



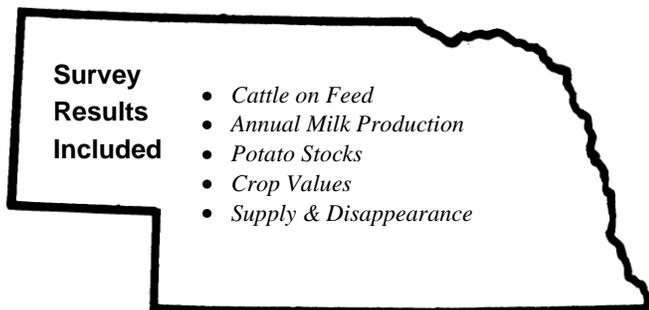
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Dear Nebraska Farmers, Ranchers and Agribusinesses:

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 4 Percent

Nebraska feedlots, with capacities of 1,000 or more head, contained 2.57 million cattle on feed on February 1, up 4 percent from last year. This is the largest inventory since the data series began in 1994. Placements of cattle into feedlots during January totaled 430,000 head, the same as 2011. Fed cattle marketings for the month of January totaled 395,000 head, up 3 percent from last year. Other disappearance during January totaled 15,000 head, equal to a year ago.

U.S. Cattle on Feed Up 2 Percent

Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter market in the United States for feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head totaled 11.8 million head on February 1, 2012. The inventory was 2 percent above 2011. Placements in feedlots during January totaled 1.85 million, 2 percent below 2011. Marketings of fed cattle during January totaled 1.82 million, 2 percent above 2011. Other disappearance totaled 81,000 during January, 42 percent above 2011.

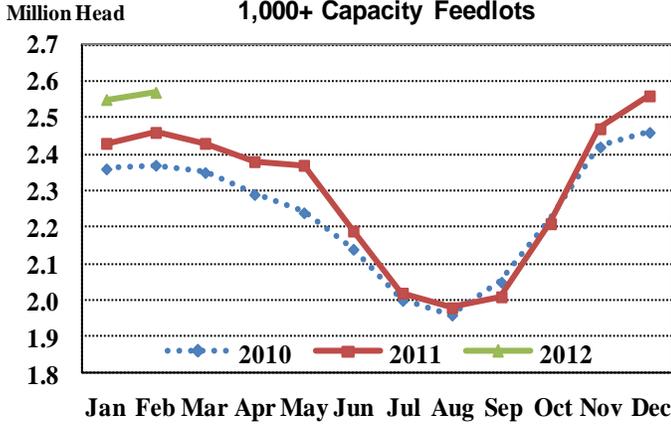
Number of Cattle on Feed, Placements, Marketings and Other Disappearance on 1,000+ Capacity Feedlots by Month - States and United States: 2011-2012

State	February 1 Number on Feed ¹			January Placements			January Marketings			January Other Disappearance ²		
	2011	2012	<u>2012</u> 2011	2011	2012	<u>2012</u> 2011	2011	2012	<u>2012</u> 2011	2011	2012	<u>2012</u> 2011
	<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	266	276	104	36	28	78	27	30	111	1	1	100
California	470	505	107	54	55	102	51	57	112	3	3	100
Colorado	1,070	1,140	107	185	190	103	190	190	100	5	10	200
Idaho	230	235	102	31	47	152	40	41	103	1	1	100
Iowa	660	650	98	93	103	111	69	70	101	4	3	75
Kansas	2,270	2,230	98	435	410	94	435	415	95	10	15	150
Nebraska	2,460	2,570	104	430	430	100	385	395	103	15	15	100
Oklahoma	375	355	95	66	50	76	64	68	106	2	2	100
South Dakota	270	260	96	51	45	88	40	44	110	1	1	100
Texas	2,870	2,900	101	430	400	93	390	415	106	10	25	250
Washington	207	227	110	31	35	113	30	39	130	2	1	50
Other States	423	463	109	47	54	115	53	52	98	3	4	133
United States	11,571	11,811	102	1,889	1,847	98	1,774	1,816	102	57	81	142

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 pasture, and shipments to other feedlots for further feeding.

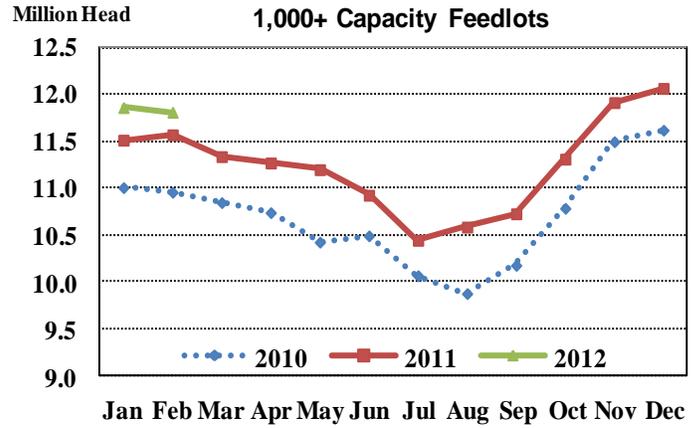
Source: USDA NASS Cattle on Feed, February 24, 2012

**Nebraska Cattle on Feed
1,000+ Capacity Feedlots**



Source: USDA NASS Nebraska Field Office

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



Source: USDA NASS Nebraska Field Office

**Milk Cows: Licensed Dairy Herds, Number, and Milk Produced by Quarter,
Nebraska and United States, 2010-2011**

State and Month	Licensed Dairy Herds ¹		Milk Cows		Production per Cow		Production	
	2010	2011	2010	2011	2010	2011	2010	2011
	<i>Number</i>		<i>1,000 Head</i>		<i>Pounds</i>		<i>Million Pounds</i>	
Nebraska								
January – March			59	57			290	290
April – June			59	57			300	301
July - September			58	57			290	288
October – December			58	57			288	294
Annual	260	245	59	57	19,797	20,579	1,168	1,173
United States - Annual	53,132	51,481	9,119	9,194	21,148	21,345	192,848	196,245

¹ Average number of dairy farms licensed to sell milk, based on counts collected from State and other regulatory agencies.

Source: USDA NASS Milk Production, February 17, 2012

**Fall Potatoes: 2011 Production and
February 1, 2012 Stocks¹**

State	Crop of 2011	
	Production	Total Stocks Feb. 1, 2012
	<i>1,000 Cwt.</i>	<i>1,000 Cwt.</i>
California	4,128	1,700
Colorado	21,291	11,800
Idaho	127,070	67,500
Maine	14,310	7,300
Michigan	15,180	4,700
Minnesota	16,685	8,300
Montana	3,795	3,500
Nebraska	7,800	3,600
New York	4,050	1,200
North Dakota	18,865	9,300
Oregon	23,342	13,000
Washington	98,400	44,000
Wisconsin	25,000	11,000
Total 13 States	379,916	186,900

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

Source: USDA NASS Potato Stocks, February 15, 2012

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Crop Summary: Marketing Year Average Price and Value of Production, Nebraska and United States, 2009-2011

Crop	Prod. Unit	Price			Value of Production		
		2009	2010	2011	2009	2010	2011
Nebraska		<i>Dollars</i>	<i>Dollars</i>	<i>Dollars</i>	<i>1,000 Dollars</i>	<i>1,000 Dollars</i>	<i>1,000 Dollars</i>
Corn for Grain	Bushels	3.58	5.09	6.10	5,639,574	7,477,719	9,369,600
Soybeans	Bushels	9.48	11.00	11.50	2,459,302	2,945,250	2,971,658
All Hay (baled)	Ton	75.00	75.00	116.00	450,565	460,122	610,407
Alfalfa Hay (baled)	Ton	79.00	78.00	123.00	285,190	284,622	388,557
All Other Hay (baled)	Ton	63.00	65.00	90.00	165,375	175,500	221,850
Winter Wheat	Bushels	4.73	5.27	6.75	363,264	337,649	440,438
All Potatoes	Cwt.	8.95	10.00	11.00	78,366	77,190	85,800
Sorghum for Grain	Cwt.	5.62	8.74	10.50	40,977	33,037	38,690
Dry Edible Beans	Cwt.	30.10	27.00	42.00	74,076	86,211	88,200
Sugar Beets ¹	Ton	54.60	72.60		70,652	82,111	
Proso Millet	Bushels	3.20	4.50	5.70	4,320	11,880	9,570
Sunflower (all)	Cwt.	19.90	26.40	32.60	12,460	22,007	24,716
Sunflower (oil)	Cwt.	15.40	20.70	29.20	4,805	6,707	13,286
Sunflower (non-oil)	Cwt.	24.30	30.00	37.60	7,655	15,300	11,430
Oats	Bushels	2.27	3.03	3.70	4,699	5,151	4,810
United States							
Corn for Grain	Bushels	3.55	5.18	6.20	46,734,066	64,643,295	76,464,126
Soybeans	Bushels	9.59	11.30	11.70	32,145,207	37,546,840	35,784,360
All Hay (baled)	Ton	108.00	114.00	175.00	14,715,559	14,656,191	17,746,495
Alfalfa Hay (baled)	Ton	113.00	123.00	196.00	7,941,539	7,728,468	10,644,240
All Other Hay (baled)	Ton	97.30	97.00	125.00	6,774,020	6,927,723	7,102,255
All Wheat	Bushels	4.87	5.70	7.30	10,654,115	12,827,254	14,367,556
Winter Wheat	Bushels	4.71	5.37	6.85	7,081,778	8,009,479	10,185,116
All Potatoes	Cwt.	8.25	9.20	9.37	3,557,574	3,721,501	4,005,631
Sorghum for Grain	Cwt.	5.75	8.96	10.90	1,207,111	1,617,851	1,284,177
Dry Edible Beans	Cwt.	30.00	28.00	41.10	790,250	899,258	826,507
Sugar Beets ¹	Ton	51.50	66.70		1,532,634	2,135,530	
Proso Millet	Bushels	2.87	4.54	5.87	25,460	52,419	53,706
Sunflower (all)	Cwt.	15.10	23.30	29.40	458,959	633,778	603,619
Sunflower (oil)	Cwt.	13.80	22.60	28.40	359,331	457,135	493,787
Sunflower (non-oil)	Cwt.	22.10	26.60	34.60	99,628	176,643	109,832
Oats	Bushels	2.02	2.52	3.40	208,473	217,498	186,338
Barley	Bushels	4.66	3.86	5.40	972,173	691,666	822,151

¹ The 2011 United States price and value will be published in *Agricultural Prices* released July 2012. State prices and values for 2011 will be published in *Crop Values* released February 2013.

Note: All prices in this report are marketing year average prices which do not include allowances or adjustments for commodities under government loan at the end of the marketing year, commodities forfeited to the Commodity Credit Corporation, loan deficiency payments, direct and counter cyclical payments, or disaster payments.

Source: USDA NASS Crop Values 2011 Summary, February 2012

2011 county data for corn, oats, sorghum, soybeans, sunflowers, and wheat are now available at:
http://www.nass.usda.gov/Data_and_Statistics/Quick_Stats/index.asp

U.S. Grains Supply and Disappearance Outlook

Crop Year	Supply				Market Year Disappearance ¹					Market Year Ending Stocks	Average Market Price
	Beginning stocks	Production	Imports	Total	Domestic			Exports	Total		
					Primary Use ²	Ethanol & By-products ³	Other				
<i>Million Bushels</i>											<i>\$/Bu.</i>
Corn											
2009/10	1,673	13,092	8	14,774	5,125	4,591	1,370	1,980	13,066	1,708	3.55
2010/11 ⁴	1,708	12,447	28	14,182	4,793	5,021	1,407	1,835	13,055	1,128	5.18
2011/12 ⁵	1,128	12,358	20	13,506	4,600	5,000	1,405	1,700	12,705	801	5.80-6.60
Soybeans											
2009/10	138	3,359	15	3,512	1,752		110	1,499	3,361	151	9.59
2010/11 ⁴	151	3,329	14	3,495	1,648		130	1,501	3,280	215	11.30
2011/12 ⁵	215	3,056	15	3,286	1,615		120	1,275	3,011	275	11.10-12.30
Wheat											
2009/10	657	2,218	119	2,993	919		219	879	2,018	976	4.87
2010/11 ⁴	976	2,207	97	3,279	926		203	1,289	2,417	862	5.70
2011/12 ⁵	862	1,999	120	2,982	935		227	975	2,137	845	7.15-7.45
Sorghum											
2009/10	55	383	0	438	141		90	166	396	41	3.22
2010/11 ⁴	41	346	0	387	124		85	150	359	27	5.02
2011/12 ⁵	27	214	0	242	65		90	60	215	27	5.70-6.50

¹ Marketing year begins: Corn, Sorghum & Soybeans, September 1; Wheat, June 1. ² Primary uses: Corn & Sorghum = Feed; Soybeans = Crushing; Wheat = Food. ³ Corn used to produce ethanol and by-products including distillers' grains, corn gluten feed, corn gluten meal, and corn oil. ⁴ Estimate. ⁵ Projection.

Source: USDA's World Agricultural Supply and Demand Estimates, February 9, 2012

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