
	1998	3,400	46.00	156,400	62,206	44.00	2,765,847
	1999	3,000	73.00	219,000	59,342	72.00	4,254,293
	2000 ¹	3,050	79.00	240,950	59,138	77.00	4,542,493
	2001	2,900	84.00	243,600	58,774	77.00	4,549,370
Sheep & Lambs (January 1)	1998	100	100.00	10,000	7,825	102.00	797,826
	1999	105	98.00	10,290	7,215	88.00	637,634
	2000	102	110.00	11,220	7,032	95.00	668,750
	2001	114	120.00	13,680	6,965	100.00	694,495
	2002	101	108.00	10,908	6,685	92.00	618,123
Chickens ² (December 1)	1997	12,126	2.10	25,465	410,030	2.72	1,113,183
	1998	13,219	2.10	27,760	425,045	2.69	1,143,835
	1999	13,846	1.70	23,538	436,343	2.65	1,154,898
	2000	13,895	1.80	25,011	435,056	2.44	1,060,964
	2001	13,704	1.80	24,667	441,089	2.42	1,068,838

¹Revised. ²Excludes commercial broilers.

Source: USDA NASS Agricultural Prices, February 28, 2002, Cattle, February 1, 2002, Quarterly Hogs & Pigs, December 28, 2001, Sheep and Goats, February 1, 2002, Chicken & Eggs 2001 Summary, January 2002.

Grain Storage Capacity

There were 519 commercially licensed off-farm storage facilities in Nebraska as of December 1, 2001. Storage capacity for these facilities totaled 690.2 million bushels compared to 692.4 million bushels last year.

On-farm storage capacity in Nebraska is estimated at 1.02 billion bushels, down 1% from last year.

Grain Storage Capacity: On and Off Farm, December 1, 2001, Selected States and United States

State	Storage Capacity		
	On-Farm	Off-Farm	Total
<i>Million Bushels</i>			
Colorado	180	122	302
Illinois	1,210	1,127	2,337
Indiana	670	370	1,040
Iowa	1,650	1,040	2,690
Kansas	380	890	1,270
Minnesota	1,225	507	1,732
Missouri	420	225	645
Nebraska	1,020	690	1,710
No. Dakota	720	240	960
Ohio	440	353	793
Oklahoma	85	236	321
So. Dakota	575	145	720
Texas	150	630	780
Wisconsin	370	215	585
United States	11,175	8,420	19,595

Source: USDA NASS Grain Stocks, January 11, 2002.

Grain Storage Capacity: Off-Farm, by District Nebraska and United States, 2000-2001

District	Storage Capacity ¹		Net Change	2001 2000
	12/1/00	12/1/01		
<i>1,000 Bushels</i>				
Northwest	34,984	36,589	1,605	105
North	21,173	19,781	-1,392	93
Northeast	76,776	74,331	-2,445	97
Central	54,822	57,958	3,136	106
East	226,926	221,766	-5,160	98
Southwest	68,745	64,886	-3,859	94
South	104,454	105,137	683	101
Southeast	104,511	109,708	5,197	105
Nebraska	692,391	690,156	-2,235	100
United States	8,348,966	8,419,880	70,914	101

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

Source: USDA NASS Grain Stocks, January 11, 2002.

Grain Storage Capacity: On-Farm, by District, Nebraska and United States, 2000-2001

District	Storage Capacity		Net Change	2001 2000
	12/1/00	12/1/01		
<i>1,000 Bushels</i>				
Northwest	55,000	54,000	-1,000	98
North	55,000	57,000	2,000	104
Northeast	183,000	180,000	-3,000	98
Central	128,000	128,000		100
East	274,000	267,000	-7,000	97
Southwest	89,000	88,000	-1,000	99
South	94,000	96,000	2,000	102
Southeast	152,000	150,000	-2,000	99
Nebraska	1,030,000	1,020,000	-10,000	99
United States	11,195,000	11,175,000	-20,000	100

Source: USDA NASS Grain Stocks, January 11, 2002.

Potato Stocks

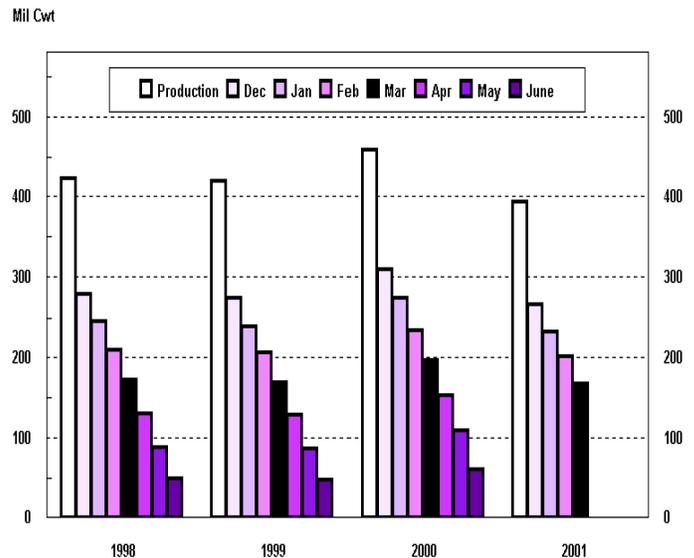
Fall Potatoes: Production and Stocks, 15 Selected States, March 1, 2002

State	Production	Total Stocks Mar. 1, 2002
<i>Thousand cwt.</i>		
California	1,113	200
Colorado	21,357	9,400
Idaho	127,980	66,000
Maine	16,120	7,000
Michigan	14,030	3,200
Minnesota	18,425	7,900
Montana	3,040	2,550
NEBRASKA ¹	8,512	
New York	5,942	650
North Dakota	26,400	12,300
Ohio ¹	984	
Oregon	20,730	11,500
Pennsylvania	3,173	660
Washington	94,400	32,500
Wisconsin	31,955	11,500
Other States		2,510
Total 15 States	394,161	167,870

¹ Combined into "Other States".

Source: USDA NASS Potato Stocks, March 14, 2002.

Fall Potatoes: Production and Stocks 15 Storage States



Production by crop year. Stocks by months following harvest.

U.S. Grains Supply and Disappearance Outlook

Crop Year	Supply				Market Year Disappearance ¹				Market Year Ending Stocks	Average Market Price
	Pro-duction	Begin-ning stocks	Im-ports	Total	Domestic		Ex-ports	Total		
					Primary Use ²	Other				
<i>Million Bushels</i>										
<i>\$/bu.</i>										
Corn										
1999/00	9,431	1,787	15	11,232	5,665	1,913	1,937	9,515	1,718	1.82
2000/01	9,915	1,718	7	11,639	5,838	1,967	1,935	9,740	1,899	1.85
2001/02 ³	9,507	1,899	10	11,416	5,850	2,045	1,925	9,820	1,596	1.85-2.05
Soybeans										
1999/00	2,654	348	4	3,006	1,578	164	975	2,716	290	4.63
2000/01	2,758	290	4	3,052	1,641	164	1,000	2,804	248	4.54
2001/02 ³	2,891	248	5	3,143	1,685	173	1,020	2,878	265	4.05-4.45
Wheat										
1999/00	2,299	946	94	3,339	921	380	1,089	2,390	950	2.48
2000/01	2,232	950	90	3,272	956	379	1,061	2,396	876	2.62
2001/02 ³	1,958	876	95	2,929	945	308	975	2,228	701	2.75-2.85
Sorghum										
1999/00	595	65	0	660	285	55	255	595	65	1.57
2000/01	471	65	0	536	223	35	236	494	42	1.89
2001/02 ³	515	42	0	556	200	45	260	505	51	1.80-2.00

¹ Marketing year begins: Corn, Sorghum & Soybeans, September 1; Wheat, June 1.

² Primary uses: Corn & Sorghum = Feed; Soybeans = Crushing; Wheat = Food.

³ Projection.

Source: USDA's World Agricultural Supply and Demand Estimates, March 8, 2002.

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