



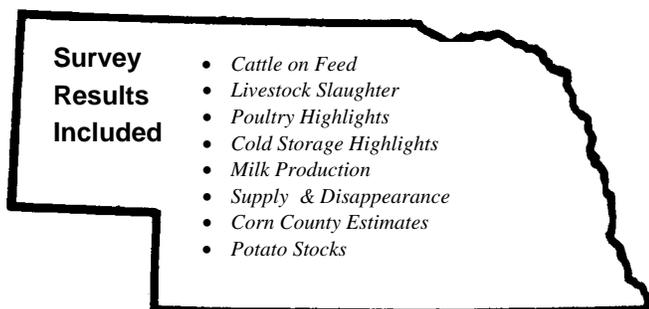
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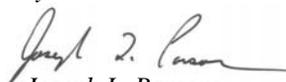
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Dear Nebraska Farmers, Ranchers and Agribusinesses:

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.


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Nebraska Cattle on Feed Down 5 Percent

Nebraska feedlots with capacities of 1,000 or more head contained 2.32 million cattle on feed on April 1, down 5 percent from last year. Placements of cattle into feedlots during March totaled 360,000 head, the same as 2008. Fed cattle marketings for the month of March totaled 365,000 head, down 6 percent from last year. Other disappearance during March totaled 5,000 compared with 10,000 during March 2008.

U.S. Cattle on 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 11.2 million head on April 1, 2009. The inventory was 5 percent below April 1, 2008. Placements in feedlots during March totaled 1.80 million, 4 percent above 2008. Marketings of fed cattle during March totaled 1.83 million, 1 percent below 2008. Other disappearance totaled 50,000 during March, 21 percent below 2008. This is the lowest other disappearance for the month of March since the series began in 1996.

Cattle on Feed: Number on Feed, Placements, Marketings and Other Disappearance, 1,000+ Capacity Feedlots, by Month, State, and United States, 2008-2009

State	April 1 Number on Feed ¹			March Placements			March Marketings			March Other Disappearance ²		
	2008	2009	<u>2009</u> <u>2008</u>	2008	2009	<u>2009</u> <u>2008</u>	2008	2009	<u>2009</u> <u>2008</u>	2008	2009	<u>2009</u> <u>2008</u>
	<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	374	330	88	30	24	80	31	35	113	2	1	50
California	530	445	84	55	48	87	65	60	92	5	3	60
Colorado	1,020	1,040	102	135	165	122	160	155	97	5	10	200
Idaho	230	210	91	37	26	70	39	30	77	3	1	33
Iowa	550	520	95	59	71	120	68	70	103	1	1	100
Kansas	2,420	2,280	94	440	395	90	415	395	95	15	10	67
Nebraska	2,450	2,320	95	360	360	100	390	365	94	10	5	50
New Mexico	158	137	87	10	10	100	11	19	173	1	2	200
Oklahoma	340	330	97	50	68	136	58	66	114	2	2	100
South Dakota	225	225	100	32	46	144	37	44	119	5	2	40
Texas	2,880	2,810	98	450	510	113	480	510	106	10	10	100
Washington	152	160	105	30	35	117	28	27	96	1	1	100
Other States	355	345	97	48	44	92	60	52	87	3	2	67
United States	11,684	11,152	95	1,736	1,802	104	1,842	1,828	99	63	50	79

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 loss, movement from feedlots to pastures, and shipments to other feedlots for further feeding.

Source: USDA NASS Cattle on Feed, April 17, 2009

Commercial Livestock Slaughter

March 2009 number slaughtered and changes from last year and last month are shown below. March 2008 contained 21 weekdays (including no holidays) and five Saturdays. March 2009 contained 22 weekdays (including no holidays) and four Saturdays.

Livestock Slaughter: By Commodity, Nebraska and United States, March 2009 with Comparisons

Item	Total ¹	March 2009 Percent of	
		Mar 2008	Feb 2009
Nebraska	<i>1,000 Head</i>		
Cattle, head	549.3	100	110
Hogs, head	668.0	100	109
Red Meat, mil. lbs.	596.4	102	110
United States			
Cattle, head	2,730.1	100	108
Calves, head	79.8	112	108
Hogs, head	9,652.8	100	108
Sheep & Lambs, head	222.0	96	123
Red Meat, mil. lbs.	4,141.9	101	108

¹ Excludes animals slaughtered on farms.

Source: USDA NASS Livestock Slaughter, April 24, 2009

Poultry: Layers and Eggs, Nebraska and United States, March 2009 with Comparisons

Item	2008	2009	2009/2008
	<i>Millions</i>		<i>Percent</i>
Number of Layers			
Nebraska	9.7	9.7	100
United States	342.0	340.5	100
Table Eggs Produced			
Nebraska	233	230	99
United States	6,517	6,632	102
Chickens Hatched, March			
United States			
Egg-type	40.0	40.1	101
Broiler	832.9	783.3	94

Source: USDA NASS Chicken and Eggs, April 21, 2009

Stocks in Cold Storage: By Commodity, United States, March 2009 with Comparisons

Commodity	Stocks	March 2009 Percent of	
		Mar 2008	Feb 2009
	<i>1,000 Lbs.</i>		
Total red meats	1,040,848	94	96
Beef	422,457	99	97
Pork	593,197	90	95
Poultry	1,146,930	96	103
Turkey	507,931	119	110
Chicken	634,700	83	98

Source: USDA NASS Cold Storage, April 21, 2009

Milk Cows and Production: By Quarter, Nebraska, 23 Selected States and United States, 2008-2009

Item and Quarter	Nebraska		23 States		United States	
	2008	2009	2008	2009	2008	2009
Milk Cows ¹	<i>1,000 Head</i>		<i>1,000 Head</i>		<i>1,000 Head</i>	
January-March	57	60	8,456	8,491	9,286	9,297
Milk Production ²	<i>Million Pounds</i>		<i>Million Pounds</i>		<i>Million Pounds</i>	
January-March	265	284	43,948	43,698	47,610	47,304

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

Source: USDA NASS Milk Production, April 17, 2009

U.S. Grains Supply and Disappearance Outlook

Crop Year	Supply				Market Year Disappearance ¹				Market Year Ending Stocks	Average Market Price
	Begin-ning stocks	Pro-duction	Im-ports	Total	Domestic		Ex-ports	Total		
					Primary Use ²	Other				
	<i>Million Bushels</i>									<i>\$/Bu.</i>
Corn										
2006/07	1,967	10,531	12	12,510	5,591	3,490	2,125	11,207	1,304	3.04
2007/08	1,304	13,038	20	14,362	5,938	4,363	2,436	12,737	1,624	4.20
2008/09 ³	1,624	12,101	15	13,740	5,350	4,990	1,700	12,040	1,700	4.00-4.40
Soybeans										
2006/07	449	3,197	9	3,655	1,808	157	1,116	3,081	574	6.43
2007/08	574	2,677	10	3,261	1,801	93	1,161	3,056	205	10.10
2008/09 ³	205	2,959	12	3,176	1,635	167	1,210	3,011	165	9.25-10.05
Wheat										
2006/07	571	1,808	122	2,501	938	199	908	2,045	456	4.26
2007/08	456	2,051	113	2,620	947	103	1,264	2,314	306	6.48
2008/09 ³	306	2,500	125	2,930	925	329	980	2,234	696	6.80-6.90
Sorghum										
2006/07	66	277	0	343	113	45	153	311	32	3.29
2007/08	32	497	0	530	164	35	278	477	53	4.08
2008/09 ³	53	472	0	525	220	110	130	460	65	3.15-3.45

¹ Marketing year begins: Corn, Sorghum & Soybeans, September 1; Wheat, June 1. ² Primary uses: Corn & Sorghum = Feed; Soybeans = Crushing; Wheat = Food. ³ Projection. Source: USDA's World Agricultural Supply and Demand Estimates, April 9, 2009

**Corn: Harvested, Yield and Production
by County and District, Nebraska, 2008¹**

County and District	Harvested for Grain	Yield per Harvested Acre		Total Production	County and District	Harvested for Grain	Yield per Harvested Acre		Total Production
		Irrigated	Dryland				Irrigated	Dryland	
	<i>Acres</i>	<i>Bushels</i>	<i>Bushels</i>	<i>Bushels</i>		<i>Acres</i>	<i>Bushels</i>	<i>Bushels</i>	<i>Bushels</i>
Banner	9,900	136.0	55.0	1,030,500	Butler	136,300	181.0	139.0	21,839,500
Box Butte	47,600	147.0	42.0	6,671,700	Cass	112,000			16,089,800
Cheyenne	28,700	157.0	54.0	4,011,500	Colfax	97,900	184.0	138.0	15,354,800
Dawes					Dodge	131,800	176.0	139.0	20,536,500
Deuel	17,400			2,463,600	Douglas	19,700			2,612,700
Garden	24,500			3,785,700	Hamilton	198,700	196.0	145.0	38,116,200
Kimball					Lancaster	117,300	170.0	138.0	16,460,800
Morrill	61,500			9,764,800	Merrick	131,800	157.0	93.0	20,244,600
Scotts Bluff	84,800			12,710,100	Nance	78,200	185.0	137.0	12,940,600
Sheridan	30,300			4,670,200	Platte	186,800	191.0	148.0	32,901,000
Sioux	12,000			1,812,000	Polk	125,900	164.0	140.0	20,042,800
NORTHWEST	334,600	155.0	58.0	48,965,900	Sarpy	31,300	162.0	149.0	4,715,700
Arthur					Saunders	148,700	179.0	136.0	22,141,000
Blaine					Seward	135,600	176.0	143.0	21,968,100
Boyd	23,700	195.0	109.0	2,884,300	Washington	80,600	176.0	151.0	12,403,100
Brown	37,300			6,961,500	York	202,400	188.0	154.0	37,170,600
Cherry	17,700			3,356,100	EAST	1,935,000	181.0	141.0	315,537,800
Garfield	9,600	180.0	92.0	1,640,000	Chase	163,000	193.0	82.0	28,628,500
Grant					Dundy	94,000	190.0	62.0	14,340,000
Holt	166,600	188.0	90.0	30,595,600	Frontier	86,100	172.0	104.0	11,722,000
Hooker					Hayes	68,300	199.0	83.0	10,784,500
Keya Paha	10,500	170.0	68.0	1,591,200	Hitchcock	54,600	185.0	66.0	5,602,800
Logan	23,600	182.0	97.0	3,674,700	Keith	96,900	188.0	82.0	15,291,600
Loup	7,500			1,274,300	Lincoln	197,800	181.0	91.0	32,885,800
McPherson					Perkins	186,700	193.0	86.0	27,548,000
Rock	25,000			4,745,400	Red Willow	78,100	187.0	103.0	10,841,500
Thomas					SOUTHWEST	1,025,500	188.0	86.0	157,644,700
Wheeler	31,500	156.0	96.0	4,764,000	Adams	172,300	190.0	125.0	31,229,000
NORTH	364,300	184.0	100.0	63,378,900	Franklin	77,200	194.0	122.0	13,349,600
Antelope	180,000	193.0	101.0	31,630,400	Furnas	98,700	187.0	105.0	12,971,100
Boone	155,000	185.0	137.0	26,385,400	Gosper	82,800	186.0	109.0	13,283,300
Burt	121,700	190.0	147.0	19,377,700	Harlan	89,400	194.0	119.0	14,291,100
Cedar	162,000	195.0	135.0	25,752,000	Kearney	157,200	189.0	133.0	28,607,600
Cuming	150,000	202.0	149.0	24,061,900	Phelps	169,600	204.0	122.0	33,721,000
Dakota	57,400			9,856,700	Webster	70,300	188.0	134.0	11,153,600
Dixon	101,200			16,397,500	SOUTH	917,500	193.0	119.0	158,606,300
Knox	122,100	188.0	112.0	16,502,400	Clay	160,100	199.0	154.0	30,473,900
Madison	122,700	171.0	129.0	18,402,900	Fillmore	181,700	191.0	145.0	32,786,500
Pierce	126,500	197.0	135.0	21,690,300	Gage	138,000	172.0	131.0	19,414,600
Stanton	82,600	185.0	129.0	11,786,600	Jefferson	87,300	182.0	142.0	14,096,600
Thurston	87,600			14,239,900	Johnson	39,600	180.0	117.0	5,137,200
Wayne	117,200	200.0	158.0	19,613,800	Nemaha	67,300	192.0	138.0	9,579,000
NORTHEAST	1,586,000	190.0	141.0	255,697,500	Nuckolls	88,200	194.0	145.0	14,494,200
Buffalo	197,200	182.0	111.0	34,101,200	Otoe	113,000	163.0	130.0	14,818,700
Custer	236,600	182.0	104.0	38,662,000	Pawnee	38,400	164.0	129.0	5,058,600
Dawson	200,100	180.0	118.0	35,367,000	Richardson	91,600	156.0	140.0	12,870,400
Greeley	68,400	184.0	116.0	11,742,400	Saline	120,600	190.0	134.0	19,397,200
Hall	186,500	175.0	116.0	31,911,800	Thayer	128,200	196.0	142.0	22,945,600
Howard	99,400	175.0	108.0	16,282,800	SOUTHEAST	1,254,000	191.0	136.0	201,072,500
Sherman	75,400	187.0	108.0	12,796,300					
Valley	69,500	179.0	111.0	11,882,900	NEBRASKA	8,550,000	184.0	130.0	1,393,650,000
CENTRAL	1,133,100	180.0	109.0	192,746,400					

¹Missing data included in district and state totals.

Note: County estimates for other Nebraska crops are available at http://www.nass.usda.gov/Statistics_by_State/Nebraska/index.asp

Source: USDA NASS Nebraska Field Office

Potato Stocks

Fall Potatoes: 2008 Production and April 1, 2009 Stocks¹

State	Crop of 2008	
	Production	Total Stocks April 1, 2009
	<i>1,000 Cwt</i>	<i>1,000 Cwt</i>
California	3,939	800
Colorado	21,338	8,700
Idaho	114,805	42,500
Maine	14,769	5,600
Michigan	14,875	1,900
Minnesota	20,400	6,500
Montana	3,465	2,100
Nebraska	8,342	2,300
New York	5,696	450
North Dakota	22,680	6,100
Oregon	18,676	7,400
Washington	93,000	23,700
Wisconsin	25,730	6,500
Total 13 States	367,715	114,550



¹ Stocks include processor holdings and most of the seed to plant following year's crop.

Source: USDA NASS Potato Stocks, April 15, 2009

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