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## Cattle on Feed

Nebraska feedlots, with capacities of 1,000 or more head, contained 2.38 million cattle on feed on December 1, 2008 down 6 percent from last year and 5 percent below December 1, 2006.

United States cattle and calves on feed for slaughter market for feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head totaled 11.3 million head on December 1, 2008. The inventory was 6 percent above December 1, 2007 and 5 percent below December 1, 2006.

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*Joseph L. Parsons  
Director*

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

| State         | December 1<br>Number on Feed <sup>1</sup> |         |                     | November<br>Placements |         |                     | November<br>Marketings |         |                     | November<br>Other Disappearance <sup>2</sup> |         |                     |
|---------------|---|---------|---------------------|------------------------|---------|---------------------|------------------------|---------|---------------------|--|---------|---------------------|
|               | 2007                                      | 2008    | $\frac{2008}{2007}$ | 2007                   | 2008    | $\frac{2008}{2007}$ | 2007                   | 2008    | $\frac{2008}{2007}$ | 2007   | 2008    | $\frac{2008}{2007}$ |
|               | 1,000 Head                                | Percent |                     | 1,000 Head             | Percent |                     | 1,000 Head             | Percent |                     | 1,000 Head                                   | Percent |                     |
| Arizona       | 367                                       | 359     | 98                  | 37                     | 26      | 70                  | 27                     | 28      | 104                 | 3  | 1       | 33                  |
| California    | 555                                       | 495     | 89                  | 73                     | 48      | 66                  | 61                     | 50      | 82                  | 2  | 3       | 150                 |
| Colorado      | 1,070                                     | 1,010   | 94                  | 190                    | 185     | 97                  | 145                    | 130     | 90                  | 5  | 5       | 100                 |
| Idaho         | 240                                       | 225     | 94                  | 48                     | 65      | 135                 | 42                     | 49      | 117                 | 1  | 1       | 100                 |
| Iowa          | 570                                       | 500     | 88                  | 96                     | 92      | 96                  | 75                     | 75      | 100                 | 1  | 2       | 200                 |
| Kansas        | 2,500                                     | 2,310   | 92                  | 450                    | 405     | 90                  | 355                    | 310     | 87                  | 15   | 15      | 100                 |
| Nebraska      | 2,520                                     | 2,380   | 94                  | 485                    | 440     | 91                  | 355                    | 355     | 100                 | 10   | 15      | 150                 |
| New Mexico    | 149                                       | 167     | 112                 | 31                     | 20      | 65                  | 23                     | 23      | 100                 | 2  | 2       | 100                 |
| Oklahoma      | 345                                       | 335     | 97                  | 62                     | 69      | 111                 | 50                     | 52      | 104                 | 2  | 2       | 100                 |
| South Dakota  | 215                                       | 220     | 102                 | 50                     | 57      | 114                 | 38                     | 35      | 92                  | 2  | 2       | 100                 |
| Texas         | 3,010                                     | 2,810   | 93                  | 510                    | 510     | 100                 | 490                    | 395     | 81                  | 10   | 15      | 150                 |
| Washington    | 168                                       | 169     | 101                 | 31                     | 36      | 116                 | 27                     | 29      | 107                 | 2  | 1       | 50                  |
| Other States  | 390                                       | 365     | 94                  | 62                     | 62      | 100                 | 50                     | 44      | 88                  | 2  | 3       | 150                 |
| United States | 12,099                                    | 11,345  | 94                  | 2,125                  | 2,015   | 95                  | 1,738                  | 1,575   | 91                  | 57   | 67      | 118                 |

<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, December 19, 2008

### U.S. Grains Supply and Disappearance Outlook

| Crop Year              | Supply           |            |         |        | Market Year Disappearance <sup>1</sup> |       |         |        | Market Year Ending Stocks | Average Market Price |
|------------------------|------------------|------------|---------|--------|--|-------|---------|--------|---------------------------|----------------------|
|                        | Beginning stocks | Production | Imports | Total  | Domestic                               |       | Exports | Total  |                           |                      |
|                        |                  |            |         |        | Primary Use <sup>2</sup>               | Other |         |        |                           |                      |
| <i>Million Bushels</i> |                  |            |         |        |  |       |         |        |                           |                      |
| <i>\$/bu.</i>          |                  |            |         |        |  |       |         |        |                           |                      |
| <b>Corn</b>            |                  |            |         |        |  |       |         |        |                           |                      |
| 2006/07                | 1,967            | 10,535     | 12      | 12,514 | 5,595                                  | 3,490 | 2,125   | 9,085  | 1,304                     | 3.04                 |
| 2007/08                | 1,304            | 13,074     | 20      | 14,398 | 5,974                                  | 4,364 | 2,436   | 10,338 | 1,624                     | 4.20                 |
| 2008/09 <sup>3</sup>   | 1,624            | 12,020     | 15      | 13,659 | 5,350                                  | 5,035 | 1,800   | 10,385 | 1,474                     | 3.65-4.35            |
| <b>Soybeans</b>        |                  |            |         |        |  |       |         |        |                           |                      |
| 2006/07                | 449              | 3,188      | 9       | 3,647  | 1,808                                  | 149   | 1,116   | 3,073  | 574                       | 6.43                 |
| 2007/08                | 574              | 2,676      | 10      | 3,260  | 1,801                                  | 92    | 1,161   | 3,054  | 205                       | 10.10                |
| 2008/09 <sup>3</sup>   | 205              | 2,921      | 7       | 3,133  | 1,715                                  | 162   | 1,050   | 2,927  | 205                       | 8.25-9.75            |
| <b>Wheat</b>           |                  |            |         |        |  |       |         |        |                           |                      |
| 2006/07                | 571              | 1,812      | 122     | 2,505  | 938                                    | 203   | 908     | 2,049  | 456                       | 4.26                 |
| 2007/08                | 456              | 2,067      | 113     | 2,635  | 947                                    | 119   | 1,264   | 2,330  | 306                       | 6.48                 |
| 2008/09 <sup>3</sup>   | 306              | 2,500      | 110     | 2,915  | 950                                    | 342   | 1,000   | 2,292  | 623                       | 6.40-7.00            |
| <b>Sorghum</b>         |                  |            |         |        |  |       |         |        |                           |                      |
| 2006/07                | 66               | 278        | 0       | 343    | 114                                    | 45    | 153     | 311    | 32                        | 3.29                 |
| 2007/08                | 32               | 505        | 0       | 537    | 172                                    | 35    | 278     | 484    | 53                        | 4.08                 |
| 2008/09 <sup>3</sup>   | 53               | 465        | 0       | 518    | 250                                    | 70    | 130     | 450    | 68                        | 3.00-3.60            |

<sup>1</sup> Marketing year begins: Corn, Sorghum & Soybeans, September 1; Wheat, June 1. <sup>2</sup> Primary uses: Corn & Sorghum = Feed; Soybeans = Crushing; Wheat = Food. <sup>3</sup> Projection.

Source: USDA's World Agricultural Supply and Demand Estimates, December 11, 2008

### Nebraska: Leading Commodities for Cash Receipts, 2007

| Rank | Items                            | Value of Receipts    | Percent of total receipts | Cumulative percent <sup>1</sup> | Percent of U.S. value <sup>2</sup> | Value of U.S. receipts |
|------|----------------------------------|----------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------------|------------------------------------|------------------------|
|      |                                  | <i>1,000 Dollars</i> | <i>Percent</i>            | <i>Percent</i>                  | <i>Percent</i>                     | <i>1,000 Dollars</i>   |
|      | All commodities                  | 14,555,820           | 100.0                     |                                 | 5.1                                | 284,843,650            |
|      | Livestock and products           | 8,358,073            | 57.4                      |                                 | 6.1                                | 137,889,448            |
|      | Crops                            | 6,197,747            | 42.6                      |                                 | 4.2                                | 146,954,202            |
| 1    | Cattle and calves                | 7,137,669            | 49.0                      | 49.0                            | 14.4                               | 49,721,888             |
| 2    | Corn                             | 3,682,231            | 25.3                      | 74.3                            | 10.9                               | 33,922,784             |
| 3    | Soybeans                         | 1,597,084            | 11.0                      | 85.3                            | 7.6                                | 21,113,437             |
| 4    | Hogs                             | 755,129              | 5.2                       | 90.5                            | 5.1                                | 14,785,505             |
| 5    | Wheat                            | 435,278              | 3.0                       | 93.5                            | 4.1                                | 10,686,156             |
| 6    | Dairy products                   | 200,220              | 1.4                       | 94.9                            | 0.6                                | 35,425,015             |
| 7    | Chicken eggs                     | 185,092              | 1.3                       | 96.1                            | 2.8                                | 6,678,147              |
| 8    | Hay                              | 126,458              | 0.9                       | 97.0                            | 2.0                                | 6,280,990              |
| 9    | Sorghum grain                    | 71,309               | 0.5                       | 97.5                            | 5.0                                | 1,423,419              |
| 10   | Dry beans                        | 68,974               | 0.5                       | 98.0                            | 11.0                               | 626,932                |
| 11   | Potatoes                         | 60,589               | 0.4                       | 98.4                            | 2.0                                | 2,960,336              |
| 12   | Sugar beets                      | 46,325               | 0.3                       | 98.7                            | 3.2                                | 1,428,368              |
| 13   | Greenhouse/nursery               | 34,000               | 0.2                       | 98.9                            | 0.2                                | 17,178,517             |
| 14   | Millet, proso                    | 14,503               | 0.1                       | 99.0                            | 25.4                               | 57,185                 |
| 15   | Broilers                         | 12,330               | 0.1                       | 99.1                            | 0.1                                | 21,460,211             |
| 16   | Sheep and lambs                  | 10,259               | 0.1                       | 99.2                            | 2.1                                | 484,598                |
| 17   | Sunflower                        | 9,481                | 0.1                       | 99.3                            | 2.2                                | 423,772                |
| 18   | Oats                             | 5,063                | 0.0                       | 99.3                            | 4.3                                | 117,536                |
| 19   | Honey                            | 2,161                | 0.0                       | 99.3                            | 1.4                                | 158,048                |
| 20   | Wool                             | 216                  | 0.0                       | 99.3                            | 0.7                                | 30,060                 |
| 21   | Farm chickens                    | 20                   | 0.0                       | 99.3                            | 0.0                                | 50,783                 |
|      | Government payments <sup>3</sup> | 463,712              |                           |                                 | 3.9                                | 11,903,128             |
|      | Net farm income <sup>4</sup>     | 3,361,633            |                           |                                 | 3.9                                | 86,035,331             |

<sup>1</sup> The cumulative percentage is the sum of the percent of total receipts for each commodity and all preceding commodities. <sup>2</sup> Percent State receipts are of U.S. receipts for same line item. <sup>3</sup> Government payments made directly to farmers in cash or Payment-in-Kind. <sup>4</sup> Net farm income, a value of production measure, is the farm operator's share of the sector's net value added to the National economy from production activities within a calendar year.

Source: Leading Commodities for Cash Receipts, 2007, USDA Economic Research Service, August 28, 2008

### Dry Edible Beans: Area Planted, Yield, and Production by State and United States, 2006-2008<sup>1</sup>

| State         | Area Planted       |         |         | Area Harvested     |         |         | Yield         |       |       | Production <sup>2</sup> |        |        |
|---------------|--------------------|---------|---------|--------------------|---------|---------|---------------|-------|-------|-------------------------|--------|--------|
|               | 2006               | 2007    | 2008    | 2006               | 2007    | 2008    | 2006          | 2007  | 2008  | 2006                    | 2007   | 2008   |
|               | <i>1,000 Acres</i> |         |         | <i>1,000 Acres</i> |         |         | <i>Pounds</i> |       |       | <i>1,000 Cwt.</i>       |        |        |
| California    | 67.0               | 59.0    | 52.0    | 65.0               | 58.0    | 51.9    | 1,860         | 2,090 | 2,030 | 1,209                   | 1,212  | 1,054  |
| Colorado      | 70.0               | 48.0    | 48.0    | 60.0               | 46.0    | 44.0    | 1,900         | 1,600 | 1,800 | 1,140                   | 736    | 792    |
| Idaho         | 105.0              | 90.0    | 80.0    | 103.0              | 89.0    | 79.0    | 1,850         | 1,800 | 1,850 | 1,906                   | 1,602  | 1,462  |
| Kansas        | 11.0               | 6.5     | 6.0     | 10.0               | 6.0     | 5.5     | 2,100         | 2,300 | 2,100 | 210                     | 138    | 116    |
| Michigan      | 225.0              | 200.0   | 200.0   | 215.0              | 195.0   | 195.0   | 1,900         | 1,600 | 1,850 | 4,085                   | 3,120  | 3,607  |
| Minnesota     | 145.0              | 150.0   | 150.0   | 135.0              | 145.0   | 145.0   | 1,650         | 1,800 | 1,900 | 2,228                   | 2,610  | 2,757  |
| Montana       | 19.5               | 18.3    | 15.0    | 18.6               | 16.6    | 14.0    | 1,640         | 1,670 | 1,500 | 305                     | 278    | 210    |
| Nebraska      | 140.0              | 110.0   | 135.0   | 124.0              | 107.0   | 124.0   | 2,200         | 2,260 | 2,350 | 2,728                   | 2,418  | 2,914  |
| New Mexico    | 8.2                | 7.5     | 9.3     | 8.2                | 7.5     | 9.3     | 2,400         | 2,400 | 2,330 | 197                     | 180    | 217    |
| New York      | 19.0               | 17.0    | 17.0    | 18.0               | 16.5    | 16.8    | 1,330         | 1,360 | 1,880 | 239                     | 224    | 316    |
| North Dakota  | 670.0              | 690.0   | 660.0   | 640.0              | 665.0   | 640.0   | 1,200         | 1,590 | 1,570 | 7,680                   | 10,574 | 10,048 |
| Oregon        | 10.0               | 8.0     | 4.8     | 9.8                | 7.9     | 4.7     | 1,940         | 1,850 | 2,000 | 190                     | 146    | 94     |
| South Dakota  | 21.5               | 13.0    | 8.5     | 19.0               | 11.7    | 8.3     | 1,180         | 1,860 | 1,840 | 224                     | 218    | 153    |
| Texas         | 20.0               | 17.0    | 24.0    | 18.0               | 16.2    | 21.4    | 1,320         | 1,500 | 1,100 | 238                     | 243    | 235    |
| Utah          | 3.0                | 1.5     | 1.2     | 0.5                | 1.3     | 1.2     | 400           | 400   | 550   | 2                       | 5      | 7      |
| Washington    | 61.0               | 60.0    | 50.0    | 60.5               | 60.0    | 50.0    | 1,600         | 1,700 | 1,700 | 968                     | 1,020  | 850    |
| Wisconsin     | 5.6                | 6.1     | 6.5     | 5.5                | 6.0     | 6.4     | 1,960         | 1,530 | 2,130 | 108                     | 92     | 136    |
| Wyoming       | 29.0               | 25.0    | 32.5    | 27.5               | 24.0    | 31.5    | 2,150         | 2,310 | 2,330 | 590                     | 555    | 733    |
| United States | 1,629.8            | 1,526.9 | 1,499.8 | 1,537.6            | 1,478.7 | 1,448.0 | 1,577         | 1,716 | 1,775 | 24,247                  | 25,371 | 25,701 |

<sup>1</sup> Excludes beans grown for garden seed. <sup>2</sup> Clean Basis.

Source: USDA NASS Crop Production, December 11, 2008

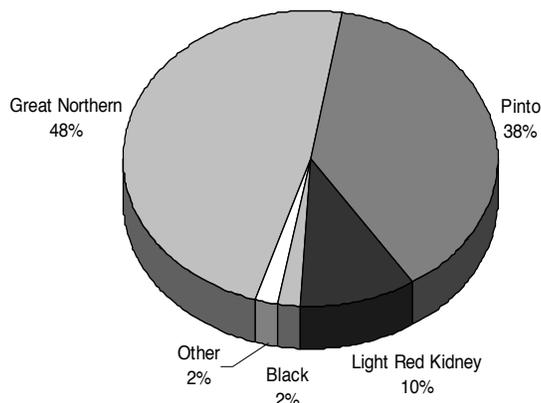
### Dry Edible Beans: Area Planted, Harvested, Yield and Production, by Commercial Class, Nebraska, 2006-2008<sup>1</sup>

| Class            | Area Planted       |       |       | Area Harvested     |       |       | Yield <sup>2</sup> |       |       | Production <sup>2</sup> |       |       |
|------------------|--------------------|-------|-------|--------------------|-------|-------|--------------------|-------|-------|-------------------------|-------|-------|
|                  | 2006               | 2007  | 2008  | 2006               | 2007  | 2008  | 2006               | 2007  | 2008  | 2006                    | 2007  | 2008  |
|                  | <i>1,000 Acres</i> |       |       | <i>1,000 Acres</i> |       |       | <i>Pounds</i>      |       |       | <i>1,000 Cwt.</i>       |       |       |
| Navy             | 3.1                |       |       | 2.7                |       |       | 2,000              |       |       | 54                      |       |       |
| Great Northern   | 58.0               | 48.0  | 64.4  | 49.0               | 45.9  | 59.8  | 2,100              | 2,160 | 2,340 | 1,030                   | 991   | 1,399 |
| Pinto            | 64.3               | 48.0  | 51.3  | 59.5               | 47.4  | 45.5  | 2,290              | 2,390 | 2,370 | 1,363                   | 1,132 | 1,078 |
| Light Red Kidney | 8.6                | 11.5  | 13.1  | 7.3                | 11.2  | 12.7  | 2,400              | 2,170 | 2,330 | 175                     | 243   | 296   |
| Black            | 2.9                |       | 3.1   | 2.7                |       | 3.0   | 2,110              |       | 2,300 | 57                      |       | 69    |
| Garbanzo         | 1.1                |       |       | 1.0                |       |       | 900                |       |       | 9                       |       |       |
| Other            | 2.0                | 2.5   | 3.1   | 1.8                | 2.5   | 3.0   | 2,220              | 2,080 | 2,410 | 40                      | 52    | 72    |
| Total            | 140.0              | 110.0 | 135.0 | 124.0              | 107.0 | 124.0 | 2,200              | 2,260 | 2,350 | 2,728                   | 2,418 | 2,914 |

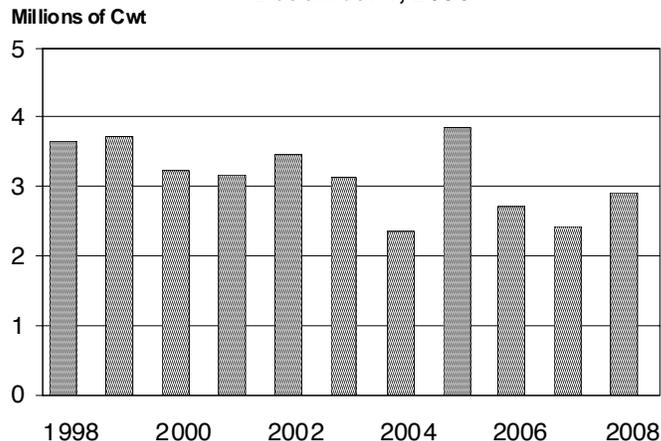
<sup>1</sup> Missing data are included in "Other" class to avoid disclosure of individual operations or no data were reported. <sup>2</sup> Clean Basis

Source: USDA NASS Crop Production, December 11, 2008

### NEBRASKA -- DRY EDIBLE BEANS, 2008 PRODUCTION BY COMMERCIAL CLASSES



### Nebraska Dry Bean Production December 1, 2008



Source: USDA NASS Nebraska Field Office, December 11, 2008

**Fall Potatoes: Production and Stocks,  
13 Major States, December 1, 2008<sup>1</sup>**

| State           | Crop of 2008               |   |
|-----------------|----------------------------|---|
|                 | Production<br><i>1,000</i> | Stocks<br>Dec 1, 2008<br><i>1,000 Cwt</i> |
| California      | 3,939                      | 1,900                                     |
| Colorado        | 21,338                     | 16,400                                    |
| Idaho           | 114,805                    | 83,000                                    |
| Maine           | 14,496                     | 10,800                                    |
| Michigan        | 13,600                     | 8,000                                     |
| Minnesota       | 20,160                     | 13,000                                    |
| Montana         | 3,564                      | 3,500                                     |
| Nebraska        | 8,299                      | 5,300                                     |
| New York        | 5,696                      | 2,600                                     |
| North Dakota    | 22,680                     | 14,800                                    |
| Oregon          | 18,387                     | 15,900                                    |
| Washington      | 93,000                     | 49,500                                    |
| Wisconsin       | 25,730                     | 17,500                                    |
| Total 13 States | 365,694                    | 242,200                                   |

<sup>1</sup> Stocks include processor holdings and most of the seed to plant following year's crop. Seed usage for all seasons in 2008 totaled 24.5 million cwt.

Source: USDA NASS Potato Stocks, December 15, 2008

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**Milk Cows and Production: By Month, 23 Selected States, 2007-2008<sup>1</sup>**

| Month     | Milk Cows <sup>2</sup> |       | Milk per Cow <sup>3</sup> |       | Milk Production <sup>3</sup> |        |                      |
|-----------|------------------------|-------|---------------------------|-------|------------------------------|--------|----------------------|
|           | 2007                   | 2008  | 2007                      | 2008  | 2007                         | 2008   | 2008 as %<br>of 2007 |
|           | <i>1,000 Head</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                  | 8,462 | 1,697                     | 1,701 | 14,176                       | 14,398 | 102                  |
| November  | 8,369                  | 8,468 | 1,654                     | 1,657 | 13,843                       | 14,032 | 101                  |
| December  | 8,389                  |       | 1,718                     |       | 14,414                       |        |                      |
| Annual    | 8,322                  |       | 20,516                    |       | 170,734                      |        |                      |

<sup>1</sup> 2008 previous month 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, December 18, 2008

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