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Dear Nebraska Farmers, Ranchers and Agribusinesses:

The following narrative and tables are from recently published reports by USDA's Agricultural Statistics Board. These data are direct results of information provided by Nebraska producers and agribusinesses to the surveys conducted each month by this office. Thank you for your response to these surveys.

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## Nebraska Cattle on Feed Up 7 Percent

Nebraska feedlots with capacities of 1,000 or more head contained 2.44 million cattle on feed on November 1, up 7 percent from last year and 10 percent above November 1, 2004. This is the largest November 1 inventory since the series began in 1994. Placements of cattle into feedlots during October totaled 560,000 head, down 15 percent from 2005 and 7 percent below 2004. Fed cattle marketings for the month of October totaled 330,000 head, up 6 percent from last year and 2 percent above October 2004. Other disappearance during October totaled 10,000 head compared with 10,000 head during October 2005 and 5,000 head during October 2004.

## U.S. Cattle on Feed Up 4 Percent

Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter market in the United States for feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head totaled 12.0 million head on November 1, 2006. The inventory was 4 percent above November 1, 2005 and 6 percent above November 1, 2004. This is the highest November 1 inventory since the series began in 1996. Placements in feedlots during October totaled 2.43 million, 13 percent below 2005 and 10 percent below 2004. Marketings of fed cattle during October totaled 1.77 million, 2 percent above 2005 but 2 percent below 2004. Other disappearance totaled 81,000 head during October, 40 percent above 2005 and 23 percent above 2004.

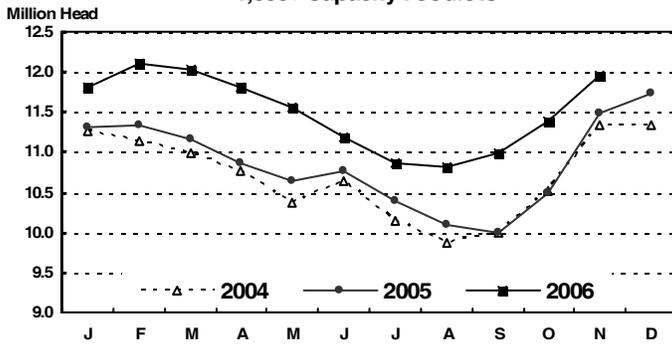
**Cattle on Feed: Number on Feed, Placements, Marketings and Other Disappearance, 1,000+ Capacity Feedlots, by Month, State, and United States, 2005-2006**

State	November 1 Number on Feed <sup>1</sup>			October Placements			October Marketings			October Other Disappearance <sup>2</sup>		
	2005	2006	<u>2006</u> 2005	2005	2006	<u>2006</u> 2005	2005	2006	<u>2006</u> 2005	2005	2006	<u>2006</u> 2005
	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>Percent</i>		<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>Percent</i>		<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>Percent</i>		<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>Percent</i>	
Arizona	323	342	106	33	34	103	27	27	100	1	1	100
California	545	530	97	64	71	111	50	62	124	4	4	100
Colorado	1,030	1,120	109	285	210	74	150	140	93	5	10	200
Idaho	290	285	98	76	71	93	55	50	91	1	1	100
Iowa	475	490	103	131	109	83	65	78	120	1	1	100
Kansas	2,410	2,550	106	580	520	90	400	395	99	20	25	125
Nebraska	2,280	2,440	107	660	560	85	310	330	106	10	10	100
New Mexico	141	141	100	22	14	64	16	13	81	1	3	300
Oklahoma	360	360	100	79	65	82	53	58	109	1	2	200
South Dakota	161	190	118	68	64	94	35	43	123	2	1	50
Texas	2,970	2,990	101	670	590	88	520	510	98	10	20	200
Washington	163	181	111	34	34	100	23	23	100	1	1	100
Other States	325	340	105	86	83	97	35	41	117	1	2	200
United States	11,473	11,959	104	2,788	2,425	87	1,739	1,770	102	58	81	140

<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.

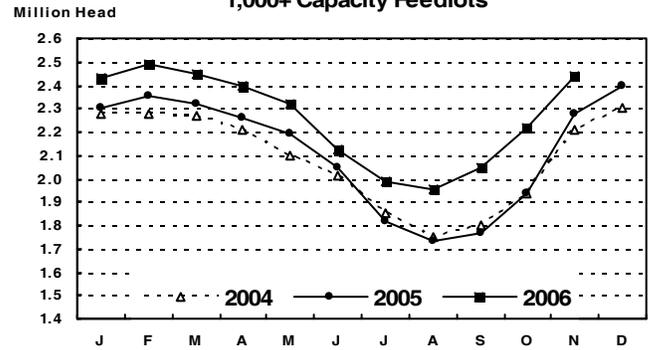
<sup>2</sup> Includes death losses, movement from feedlots to pastures and shipments to other feedlots for further feeding.

**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, 2005-2006**

State	During October									
	Under 600		600-699		700-799		800 Plus		Total	
	2005	2006	2005	2006	2005	2006	2005	2006	2005	2006
	<i>1,000 Head</i>									
Colorado	75	55	65	50	60	45	85	60	285	210
Kansas	170	180	175	120	130	125	105	95	580	520
Nebraska	220	175	200	175	120	95	120	115	660	560
Texas	185	210	205	185	200	135	80	60	670	590
Other States	230	220	145	115	83	85	135	125	593	545
United States	880	840	790	645	593	485	525	455	2,788	2,425

Source: USDA NASS Cattle on Feed November 17, 2006

**Commercial Livestock Slaughter**

October 2006 number slaughtered and changes from last year and last month are shown below. October 2005 contained 21 weekdays (including one holiday) and five Saturdays. October 2006 contained 22 weekdays (including one holiday) and four Saturdays.

**Livestock Slaughter: By Commodity, Nebraska and United States, October 2006 with Comparisons**

Item	Total <sup>1</sup>	Oct. 2006 Percent of	
		Oct. 2005	Sep. 2006
<i>1,000 Head</i>			
Nebraska			
Cattle, head	595.4	104	105
Hogs, head	699.2	112	112
Red Meat, mil. lbs.	636.7	107	107
United States			
Cattle, head	2,855.5	107	103
Calves, head	63.5	113	110
Hogs, head	9,636.2	106	109
Sheep & Lambs, head	236.0	103	108
Red Meat, mil, lbs.	4,182.1	107	106

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

Source: USDA NASS Livestock Slaughter, November 24, 2006

**Stocks in Cold Storage: By Commodity, United States, October 2006 with Comparisons**

Commodity	Stocks	Oct. 2006 Percent of	
		Oct. 2005	Sep. 2006
<i>1,000 Lbs.</i>			
Total red meats	958,892	106	103
Beef	473,743	108	99
Pork	466,731	105	106
Poultry	1,130,034	92	96
Turkey	411,577	99	89
Chicken	712,878	89	100

Source: USDA NASS Cold Storage, November 21, 2006

**Poultry: Layers and Eggs, Nebraska and United States, October 2006 with Comparisons**

Item	Millions		Percent
	2005	2006	
<i>Millions</i>			
Number of Layers			
Nebraska	11.9	11.6	97
United States	342.8	343.8	100
<i>Millions</i>			
Table Eggs Produced			
Nebraska	271	266	98
United States	6,561	6,604	101
<i>Percent</i>			
Chickens Hatched, October			
United States			
Egg-type	35.5	36.3	102
Broiler	776.4	771.8	99

Source: USDA NASS Chicken and Eggs, November 21, 2006

**Milk Cows and Production: By Month, 23 Selected States, 2005-2006<sup>1</sup>**

Month	Milk Cows <sup>2</sup>		Milk per Cow <sup>3</sup>		Milk Production <sup>3</sup>		
	2005	2006	2005	2006	2005	2006	2006 as % of 2005
	<i>Thousands</i>		<i>Pounds</i>		<i>Million pounds</i>		<i>Percent</i>
January	8,087	8,195	1,643	1,710	13,287	14,014	105
February	8,084	8,206	1,522	1,587	12,301	13,022	106
March	8,099	8,228	1,707	1,775	13,825	14,604	106
April	8,117	8,240	1,690	1,727	13,717	14,228	104
May	8,131	8,257	1,760	1,780	14,311	14,700	103
June	8,138	8,269	1,690	1,695	13,755	14,017	102
July	8,151	8,259	1,683	1,686	13,715	13,925	102
August	8,162	8,252	1,671	1,680	13,640	13,861	102
September	8,167	8,244	1,599	1,615	13,057	13,312	102
October	8,168	8,246	1,637	1,656	13,373	13,652	102
November	8,167		1,592		13,002		
December	8,179		1,663		13,599		
Annual	8,138		19,857		161,582		

<sup>1</sup> 2006 revised. <sup>2</sup> Includes dry cows, excludes heifers not yet fresh. <sup>3</sup> Excludes milk sucked by calves.

Source: USDA NASS Milk Production, November 17, 2006

**Farm Labor: Number and Wage Rates for Type of Workers and All Hired Workers, Selected Regions and United States, October 9-15, 2005 & October 8-14, 2006 <sup>1</sup>**

Region <sup>2</sup>	Hired Workers		Wage Rates								
			All Hired Workers		Type of work						
	2005	2006			2005	2006	Field		Livestock		Field & Livestock
	2005	2006	2005	2006	2005	2006	2005	2006	2005	2006	
	<i>Thousands</i>		<i>Dollars Per Hour</i>								
Lake	72	57	10.35	10.35	9.96	9.89	9.49	9.61	9.80	9.80	
Cornbelt I	50	48	10.10	10.63	9.88	10.12	8.68	9.04	9.57	9.75	
Cornbelt II	29	25	11.16	10.65	9.21	9.70	10.89	10.26	10.02	9.95	
Northern Plains	35	34	10.12	10.20	10.14	10.13	9.37	9.59	9.86	9.95	
Southern Plains	64	49	8.38	9.60	7.60	8.14	7.84	10.09	7.68	9.02	
Mountain I	29	24	8.91	9.55	8.26	8.87	9.27	9.24	8.55	9.00	
Mountain II	22	19	8.75	9.80	7.94	8.86	8.39	9.32	8.14	9.05	
United States	842	797	9.61	9.95	8.90	9.25	9.15	9.41	8.96	9.29	

<sup>1</sup> Excludes Agricultural Service Workers. <sup>2</sup> Regions consist of the following states: 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.

Source: USDA NASS Farm Labor, November 17, 2006

**Hired Workers: Annual Average Wage Rates, Selected States and United States, 2005-2006<sup>1,2</sup>**

State	All Hired		Field		Field & Livestock	
	2005	2006	2005	2006	2005	2006
	<i>Dollars per hour</i>					
Colorado	9.04	9.51	8.09	8.56	8.33	8.79
Illinois	9.87	10.86	9.16	10.34	9.12	10.08
Indiana	9.20	10.57	8.81	10.04	8.74	9.72
Iowa	10.73	11.28	8.88	9.50	9.88	10.41
Kansas	9.71	9.92	8.36	9.25	9.10	9.30
Michigan	9.79	9.95	8.57	9.20	8.89	9.22
Minnesota	11.05	11.07	10.70	10.16	10.50	10.21
Missouri	9.48	9.65	9.12	9.27	9.08	9.27
Nebraska	9.21	9.84	9.01	9.17	8.81	9.43
North Dakota	10.46	10.67	10.52	10.79	10.43	10.60
South Dakota	9.09	9.24	8.33	9.04	8.74	8.97
Wyoming	8.16	8.42	8.15	7.90	7.49	7.59
United States <sup>3</sup>	9.51	9.87	8.70	9.06	8.84	9.15

<sup>1</sup> Excludes Agricultural Service Workers. <sup>2</sup> Annual rates are averages of the published wage rates for each survey week weighted by the number of hours worked during the week. The annual average is based on data collected for January, April, July, and October. <sup>3</sup>

Excludes Alaska.

Source: USDA NASS Farm Labor, November 17, 2006

## Prices Received By Farmers

The preliminary All Farm Products Index of Prices Received by Farmers in November, at 121, based on 1990-92=100, increased 5 points (4.3 percent) from October. The Crop Index is up 10 points (8.7 percent) but the Livestock Index decreased 1 point (0.9 percent). Producers received higher commodity prices for corn, soybeans, eggs, and milk. Lower prices were received for cattle, tomatoes, oranges, and hogs. The overall index is also affected by the seasonal change based

on a 3-year average mix of commodities producers sell. Increased average marketings of milk, cattle, cotton, and oranges offset decreased marketings of soybeans, potatoes, peanuts, and lettuce.

Preliminary All Farm Products Index is up 9 points (8.0 percent) from November 2005. The Food Commodities Index, at 121, increased 4 points (3.4 percent) from last month and 2 points (1.7 percent) November 2005.

### Prices Received: By Commodity, Nebraska and United States, Preliminary November 2006 with Comparisons

Commodity	Unit	Nebraska			United States				
		November 2005 <sup>1</sup>	October 2006 <sup>1</sup>	November 15, 2006	November 2005 <sup>1</sup>	October 2006 <sup>1</sup>	November 15, 2006	% of Parity	Parity Price <sup>2</sup>
Wheat	Bushels	\$ 3.29	\$ 4.88	\$ 4.80	\$ 3.45	\$ 4.59	\$ 4.62	44	\$10.40
Corn	Bushels	1.79	2.52	3.00	1.77	2.54	3.12	40	7.72
Oats	Bushels	1.35	2.21	2.25	1.64	1.77	1.97	46	4.29
Grain Sorghum	Cwt.	2.68	4.91	5.60	2.82	5.17	5.88	49	12.00
Soybeans	Bushels	5.57	5.38	5.80	5.62	5.52	6.15	36	17.10
Hay, All, Baled	Ton	47.00	87.00	90.00	91.70	107.00	106.00		
Alfalfa, Baled	Ton	47.00	88.00	91.00	98.30	112.00	109.00		
Other, Baled	Ton	45.00	84.00	84.00	80.00	93.80	98.10		
Dry Edible Beans	Cwt.	16.60	19.80	20.60	18.00	19.70	21.00	39	54.50
Hogs	Cwt.	45.30	48.10	47.70	43.50	46.50	44.50	38	116.00
Barrows & Gilts	Cwt.	45.60	48.30	47.90	43.80	47.00	44.80		
Sows	Cwt.	36.80	39.00	37.90	37.30	36.90	36.10		
Beef Cattle	Cwt.	95.50	91.90	88.20	90.80	88.50	84.40	44	191.00
Steers & Heifers	Cwt.	97.00	93.20	89.50	97.10	94.00	90.00		
Cows	Cwt.	48.40	49.20	45.90	45.90	45.90	43.70		
Calves	Cwt.	142.00	131.00	121.00	137.00	127.00	119.00	45	266.00
Sheep	Cwt.	46.20	33.00		46.20	31.10			94.80
Lambs	Cwt.	95.00	84.20		107.00	98.10			231.00

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

<sup>2</sup> Parity price based on data for November 2006.

Source: USDA NASS Agricultural Prices, November 30, 2006

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