



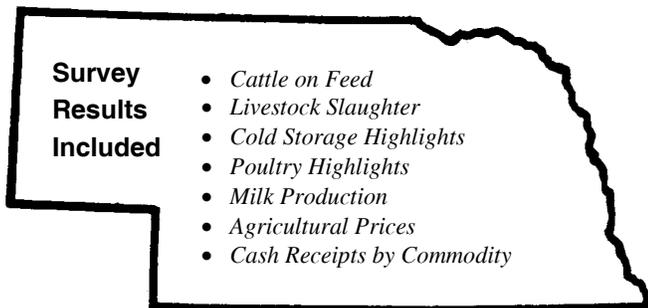
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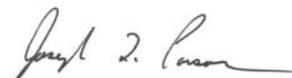
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Dear Nebraska Farmers, Ranchers and Agribusinesses:

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 1 Percent

Nebraska feedlots with capacities of 1,000 or more head contained 2.11 million cattle on feed on October 1. The inventory was down 1 percent from last year and 5 percent below October 1, 2006. Placements of cattle into feedlots during September totaled 550,000 head, up 2 percent from 2007 and 10 percent above 2006. Marketings of fed cattle during September totaled 390,000 head, up 22 percent from both last year and two years ago. Other disappearance during September totaled 10,000 head, the same as last year and 2006.

U.S. Cattle on Feed Down 5 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, 2008. The inventory was 5 percent below October 1, 2007 and 9 percent below October 1, 2006. Placements in feedlots during September totaled 2.28 million, 6 percent below 2007 but 2 percent above 2006. Marketings of fed cattle during September totaled 1.81 million, 7 percent above 2007 and 3 percent above 2006. Other disappearance totaled 51,000 during September, 6 percent below 2007 and 25 percent below 2006.

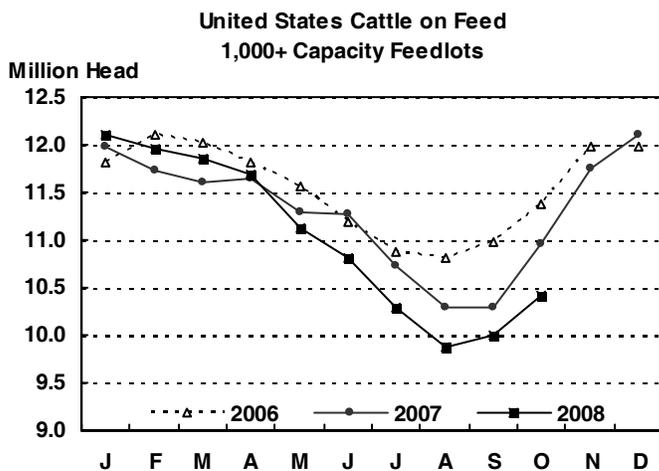
Cattle on Feed: Number on Feed, Placements, Marketings and Other Disappearance, 1,000+ Capacity Feedlots, by Month, State, and United States, 2007-2008

State	October 1 Number on Feed ¹			September Placements			September Marketings			September Other Disappearance ²		
	2007	2008	<u>2008</u> 2007	2007	2008	<u>2008</u> 2007	2007	2008	<u>2008</u> 2007	2007	2008	<u>2008</u> 2007
	1,000 Head	Percent		1,000 Head	Percent		1,000 Head	Percent		1,000 Head	Percent	
Arizona	350	360	103	28	24	86	24	25	104	2	1	50
California	540	505	94	60	55	92	47	53	113	3	2	67
Colorado	940	870	93	255	255	100	160	150	94	5	5	100
Idaho	210	195	93	48	57	119	41	41	100	2	1	50
Iowa	510	475	93	100	81	81	79	75	95	1	1	100
Kansas	2,310	2,160	94	540	485	90	355	400	113	15	15	100
Nebraska	2,140	2,110	99	540	550	102	320	390	122	10	10	100
New Mexico	133	173	130	17	27	159	13	20	154	2	1	50
Oklahoma	325	315	97	72	60	83	56	49	88	1	1	100
South Dakota	180	175	97	43	56	130	37	44	119	1	2	200
Texas	2,840	2,590	91	590	510	86	480	490	102	10	10	100
Washington	154	157	102	36	44	122	29	24	83	1	1	100
Other States	335	330	99	86	77	90	55	51	93	1	1	100
United States	10,967	10,415	95	2,415	2,281	94	1,696	1,812	107	54	51	94

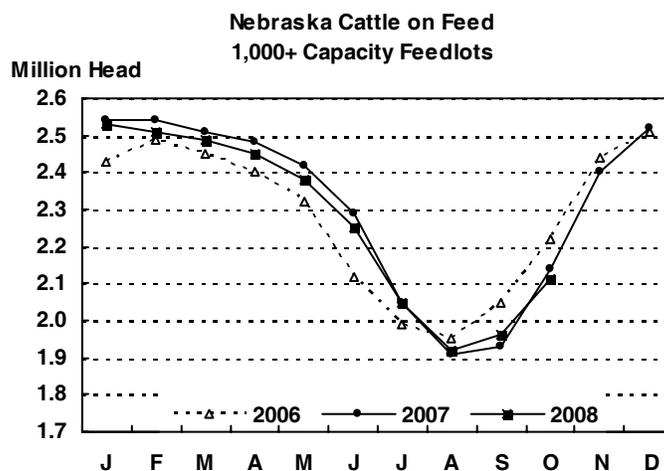
¹ Cattle and calves on feed are animals for slaughter market being fed a ration of grain or other concentrates and are expected to produce a carcass that will grade select or better.

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

Source: USDA NASS Cattle on Feed, October 17, 2008



Source: USDA NASS Nebraska Field Office



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Cattle on Feed: Number Placed on Feed by Weight Group, 1,000+ Capacity Feedlots, By Month, State, and United States, 2007-2008

State	During September									
	Under 600		600-699		700-799		800 Plus		Total	
	2007	2008	2007	2008	2007	2008	2007	2008	2007	2008
	<i>1,000 Head</i>									
Colorado	35	20	40	30	60	45	120	160	255	255
Kansas	140	80	140	100	130	155	130	150	540	485
Nebraska	100	80	80	70	120	120	240	280	540	550
Texas	190	145	170	150	165	130	65	85	590	510
Other States	145	120	75	65	90	91	180	205	490	481
United States	610	445	505	415	565	541	735	880	2,415	2,281

Source: USDA NASS Cattle on Feed October 17, 2008

Commercial Livestock Slaughter

September 2008 number slaughtered and changes from last year and last month are shown below. September 2007 contained 20 weekdays (including one holiday) and five Saturdays. September 2008 contained 22 weekdays (including one holiday) and four Saturdays.

Livestock Slaughter: By Commodity, Nebraska and United States, September 2008 with Comparisons

Item	Total ¹	Sept. 2008 Percent of	
		Sept. 2007	Aug. 2008
<i>1,000 Head</i>			
Nebraska			
Cattle, head	601.3	108	99
Hogs, head	675.9	111	104
Red Meat, mil. lbs.	641.2	109	103
United States			
Cattle, head	2,889.0	108	99
Calves, head	87.5	156	110
Hogs, head	9,958.6	114	107
Sheep & Lambs, head	221.0	105	110
Red Meat, mil. lbs.	4,270.4	111	104

¹ Excludes animals slaughtered on farms.

Source: USDA NASS Livestock Slaughter, October 24, 2008

Stocks in Cold Storage: By Commodity, United States, September 2008 with Comparisons

Commodity	Stocks	Sept. 2008 Percent of	
		Sept. 2007	Aug. 2008
<i>1,000 Lbs.</i>			
Total red meats	980,738	99	103
Beef	444,505	91	102
Pork	507,317	105	104
Poultry	1,375,763	118	99
Turkey	613,638	122	98
Chicken	760,545	116	101

Source: USDA NASS Cold Storage, October 22, 2008

Poultry: Layers and Eggs, Nebraska and United States, September 2008 with Comparisons

Item	2007		2008		2008/2007
	Millions	Percent	Millions	Percent	
Number of Layers					
Nebraska	10.6	92	9.8	92	
United States	341.0	98	334.4	98	
Table Eggs Produced					
Nebraska	244	97	237	97	
United States	6,296	100	6,281	100	
Chickens Hatched, September					
United States					
Egg-type	35.3	103	36.4	103	
Broiler	782.2	97	756.6	97	

Source: USDA NASS Chicken and Eggs, October 21, 2008

Milk Cows and Production: By Quarter, Nebraska, 23 States and United States, 2007-2008

Item and Quarter	Nebraska		23 States		United States	
	2007	2008	2007	2008	2007	2008
	<i>1,000 Head</i>		<i>1,000 Head</i>		<i>1,000 Head</i>	
Milk cows ¹						
April-June	59	57	8,297	8,456	9,138	9,274
July-September	58	59	8,331	8,465	9,159	9,277
	<i>Million Pounds</i>		<i>Million Pounds</i>		<i>Million Pounds</i>	
Milk production ²						
April-June	275	265	43,546	44,892	47,419	48,683
July-September	260	272	42,541	43,301	46,110	46,841

¹ Includes dry cows, excludes heifers not yet fresh.

² Excludes milk sucked by calves.

Source: USDA NASS Milk Production, October 17, 2008

Prices Received By Farmers

The preliminary All Farm Products Index of Prices Received by Farmers in October, at 145 percent, based on 1990-92=100, decreased 9 points (5.8 percent) from September. The Crop Index is down 17 points (9.8 percent) and the Livestock Index decreased 5 points (3.8 percent). Producers received lower prices for corn, soybeans, wheat and cattle and higher prices for sweet corn, broccoli, lettuce, and eggs. The overall index is also affected by the seasonal change based on a 3-year

average mix of commodities producers sells. Increased monthly marketings of soybeans, corn, cottonseed, and cotton offset decreased marketings of milk, wheat, sweet corn, and grapes.

Preliminary All Farm Products Index is up 4 points (2.8 percent) from October 2007.

Prices Received: By Commodity, Nebraska and United States, Preliminary October 2008 with Comparisons

Commodity	Unit	Nebraska			United States				
		October 2007 ¹	September 2008 ¹	October 15, 2008	October 2007 ¹	September 2008 ¹	October 15, 2008	% of Parity	Parity Price ²
Wheat, All	Bushels	\$ 7.12	\$ 7.11	\$ 5.40	\$ 7.65	\$ 7.43	\$ 5.79	44	\$13.30
Corn	Bushels	3.20	5.27	4.15	3.29	5.02	3.99	47	8.43
Oats	Bushels	2.90	3.90	3.50	2.45	3.29	2.71	49	5.48
Grain Sorghum	Cwt.	5.94	7.97	5.70	6.18	8.21	5.75	38	15.00
Soybeans	Bushels	8.13	10.40	8.50	8.36	10.70	8.66	42	20.80
Hay, All, Baled	Ton	87.00	95.00	91.00	128.00	161.00	157.00		
Alfalfa, Baled	Ton	91.00	97.00	93.00	136.00	176.00	172.00		
Other, Baled	Ton	74.00	83.00	79.00	113.00	122.00	122.00		
Dry Edible Beans	Cwt.	29.90	38.60	³	25.90	36.80	33.80	50	67.80
Hogs	Cwt.	44.10	55.70	53.80	42.40	52.70	50.70	36	140.00
Barrows & Gilts	Cwt.	44.40	55.70	53.80	43.10	52.80	50.80		
Sows	Cwt.	27.60	53.80	52.10	27.30	50.10	48.40		
Beef Cattle	Cwt.	95.80	98.10	93.70	90.90	94.40	88.60	35	255.00
Steers & Heifers	Cwt.	97.20	99.30	95.00	96.60	99.30	93.80		
Cows	Cwt.	49.00	58.40	52.90	46.60	54.50	49.20		
Calves	Cwt.	126.00	117.00	111.00	123.00	113.00	108.00	29	370.00
Sheep	Cwt.	31.70	28.20		25.50	23.80			117.00
Lambs	Cwt.	91.10	106.00		97.00	99.60			290.00

¹ Entire month average except hay.

² Parity price based on data for October 2008.

³ Price not published to avoid disclosure of individual firms.

Source: USDA NASS Agricultural Prices, October 31, 2008

Cash Receipts: By Commodity Groups and Selected Commodities, Nebraska, 2003-2007¹

Commodity	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
			<i>1,000 dollars</i>		
All commodities	10,927,355	11,230,334	11,479,339	12,192,764	14,555,820
Livestock and products	6,868,468	7,337,393	7,545,951	7,669,613	8,358,073
Meat animals	6,527,957	6,970,380	7,238,685	7,355,395	7,903,057
Cattle and calves	5,903,957	6,196,896	6,458,271	6,617,036	7,137,669
Hogs	613,257	761,953	768,322	727,931	755,129
Sheep and lambs	10,743	11,531	12,092	10,428	10,259
Dairy products	145,210	168,156	164,164	148,338	200,220
Poultry/eggs	169,087	171,735	118,542	140,259	230,409
Broilers	7,980	11,430	12,232	11,322	12,330
Farm Chickens	18	17	15	17	20
Chicken eggs	139,368	138,851	82,989	96,358	185,092
Other poultry	950	970	945	925	975
Miscellaneous livestock	26,214	27,122	24,560	25,621	24,387
Honey	4,595	4,403	2,230	3,225	2,161
Wool	221	258	240	216	216
All other livestock	21,000	22,000	22,090	22,180	22,010
Crops	4,058,887	3,892,941	3,933,388	4,523,151	6,197,747
Food grains	225,237	201,555	224,531	254,937	435,991
Wheat	224,285	200,611	223,560	254,292	435,278
Feed crops	2,356,742	2,438,090	2,205,904	2,654,694	3,899,563
Barley	456	577	277	NA	NA
Corn	2,159,482	2,255,843	2,068,048	2,484,477	3,682,231
Hay	131,308	121,604	76,409	99,734	126,458
Oats	4,754	1,445	3,503	3,427	5,063
Sorghum grain	52,775	48,549	45,192	54,585	71,309
Millet Proso	7,968	10,073	12,475	12,471	14,503
Oil crops	1,256,773	1,046,785	1,274,439	1,365,508	1,606,565
Soybeans	1,252,186	1,039,070	1,261,805	1,351,900	1,597,084
Vegetables	116,495	102,876	117,605	129,625	138,613
Beans, dry	62,220	53,074	59,570	58,054	68,974
Potatoes, Fall	43,775	37,802	49,335	63,031	60,589
Misc. vegetables	10,500	12,000	8,700	8,540	9,050
Fruits/nuts	1,420	1,440	1,485	1,645	1,790
Other berries	120	140	85	95	90
Misc. fruits & nuts	1,300	1,300	1,400	1,550	1,700
All other crops	102,220	102,195	109,424	116,742	115,225
Sugarbeets	36,420	41,895	39,824	59,942	46,325
Other seeds	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000
Other field crops	32,000	25,000	34,900	21,900	33,900
Greenhouse/nursery	32,800	34,300	33,700	33,900	34,000

¹USDA 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.

Source: USDA ERS <http://www.ers.usda.gov/Data/FarmIncome/finfidmuXls.htm>

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