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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 2.42 million cattle on feed on November 1, up 1 percent from last year. Placements of cattle into feedlots during October totaled 580,000 head, down 6 percent from 2009. Fed cattle marketings for the month of October totaled 370,000 head, down 3 percent from last year. Other disappearance during October totaled 10,000 head compared with 10,000 during October 2009.

U.S. Cattle on Feed Up 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 11.5 million head on November 1, 2010. The inventory was 3 percent above November 1, 2009. Placements in feedlots during October totaled 2.50 million, 1 percent above 2009. Marketings of fed cattle during October totaled 1.73 million, 1 percent below 2009. Other disappearance totaled 62,000 head during October, 5 percent below 2009.

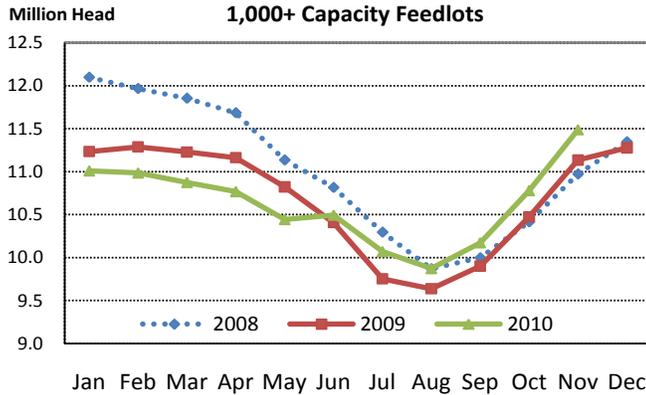
Number of Cattle on Feed, Placements, Marketings and Other Disappearance on 1,000+ Capacity Feedlots by Month - States and United States: 2009-2010

State	November 1 Number on Feed ¹			October Placements			October Marketings			October Other Disappearance ²		
	2009	2010	<u>2010</u> 2009	2009	2010	<u>2010</u> 2009	2009	2010	<u>2010</u> 2009	2009	2010	<u>2010</u> 2009
	1,000 Head		Percent	1,000 Head		Percent	1,000 Head		Percent	1,000 Head		Percent
Arizona	279	251	90	29	32	110	24	20	83	1	1	100
California	470	460	98	57	65	114	50	48	96	2	2	100
Colorado	1,040	1,090	105	245	270	110	160	170	106	5	10	200
Idaho	210	215	102	50	53	106	44	37	84	1	1	100
Iowa	540	610	113	123	142	115	100	100	100	3	2	67
Kansas	2,330	2,400	103	465	435	94	340	350	103	15	15	100
Nebraska	2,400	2,420	101	620	580	94	380	370	97	10	10	100
Oklahoma	375	385	103	83	80	96	60	63	105	3	2	67
South Dakota	205	230	112	65	70	108	54	44	81	1	1	100
Texas	2,730	2,820	103	610	640	105	465	445	96	15	15	100
Washington	155	192	124	38	52	137	29	36	124	1	1	100
Other States	400	414	104	89	85	96	49	51	104	2	2	100
United States	11,134	11,487	103	2,474	2,504	101	1,755	1,734	99	59	62	105

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.

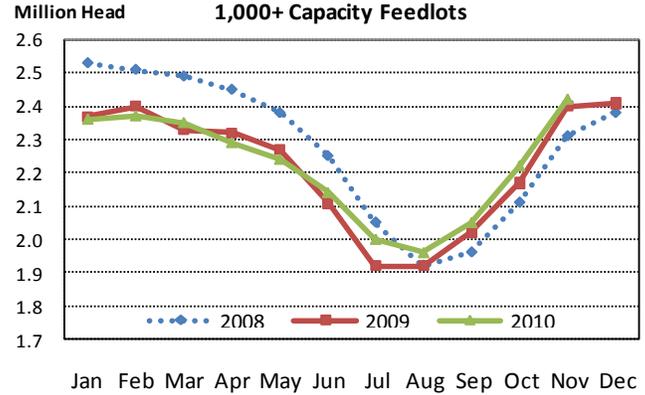
Source: USDA NASS Cattle on Feed, November 19, 2010

**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

Number of Cattle on Feed Placed on Feed by Weight Group on 1,000+ Capacity Feedlots by Month - States and United States: 2009-2010

State	During October									
	Under 600		600-699		700-799		800 Plus		Total	
	2009	2010	2009	2010	2009	2010	2009	2010	2009	2010
	<i>1,000 Head</i>									
Colorado	50	55	45	55	60	60	90	100	245	270
Kansas	85	90	120	115	150	125	110	105	465	435
Nebraska	160	170	175	160	95	90	190	160	620	580
Texas	150	220	180	190	180	145	100	85	610	640
Other States	170	190	125	120	94	94	145	175	534	579
United States	615	725	645	640	579	514	635	625	2,474	2,504

Source: USDA NASS Cattle on Feed November 19, 2010

Commercial Livestock Slaughter

October 2010 number slaughtered and changes from last year and last month are shown below. October 2009 contained 22 weekdays (including one holiday) and five Saturdays. October 2010 contained 21 weekdays (including one holiday) and five Saturdays.

Livestock Slaughter: By Commodity, Nebraska and United States, October 2010 with Comparisons

Item	Total ¹	Oct. 2010 Percent of	
		Oct. 2009	Sep. 2010
<i>1,000 Head</i>			
Nebraska			
Cattle, head	587.2	96	100
Hogs, head	698.9	99	112
Red Meat, mil. lbs.	631.6	96	103
United States			
Cattle, head	2,865.9	99	99
Calves, head	71.4	86	100
Hogs, head	9,733.5	94	104
Sheep & Lambs, head	202.3	93	99
Red Meat, mil, lbs.	4,265.2	97	103

¹ Excludes animals slaughtered on farms.

Source: USDA NASS Livestock Slaughter, November 26, 2010

Stocks in Cold Storage: By Commodity, United States, October 2010 with Comparisons

Commodity	Stocks	Oct. 2010 Percent of	
		Oct. 2009	Sep. 2010
<i>1,000 Lbs.</i>			
Total red meats	902,681	93	107
Beef	402,003	94	101
Pork	478,181	93	113
Poultry	1,154,306	100	97
Turkey	417,389	81	88
Chicken	733,500	115	103

Source: USDA NASS Cold Storage, November 22, 2010

Poultry: Layers and Eggs, Nebraska and United States, October 2010 with Comparisons

Item	Millions		Percent
	2009	2010	
<i>Millions</i>			
Number of Layers			
Nebraska	9.5	9.5	100
United States	335.8	335.8	100
<i>Millions</i>			
Table Eggs Produced			
Nebraska	233	238	102
United States	6,638	6,595	99
<i>Percent</i>			
Chickens Hatched, October			
United States			
Egg-type	37.6	41.3	110
Broiler	730.7	767.0	105

Source: USDA NASS Chicken and Eggs, November 22, 2010

Milk Cows and Production: By Month, 23 Selected States, 2009-2010

Month	Milk Cows ¹		Milk per Cow ²		Milk Production ²		
	2009	2010	2009	2010	2009	2010	Change from 2009
	<i>Thousand head</i>		<i>Pounds</i>		<i>Million pounds</i>		<i>Percent</i>
January	8,506	8,315	1,752	1,784	14,902	14,831	-0.5
February	8,486	8,319	1,605	1,642	13,624	13,660	0.3
March	8,482	8,322	1,795	1,846	15,222	15,364	0.9
April	8,480	8,328	1,760	1,824	14,922	15,192	1.8
May	8,475	8,337	1,834	1,893	15,541	15,781	1.5
June	8,434	8,352	1,749	1,817	14,754	15,177	2.9
July	8,397	8,370	1,771	1,830	14,867	15,316	3.0
August	8,372	8,362	1,745	1,794	14,606	15,001	2.7
September	8,335	8,368	1,675	1,729	13,957	14,472	3.7
October	8,316	8,368	1,720	1,767	14,306	14,784	3.3
November	8,314		1,681		13,979		
December	8,311		1,761		14,632		
Annual	8,409		20,848		175,312		

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

Source: USDA NASS Milk Production, November 18, 2010

Farm Labor: Number and Wage Rates for Type of Workers and All Hired Workers, Selected Regions and United States, October 11-17, 2009 & October 10-16, 2010¹

Region ²	Hired Workers		Wage Rates								
			All Hired Workers		Type of work						
	2009	2010			2009	2010	Field		Livestock		Field & Livestock
	2009	2010	2009	2010	2009	2010	2009	2010	2009	2010	
	<i>Thousands</i>		<i>Dollars Per Hour</i>								
Lake	67	67	11.24	11.88	11.03	11.58	10.10	10.06	10.65	11.05	
Cornbelt I	47	56	11.17	11.54	11.30	11.19	10.51	10.48	11.00	10.95	
Cornbelt II	30	29	10.85	11.60	10.46	11.62	11.23	11.02	10.75	11.40	
Northern Plains	34	38	11.80	11.93	11.77	12.26	10.23	10.79	11.20	11.70	
Southern Plains	56	52	10.17	10.30	9.17	9.68	10.64	10.01	9.85	9.85	
Mountain I	25	22	10.05	10.60	10.45	10.11	8.89	9.66	9.70	9.90	
Mountain II	22	19	11.55	11.95	11.01	10.91	11.70	11.01	11.25	10.95	
United States	829	826	10.93	11.13	10.22	10.49	10.28	10.27	10.24	10.43	

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 18, 2010

Hired Workers: Annual Average Wage Rates, Selected States and United States, 2009-2010^{1 2}

State	Hired		Field		Field & Livestock	
	2009	2010	2009	2010	2009	2010
	<i>Dollars per hour</i>					
Lake	11.22	11.37	10.82	11.23	10.57	10.62
Cornbelt I	11.09	11.44	10.63	11.03	10.51	10.84
Cornbelt II	11.22	11.18	10.64	10.96	10.86	11.03
Northern Plains	11.08	11.83	11.01	12.01	10.66	11.52
Southern Plains	10.30	10.12	9.48	9.30	9.78	9.65
Mountain I	10.36	10.49	10.22	10.03	9.90	9.90
Mountain II	10.72	11.30	10.28	10.41	10.06	10.48
United States ³	10.83	10.95	10.07	10.19	10.12	10.22

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 18, 2010

Prices Received: By Commodity, Nebraska and United States, Preliminary November 2010 with Comparisons

Commodity	Unit	Nebraska			United States		
		November 2009	October 2010	November 2010 ¹	November 2009	October 2010	November 2010 ¹
Wheat	Bushels	\$ 4.50	\$ 5.74	\$ 5.90	\$ 4.79	\$ 5.87	\$ 6.21
Corn	Bushels	3.71	4.22	4.50	3.65	4.32	4.59
Oats	Bushels	2.28	3.43	3.65	2.02	2.37	2.57
Grain Sorghum	Cwt.	5.72	7.77	8.25	5.67	7.80	8.34
Soybeans	Bushels	9.59	9.98	10.70	9.53	10.20	11.20
Hay, All, Baled	Ton	71.00	73.00	75.00	105.00	113.00	111.00
Alfalfa, Baled	Ton	75.00	77.00	78.00	109.00	118.00	117.00
Other, Baled	Ton	59.00	61.00	64.00	97.90	96.90	95.50
Dry Edible Beans	Cwt.	30.90	22.00	21.90	30.10	25.70	24.30
Hogs	Cwt.	41.80	55.00	48.00	40.30	53.30	47.20
Barrows & Gilts	Cwt.	41.90	55.10	48.10	40.50	53.50	47.40
Sows	Cwt.	38.40	51.10	44.80	36.10	49.10	42.70
Beef Cattle	Cwt.	83.90	97.70	98.40	79.60	93.10	94.10
Steers & Heifers	Cwt.	85.10	98.90	99.80	85.40	98.80	100.00
Cows	Cwt.	44.40	57.60	54.60	41.70	52.70	51.90
Calves	Cwt.	109.00	129.00	129.00	104.00	120.00	122.00
Sheep	Cwt.	39.90	51.40		36.30	48.50	
Lambs	Cwt.	101.00	138.00		97.70	138.00	

¹Preliminary.

Source: USDA NASS Agricultural Prices, November 30, 2010

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