



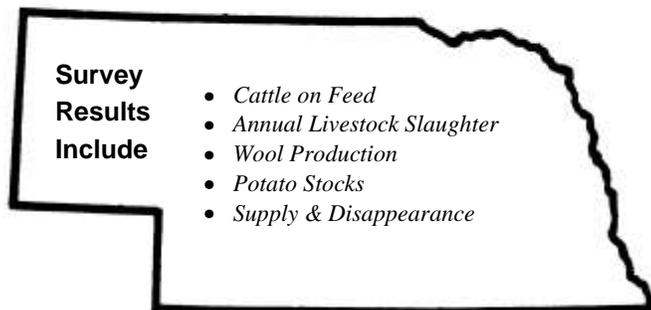
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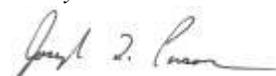
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Dear Nebraska Farmers, Ranchers and Agribusinesses:

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 Up 1 Percent

Nebraska feedlots with capacities of 1,000 or more head contained 2.35 million cattle on feed on March 1, up 1 percent from last year. Placements of cattle into feedlots during February totaled 365,000 head, up 18 percent from 2009. Fed cattle marketings for the month of February totaled 370,000 head, the same as last year. Other disappearance during February totaled 15,000 head compared to 10,000 head last year.

U.S. Cattle on Feed Down 3 Percent

Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter market in the United States for feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head totaled 10.9 million head on March 1, 2010. The inventory was 3 percent below March 1, 2008. Placements in feedlots during February totaled 1.67 million, 1 percent below 2009. Marketings of fed cattle during February totaled 1.72 million, 2 percent above 2009. Other disappearance totaled 68,000 during February, 21 percent above 2009.

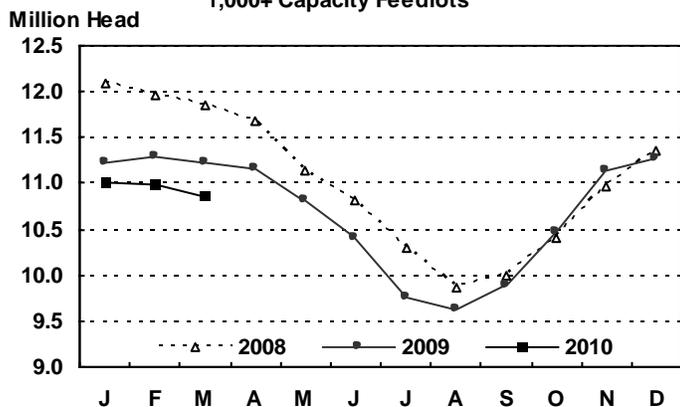
Cattle on Feed: Number on Feed, Placements, Marketings and Other Disappearance, 1,000+ Capacity Feedlots, by Month, State, and United States, 2009-2010

State	March 1 Number on Feed ¹			February Placements			February Marketings			February Other Disappearance ²		
	2009	2010	$\frac{2010}{2009}$	2009	2010	$\frac{2010}{2009}$	2009	2010	$\frac{2010}{2009}$	2009	2010	$\frac{2010}{2009}$
	1,000 Head	Percent		1,000 Head	Percent		1,000 Head	Percent		1,000 Head	Percent	
Arizona	342	286	84	26	21	81	32	24	75	1	1	100
California	460	450	98	36	51	142	54	48	89	2	8	400
Colorado	1,040	940	90	190	160	84	165	175	106	5	5	100
Idaho	215	195	91	38	36	95	37	40	108	1	1	100
Iowa	520	600	115	62	69	111	61	66	108	1	3	300
Kansas	2,290	2,220	97	420	405	96	375	415	111	15	10	67
Nebraska	2,330	2,350	101	310	365	118	370	370	100	10	15	150
New Mexico	148	³	³	9	³	³	18	³	³	1	³	⁴
Oklahoma	330	355	108	51	54	106	49	62	127	2	2	100
South Dakota	225	240	107	43	52	121	39	44	113	4	3	75
Texas	2,820	2,650	94	430	365	85	410	400	98	10	15	150
Washington	153	168	110	28	30	107	25	27	108	1	1	100
Other States	355	410	⁴	35	57	⁴	47	46	⁴	3	4	⁴
United States	11,228	10,864	97	1,678	1,665	99	1,682	1,717	102	56	68	121

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. ³ Withheld to avoid disclosing data for individual operations. ⁴ Comparison to 2009 is not applicable.

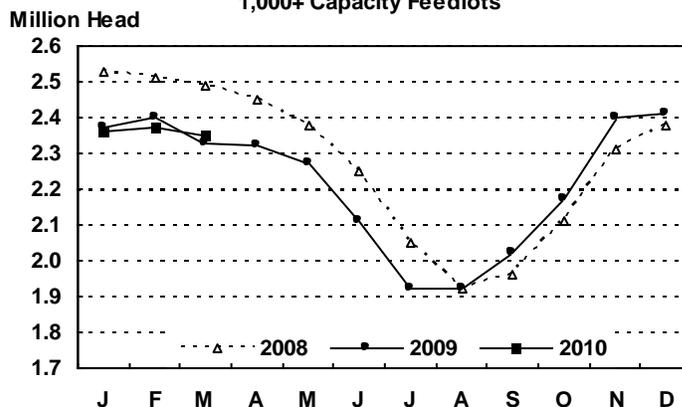
Source: USDA NASS Cattle on Feed, March 19, 2010

**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 of Feedlots, Inventory, and Marketings,
By Size of Feedlot, United States, 2008-2009**

	2008			2009		
	Lots	Inventory ¹	Cattle Marketed	Lots	Inventory ¹	Cattle Marketed
	<i>Number</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>Number</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>
Less than 1,000 head	80,000	2,621.7	4,045	80,000	2,634.2	3,914
1,000 head or more	2,170	11,234	22,404	2,170	11,008	21,690
1,000 – 1,999	810	414	779	810	438	770
2,000 – 3,999	570	780	1,390	575	800	1,400
4,000 – 7,999	350	1,070	1,970	340	1,010	1,760
8,000 – 15,999	180	1,250	2,535	185	1,250	2,470
16,000-23,999	80	1,120	2,260	75	990	1,920
24,000-31,999	52	1,070	2,140	57	1,120	2,290
32,000-49,999	70	2,220	4,380	69	2,020	4,080
50,000 and Over	58	3,310	6,950	59	3,380	7,000
All Feedlots	82,170	13,855.7	26,449	82,170	13,642.2	25,604

¹ Inventory estimates as of January 1 of the following year.

Source: USDA NASS Cattle on Feed February 19, 2010

**Cattle on Feed: Total Feedlot Capacity, 1000+ Capacity Feedlots,
United States, January 1, 2009-2010**

Item	Feedlot Capacity in Number of Head	
	2009	2010
	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>
United States	16,700	16,800

Source: USDA, NASS Cattle on Feed February 19, 2010

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Wool: Number of Sheep and Lambs Shorn, Weight per Fleece, Production, Price and Value, Nebraska and United States 2007-2009

State	Sheep and Lambs Shorn	Weight per Fleece	Production	Price per Pound	Value
Nebraska	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>Pounds</i>	<i>1,000 Pounds</i>	<i>Dollars</i>	<i>1,000 Dollars</i>
2007	70	7.6	530	.40	212
2008	55	7.2	395	.41	162
2009	56	7.4	415	.40	166
United States					
2007	4,657	7.5	34,723	.87	30,242
2008	4,434	7.4	32,963	.99	32,486
2009	4,197	7.4	30,862	.79	24,387

Source: USDA NASS Sheep and Goats, January 29, 2010

Potato Stocks

Fall Potatoes: 2009 Production and March 1, 2010¹ Stocks

State	Crop of 2009	
	Production	Total Stocks Mar. 1, 2010 ²
	<i>1,000 Cwt.</i>	<i>1,000 Cwt.</i>
California	4,158	1,100
Colorado	22,080	10,500
Idaho	131,000	65,500
Maine	15,263	7,800
Michigan	15,660	3,500
Minnesota	20,700	
Montana	3,347	3,000
Nebraska	8,756	3,300
New York	4,950	
North Dakota	19,125	7,000
Oregon	21,460	10,700
Washington	88,450	36,200
Wisconsin	28,980	12,000
Other States		9,500
Total 13 States	383,929	170,100

¹ Stocks include processor holdings and most of the seed to plant following year's crop. ² Missing stocks combined into "Other States".

Source: USDA NASS Potato Stocks, March 12, 2010



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										
2007/08	1,304	13,038	20	14,362	5,913	4,387	2,437	12,737	1,624	4.20
2008/09	1,624	12,092	14	13,729	5,246	4,953	1,858	12,056	1,673	4.06
2009/10 ³	1,673	13,131	10	14,814	5,550	5,565	1,900	13,015	1,799	3.45-3.75
Soybeans										
2007/08	574	2,677	10	3,261	1,803	94	1,159	3,056	205	10.10
2008/09	205	2,967	13	3,185	1,662	102	1,283	3,047	138	9.97
2009/10 ³	138	3,359	15	3,512	1,730	172	1,420	3,322	190	8.95-9.95
Wheat										
2007/08	456	2,051	113	2,620	948	104	1,263	2,314	306	6.48
2008/09	306	2,499	127	2,932	927	333	1,015	2,275	657	6.78
2009/10 ³	657	2,216	115	2,988	920	242	825	1,987	1,001	4.80-5.00
Sorghum										
2007/08	32	497	0	530	165	35	277	477	53	4.08
2008/09	53	472	0	525	232	95	143	471	55	3.20
2009/10 ³	55	383	0	438	150	90	150	390	48	3.05-3.35

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, March 10, 2010

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