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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.

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

State	April 1 Number on Feed ¹			March Placements			March Marketings			March Other Disappearance ²		
	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	374	330	88	30	24	80	31	35	113	2	1	50
California	530	445	84	55	48	87	65	60	92	5	3	60
Colorado	1,020	1,040	102	135	165	122	160	155	97	5	10	200
Idaho	230	210	91	37	26	70	39	30	77	3	1	33
Iowa	550	520	95	59	71	120	68	70	103	1	1	100
Kansas	2,420	2,280	94	440	395	90	415	395	95	15	10	67
Nebraska	2,450	2,320	95	360	360	100	390	365	94	10	5	50
New Mexico	158	137	87	10	10	100	11	19	173	1	2	200
Oklahoma	340	330	97	50	68	136	58	66	114	2	2	100
South Dakota	225	225	100	32	46	144	37	44	119	5	2	40
Texas	2,880	2,810	98	450	510	113	480	510	106	10	10	100
Washington	152	160	105	30	35	117	28	27	96	1	1	100
Other States	355	345	97	48	44	92	60	52	87	3	2	67
United States	11,684	11,152	95	1,736	1,802	104	1,842	1,828	99	63	50	79

¹Cattle 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.

²Includes death losses, movement from feedlots to pastures and shipments to other feedlots for further feeding.

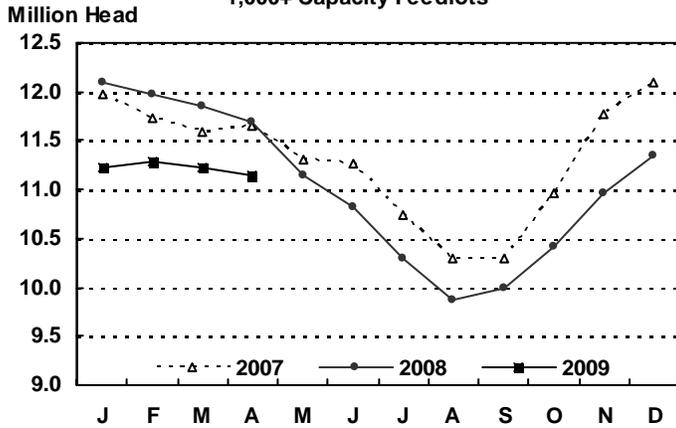
Source: USDA NASS Cattle on Feed, April 17, 2009

Cattle on Feed: Number Placed on Feed by Weight Group, 1,000+ Capacity Feedlots, By Month, State, and United States, 2008-2009

State	During March									
	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	20	20	25	25	45	55	45	65	135	165
Kansas	55	45	95	85	150	135	140	130	440	395
Nebraska	50	40	50	60	110	110	150	150	360	360
Texas	100	90	105	110	165	200	80	110	450	510
Other States	110	105	55	60	91	92	95	115	351	372
United States	335	300	330	340	561	592	510	570	1,736	1,802

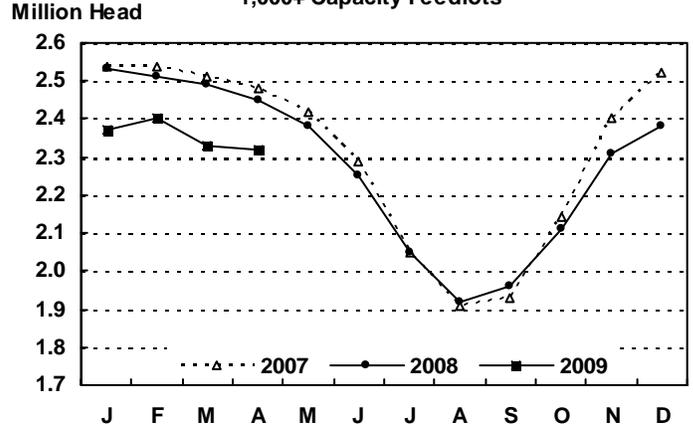
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United States Cattle on Feed
1,000+ Capacity Feedlots



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 States¹

Class	Mar 2008	Feb 2009	Mar 2009	Mar 09% of		Jan - Mar ²		
				Mar 2008	Feb 2009	2008	2009	09 as % of 08
	<i>Million Pounds</i>	<i>Million Pounds</i>	<i>Million Pounds</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Million Pounds</i>	<i>Million Pounds</i>	<i>Million Pounds</i>
Beef	2,071.4	*1,954.5	2,112.8	102	108	6,280.4	6,153.8	98
Veal	11.1	10.8	12.0	108	111	32.8	34.4	105
Pork	1,947.7	1,803.2	1,955.2	100	108	5,979.7	5,771.3	97
Lamb & mutton	15.4	12.2	15.3	99	125	44.1	40.2	91
Total Red Meat ³	4,045.6	3,780.7	4,095.3	101	108	12,337.0	11,999.7	97

*Revised. ¹Based on packers' dressed weights and excludes farm slaughter. ²Accumulated totals and percentages based on unrounded data. ³Totals may not equal sum of the parts due to rounding.

Source: USDA NASS Livestock Slaughter April 24, 2009

Classification of Livestock Slaughtered Under Federal Inspection: United States

Item	Mar 2008	Feb 2009	Mar 2009	Jan - Mar ¹		Mar 2008	Feb 2009	Mar 2009	Jan - Mar ¹	
				2008	2009				2008	2009
	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>Percent of Total</i>				
Class²										
Cattle										
Steers	1,326	1,190	1,312	3,991	3,783	49.4	48.0	49.0	49.1	48.3
Heifers	837	763	832	2,523	2,377	31.2	30.8	31.1	31.0	30.4
All Cows	473	487	491	1,483	1,544	17.6	19.6	18.3	18.2	19.7
Dairy Cows	215	*243	238	665	763	8.0	9.8	8.9	8.2	9.7
Other Cows	258	*244	253	818	782	9.6	9.8	9.4	10.1	10.0
Bulls & Stags	47	39	45	132	123	1.7	1.6	1.7	1.6	1.6
Total	2,684	2,479	2,681	8,129	7,828	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Calves & Vealers	70	73	79	208	235	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Hogs										
Barrows & Gilts	9,242	8,569	9,273	28,362	27,386	96.5	96.9	96.9	96.6	96.9
Sows	299	238	267	873	771	3.1	2.7	2.8	3.0	2.7
Stags & Boars	39	33	34	117	102	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.4
Total¹	9,579	8,839	9,574	29,351	28,259	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Sheep										
Mature Sheep	10	8	10	27	26	4.5	4.9	4.7	4.4	4.8
Lambs & Yrlings	210	161	200	595	531	95.5	95.1	95.3	95.6	95.2
Total¹	219	169	210	623	557	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

*Revised. ¹Total and percentages based on unrounded data. ²Species totals and classification reported by meat inspectors, Inspection Operations, FSIS.

Source: USDA NASS Livestock Slaughter April 24, 2009

**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	
	2007	2008	2007	2008		2007	2008	2007	2008
	<i>Number</i>		<i>1,000</i>			<i>Number</i>		<i>1,000</i>	
1 – 999	454	454	150.8	162.3	1 – 999	385	385	124.9	129.3
1,000 – 9,999	91	92	244.5	236.7	1,000 – 9,999	116	116	313.6	321.0
10,000 – 49,999	18	21	398.2	469.3	10,000 – 99,999	64	63	2,730.7	2,577.7
50,000 – 99,999	8	11	511.2	763.0	100,000 – 249,999	9	10	1,503.0	1,493.0
100,000 – 199,999	13	9	1,845.3	1,338.0	250,000 – 499,999	12	12	4,077.4	4,209.1
200,000 – 299,999	9	9	2,207.1	2,191.8	500,000 – 999,999	5	4	3,884.9	3,111.1
300,000 – 499,999	7	8	2,734.9	2,891.5	1,000,000 – 1,999,999	2	3	3,784.8	4,921.1
500,000 – 999,999	12	12	7,303.6	6,991.7	2,000,000 – 2,999,999	12	11	29,007.7	28,507.2
1,000,000 +	14	14	18,325.1	18,760.9	3,000,000 – 3,999,999	2	2	7,445.5	7,049.2
Total ¹	626	630	33,720.7	33,805.1	4,000,000 +	11	12	55,265.7	63,102.0
					Total ¹	618	618	108,138.2	115,420.7

¹Totals may not add due to rounding.

Source: USDA NASS Livestock Slaughter 2008 Summary, March 2009

**Federally Inspected Plants and Head Slaughtered: Number
by Species, Selected States, and United States, 2008¹**

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>	
California	24	1,563.1	14	199.5	14	2,630.6		
Colorado	22	2,503.0			18	6.2	19	954.4
Illinois			6	58.6	26	10,658.4		
Indiana					10	8,268.8		
Iowa					21	32,728.1	3	352.2
Kansas	24	6,478.3					14	2.0
Kentucky	17	9.1	2	0.3			16	11.8
Minnesota	23	820.6	6		21	9,915.4	14	11.5
Missouri			12	0.7			32	5.2
Nebraska	26	7,081.5			19	7,932.3	11	0.4
North Carolina	16	220.4	8	1.3	26	12,150.3	10	8.5
Ohio	11	53.9	3	36.6	14	1,049.0	7	0.5
Oklahoma	6	1.9			7	5,259.8	5	0.9
Pennsylvania	75	982.1	39	160.7	74	2,996.6	57	53.3
South Dakota					5	4,750.6	5	0.8
Texas	34	6,716.1	13	18.7	24	369.3	21	5.2
Virginia	14	4.3			15	2,496.1	16	14.0
Wisconsin	15	1,680.0			11	564.1	10	3.2
United States ²	630	33,805.1	251	942.0	618	115,420.7	496	2,393.5

¹ States with no data printed are included in US total. Data not printed to avoid disclosing individual operations. ² US totals are based on unrounded data and may not equal sum of parts.

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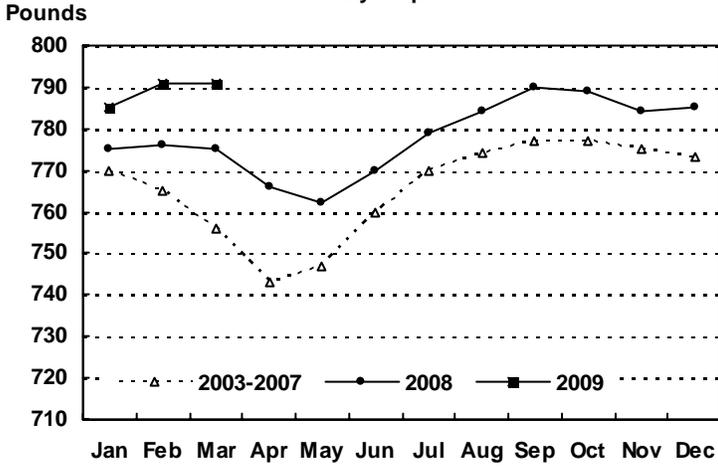
Commercial Cattle Slaughter: Top Five States, Selected Years¹

Rank	2003		2004		2005		2006		2007		2008	
	State	1,000 Head										
1	Nebr.	7,661	Kansas	7,182	Kansas	7,321	Kansas	7,543	Kansas	7,726	Nebr.	7,113
2	Kansas	7,357	Nebr.	6,903	Nebr.	7,029	Nebr.	7,069	Nebr.	7,071	Texas	6,740
3	Texas	6,495	Texas	6,179	Texas	6,238	Texas	6,485	Texas	6,111	Kansas	6,508
4	Colo.	2,480	Colo.	2,415	Colo.	2,087	Colo.	2,116	Colo.	2,210	Colo.	2,509
5	Wisc.	1,669	Wisc.	1,458	Wisc.	1,439	Wisc.	1,583	Wisc.	1,708	Wisc.	1,724

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

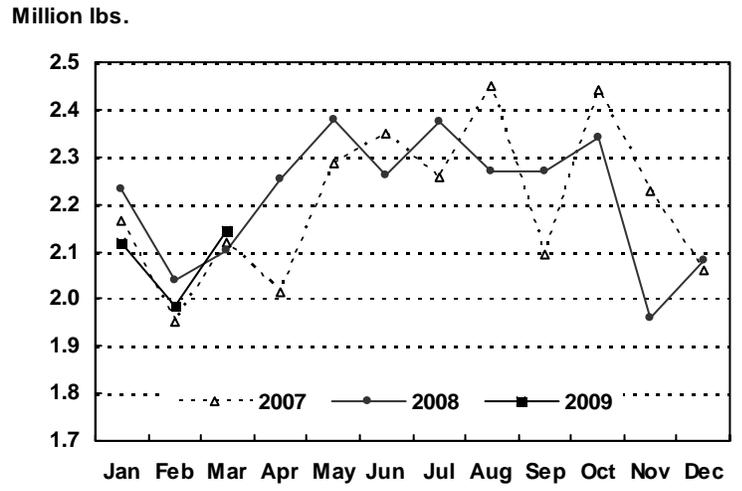
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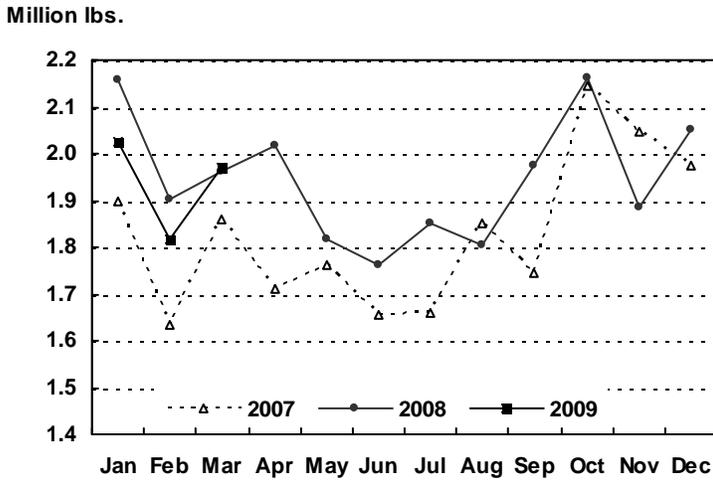
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U.S. Commercial Beef Production



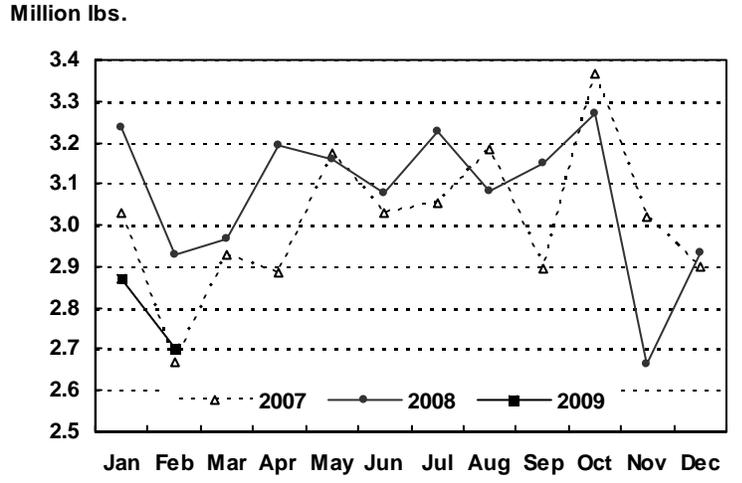
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U.S. Commercial Pork Production



Source: USDA NASS Nebraska Field Office

U.S. Certified Broiler Slaughter



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