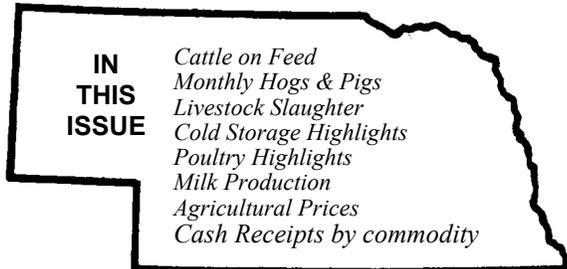


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Dear producers and other data users:

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Nebraska Cattle on Feed Up 1 Percent

Nebraska feedlots with capacities of 1,000 or more head contained 1.96 million cattle on feed on October 1, up 1 percent from last year but 7 percent below October 1, 2000. Placements of cattle into feedlots during September totaled 450,000 head, unchanged from last year but 20 percent below two years ago. Fed cattle marketings for the month of September totaled 335,000 head, up 6 percent from last year but 9 percent below 2000. Other disappearance during September totaled 5,000 head compared with 5,000 head during September 2001 and 10,000 head during September 2000.

U.S. Cattle on Feed Down 6 Percent

Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter market in the United States for feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head totaled 10.4 million head on October 1, 2002. The inventory was 6 percent below October 1, 2001 and 5 percent below October 1, 2000. Placements in feedlots during September totaled 2.19 million, 2 percent above 2001 but 19 percent below 2000. Marketings of fed cattle during September totaled 1.85 million, 1 percent above 2001 but 7 percent below 2000. Other disappearance totaled 53,000 during September, 15 percent above 2001 but 2 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	October 1 Number on Feed ¹			September Placements			September Marketings			September Other Disappearance ²		
	2001	2002	$\frac{2002}{2001}$	2001	2002	$\frac{2002}{2001}$	2001	2002	$\frac{2002}{2001}$	2001	2002	$\frac{2002}{2001}$
	1,000 Head	Percent		1,000 Head	Percent		1,000 Head	Percent		1,000 Head	Percent	
Arizona	298	288	97	33	30	91	27	26	96	1	1	100
California	465	495	106	47	60	128	49	52	106	3	3	100
Colorado	1,060	1,030	97	265	255	96	210	220	105	5	5	100
Idaho	310	280	90	72	69	96	66	63	95	1	1	100
Iowa	310	315	102	66	68	103	65	62	95	1	1	100
Kansas	2,540	2,280	90	470	460	98	410	400	98	10	10	100
Nebraska	1,950	1,960	101	450	450	100	315	335	106	5	5	100
New Mexico	97	113	116	13	20	154	11	18	164	1	3	300
Oklahoma	390	330	85	68	83	122	71	57	80	2	1	50
So. Dakota	136	150	110	35	49	140	39	43	110	0	1	
Texas	2,990	2,720	91	480	530	110	465	470	101	15	20	133
Washington	244	170	70	59	42	71	45	26	58	1	1	100
Other States	335	285	85	83	72	87	52	76	146	1	1	100
United States	11,125	10,416	94	2,141	2,188	102	1,825	1,848	101	46	53	115

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, October 18, 2002.

Monthly Hogs and Pigs

The September 2002 U.S. pig crop at 8.37 million head, was 1 percent below the previous year. Sows farrowing during this period totaled 943 thousand head, 2 percent below last year. The average pigs per litter for September increased to 8.87, compared to 8.78 last year.

The U.S. inventory of sows and gilts on October 1, 2002, was 5.87 million head, down 2 percent from October 1, 2001. U.S. sows and gilts bred during September totaled 1.15 million head, down 2 percent from the previous year.

Monthly Farrowings: Number of Sows, Pigs Per Litter, and Pig Crop, United States December-November 2001-2002^{1 2}

Month	Sows Farrowing		Pigs per Litter		Pig Crop	
	2001	2002	2001	2002	2001	2002
	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>Number</i>	<i>Number</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>
Dec ¹	901	924	8.66	8.66	7,803	8,005
Jan	906	946	8.71	8.73	7,887	8,259
Feb	941	967	8.79	8.83	8,273	8,543
Mar	959	978	8.87	8.80	8,503	8,605
Apr	953	973	8.90	8.83	8,481	8,595
May	958	982	8.90	8.81	8,525	8,651
Jun	963	937	8.85	8.86	8,526	8,302
Jul	961	950	8.87	8.86	8,522	8,417
Aug	954	947	8.90	8.88	8,491	8,409
Sep	966	943	8.78	8.87	8,481	8,365
Oct	963		8.85		8,523	
Nov	960		8.84		8,488	
Total	11,385		8.83		100,503	

¹ December preceding year.

² Monthly values may not add to quarterly or annual totals due to rounding.

Source: USDA NASS Monthly Hogs and Pigs, October 25, 2002.

Commercial Livestock Slaughter

September 2002 number slaughtered and changes from last year and last month are shown below. September 2001 contained 20 weekdays (including one holiday) and five Saturdays. September 2002 contained 21 weekdays (including one holiday) and four Saturdays.

Livestock Slaughter: By Commodity, Nebraska and United States, September 2002 with Comparisons

Item	Total ¹	Sept. 2002 Percent of	
		Sept. 2001	Aug. 2002
<i>1,000 Head</i>			
Nebraska			
Cattle, head	635.6	98	86
Hogs, head	592.2	106	103
Red Meat, mil. lbs.	625.1	102	90
United States			
Cattle, head	2,864.8	102	89
Calves, head	88.8	113	93
Hogs, head	8,505.8	109	100
Sheep & Lambs, head	276.2	113	104
Red Meat, mil. lbs.	3,873.2	106	94

¹ Excludes animals slaughtered on farms.

Source: USDA NASS Livestock Slaughter, October 25, 2002.

States, September 2002 with Comparisons

Commodity	Stocks	Sept. 2002 Percent of	
		Sept. 2001	Aug. 2002
<i>1,000 Lbs.</i>			
Total red meats	994,264	128	105
Beef	494,876	129	107
Pork	478,088	130	103
Poultry	1,511,639	128	100
Turkey	672,067	124	98
Chicken	831,875	133	101

Source: USDA NASS Cold Storage, October 18, 2002.

Poultry: Layers and Eggs, Nebraska and United States, September 2002 with Comparisons

Item	Millions		Percent
	2001	2002	
Number of Layers			
Nebraska	11.7	11.7	100
30 States	314.3	315.8	100
United States	335.0	337.2	101
Eggs Produced			
Nebraska	251	255	102
30 States	6,602	6,687	101
United States	7,044	7,145	101
Chickens Hatched, July			
United States			
Egg-type	36.9	35.4	96
Broiler	738.4	741.1	100

Source: USDA NASS Chicken and Eggs, October 22, 2002.

Stocks in Cold Storage: By Commodity, United

Milk Cows and Production: By Quarter, Nebraska, 20 States and United States, 1999-2001

Item and Quarter	Nebraska			20 States			United States		
	2000	2001	2002	2000	2001	2002	2000	2001	2002
<i>1,000 Head</i>									
Milk cows ¹									
April-June	75	73	67	7,799	7,747	7,766	9,212	9,114	9,145
July-September	76	70	67	7,818	7,737	7,786	9,221	9,098	9,159
<i>Million Pounds</i>									
Milk production ²									
April-June	315	302	296	37,250	36,855	37,891	43,185	42,681	43,954
July-September	312	275	283	35,564	35,155	36,292	41,108	40,570	41,965

¹ Includes dry cows, excludes heifers not yet fresh.

² Excludes milk sucked by calves.

Source: USDA NASS Milk Production, October 17, 2002.

Prices Received By Farmers

The preliminary All Farm Products Index of Prices Received by Farmers in October is 95, based on 1990-92=100, down 4 points (4.0 percent) from the September index. Lower prices for broilers, potatoes, corn, and soybeans more than offset increased prices for hogs, wheat, milk, and tobacco. The seasonal change in the mix of commodities farmers sell also affects the overall index. Decreased marketings of wheat, milk, grapes, and,

tobacco more than offset increased marketings of soybeans, corn cotton, and sorghum.

The current All Farm Products Index is 1 point (1.1 percent) above October, 2001. Lower prices for broilers, hogs, cattle, and peanuts are more than offset by higher prices for soybeans, corn, wheat, and sorghum.

Prices Received: By Commodity, Nebraska and United States, Preliminary August 2002 with Comparisons

Commodity	Unit	Nebraska			United States				
		October 2001 ¹	September 2002 ¹	October 15, 2002	October 2001 ¹	September 2002 ¹	October 15, 2002	% of Parity	Parity Price ²
Wheat	Bushels	\$ 2.66	\$ 4.20	\$ 4.62	\$ 2.87	\$ 4.21	\$ 4.41	46	\$ 9.68
Corn	Bushels	1.86	2.48	2.40	1.84	2.47	2.36	36	6.55
Oats	Bushels	1.91	2.22	2.00	1.64	1.80	1.89	47	3.99
Grain Sorghum	Cwt.	3.09	4.45	4.36	3.30	4.30	4.22	38	11.10
Soybeans	Bushels	4.00	5.24	5.08	4.09	5.39	5.16	36	14.30
Hay, All, Baled	Ton	73.00	92.00	91.00	98.00	95.50	94.50		
Alfalfa, Baled	Ton	75.00	92.00	91.00	106.00	102.00	101.00		
Other, Baled	Ton	65.00	89.00	90.00	71.70	74.80	73.40		
Dry Edible Beans	Cwt.	17.70	20.30	17.80	19.20	17.90	16.10	33	48.50
Hogs	Cwt.	42.70	29.20	33.00	40.20	26.70	31.90	31	103.00
Barrows & Gilts	Cwt.	42.90	29.50	33.30	40.60	27.20	32.60		
Sows	Cwt.	34.50	16.80	20.60	33.10	15.10	19.80		
Beef Cattle	Cwt.	69.50	65.20	66.20	66.50	64.80	64.10	40	160.00
Steers & Heifers	Cwt.	70.50	66.20	67.30	70.10	68.00	67.80		
Cows	Cwt.	36.20	33.40	32.10	37.60	34.90	33.70		
Calves	Cwt.	100.00	95.40	93.20	99.70	92.00	91.10	43	212.00
Sheep	Cwt.	23.80	23.80		27.20	26.10			76.40
Lambs	Cwt.	42.60	71.00		51.40	76.10			180.00

¹ Entire month average except hay.

² Parity price based on data for October 2002.

Source: USDA NASS Agricultural Prices, October 31, 2002.

Cash Receipts: By Commodity Groups and Selected Commodities, Nebraska, 1997-2001¹

Commodity	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001
			<i>1,000 dollars</i>		
All commodities	9,804,971	9,016,536	8,388,160	8,992,509	9,488,580
Livestock and products	5,507,191	5,124,446	5,426,343	5,916,963	6,086,231
Meat animals	5,221,057	4,830,812	5,121,114	5,633,645	5,786,713
Cattle and calves	4,403,133	4,267,526	4,583,159	4,941,090	5,066,786
Hogs	805,808	553,336	527,073	682,204	711,323
Sheep and lambs	12,116	9,950	10,882	10,351	8,603
Dairy products	133,980	154,775	150,884	145,314	167,024
Milk, wholesale	133,980	154,775	150,884	145,314	167,024
Poultry/eggs	135,033	120,958	137,656	121,111	116,511
Broilers	3,075	2,808	22,126	6,270	1,053
Farm Chickens	536	531	188	442	16
Chicken eggs	106,990	97,416	93,385	93,719	95,532
Other poultry	2,400	1,800	1,200	900	870
Miscellaneous livestock	17,121	17,901	16,689	16,893	15,983
Honey	3,147	3,853	2,724	2,567	1,362
Wool	335	162	162	123	124
All other livestock	3,700	3,700	13,600	13,900	14,200
Crops	4,297,780	3,892,090	2,961,817	3,075,546	3,402,349
Food grains	241,822	239,118	151,974	196,077	175,778
Wheat	241,353	238,510	145,387	183,987	164,324
Millet Proso	NA	NA	5,816	11,648	11,121
Feed crops	2,866,724	2,457,427	1,901,517	1,885,595	2,150,092
Barley	1,286	788	393	283	346
Corn	2,493,458	2,231,480	1,733,530	1,733,018	1,950,635
Hay	170,645	120,727	91,941	94,471	135,499
Oats	4,420	2,167	2,605	796	1,707
Sorghum grain	196,914	102,265	73,047	57,028	61,905
Oil crops	991,989	975,805	697,688	812,653	894,410
Soybeans	984,672	966,916	686,940	805,948	887,188
Sunflower	7,239	8,762	10,647	6,672	NR
Vegetables	101,412	128,643	123,197	105,031	111,621
Beans, dry	59,024	72,813	64,473	54,140	53,664
Potatoes	35,738	49,180	52,074	44,391	51,457
Summer	7,859	6,858	7,845	7,597	7,844
Fall	27,879	42,322	44,229	36,794	43,613
Misc. vegetables	6,650	6,650	6,650	6,500	6,500
Fruits/nuts	1,270	920	775	720	720
Other berries	170	120	75	70	70
Misc. fruits & nuts	1,100	800	700	650	650
All other crops	94,563	90,177	86,666	75,470	69,728
Sugarbeets	36,063	32,877	41,766	32,470	24,528
Other seeds	2,000	1,500	1,000	1,000	1,200
Other field crops	35,500	34,800	22,900	21,000	23,000
Greenhouse/nursery	21,000	21,000	21,000	21,000	21,000

¹ USDA estimates and publishes individual cash receipt values only for major commodities and major producing States. The U.S. receipts for individual commodities, computed as the sum of the reported States, may understate the value of sales for some commodities, with the balance included in the appropriate category labeled "other" for "miscellaneous." The degree of underestimation in some of the minor commodities can be substantial. NA = not available. NR = not for release. Source: USDA ERS <http://www.ers.usda.gov/Data/FarmIncome/finfidmu.htm>

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