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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 Up 4 Percent

Nebraska feedlots with capacities of 1,000 or more head contained 2.4 million cattle on feed on November 1, up 4 percent from last year. Placements of cattle into feedlots during October totaled 620,000 head, up 5 percent from 2008. Fed cattle marketings for the month of October totaled 380,000 head, up 1 percent from last year. These were the most marketings during October since the date series began in 1994. Other disappearance during October totaled 10,000 head compared with 15,000 during October 2008.

## U.S. Cattle on Feed Up 1 Percent

Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter market in the United States for feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head totaled 11.1 million head on November 1, 2009. The inventory was 1 percent above November 1, 2008. Placements in feedlots during October totaled 2.47 million, 1 percent above 2008. Marketings of fed cattle during October totaled 1.76 million, 3 percent below 2008. Other disappearance totaled 59,000 head during October, 12 percent below 2008.

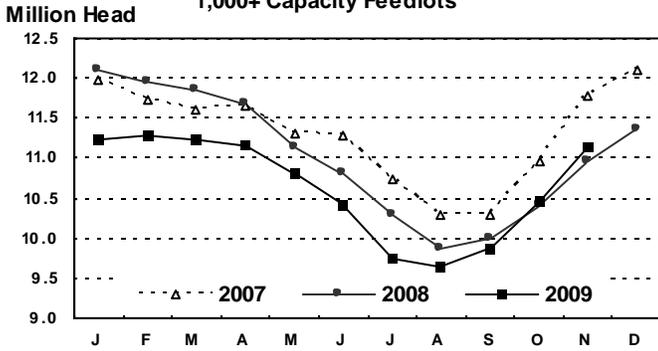
**Cattle on Feed: Number on Feed, Placements, Marketings and Other Disappearance, 1,000+ Capacity Feedlots, by Month, State, and United States, 2008-2009**

State	November 1 Number on Feed <sup>1</sup>			October Placements			October Marketings			October Other Disappearance <sup>2</sup>		
	2008	2009	<u>2009</u> 2008	2008	2009	<u>2009</u> 2008	2008	2009	<u>2009</u> 2008	2008	2009	<u>2009</u> 2008
	1,000 Head	Percent		1,000 Head	Percent		1,000 Head	Percent		1,000 Head	Percent	
Arizona	362	279	77	31	29	94	28	24	86	1	1	100
California	500	470	94	54	57	106	57	50	88	2	2	100
Colorado	960	1,040	108	245	245	100	150	160	107	5	5	100
Idaho	210	210	100	55	50	91	39	44	113	1	1	100
Iowa	485	540	111	104	123	118	93	100	108	1	3	300
Kansas	2,230	2,330	104	450	465	103	360	340	94	20	15	75
Nebraska	2,310	2,400	104	590	620	105	375	380	101	15	10	67
New Mexico	172	<sup>3</sup>	<sup>3</sup>	17	<sup>3</sup>	<sup>3</sup>	17	<sup>3</sup>	<sup>3</sup>	1	<sup>3</sup>	<sup>3</sup>
Oklahoma	320	375	117	75	83	111	68	60	88	2	3	150
South Dakota	200	205	103	70	65	93	43	54	126	2	1	50
Texas	2,710	2,730	101	630	610	97	495	465	94	15	15	100
Washington	163	155	95	38	38	100	31	29	94	1	1	100
Other States	350	400	<sup>3</sup>	79	89	<sup>3</sup>	58	49	<sup>3</sup>	1	2	<sup>3</sup>
United States	10,972	11,134	101	2,438	2,474	101	1,814	1,755	97	67	59	88

<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. <sup>3</sup> New Mexico unpublished to avoid disclosure of individual operations, included in other states.

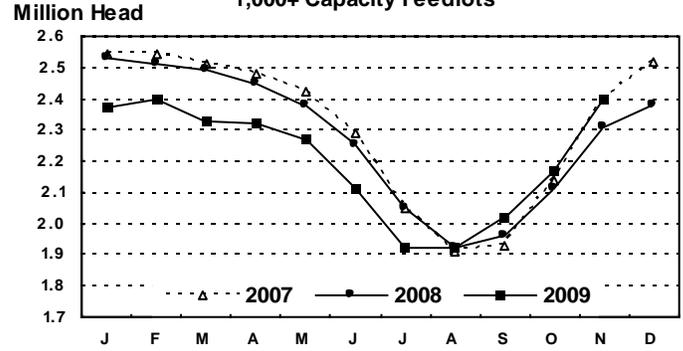
Source: USDA NASS Cattle on Feed, November 20, 2009

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



Source: USDA NASS Nebraska Field Office

**Nebraska Cattle on Feed  
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, 2008-2009**

State	During October									
	Under 600		600-699		700-799		800 Plus		Total	
	2008	2009	2008	2009	2008	2009	2008	2009	2008	2009
	<i>1,000 Head</i>									
Colorado	50	50	70	45	45	60	80	90	245	245
Kansas	100	85	120	120	125	150	105	110	450	465
Nebraska	160	160	160	175	100	95	170	190	590	620
Texas	195	150	160	180	190	180	85	100	630	610
Other States	195	170	105	125	83	94	140	145	523	534
United States	700	615	615	645	543	579	580	635	2,438	2,474

Source: USDA NASS Cattle on Feed November 20, 2009

**Commercial Livestock Slaughter**

October 2009 number slaughtered and changes from last year and last month are shown below. October 2008 contained 23 weekdays (including one holiday) and four Saturdays. October 2009 contained 22 weekdays (including one holiday) and five Saturdays.

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

Item	Total <sup>1</sup>	Oct. 2009 Percent of	
		Oct. 2008	Sep. 2009
Nebraska	<i>1,000 Head</i>		
Cattle, head	610.7	99	105
Hogs, head	704.0	97	107
Red Meat, mil. lbs.	660.9	99	105
United States			
Cattle, head	2,885.6	97	103
Calves, head	83.6	87	103
Hogs, head	10,319.4	96	104
Sheep & Lambs, head	218.8	97	97
Red Meat, mil, lbs.	4,391.1	97	103

<sup>1</sup> Excludes animals slaughtered on farms.

Source: USDA NASS Livestock Slaughter, November 20, 2009

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

Commodity	Stocks	Oct. 2009 Percent of	
		Oct. 2008	Sep. 2009
	<i>1,000 Lbs.</i>		
Total red meats	970,830	94	99
Beef	426,361	91	99
Pork	520,130	99	98
Poultry	1,148,421	84	92
Turkey	510,896	88	83
Chicken	632,274	80	100

Source: USDA NASS Cold Storage, November 20, 2009

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

Item	Millions		2009/2008 Percent
	2008	2009	
Number of Layers			
Nebraska	9.5	9.5	100
United States	334.9	335.7	100
Table Eggs Produced			
Nebraska	233	233	100
United States	6,538	6,633	101
Chickens Hatched, October			
United States			
Egg-type	40.2	37.4	93
Broiler	741.0	728.9	98

Source: USDA NASS Chicken and Eggs, November 23, 2009

**Milk Cows and Production: By Month, 23 Selected States, 2008-2009<sup>1</sup>**

Month	Milk Cows <sup>2</sup>		Milk per Cow <sup>3</sup>		Milk Production <sup>3</sup>		
	2008	2009	2008	2009	2008	2009	2009 as % of 2008
	<i>Thousands</i>		<i>Pounds</i>		<i>Million pounds</i>		<i>Percent</i>
January	8,445	8,504	1,747	1,753	14,750	14,907	101
February	8,457	8,486	1,656	1,606	14,007	13,627	97
March	8,467	8,481	1,794	1,794	15,191	15,211	100
April	8,482	8,481	1,757	1,759	14,901	14,916	100
May	8,496	8,473	1,819	1,833	15,451	15,529	101
June	8,500	8,434	1,736	1,752	14,760	14,775	100
July	8,515	8,400	1,744	1,767	14,848	14,845	100
August	8,515	8,374	1,718	1,746	14,626	14,617	100
September	8,510	8,338	1,650	1,675	14,041	13,965	99
October	8,512	8,316	1,700	1,721	14,469	14,313	99
November	8,519		1,654		14,089		
December	8,519		1,729		14,728		
Annual	8,495		20,704		175,861		

<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, November 18, 2009

**Farm Labor: Number and Wage Rates for Type of Workers and All Hired Workers, Selected Regions and United States, October 12-18, 2008 & October 11-17, 2009<sup>1</sup>**

Region <sup>2</sup>	Hired Workers		Wage Rates							
			All Hired Workers		Type of work					
	2008	2009			2008	2009	Field		Livestock	
	2008	2009	2008	2009	2008	2009	2008	2009	2008	2009
	<i>Thousands</i>		<i>Dollars Per Hour</i>							
Lake	66	67	11.49	11.24	11.43	11.03	10.20	10.10	11.00	10.65
Cornbelt I	38	47	10.60	11.17	10.31	11.30	10.05	10.51	10.25	11.00
Cornbelt II	32	30	11.50	10.85	10.62	10.46	11.37	11.23	10.90	10.75
Northern Plains	34	34	10.94	11.80	10.66	11.77	9.89	10.23	10.40	11.20
Southern Plains	60	56	10.10	10.17	9.44	9.17	9.58	10.64	9.50	9.85
Mountain I	23	25	10.10	10.05	9.71	10.45	9.50	8.89	9.61	9.70
Mountain II	18	22	10.53	11.55	9.35	11.01	10.13	11.70	9.70	11.25
United States	804	807	10.70	10.91	10.05	10.25	10.21	10.23	10.09	10.24

<sup>1</sup> Excludes Agricultural Service Workers. <sup>2</sup> 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. <sup>3</sup> Excludes Alaska.

Source: USDA NASS Farm Labor, November 20, 2009

**Hired Workers: Annual Average Wage Rates, Selected States and United States, 2008-2009<sup>1 2</sup>**

State	All Hired		Field		Field & Livestock	
	2008	2009	2008	2009	2008	2009
	<i>Dollars per hour</i>					
Lake	11.25	11.22	10.80	10.82	10.63	10.57
Cornbelt I	11.10	11.09	10.36	10.63	10.45	10.51
Cornbelt II	11.24	11.22	10.57	10.64	10.77	10.86
Northern Plains	10.87	11.08	10.47	11.01	10.39	10.66
Southern Plains	9.86	10.30	8.77	9.48	9.27	9.78
Mountain I	9.99	10.36	9.94	10.22	9.64	9.90
Mountain II	10.43	10.72	9.69	10.28	9.88	10.06
United States <sup>3</sup>	10.59	10.82	9.78	10.07	9.89	10.11

<sup>1</sup> Excludes Agricultural Service Workers. <sup>2</sup> 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.

<sup>3</sup> Excludes Alaska.

Source: USDA NASS Farm Labor, November 20, 2009

**Prices Received: By Commodity, Nebraska and United States, Preliminary November 2009 with Comparisons**

Commodity	Unit	Nebraska			United States		
		November 2008 <sup>1</sup>	October 2009 <sup>1</sup>	November 15, 2009	November 2008 <sup>1</sup>	October 2009 <sup>1</sup>	November 15, 2009
Wheat	Bushels	\$ 5.42	\$ 4.29	\$ 4.60	\$ 6.29	\$ 4.47	\$ 4.79
Corn	Bushels	4.43	3.55	3.60	4.26	3.61	3.64
Oats	Bushels	2.77	2.51	2.40	3.00	2.03	2.00
Grain Sorghum	Cwt.	6.24	5.53	6.00	6.48	5.55	5.79
Soybeans	Bushels	9.59	9.32	9.50	9.39	9.44	9.48
Hay, All, Baled	Ton	88.00	73.00	72.00	149.00	106.00	107.00
Alfalfa, Baled	Ton	91.00	75.00	75.00	165.00	109.00	110.00
Other, Baled	Ton	75.00	62.00	59.00	113.00	98.50	99.10
Dry Edible Beans	Cwt.	36.80	29.10	28.30	34.60	29.90	31.40
Hogs	Cwt.	42.30	39.60	42.00	40.70	37.80	40.00
Barrows & Gilts	Cwt.	42.40	39.80	42.10	41.00	38.30	40.20
Sows	Cwt.	38.50	28.60	37.10	36.20	27.60	35.80
Beef Cattle	Cwt.	90.40	82.50	84.60	84.30	79.20	79.80
Steers & Heifers	Cwt.	91.80	83.60	85.80	90.90	84.40	85.60
Cows	Cwt.	45.90	46.40	44.90	43.10	43.60	42.00
Calves	Cwt.	108.00	107.00	108.00	105.00	104.00	105.00
Sheep	Cwt.	28.20	36.20		27.30	30.00	
Lambs	Cwt.	103.00	95.00		100.00	97.00	

<sup>1</sup> Entire month average except hay.

Source: USDA NASS Agricultural Prices, November 30, 2009



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