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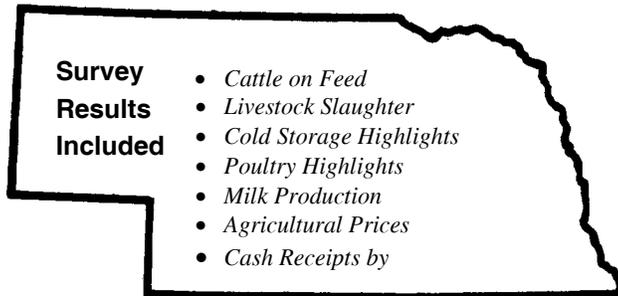
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Dear Producer and Data Users:

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Mark Harris  
Director

## Nebraska Cattle on Feed Unchanged

Nebraska feedlots with capacities of 1,000 or more head contained 1.94 million cattle on feed on October 1. The inventory was the same as last year but 6 percent above October 1, 2003. Placements of cattle into feedlots during September totaled 500,000 head, up 6 percent from 2004 but 4 percent below 2003. Fed cattle marketings for the month of September totaled 320,000 head, unchanged from 2004 but 7 percent below September two years ago. Other disappearance during September totaled 10,000 head, the same as last year but 5,000 head more than September 2003.

## U.S. Cattle on Feed Down Slightly

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, 2005. The inventory was slightly below October 1, 2004 but up 3 percent from October 1, 2003. Placements in feedlots during September totaled 2.36 million, 1 percent below 2004 and 5 percent below 2003. Marketings of fed cattle during September totaled 1.82 million, 1 percent above 2004 but 11 percent below 2003. Other disappearance totaled 57,000 during September, 7 percent below 2004 and 10 percent below 2003.

**Cattle on Feed: Number on Feed, Placements, Marketings and Other Disappearance, 1,000+ Capacity Feedlots, by Month, State, and United States, 2004-2005**

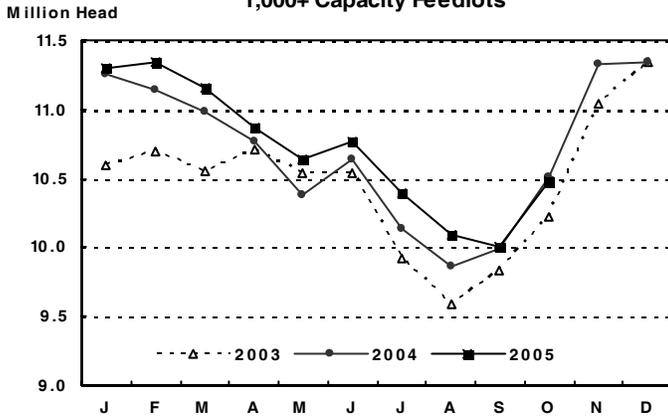
State	October 1 Number on Feed <sup>1</sup>			September Placements			September Marketings			September Other Disappearance <sup>2</sup>		
	2004	2005	<u>2005</u> 2004	2004	2005	<u>2005</u> 2004	2004	2005	<u>2005</u> 2004	2004	2005	<u>2005</u> 2004
	1,000 Head		Percent	1,000 Head		Percent	1,000 Head		Percent	1,000 Head		Percent
Arizona	298	318	107	28	29	104	25	24	96	1	1	100
California	520	535	103	64	68	106	60	57	95	4	6	150
Colorado	1,020	900	88	265	280	106	170	145	85	5	5	100
Idaho	275	270	98	84	69	82	53	48	91	1	1	100
Iowa	375	410	109	70	90	129	69	74	107	1	1	100
Kansas	2,220	2,250	101	520	510	98	410	455	111	20	15	75
Nebraska	1,940	1,940	100	470	500	106	320	320	100	10	10	100
New Mexico	136	136	100	29	26	90	19	22	116	3	3	100
Oklahoma	340	335	99	80	69	86	62	53	85	3	1	33
South Dakota	143	130	91	41	40	98	35	40	114	1	2	200
Texas	2,770	2,830	102	600	550	92	490	510	104	10	10	100
Washington	180	153	85	48	40	83	42	25	60	1	1	100
Other States	285	275	96	76	84	111	45	43	96	1	1	100
United States	10,502	10,482	100	2,375	2,355	99	1,800	1,816	101	61	57	93

<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.

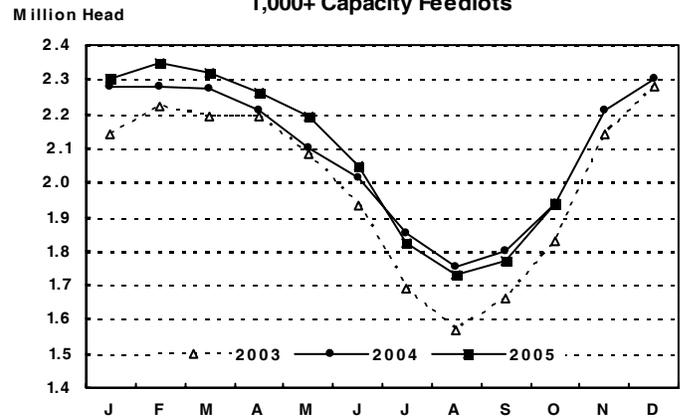
Source: USDA NASS Cattle on Feed, October 21, 2005.

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



Source: USDA NASS Nebraska Field Office

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1,000+ Capacity Feedlots**



Source: USDA NASS Nebraska Field Office

**Cattle on Feed: Number Placed on Feed By Weight Group, 1,000+ Capacity  
Feedlots, By Month, State, and United States, 2004-2005**

State	During September									
	Under 600		600-699		700-799		800 Plus		Total	
	2004	2005	2004	2005	2004	2005	2004	2005	2004	2005
	<i>1,000 Head</i>									
Colorado	30	30	50	45	60	70	125	135	265	280
Kansas	135	120	110	120	140	130	135	140	520	510
Nebraska	88	85	70	90	102	120	210	205	470	500
Texas	210	175	180	185	145	130	65	60	600	550
Other States	165	155	65	65	105	100	185	195	520	515
United States	628	565	475	505	552	550	720	735	2,375	2,355

Source: USDA NASS Cattle on Feed October 21, 2005.

**Commercial Livestock Slaughter**

September 2005 number slaughtered and changes from last year and last month are shown below. September 2004 contained 22 weekdays (including one holiday) and four Saturdays. September 2005 contained 22 weekdays (including one holiday) and four Saturdays.

**Livestock Slaughter: By Commodity,  
Nebraska and United States,  
September 2005 with Comparisons**

Item	Total <sup>1</sup>	Sept. 2005 Percent of	
		Sept. 2004	Aug. 2005
<i>1,000 Head</i>			
Nebraska			
Cattle, head	593.3	101	90
Hogs, head	621.9	101	102
Red Meat, mil. lbs.	608.1	102	93
United States			
Cattle, head	2,777.6	101	93
Calves, head	60.7	90	93
Hogs, head	8,869.9	99	99
Sheep & Lambs, head	231.3	95	101
Red Meat, mil. lbs.	3,932.8	101	96

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

Source: USDA NASS Livestock Slaughter, October 21, 2005.

**Stocks in Cold Storage: By Commodity, United  
States, September 2005 with Comparisons**

Commodity	Stocks	Sept. 2005 Percent of	
		Sept. 2004	Aug. 2005
<i>1,000 Lbs.</i>			
Total red meats	893,239	101	105
Beef	443,741	97	108
Pork	427,011	103	103
Poultry	1,233,460	94	100
Turkey	493,887	94	94
Chicken	737,121	95	104

Source: USDA NASS Cold Storage, October 21, 2005.

**Poultry: Layers and Eggs, Nebraska and  
United States, September 2005 with Comparisons**

Item	2004	2005	2005/2004
	<i>Millions</i>		<i>Percent</i>
<b>Number of Layers</b>			
Nebraska	11.8	11.9	101
United States	344.1	342.4	99
<b>Eggs Produced</b>			
Nebraska	259	271	105
United States	6,282	6,309	100
<b>Chickens Hatched, September</b>			
United States			
Egg-type	36.6	33.8	92
Broiler	769.9	769.8	100

Source: USDA NASS Chicken and Eggs, October 21, 2005.

**Milk Cows and Production: By Quarter, Nebraska, 23 States and United States, 2004-2005**

Item and Quarter	Nebraska		23 States		United States	
	2004	2005	2004	2005	2004	2005
Milk cows <sup>1</sup>	<i>1,000 Head</i>		<i>1,000 Head</i>		<i>1,000 Head</i>	
April-June	60	60	8,070	8,121	9,001	9,034
July-September	61	60	8,101	8,153	9,027	9,054
Milk production <sup>2</sup>	<i>Million Pounds</i>		<i>Million Pounds</i>		<i>Million Pounds</i>	
April-June	266	279	39,823	41,625	43,824	45,660
July-September	254	264	38,539	40,319	42,239	44,024

<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 17, 2005.

**Prices Received By Farmers**

The preliminary All Farm Products Index of Prices Received by Farmers in October, at 110, based on 1990-92=100, decreased 7 points (6.0 percent) from September. The Crop Index is down 11 points (9.8 percent) while the Livestock Index is unchanged. Producers received lower commodity prices for broilers, corn, eggs, and soybeans. Higher prices were received for cattle, sweet corn, wheat, and turkeys.

The overall index is also affected by the seasonal change based on a 3-year average mix of commodities a producer sells. Decreased average marketings of dairy, sweet corn, grapes, and wheat offset increased marketings of soybeans, corn, cotton, and cottonseed.

Preliminary All Farm Product Index is down 4 points (3.5 percent) from October 2004.

**Prices Received: By Commodity, Nebraska and United States, Preliminary October 2005 with Comparisons**

Commodity	Unit	Nebraska			United States				
		October 2004 <sup>1</sup>	September 2005 <sup>1</sup>	October 15, 2005	October 2004 <sup>1</sup>	September 2005 <sup>1</sup>	October 15, 2005	% of Parity	Parity Price <sup>2</sup>
Wheat, All	Bushels	\$ 3.11	\$ 3.29	\$ 3.45	\$ 3.43	\$ 3.35	\$ 3.54	33	\$10.60
Corn	Bushels	2.15	1.72	1.65	2.14	1.90	1.74	25	7.08
Oats	Bushels	1.77	1.57	1.50	1.45	1.54	1.46	35	4.21
Grain Sorghum	Cwt.	3.28	2.85	2.80	3.17	3.41	2.98	26	11.60
Soybeans	Bushels	5.50	5.63	5.30	5.56	5.77	5.44	32	17.10
Hay, All, Baled	Ton	51.00	48.00	46.00	92.80	99.00	97.70		
Alfalfa, Baled	Ton	51.00	48.00	47.00	100.00	107.00	106.00		
Other, Baled	Ton	50.00	46.00	44.00	73.80	74.60	76.50		
Dry Edible Beans	Cwt.	22.20	18.10	16.20	24.50	18.00	17.00	32	53.70
Hogs	Cwt.	53.90	52.00	51.80	52.20	49.50	48.80	43	114.00
Barrows & Gilts	Cwt.	54.10	52.30	52.00	52.70	49.90	49.10		
Sows	Cwt.	41.90	38.50	42.30	41.80	39.20	41.80		
Beef Cattle	Cwt.	90.00	88.60	94.10	86.50	88.20	90.80	49	184.00
Steers & Heifers	Cwt.	91.20	89.70	95.40	91.10	92.30	96.00		
Cows	Cwt.	52.70	52.40	52.30	49.80	49.80	47.70		
Calves	Cwt.	132.00	141.00	143.00	126.00	133.00	132.00	53	249.00
Sheep	Cwt.	39.30	50.30		40.40	43.30			89.80
Lambs	Cwt.	89.00	97.20		97.70	110.00			223.00

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

<sup>2</sup> Parity price based on data for October 2005.

Source: USDA NASS Agricultural Prices, October 31, 2005.

**Cash Receipts: By Commodity Groups and Selected Commodities, Nebraska, 2000-2004<sup>1</sup>**

Commodity	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004
			<i>1,000 dollars</i>		
All commodities	8,956,360	9,230,640	9,422,235	11,027,914	11,779,728
Livestock and products	5,916,029	6,098,034	5,840,334	6,868,468	7,338,183
Meat animals	5,633,645	5,788,105	5,558,639	6,527,957	6,970,380
Cattle and calves	4,941,090	5,066,786	4,958,569	5,903,957	6,196,896
Hogs	682,204	712,715	591,011	613,257	761,953
Sheep and lambs	10,351	8,603	9,059	10,743	11,531
Dairy products	145,314	168,484	144,250	145,210	168,480
Milk, wholesale	145,314	168,484	144,250	145,210	168,480
Poultry/eggs	120,177	122,538	111,603	169,087	171,747
Broilers	6,270	7,020	6,210	7,980	11,430
Farm Chickens	42	16	18	18	17
Chicken eggs	93,719	95,532	84,596	139,368	138,863
Other poultry	900	930	950	950	970
Miscellaneous livestock	16,893	18,907	25,842	26,214	27,576
Honey	2,567	1,486	4,805	4,595	4,857
Wool	123	124	192	221	258
All other livestock	13,900	17,000	20,500	21,000	22,000
Crops	3,040,331	3,132,606	3,581,901	4,159,446	4,441,546
Food grains	183,845	145,636	204,933	233,552	218,753
Rye	580	NR	NR	NR	NR
Wheat	183,404	145,303	204,551	222,600	217,810
Feed crops	1,886,416	1,898,762	2,236,762	2,384,731	2,719,244
Barley	283	329	319	446	427
Corn	1,722,187	1,691,224	2,043,200	2,202,616	2,543,705
Hay	94,471	136,134	133,946	114,989	102,187
Oats	796	1,999	2,285	4,597	2,555
Sorghum grain	57,033	57,804	48,530	54,115	60,519
Millet/Proso	11,648	11,273	8,483	7,968	9,852
Oil crops	800,775	876,506	921,233	1,329,736	1,287,932
Soybeans	794,070	869,283	917,104	1,325,148	1,280,621
Sunflower	6,672	NR	NR	NR	NR
Vegetables	90,305	122,607	124,352	117,788	117,456
Beans, dry	47,010	65,785	60,788	62,314	64,479
Potatoes, Fall	36,794	48,822	54,264	45,974	42,977
Misc. vegetables	6,500	8,000	9,300	9,500	10,000
Fruits/nuts	720	1,100	1,420	1,420	1,440
Other berries	70	100	120	120	140
Misc. fruits & nuts	650	1,000	1,300	1,300	1,300
All other crops	78,270	87,996	93,200	102,220	96,720
Sugarbeets	32,470	30,996	30,400	36,420	36,420
Other seeds	1,000	1,200	1,000	1,000	1,000
Other field crops	23,000	30,000	30,000	32,000	25,000
Greenhouse/nursery	21,800	25,800	31,800	32,800	34,300

<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. NR = not for release. Source: USDA ERS <http://www.ers.usda.gov/Data/FarmIncome/finfidmu.htm>

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