



# Nebraska Cattle Feeder's News

USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service  
Nebraska Field Office

100 Centennial Mall North, Suite 298, Lincoln, Nebraska 68508  
Phone: 402-437-5541 E-mail: [nass-ne@nass.usda.gov](mailto:nass-ne@nass.usda.gov)  
Access our reports via the Internet: [www.nass.usda.gov/](http://www.nass.usda.gov/)  
Mark Harris, Director



Issue 04-2006

Released April 21, 2006

### Survey Results Included

- Cattle on Feed
- Livestock Slaughter
- Federally Inspected Plants & Head Slaughtered, by Species
- Commercial Cattle Slaughter, Top Five States

Dear Cattle Feeders:

Information contained herein is the result of mail, phone and personal interview surveys conducted during the past few weeks. Special recognition and appreciation are extended to all producers and agribusinesses who provided data making these reports possible.

Mark Harris  
Director

### Cattle on Feed: Number on Feed, Placements, Marketings, and Other Disappearance, 1,000+ Capacity Feedlots, by Month, State, and United States, 2005-2006

State	April 1 Number on Feed <sup>1</sup>			March Placements			March Marketings			March Other Disappearance <sup>2</sup>		
	2005	2006	2006/2005	2005	2006	2006/2005	2005	2006	2006/2005	2005	2006	2006/2005
	1,000 head		Percent	1,000 head		Percent	1,000 head		Percent	1,000 head		Percent
Arizona	326	351	108	27	30	111	24	28	117	1	2	200
California	500	535	107	65	59	91	70	68	97	10	6	60
Colorado	1,020	1,070	105	165	155	94	175	165	94	10	10	100
Idaho	240	250	104	44	42	95	53	45	85	1	2	200
Iowa	455	500	110	55	55	100	64	73	114	1	2	200
Kansas	2,340	2,590	111	445	480	108	460	470	102	15	30	200
<b>Nebraska</b>	<b>2,260</b>	<b>2,400</b>	<b>106</b>	<b>300</b>	<b>335</b>	<b>112</b>	<b>350</b>	<b>370</b>	<b>106</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>150</b>
New Mexico	113	139	123	13	21	162	23	23	100	2	2	100
Oklahoma	325	360	111	61	68	111	73	72	99	3	1	33
South Dakota	205	210	102	31	36	116	34	35	103	2	1	50
Texas	2,620	2,940	112	480	485	101	540	540	100	10	15	150
Washington	159	152	96	22	26	118	47	27	57	1	1	100
Other States	310	315	102	42	45	107	50	42	84	2	3	150
U.S.	10,873	11,812	109	1,750	1,837	105	1,963	1,958	100	68	90	132

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

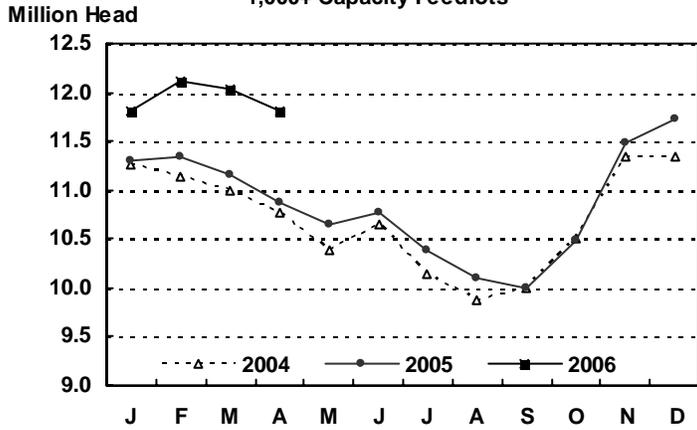
Source: USDA NASS Cattle on Feed, April 21, 2006

### Cattle on Feed: Number Placed on Feed by Weight Group, 1,000+ Capacity Feedlots, by Month, State, and United States, 2005-2006

State	During March									
	Under 600		600-699		700-799		800 Plus		Total	
	2005	2006	2005	2006	2005	2006	2005	2006	2005	2006
<i>1,000 Head</i>										
Colorado	15	25	35	30	65	60	50	40	165	155
Kansas	50	70	85	80	170	165	140	165	445	480
<b>Nebraska</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>92</b>	<b>90</b>	<b>122</b>	<b>145</b>	<b>300</b>	<b>335</b>
Texas	85	120	105	120	190	165	100	80	480	485
Other States	115	115	43	62	92	85	110	120	360	382
U.S.	299	380	320	342	609	565	522	550	1,750	1,837

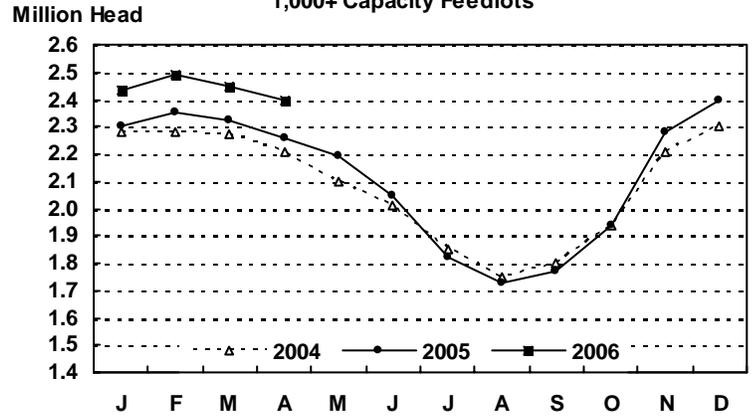
Source: USDA NASS Cattle on Feed April 21, 2006

**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

**Federally Inspected Red Meat Production: United States<sup>1</sup>**

Class	Mar 2005	Feb 2006	Mar 2006	Mar 06 % of		Jan-Mar <sup>2</sup>		
				Mar 2005	Feb 2006	2005	2006	06 as % of 05
	Million Pounds	Million Pounds	Million Pounds	Percent	Percent	Million Pounds	Million Pounds	Percent
Beef	2,010	1,796	2,179	108	121	5,633	5,987	106
Veal	12.9	11.4	13.0	100	114	37.6	36.6	97
Pork	1,788	1,620	1,856	104	115	5,095	5,279	104
Lamb & Mutton	18.8	14.1	17.7	94	125	47.1	47.2	100
<b>Total Red Meat</b>	<b>3,830</b>	<b>3,441</b>	<b>4,066</b>	<b>106</b>	<b>118</b>	<b>10,813</b>	<b>11,350</b>	<b>105</b>

<sup>1</sup>Based on packers' dressed weights and excludes farm slaughter. <sup>2</sup>Accumulated totals and percentages based on unrounded data.  
Source: USDA NASS Livestock Slaughter April 21, 2006

**Classification of Livestock Slaughtered Under Federal Inspection: United States**

Item	Mar 2005	Feb 2006	Mar 2006	Jan-Mar <sup>1</sup>		Mar 2005	Feb 2006	Mar 2006	Jan-Mar <sup>1</sup>	
				2005	2006				2005	2006
	1,000 Head	1,000 Head	1,000 Head	1,000 Head	1,000 Head	Percent of Total	Percent of Total	Percent of Total	Percent of Total	Percent of Total
<b>Class<sup>2</sup></b>										
<b>Cattle</b>										
Steers	1,367	1,166	1,458	3,722	3,945	51.1	50.7	52.0	50.0	51.2
Heifers	871	733	878	2,389	2,390	32.6	31.9	31.3	32.1	31.0
All Cows	396	365	428	1,215	1,240	14.8	15.8	15.3	16.3	16.1
Dairy Cows	199	171	207	601	579	7.4	7.4	7.4	8.1	7.5
Other Cows	197	194	221	614	661	7.4	8.4	7.9	8.2	8.6
Bulls & Stags	42	37	43	124	123	1.6	1.6	1.5	1.7	1.6
<b>Total<sup>1</sup></b>	<b>2,675</b>	<b>2,301</b>	<b>2,806</b>	<b>7,450</b>	<b>7,699</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>
<b>Hogs</b>										
Barrows & Gilts	8,556	7,720	8,836	24,450	25,107	96.6	96.8	96.6	96.7	96.7
Sows	278	237	286	775	782	3.1	3.0	3.1	3.1	3.0
Stags & Boars	24	21	25	66	71	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3
<b>Total<sup>1</sup></b>	<b>8,858</b>	<b>7,978</b>	<b>9,148</b>	<b>25,291</b>	<b>25,960</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>
<b>Sheep</b>										
Mature Sheep	11	8	9	30	26	4.0	4.0	4.0	4.5	4.1
Lambs & Yrlngs	257	185	230	637	615	96.0	96.0	96.0	95.5	95.9
<b>Total<sup>1</sup></b>	<b>268</b>	<b>193</b>	<b>240</b>	<b>667</b>	<b>641</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>

<sup>1</sup>Total and percentages based on unrounded data. <sup>2</sup>Species totals and classification reported by meat inspectors, Inspection Operations, FSIS.

Source: USDA NASS Livestock Slaughter April 21, 2006

**Number of Federally Inspected Plants and Head Slaughtered  
by Species, by Size Group, United States**

Size Group	Cattle				Size Group	Hogs			
	Plants		Head			Plants		Head	
	2004 <sup>1</sup>	2005 <sup>2</sup>	2004 <sup>1</sup>	2005 <sup>2</sup>		2004 <sup>1</sup>	2005 <sup>2</sup>	2004 <sup>1</sup>	2005 <sup>2</sup>
	<i>Number</i>		<i>1,000</i>			<i>Number</i>		<i>1,000</i>	
1 – 999	511	488	160.0	159.6	1 – 999	418	390	137.9	126.6
1,000 – 9,999	95	88	313.9	276.1	1,000 – 9,999	124	120	355.5	318.4
10,000 – 49,999	20	21	576.5	611.4	10,000 – 99,999	70	67	2,800.1	2,679.2
50,000 – 99,999	8	7	628.8	518.5	100,000 – 249,999	12	13	2,017.2	2,048.1
100,000 – 199,999	14	14	2,078.8	2126.3	250,000 – 499,999	7	7	2,544.8	2,401.6
200,000 – 299,999	9	6	2,179.9	1438.9	500,000 – 999,999	5	5	3,587.3	3,646.2
300,000 – 499,999	13	13	5,163.8	4921.8	1,000,000 – 1,999,999	6	5	10,772.2	8,263.9
500,000 – 999,999	6	7	4,354.0	4739.8	2,000,000 – 2,999,999	9	10	20,701.6	23,231.1
1,000,000 +	13	13	16,562.2	17039.2	3,000,000 – 3,999,999	4	4	14,219.0	14,441.6
Total <sup>3</sup>	689	657	32,017.8	31831.6	4,000,000 +	9	9	44,570.7	45,362.3
					Total <sup>3</sup>	664	630	101,706.3	102,518.9

<sup>1</sup>Includes data from week ending January 10, 2004 through January 1, 2005. <sup>2</sup>Includes data from week January 8, 2005 through December 31, 2005. <sup>3</sup>Totals may not add due to rounding.

Source: USDA NASS Livestock Slaughter 2005 Summary, March 2006

**Federally Inspected Plants and Head Slaughtered: Number  
by Species, Selected States, and United States, 2005<sup>1</sup>**

State	Cattle		Calves		Hogs		Sheep and Lambs	
	Plants	Head	Plants	Head	Plants	Head	Plants	Head
	<i>Number</i>	<i>1,000</i>	<i>Number</i>	<i>1,000</i>	<i>Number</i>	<i>1,000</i>	<i>Number</i>	<i>1,000</i>
California	25	1,355.8	12	82.8	16	2,496.0		
Colorado	21	2,079.7			17	8.0	17	1,019.1
Illinois			10	72.8	25	9,249.5	18	183.7
Indiana			1	3.9	7	7,027.7	3	15.6
Iowa					21	29,810.3	5	412.1
Kansas	20	7,287.6					10	1.6
Kentucky	18	7.6			20	2,308.5	17	13.3
Minnesota	22	615.9			25	9,224.2	13	1.8
Missouri							36	5.3
<b>Nebraska</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>7,003.8</b>			<b>23</b>	<b>7,170.3</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>1.5</b>
North Carolina	17	188.3	5	0.8	24	11,068.9	12	5.5
Ohio	10	37.6	3	48.0	13	1,031.8	7	0.2
Oklahoma	4	0.7			6	4,953.4	4	0.2
Pennsylvania	85	826.3	38	153.0	81	2,830.3	67	57.1
South Dakota					5	4,760.9	5	8.1
Texas	34	6,217.9	8	8.2	23	339.8	17	50.5
Virginia	13	2.4			14	3,364.1	13	10.3
Wisconsin	11	1,393.8	3	121.8	7	450.1		
United States	657	31,831.6	227	717.7	630	102,518.9	496	2,554.6

<sup>1</sup>Includes data from week ending January 8, 2005 through Dec 31, 2005.

Source: USDA NASS Livestock Slaughter 2005 Summary, March 2006

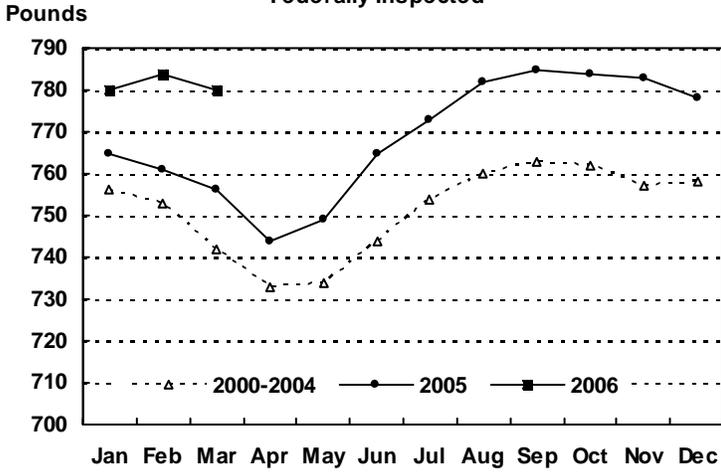
**Commercial Cattle Slaughter: Top Five States, Selected Years<sup>1</sup>**

Rank	2000		2001		2002		2003		2004		2005	
	State	1,000 Head										
1	Kansas	8,213	<b>Nebraska</b>	<b>7,694</b>	<b>Nebraska</b>	<b>7,862</b>	<b>Nebraska</b>	<b>7,661</b>	Kansas	7,182	Kansas	7,321
2	<b>Nebraska</b>	<b>7,617</b>	Kansas	7,272	Kansas	7,404	Kansas	7,357	<b>Nebraska</b>	<b>6,903</b>	<b>Nebraska</b>	<b>7,029</b>
3	Texas	6,606	Texas	6,463	Texas	6,472	Texas	6,495	Texas	6,179	Texas	6,238
4	Colorado	2,636	Colorado	2,605	Colorado	2,596	Colorado	2,480	Colorado	2,415	Colorado	2,087
5	Wisconsin	1,735	Wisconsin	1,659	Wisconsin	1,665	Wisconsin	1,669	Wisconsin	1,458	Wisconsin	1,439

<sup>1</sup>Includes slaughter in federally inspected and in other slaughter plants, but excludes animals slaughtered on farms.

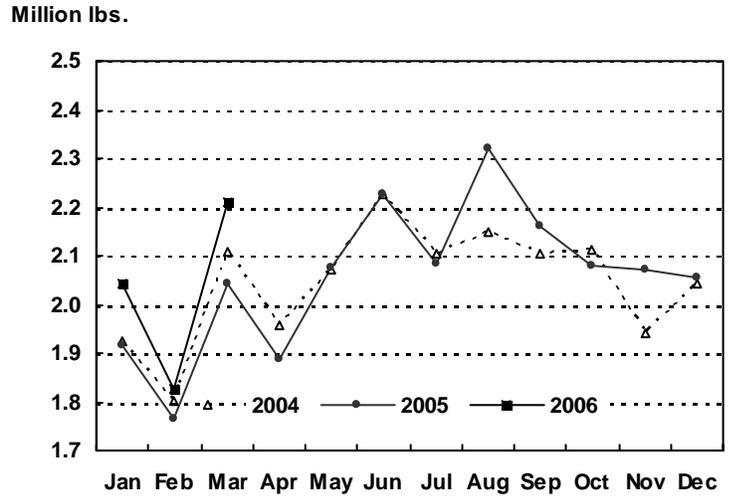
Source: USDA NASS Livestock Slaughter 2005 Summary, March 2006

**Cattle Carcass Weights  
Federally Inspected**



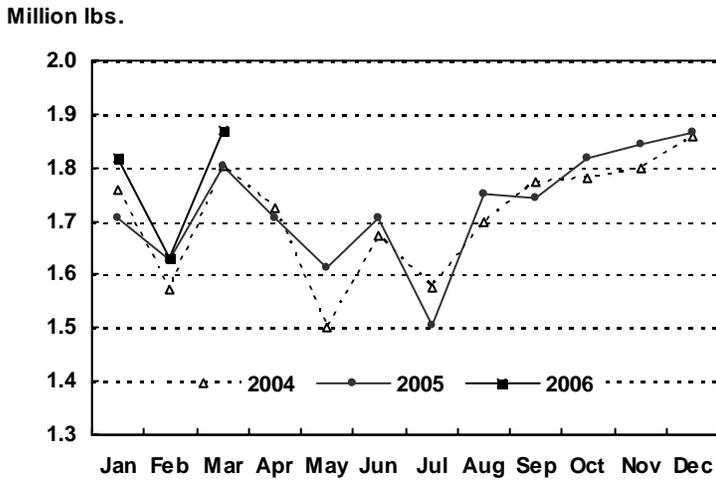
Source: USDA NASS Nebraska Field Office

**Commercial Beef Production**



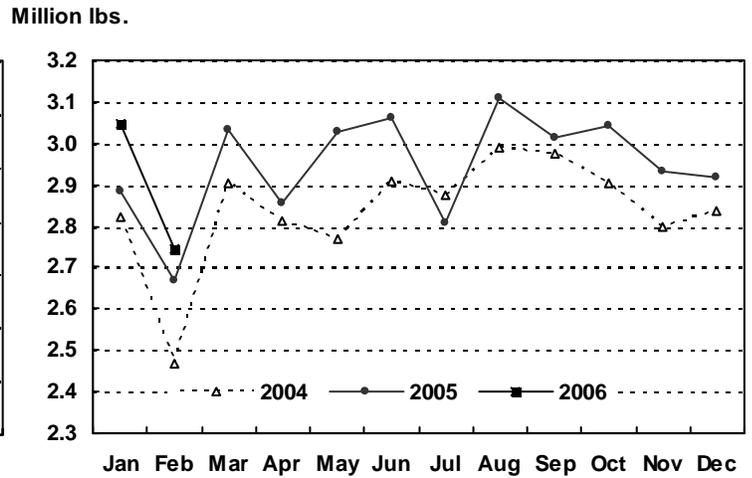
Source: USDA NASS Nebraska Field Office

**Commercial Pork Production**



Source: USDA NASS Nebraska Field Office

**Certified Broiler Slaughter**



Source: USDA NASS Nebraska Field Office

PRESORTED STANDARD  
POSTAGE & FEES PAID  
USDA PERMIT NO. G-38

USDA NASS  
Nebraska Field Office  
P.O. Box 81069  
Lincoln, Nebraska 68501-1069  
OFFICIAL BUSINESS  
PENALTY FOR PRIVATE USE, \$300  
ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED