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Results
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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.

Joseph L. Parsons
Director

Nebraska Cattle on Feed Down 2 Percent

Nebraska feedlots with capacities of 1,000 or more head contained 2.4 million cattle on feed on November 1, down 2 percent from last year but 5 percent above November 1, 2005. Placements of cattle into feedlots during October totaled 620,000 head, up 11 percent from 2006 but 6 percent below 2005. Fed cattle marketings for the month of October totaled 350,000 head, up 6 percent from last year and 13 percent above October two years ago. Other disappearance during October totaled 10,000 head, the same as 2006 and 2005.

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 11.80 million head on November 1, 2007. The inventory was 2 percent below November 1, 2006 but 3 percent above November 1, 2005. Placements in feedlots during October totaled 2.72 million, 12 percent above 2006 but 3 percent below 2005. Marketings of fed cattle during October totaled 1.88 million, 6 percent above 2006 and 8 percent above 2005. Other disappearance totaled 47,000 head during October, 43 percent below 2006 and 19 percent below 2005.

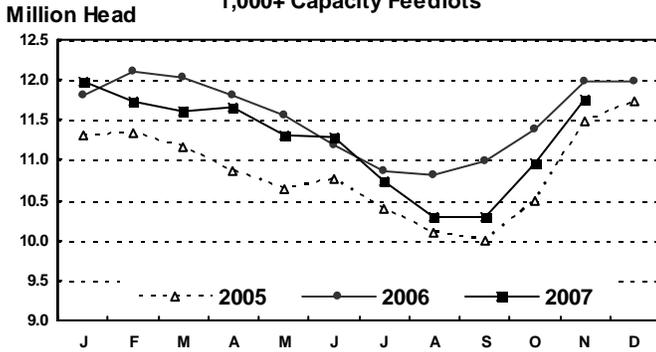
Cattle on Feed: Number on Feed, Placements, Marketings and Other Disappearance, 1,000+ Capacity Feedlots, by Month, State, and United States, 2006-2007

State	November 1 Number on Feed ¹			October Placements			October Marketings			October Other Disappearance ²		
	2006	2007	<u>2007</u> 2006	2006	2007	<u>2007</u> 2006	2006	2007	<u>2007</u> 2006	2006	2007	<u>2007</u> 2006
	1,000 Head		Percent	1,000 Head		Percent	1,000 Head		Percent	1,000 Head		Percent
Arizona	342	360	105	34	39	115	27	27	100	1	2	200
California	530	545	103	71	67	94	62	60	97	4	2	50
Colorado	1,130	1,030	91	215	260	121	135	165	122	10	5	50
Idaho	285	235	82	71	69	97	50	43	86	1	1	100
Iowa	490	550	112	109	120	110	78	79	101	1	1	100
Kansas	2,550	2,420	95	520	530	102	395	410	104	25	10	40
Nebraska	2,440	2,400	98	560	620	111	330	350	106	10	10	100
New Mexico	141	134	95	14	22	157	13	19	146	3	2	67
Oklahoma	360	335	93	65	74	114	58	63	109	2	1	50
South Dakota	190	205	108	64	71	111	43	45	105	1	1	100
Texas	2,990	3,000	100	590	700	119	510	530	104	20	10	50
Washington	181	166	92	34	42	124	23	29	126	1	1	100
Other States	340	380	112	83	102	123	41	56	137	2	1	50
United States	11,969	11,760	98	2,430	2,716	112	1,765	1,876	106	81	47	58

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.

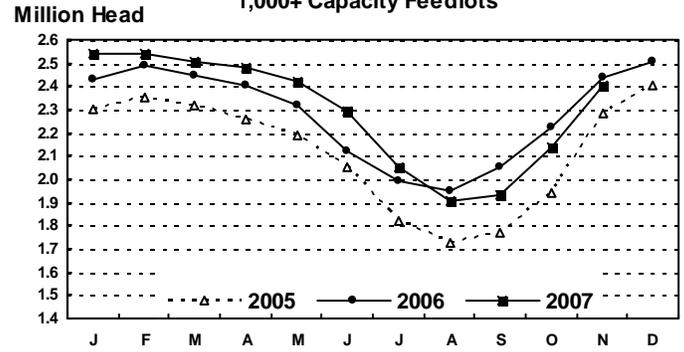
² Includes death losses, movement from feedlots to pastures and shipments to other feedlots for further feeding.

**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, 2006-2007**

State	During October									
	Under 600		600-699		700-799		800 Plus		Total	
	2006	2007	2006	2007	2006	2007	2006	2007	2006	2007
	<i>1,000 Head</i>									
Colorado	55	65	55	65	45	55	60	75	215	260
Kansas	180	175	120	135	125	125	95	95	520	530
Nebraska	175	175	175	175	95	110	115	160	560	620
Texas	210	210	185	230	135	180	60	80	590	700
Other States	220	230	115	140	85	86	125	150	545	606
United States	840	855	650	745	485	556	455	560	2,430	2,716

Source: USDA NASS Cattle on Feed November 16, 2007

Commercial Livestock Slaughter

October 2007 number slaughtered and changes from last year and last month are shown below. October 2006 contained 22 weekdays (including one holiday) and four Saturdays. October 2007 contained 23 weekdays (including one holiday) and four Saturdays.

**Livestock Slaughter: By Commodity,
Nebraska and United States,
October 2007 with Comparisons**

Item	Total ¹	Oct. 2007 Percent of	
		Oct. 2006	Sep. 2007
<i>Nebraska</i>			
	<i>1,000 Head</i>		
Cattle, head	634.3	106	114
Hogs, head	724.3	104	119
Red Meat, mil. lbs.	679.7	106	116
<i>United States</i>			
Cattle, head	3,099.6	108	116
Calves, head	65.2	103	116
Hogs, head	10,654.4	111	121
Sheep & Lambs, head	248.0	105	118
Red Meat, mil. lbs.	4,613.5	110	119

¹ Excludes animals slaughtered on farms.

Source: USDA NASS Livestock Slaughter, November 23, 2007

**Stocks in Cold Storage: By Commodity, United
States, October 2007 with Comparisons**

Commodity	Stocks	Oct. 2007 Percent of	
		Oct. 2006	Sep. 2007
<i>1,000 Lbs.</i>			
Total red meats	1,009,669	102	102
Beef	492,892	101	101
Pork	496,338	102	102
Poultry	1,082,952	96	95
Turkey	412,372	102	82
Chicken	664,627	92	105

Source: USDA NASS Cold Storage, November 21, 2007

**Poultry: Layers and Eggs, Nebraska and
United States, October 2007 with Comparisons**

Item	Millions		Percent
	2006	2007	
<i>Number of Layers</i>			
Nebraska	11.6	10.3	89
United States	344.5	341.5	99
<i>Table Eggs Produced</i>			
Nebraska	266	245	92
United States	6,600	6,565	99
<i>Chickens Hatched, October</i>			
United States			
Egg-type	36.2	35.8	99
Broiler	772.9	795.4	103

Source: USDA NASS Chicken and Eggs, November 20, 2007

Milk Cows and Production: By Month, 23 Selected States, 2006-2007¹

Month	Milk Cows ²		Milk per Cow ³		Milk Production ³		
	2006	2007	2006	2007	2006	2007	2007 as % of 2006
	<i>Thousands</i>		<i>Pounds</i>		<i>Million pounds</i>		<i>Percent</i>
January	8,198	8,280	1,711	1,724	14,027	14,276	102
February	8,206	8,277	1,586	1,582	13,018	13,098	101
March	8,224	8,285	1,775	1,783	14,599	14,771	101
April	8,240	8,280	1,726	1,746	14,222	14,457	102
May	8,257	8,286	1,782	1,795	14,712	14,874	101
June	8,269	8,294	1,697	1,713	14,033	14,204	101
July	8,258	8,316	1,688	1,743	13,937	14,493	104
August	8,255	8,330	1,676	1,721	13,838	14,332	104
September	8,251	8,340	1,613	1,646	13,307	13,725	103
October	8,255	8,353	1,652	1,699	13,637	14,190	104
November	8,260		1,614		13,332		
December	8,276		1,690		13,983		
Annual	8,246		20,210		166,645		

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

Source: USDA NASS Milk Production, November 16, 2007

Farm Labor: Number and Wage Rates for Type of Workers and All Hired Workers, Selected Regions and United States, October 8-14, 2006 & October 7-13, 2007¹

Region ²	Hired Workers		Wage Rates							
			All Hired Workers		Type of work					
	2006	2007			2006	2007	Field		Livestock	
	<i>Thousands</i>		<i>Dollars Per Hour</i>							
Lake	57	67	10.35	11.30	9.89	10.75	9.61	10.64	9.80	10.70
Cornbelt I	48	50	10.63	10.60	10.12	10.24	9.04	9.75	9.75	10.10
Cornbelt II	25	23	10.65	11.25	9.70	10.69	10.26	10.90	9.95	10.80
Northern Plains	34	35	10.20	10.78	10.13	10.68	9.59	9.82	9.95	10.45
Southern Plains	49	69	9.60	10.05	8.14	8.59	10.09	10.46	9.02	9.45
Mountain I	24	22	9.55	9.00	8.87	8.31	9.24	9.10	9.00	8.56
Mountain II	19	13	9.80	10.66	8.86	9.80	9.32	10.69	9.05	10.05
United States	*800	806	*9.96	10.33	*9.26	9.62	*9.42	9.98	*9.30	9.72

* Revised. ¹ Excludes Agricultural Service Workers. ² 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.

³ Excludes Alaska.

Source: USDA NASS Farm Labor, November 16, 2007

Hired Workers: Annual Average Wage Rates, Selected States and United States, 2006-2007^{1 2}

State	All Hired		Field		Field & Livestock	
	2006	2007	2006	2007	2006	2007
	<i>Dollars per hour</i>					
Lake	10.37	10.87	9.64	10.12	9.65	10.01
Cornbelt I	10.59	10.55	10.18	10.08	9.88	9.90
Cornbelt II	10.65	11.10	9.39	9.89	9.95	10.44
Northern Plains	9.95	10.36	9.65	10.13	9.55	9.90
Southern Plains	9.33	9.53	8.17	8.38	8.66	9.02
Mountain I	9.25	9.24	8.77	8.50	8.76	8.74
Mountain II	9.36	10.03	8.42	9.23	8.64	9.42
United States ³	9.87	10.21	9.06	9.40	9.15	9.49

¹ Excludes Agricultural Service Workers. ² 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.

³ Excludes Alaska.

Source: USDA NASS Farm Labor, November 16, 2007

Prices Received: By Commodity, Nebraska and United States, Preliminary November 2007 with Comparisons

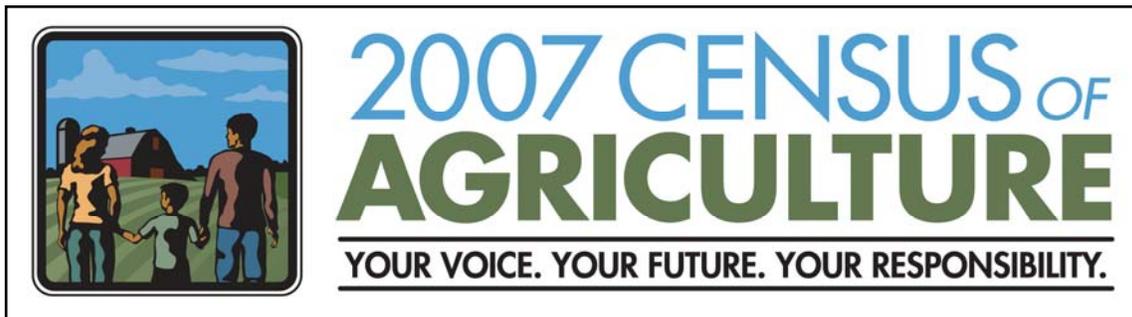
Commodity	Unit	Nebraska			United States				
		November 2006 ¹	October 2007 ¹	November 15, 2007	November 2006 ¹	October 2007 ¹	November 15, 2007	% of Parity	Parity Price ²
Wheat	Bushels	\$ 4.86	\$ 7.12	\$ 6.75	\$ 4.59	\$ 7.65	\$ 7.92	71	\$11.10
Corn	Bushels	2.77	3.20	3.45	2.88	3.29	3.49	42	8.24
Oats	Bushels	2.49	2.91	2.90	2.05	2.44	2.35	51	4.62
Grain Sorghum	Cwt.	5.62	5.94	6.40	5.83	6.18	6.22	44	14.10
Soybeans	Bushels	5.90	8.09	9.10	6.08	8.36	9.48	52	18.20
Hay, All, Baled	Ton	90.00	88.00	88.00	109.00	133.00	131.00		
Alfalfa, Baled	Ton	91.00	91.00	91.00	110.00	137.00	135.00		
Other, Baled	Ton	84.00	74.00	75.00	106.00	122.00	123.00		
Dry Edible Beans	Cwt.	20.60	29.90	29.90	21.80	25.90	26.80	46	58.40
Hogs	Cwt.	46.70	44.10	40.10	44.90	42.10	38.50	31	125.00
Barrows & Gilts	Cwt.	46.90	44.40	40.40	45.30	42.80	39.00		
Sows	Cwt.	36.60	27.60	25.30	35.40	27.50	26.50		
Beef Cattle	Cwt.	88.60	95.80	95.00	84.40	90.60	89.30	41	218.00
Steers & Heifers	Cwt.	89.90	97.20	96.50	90.00	96.40	95.40		
Cows	Cwt.	46.00	49.00	44.90	43.60	46.60	43.60		
Calves	Cwt.	120.00	126.00	124.00	119.00	122.00	118.00	38	313.00
Sheep	Cwt.	29.00	31.70		30.30	25.30			105.00
Lambs	Cwt.	81.50	91.10		95.60	97.00			255.00

¹ Entire month average except hay.

² Parity price based on data for November 2007.

Source: USDA NASS Agricultural Prices, November 30, 2007

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