



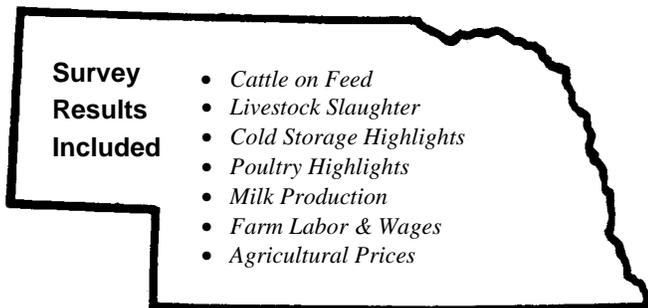
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Dear Nebraska Farmers, Ranchers and Agribusinesses:

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 Down 4 Percent

Nebraska feedlots with capacities of 1,000 or more head contained 2.31 million cattle on feed on November 1, down 4 percent from last year and 5 percent below November 1, 2006. Placements of cattle into feedlots during October totaled 590,000 head, down 5 percent from 2007 but 5 percent above 2006. Fed cattle marketings for the month of October totaled 375,000 head, up 7 percent from last year and 14 percent above October two years ago. This is the highest October marketings since the date series began in 1993. Other disappearance during October totaled 15,000 head compared with 10,000 during October 2007 and 2006.

U.S. Cattle on Feed Down 7 Percent

Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter market in the United States for feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head totaled 11.0 million head on November 1, 2008. The inventory was 7 percent below November 1, 2007 and 8 percent below November 1, 2006. Placements in feedlots during October totaled 2.44 million, 11 percent below 2007 but slightly above 2006. Marketings of fed cattle during October totaled 1.81 million, 3 percent below 2007 but 3 percent above 2006. Other disappearance totaled 67,000 head during October, 43 percent above 2007 but 17 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	November 1 Number on Feed ¹			October Placements			October Marketings			October Other Disappearance ²		
	2007	2008	$\frac{2008}{2007}$	2007	2008	$\frac{2008}{2007}$	2007	2008	$\frac{2008}{2007}$	2007	2008	$\frac{2008}{2007}$
	<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	360	362	101	39	31	79	27	28	104	2	1	50
California	545	500	92	67	54	81	60	57	95	2	2	100
Colorado	1,030	960	93	260	245	94	165	150	91	5	5	100
Idaho	235	210	89	69	55	80	43	39	91	1	1	100
Iowa	550	485	88	120	104	87	79	93	118	1	1	100
Kansas	2,420	2,230	92	530	450	85	410	360	88	10	20	200
Nebraska	2,400	2,310	96	620	590	95	350	375	107	10	15	150
New Mexico	143	172	120	31	17	55	19	17	89	2	1	50
Oklahoma	335	320	96	74	75	101	63	68	108	1	2	200
South Dakota	205	200	98	71	70	99	45	43	96	1	2	200
Texas	3,000	2,710	90	700	630	90	530	495	93	10	15	150
Washington	166	163	98	42	38	90	29	31	107	1	1	100
Other States	380	350	92	102	79	77	56	58	104	1	1	100
United States	11,769	10,972	93	2,725	2,438	89	1,876	1,814	97	47	67	143

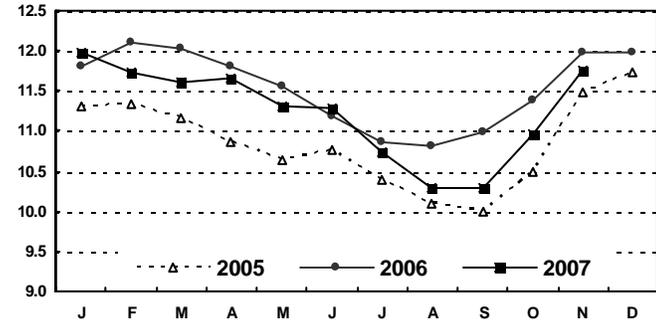
¹ Cattle and calves on feed are animals for slaughter market being fed a ration of grain or other concentrates and are expected to produce a carcass that will grade select or better.

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

Source: USDA NASS Cattle on Feed, November 21, 2008

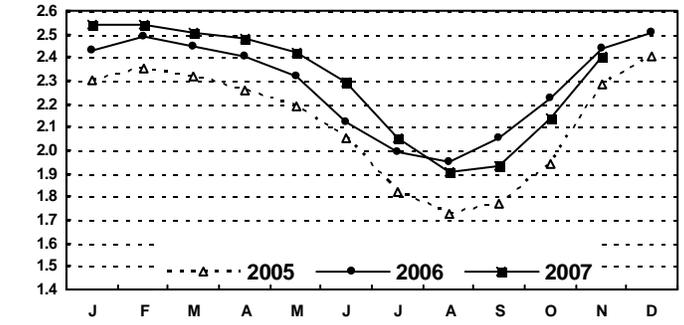
**United States Cattle on Feed
1,000+ Capacity Feedlots**

Million Head



**Nebraska Cattle on Feed
1,000+ Capacity Feedlots**

Million Head



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 October									
	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	65	50	65	70	55	45	75	80	260	245
Kansas	175	100	135	120	125	125	95	105	530	450
Nebraska	175	160	175	160	110	100	160	170	620	590
Texas	210	195	230	160	180	190	80	85	700	630
Other States	240	195	140	105	85	83	150	140	615	523
United States	865	700	745	615	555	543	560	580	2,725	2,438

Source: USDA NASS Cattle on Feed November 21, 2008

Commercial Livestock Slaughter

October 2008 number slaughtered and changes from last year and last month are shown below. October 2007 contained 23 weekdays (including one holiday) and four Saturdays. October 2008 contained 23 weekdays (including one holiday) and four Saturdays.

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

Item	Total ¹	Oct. 2008 Percent of	
		Oct. 2007	Sep. 2008
<i>Nebraska</i>			
	<i>1,000 Head</i>		
Cattle, head	614.9	97	102
Hogs, head	726.9	100	108
Red Meat, mil. lbs.	666.3	98	104
<i>United States</i>			
Cattle, head	2,990.8	96	104
Calves, head	95.7	147	109
Hogs, head	10,750.7	101	108
Sheep & Lambs, head	225.0	91	102
Red Meat, mil. lbs.	4,531.4	98	106

¹ Excludes animals slaughtered on farms.

Source: USDA NASS Livestock Slaughter, November 21, 2008

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

Commodity	Stocks	Oct. 2008 Percent of	
		Oct. 2007	Sep. 2008
<i>1,000 Lbs.</i>			
Total red meats	1,004,857	100	102
Beef	463,037	95	103
Pork	513,361	104	101
Poultry	1,357,557	122	98
Turkey	571,219	137	92
Chicken	784,556	113	103

Source: USDA NASS Cold Storage, November 21, 2008

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

Item	Millions		Percent
	2007	2008	
<i>Number of Layers</i>			
Nebraska	10.3	9.6	93
United States	342.6	334.6	98
<i>Table Eggs Produced</i>			
Nebraska	245	234	96
United States	6,594	6,538	99
<i>Chickens Hatched, October</i>			
United States			
Egg-type	36.3	40.0	110
Broiler	794.8	742.1	93

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

Milk Cows and Production: By Month, 23 Selected States, 2007-2008¹

Month	Milk Cows ²		Milk per Cow ³		Milk Production ³		
	2007	2008	2007	2008	2007	2008	2008 as % of 2007
	<i>Thousands</i>		<i>Pounds</i>		<i>Million pounds</i>		<i>Percent</i>
January	8,284	8,413	1,726	1,746	14,302	14,688	103
February	8,286	8,427	1,584	1,654	13,125	13,942	106
March	8,295	8,436	1,783	1,794	14,787	15,134	102
April	8,292	8,448	1,745	1,757	14,470	14,839	103
May	8,298	8,459	1,791	1,818	14,860	15,375	103
June	8,302	8,460	1,712	1,735	14,216	14,678	103
July	8,322	8,470	1,742	1,743	14,500	14,762	102
August	8,330	8,467	1,719	1,720	14,323	14,563	102
September	8,341	8,459	1,645	1,651	13,718	13,963	102
October	8,355	8,460	1,697	1,700	14,176	14,382	101
November	8,369		1,654		13,843		
December	8,389		1,718		14,414		
Annual	8,322		20,516		170,734		

¹ 2008 previous month revised. ² Includes dry cows, excludes heifers not yet fresh. ³ Excludes milk sucked by calves.

Source: USDA NASS Milk Production, November 17, 2008

Farm Labor: Number and Wage Rates for Type of Workers and All Hired Workers, Selected Regions and United States, October 7-13, 2007 & October 12-18, 2008¹

Region ²	Hired Workers		Wage Rates							
			All Hired Workers		Type of work					
	2007	2008			Field		Livestock		Field & Livestock	
	2007	2008	2007	2008	2007	2008	2007	2008	2007	2008
	<i>Thousands</i>		<i>Dollars Per Hour</i>							
Lake	67	66	11.30	11.49	10.75	11.43	10.64	10.20	10.70	11.00
Cornbelt I	50	38	10.60	10.60	10.24	10.31	9.75	10.05	10.10	10.25
Cornbelt II	23	32	11.25	11.50	10.69	10.62	10.90	11.37	10.80	10.90
Northern Plains	35	34	10.78	10.94	10.68	10.66	9.82	9.89	10.45	10.40
Southern Plains	69	60	10.05	10.10	8.59	9.44	10.46	9.58	9.45	9.50
Mountain I	22	23	9.00	10.10	8.31	9.71	9.10	9.50	8.56	9.61
Mountain II	13	18	10.66	10.53	9.80	9.35	10.69	10.13	10.05	9.70
United States	817	801	10.38	10.70	9.62	10.05	10.02	10.19	9.73	10.08

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 21, 2008

Hired Workers: Annual Average Wage Rates, Selected States and United States, 2007-2008^{1 2}

State	All Hired		Field		Field & Livestock	
	2007	2008	2007	2008	2007	2008
	<i>Dollars per hour</i>					
Lake	10.87	11.25	10.12	10.80	10.01	10.63
Cornbelt I	10.55	11.10	10.08	10.36	9.90	10.45
Cornbelt II	11.10	11.24	9.89	10.57	10.44	10.77
Northern Plains	10.36	10.87	10.13	10.47	9.90	10.39
Southern Plains	9.53	9.86	8.38	8.77	9.02	9.27
Mountain I	9.24	9.99	8.50	9.94	8.74	9.64
Mountain II	10.03	10.43	9.23	9.69	9.42	9.88
United States ³	10.23	10.59	9.40	9.78	9.49	9.89

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 21, 2008

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

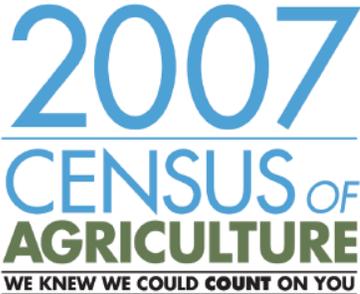
Commodity	Unit	Nebraska			United States				
		November 2007 ¹	October 2008 ¹	November 15, 2008	November 2007 ¹	October 2008 ¹	November 15, 2008	% of Parity	Parity Price ²
Wheat	Bushels	\$ 7.69	\$ 5.92	\$ 5.40	\$ 7.39	\$ 6.67	\$ 6.13	47	\$13.00
Corn	Bushels	3.38	4.34	3.80	3.44	4.37	3.94	48	8.19
Oats	Bushels	2.73	3.71	3.40	2.63	3.25	2.37	45	5.32
Grain Sorghum	Cwt.	6.29	7.43	6.50	6.26	7.08	5.63	39	14.60
Soybeans	Bushels	9.02	10.20	9.50	9.42	9.94	9.20	46	20.20
Hay, All, Baled	Ton	88.00	91.00	88.00	129.00	157.00	147.00		
Alfalfa, Baled	Ton	91.00	93.00	91.00	136.00	172.00	163.00		
Other, Baled	Ton	75.00	79.00	75.00	118.00	122.00	116.00		
Dry Edible Beans	Cwt.	29.70	39.10	³	28.10	40.00	33.10	50	65.90
Hogs	Cwt.	39.20	50.90	43.20	37.90	48.60	41.40	30	136.00
Barrows & Gilts	Cwt.	39.50	50.90	43.30	38.50	48.70	41.70		
Sows	Cwt.	26.60	48.70	37.40	25.90	45.50	35.50		
Beef Cattle	Cwt.	95.20	92.70	93.20	89.90	87.90	87.20	35	248.00
Steers & Heifers	Cwt.	96.70	94.00	94.60	96.00	93.00	93.00		
Cows	Cwt.	45.50	51.10	47.30	43.90	48.30	44.70		
Calves	Cwt.	124.00	111.00	110.00	122.00	107.00	106.00	29	360.00
Sheep	Cwt.	29.70	26.50		27.10	21.80			113.00
Lambs	Cwt.	86.90	105.00		97.10	97.50			282.00

¹ Entire month average except hay.

² Parity price based on data for November 2008.

³ Insufficient sales to establish a price.

Source: USDA NASS Agricultural Prices, November 28, 2008



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