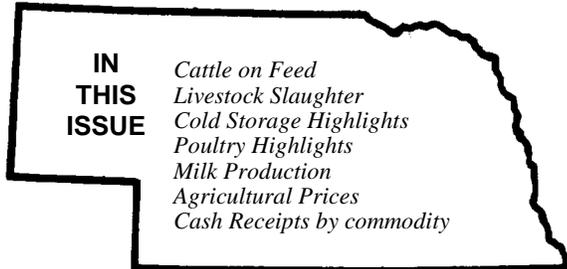


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Dear producers and other data users:

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### Nebraska Cattle on Feed Up 6 Percent

Nebraska feedlots with capacities of 1,000 or more head contained 1.94 million cattle on feed on October 1, up 6 percent from last year but 1 percent below October 1, 2003. Placements of cattle into feedlots during September totaled 470,000 head, down 10 percent from 2003 but 4 percent above 2002. Fed cattle marketings for the month of September totaled 320,000 head, down 7 percent from last year and 4 percent below September two years ago. Other disappearance during September totaled 10,000 head compared with 5,000 head during September 2003 and 5,000 head during September 2002.

### U.S. Cattle on Feed Up 3 Percent

Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter market in the United States for feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head totaled 10.5 million head on October 1, 2004. The inventory was 3 percent above October 1, 2003 and up slightly from October 1, 2002. Placements in feedlots during September totaled 2.37 million, 4 percent below 2003 but 8 percent above 2002. Marketings of fed cattle during September totaled 1.80 million, 11 percent below 2003 and 3 percent below 2002. Other disappearance totaled 61,000 during September, 3 percent below 2003 but 15 percent above 2002.

**Cattle on Feed: Number on Feed, Placements, Marketings and Other Disappearance, 1,000+ Capacity Feedlots, by Month, State, and United States, 2003-2004**

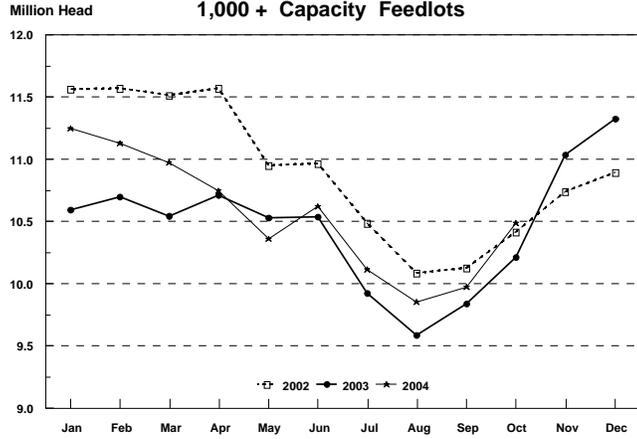
State	October 1 Number on Feed <sup>1</sup>			September Placements			September Marketings			September Other Disappearance <sup>2</sup>		
	2003	2004	<u>2004</u> 2003	2003	2004	<u>2004</u> 2003	2003	2004	<u>2004</u> 2003	2003	2004	<u>2004</u> 2003
	1,000 Head	Percent		1,000 Head	Percent		1,000 Head	Percent		1,000 Head	Percent	
Arizona	275	298	108	25	28	112	23	25	109	1	1	100
California	485	520	107	61	64	105	63	60	95	3	4	133
Colorado	950	1,020	107	255	275	108	200	180	90	5	5	100
Idaho	270	275	102	82	84	102	56	53	95	1	1	100
Iowa	310	375	121	80	70	88	69	69	100	1	1	100
Kansas	2,300	2,220	97	530	520	98	465	410	88	15	20	133
Nebraska	1,830	1,940	106	520	470	90	345	320	93	5	10	200
New Mexico	123	125	102	16	18	113	10	19	190	4	3	75
Oklahoma	350	340	97	81	80	99	73	62	85	3	3	100
South Dakota	145	143	99	49	41	84	37	35	95	1	1	100
Texas	2,720	2,770	102	620	600	97	580	490	84	20	10	50
Washington	195	175	90	53	48	91	41	32	78	2	1	50
Other States	265	285	108	102	76	75	70	45	64	2	1	50
United States	10,218	10,486	103	2,474	2,374	96	2,032	1,800	89	63	61	97

<sup>1</sup> 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.

<sup>2</sup> Includes death losses, movement from feedlots to pastures and shipments to other feedlots for further feeding.

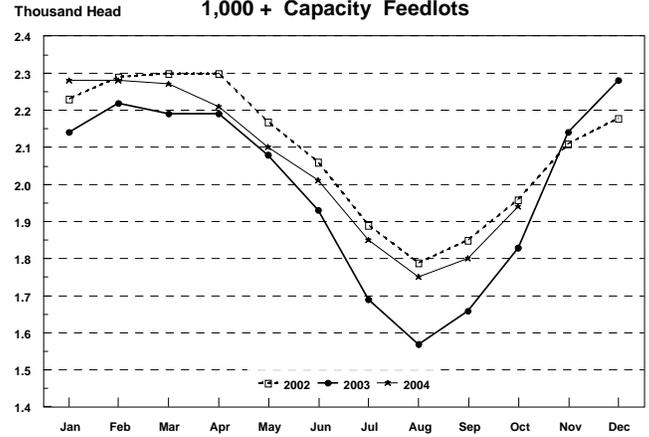
Source: USDA NASS Cattle on Feed, October 22, 2004.

**United States Cattle on Feed  
1,000 + Capacity Feedlots**



Source: USDA Nebraska Agricultural Statistics Service

**Nebraska Cattle on Feed  
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**Cattle on Feed: Number Placed on Feed By Weight Group, 1,000+ Capacity Feedlots, By Month, State, and United States, 2003-2004**

State	During September									
	Under 600		600-699		700-799		800 Plus		Total	
	2003	2004	2003	2004	2003	2004	2003	2004	2003	2004
	<i>1,000 Head</i>									
Colorado	41	30	46	50	78	65	90	130	255	275
Kansas	135	135	140	110	160	140	95	135	530	520
Nebraska	102	88	95	70	127	102	196	210	520	470
Texas	250	210	185	180	130	145	55	65	620	600
Other States	170	160	79	64	115	105	185	180	549	509
<b>United States</b>	<b>698</b>	<b>623</b>	<b>545</b>	<b>474</b>	<b>610</b>	<b>557</b>	<b>621</b>	<b>720</b>	<b>2,474</b>	<b>2,374</b>

Source: USDA NASS Cattle on Feed October 22, 2004.

**Commercial Livestock Slaughter**

September 2004 number slaughtered and changes from last year and last month are shown below. September 2003 contained 22 weekdays (including one holiday) and four Saturdays. September 2004 contained 22 weekdays (including one holiday) and four Saturdays.

**Livestock Slaughter: By Commodity, Nebraska and United States, September 2004 with Comparisons**

Item	Total <sup>1</sup>	Sept. 2004 Percent of	
		Sept. 2003	Aug. 2004
<i>Nebraska</i>			
<i>1,000 Head</i>			
Cattle, head	587.8	85	99
Hogs, head	617.0	104	103
Red Meat, mil. lbs.	597.6	93	101
<i>United States</i>			
Cattle, head	2,735.5	87	97
Calves, head	67.3	82	92
Hogs, head	8,997.7	105	103
Sheep & Lambs, head	243.6	95	105
Red Meat, mil. lbs.	3,905.3	97	101

<sup>1</sup> Excludes animals slaughtered on farms.

Source: USDA NASS Livestock Slaughter, October 22, 2004.

**Stocks in Cold Storage: By Commodity, United States, September 2004 with Comparisons**

Commodity	Stocks	Sept. 2004 Percent of	
		Sept. 2003	Aug. 2004
<i>1,000 Lbs.</i>			
Total red meats	904,620	109	106
Beef	463,191	122	104
Pork	426,406	98	109
Poultry	1,297,527	103	99
Turkey	530,046	82	88
Chicken	766,608	127	107

Source: USDA NASS Cold Storage, October 22, 2004.

**Poultry: Layers and Eggs, Nebraska and United States, September 2004 with Comparisons**

Item	2003	2004	2004/2003
	<i>Millions</i>		<i>Percent</i>
<b>Number of Layers</b>			
Nebraska	11.8	11.8	100
30 States	311.9	320.6	103
United States	334.2	343.1	103
<b>Eggs Produced</b>			
Nebraska	262	259	99
30 States	6,641	6,842	103
United States	7,112	7,319	103
<b>Chickens Hatched, United States</b>			
Egg-type	35.8	36.8	103
Broiler	739.5	769.9	104

Source: USDA NASS Chicken and Eggs, October 22, 2004.

**Milk Cows and Production: By Quarter, Nebraska, 20 States and United States, 2003-2004**

Item and Quarter	Nebraska		20 States		United States	
	2003	2004	2003	2004	2003	2004
	<i>1,000 Head</i>		<i>1,000 Head</i>		<i>1,000 Head</i>	
Milk cows <sup>1</sup>						
April-June	65	60	7,791	7,728	9,109	8,998
July-September	63	61	7,772	7,765	9,073	9,033
	<i>Million Pounds</i>		<i>Million Pounds</i>		<i>Million Pounds</i>	
Milk production <sup>2</sup>						
April-June	294	266	38,134	38,005	43,965	43,712
July-September	268	256	36,359	36,796	41,746	42,194

<sup>1</sup> Includes dry cows, excludes heifers not yet fresh.

<sup>2</sup> Excludes milk sucked by calves.

Source: USDA NASS Milk Production, October 15, 2004.

**Prices Received By Farmers**

The preliminary All Farm Products Index of Prices Received by Farmers in October, at 111, based on 1990-92=100, is 4 points (3.5 percent) below the September Index. The Crop Index declined 6 points (5.4 percent) from September while the Livestock Index decreased 1 point (0.8 percent). Producers received higher commodity prices for lettuce, tomatoes, oranges, grapes, and cucumbers. Lower prices were received for corn, soybeans, hogs, broilers, and potatoes. The seasonal change in

the mix of commodities farmers sell, based on the past 3-year average, also affects the overall index. Increased average marketings of soybeans, corn, and cotton offset decreased marketings of dairy, grapes, and sweet corn.

The preliminary All Farm Product Index is down 2 points (1.8 percent) from October 2003.

**Prices Received: By Commodity, Nebraska and United States, Preliminary October 2004 with Comparisons**

Commodity	Unit	Nebraska			United States				
		October 2003 <sup>1</sup>	September 2004 <sup>1</sup>	October 15, 2004	October 2003 <sup>1</sup>	September 2004 <sup>1</sup>	October 15, 2004	% of Parity	Parity Price <sup>2</sup>
Wheat, All	Bushels	\$ 3.27	\$ 3.17	\$ 3.10	\$ 3.44	\$ 3.36	\$ 3.38	33	\$10.10
Corn	Bushels	2.16	2.15	1.90	2.12	2.20	1.89	28	6.75
Oats	Bushels	1.39	1.27	1.30	1.44	1.44	1.37	35	3.94
Grain Sorghum	Cwt.	3.38	3.31	3.00	3.98	3.59	3.06	28	11.00
Soybeans	Bushels	6.47	5.81	5.20	6.60	5.84	5.07	32	15.90
Hay, All, Baled	Ton	56.00	52.00	51.00	83.70	87.70	89.80		
Alfalfa, Baled	Ton	57.00	52.00	51.00	89.10	95.50	97.80		
Other, Baled	Ton	51.00	49.00	50.00	69.20	65.70	68.60		
Dry Edible Beans	Cwt.	16.50	22.00	23.20	17.80	22.90	25.30	49	52.00
Hogs	Cwt.	39.00	55.70	51.60	36.70	54.80	51.40	49	105.00
Barrows & Gilts	Cwt.	39.20	56.00	51.80	37.00	55.40	52.10		
Sows	Cwt.	31.30	42.50	40.80	31.40	42.20	42.10		
Beef Cattle	Cwt.	99.40	87.50	90.90	91.50	85.80	86.40	51	170.00
Steers & Heifers	Cwt.	101.00	88.50	92.00	97.80	89.30	91.10		
Cows	Cwt.	46.50	55.70	53.80	44.60	53.10	50.40		
Calves	Cwt.	117.00	133.00	132.00	112.00	129.00	127.00	56	228.00
Sheep	Cwt.	35.00	39.00		35.00	41.80			83.80
Lambs	Cwt.	90.00	89.00		96.80	101.00			201.00

<sup>1</sup> Entire month average except hay.

<sup>2</sup> Parity price based on data for October 2004.

Source: USDA NASS Agricultural Prices, October 29, 2004.

**Cash Receipts: By Commodity Groups and Selected Commodities, Nebraska, 1999-2003<sup>1</sup>**

Commodity	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003
			<i>1,000 dollars</i>		
All commodities	8,374,336	8,956,360	9,230,640	9,422,076	10,621,275
Livestock and products	5,409,620	5,916,029	6,098,034	5,840,334	6,867,368
Meat animals	5,121,115	5,633,645	5,788,105	5,558,639	6,526,691
Cattle and calves	4,583,159	4,941,090	5,066,786	4,958,569	5,903,957
Hogs	527,073	682,204	712,715	591,011	611,988
Sheep and lambs	10,883	10,351	8,603	9,059	10,746
Dairy products	150,884	145,314	168,484	144,250	145,210
Milk, wholesale	150,884	145,314	168,484	144,250	145,210
Poultry/eggs	120,932	120,177	122,538	111,603	169,087
Broilers	5,402	6,270	7,020	6,210	7,980
Farm Chickens	188	42	16	18	18
Chicken eggs	93,385	93,719	95,532	84,596	139,368
Other poultry	1,200	900	930	950	950
Miscellaneous livestock	16,689	16,893	18,907	25,842	26,381
Honey	2,724	2,567	1,486	4,805	4,762
Wool	162	123	124	192	221
All other livestock	13,600	13,900	17,000	20,500	21,000
Crops	2,964,716	3,040,331	3,132,606	3,581,741	3,753,907
Food grains	151,974	195,493	156,908	208,969	233,764
Rye	771	580	NR	NR	NR
Wheat	145,387	183,404	145,303	200,117	224,846
Millet Proso	5,816	11,648	11,273	8,483	7,968
Feed crops	1,901,517	1,874,768	1,887,489	2,230,164	2,211,529
Barley	393	283	329	449	536
Corn	1,733,530	1,722,187	1,691,224	2,043,200	2,040,658
Hay	91,941	94,471	136,134	136,923	118,499
Oats	2,605	796	1,999	2,285	3,560
Sorghum grain	73,047	57,033	57,804	47,307	48,277
Oil crops	697,688	800,775	876,506	921,136	1,095,798
Soybeans	686,940	794,070	869,283	917,104	1,089,591
Sunflower	10,647	6,672	NR	NR	NR
Vegetables	123,197	90,305	122,607	124,352	115,196
Beans, dry	64,473	47,010	65,785	60,788	57,811
Potatoes	52,074	36,794	48,822	54,264	47,885
Summer	7,845	NA	NA	NA	NA
Fall	44,229	36,794	48,822	54,264	47,885
Misc. vegetables	6,650	6,500	8,000	9,300	9,500
Fruits/nuts	775	720	1,100	1,420	1,420
Other berries	75	70	100	120	120
Misc. fruits & nuts	700	650	1,000	1,300	1,300
All other crops	89,566	78,270	87,996	95,700	96,200
Sugarbeets	41,766	32,470	30,996	30,400	30,400
Other seeds	1,000	1,000	1,200	1,000	1,000
Other field crops	25,000	23,000	30,000	32,500	32,000
Greenhouse/nursery	21,800	21,800	25,800	31,800	32,800

<sup>1</sup> 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.

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