



# Nebraska Cattle Feeders' News

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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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Director

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

State	May 1 Number on Feed <sup>1</sup>			April Placements			April Marketings			April Other Disappearance <sup>2</sup>		
	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	370	311	84	34	21	62	37	38	103	1	2	200
California	520	450	87	64	68	106	70	61	87	4	2	50
Colorado	950	1,010	106	115	150	130	165	165	100	20	15	75
Idaho	225	210	93	28	30	107	32	29	91	1	1	100
Iowa	530	540	102	59	79	134	77	68	88	2	1	50
Kansas	2,290	2,180	95	360	330	92	470	410	87	20	20	100
Nebraska	2,380	2,270	95	340	350	103	400	395	99	10	5	50
New Mexico	150	120	80	9	11	122	16	25	156	1	3	300
Oklahoma	305	315	103	40	52	130	74	66	89	1	1	100
South Dakota	220	230	105	33	39	118	37	33	89	1	1	100
Texas	2,690	2,680	100	360	395	110	540	510	94	10	15	150
Washington	155	161	104	33	26	79	29	24	83	1	1	100
Other States	350	345	99	61	49	80	63	47	75	3	2	67
United States	11,135	10,822	97	1,536	1,600	104	2,010	1,871	93	75	69	92

<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 losses, movement from feedlots to pastures and shipments to other feedlots for further feeding.

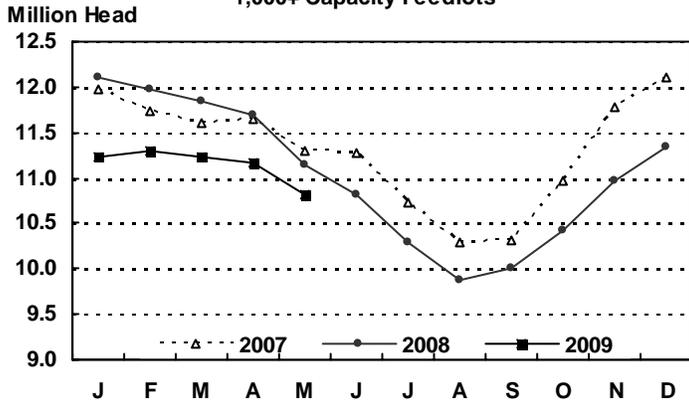
Source: USDA NASS Cattle on Feed May 22, 2009

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

State	During April									
	Under 600		600-699		700-799		800 Plus		Total	
	2008	2009	2008	2009	2008	2009	2008	2009	2008	2009
	1,000 Head									
Colorado	15	20	25	30	35	40	40	60	115	150
Kansas	45	55	70	70	115	90	130	115	360	330
Nebraska	50	55	60	65	90	90	140	140	340	350
Texas	90	125	80	90	110	95	80	85	360	395
Other States	115	100	43	60	78	90	125	125	361	375
United States	315	355	278	315	428	405	515	525	1,536	1,600

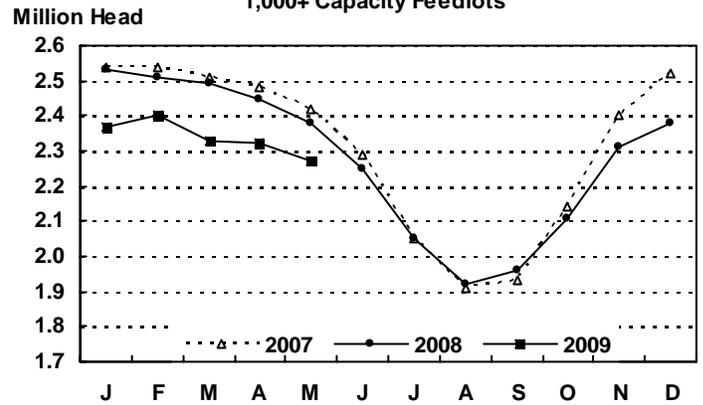
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**United States Cattle on Feed  
1,000+ Capacity Feedlots**



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 States<sup>1</sup>**

Class	Apr 2008	Mar 2009	Apr 2009	Apr 09% of		Jan - Mar <sup>2</sup>		
				Apr 2008	Mar 2009	2008	2009	09 as % of 08
	Million Pounds	Million Pounds	Million Pounds	Percent	Percent	Million Pounds	Million Pounds	Million Pounds
Beef	2,224.5	*2,112.6	2,102.1	94	100	8,505.0	8,255.7	97
Veal	11.7	12.0	11.0	94	92	44.5	45.4	102
Pork	2,000.5	1,955.2	1,910.8	96	98	7,980.2	7,682.1	96
Lamb & mutton	14.6	15.3	14.7	101	96	58.7	54.9	94
Total Red Meat <sup>3</sup>	4,251.3	*4,095.1	4,038.6	95	99	16,588.4	16,038.1	97

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

Source: USDA NASS Livestock Slaughter May 22, 2009

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

Item	Apr 2008	Mar 2009	Apr 2009	Jan - Apr <sup>1</sup>		Apr 2008	Mar 2009	Apr 2009	Jan - Apr <sup>1</sup>	
				2008	2009				2008	2009
	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	1,495	1,312	1,386	5,486	5,169	51.3	49.0	50.9	49.7	49.0
Heifers	865	832	819	3,388	3,196	29.7	31.0	30.1	30.7	30.3
All Cows	501	491	471	1,984	2,016	17.2	18.3	17.3	18.0	19.1
Dairy Cows	219	238	215	884	978	7.5	8.9	7.9	8.0	9.3
Other Cows	282	253	256	1,100	1,038	9.7	9.4	9.4	10.0	9.8
Bulls & Stags	52	45	48	184	171	1.8	1.7	1.8	1.7	1.6
Total <sup>1</sup>	2,914	2,681	2,724	11,043	10,552	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Calves & Vealers	72	79	67	280	303	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
<b>Hogs</b>										
Barrows & Gilts	9,559	9,273	9,054	37,920	36,440	96.4	96.9	96.8	96.6	96.9
Sows	310	267	262	1,183	1,034	3.1	2.8	2.8	3.0	2.7
Stags & Boars	42	34	37	158	140	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.4
Total <sup>1</sup>	9,910	9,574	9,353	39,262	37,613	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
<b>Sheep</b>										
Mature Sheep	10	10	10	38	36	5.0	4.7	4.6	4.6	4.7
Lambs & Yrlings	197	200	203	792	734	95.0	95.3	95.4	95.4	95.3
Total <sup>1</sup>	207	210	213	830	770	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

\*Revised. <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 May 22, 2009

### Annual Cattle Price Reactions to Cattle on Feed Releases

Marketing Year <sup>2</sup>	Number of and Average Price Changes <sup>1</sup>							
	Week Prior to Release				Week After Release			
	Increases		Decreases		Increases		Decreases	
	Number	Average	Number	Average	Number	Average	Number	Average
		<i>Dollars</i>		<i>Dollars</i>		<i>Dollars</i>		<i>Dollars</i>
1998	6	1.53	6	1.20	3	0.98	9	1.12
1999	9	0.73	3	1.11	5	0.38	7	0.50
2000	8	0.76	4	0.69	7	0.78	5	1.08
2001	5	0.84	7	1.78	5	1.87	7	1.47
2002	9	1.24	3	1.40	5	1.14	7	1.68
2003	5	3.73	7	2.41	5	1.90	7	3.24
2004	9	1.73	3	1.85	5	4.07	7	1.83
2005	2	1.65	10	1.43	5	1.01	7	1.28
2006	9	0.96	3	1.26	7	1.76	5	1.61
2007	5	0.78	7	1.36	8	1.67	4	1.51
2008	6	0.95	6	1.81	9	1.57	3	1.03

<sup>1</sup>Prices based on the weekly weighted average price per cwt. for live steers and heifers from feedlots in Texas, Oklahoma, New Mexico, Kansas, Nebraska, Colorado, Iowa, and Minnesota. Total increases and decreases may not add to twelve for a year when the week-to-week price does not change.

<sup>2</sup>Marketing year represents the January-December calendar year.

Source: Market News, Agricultural Marketing Service

### Monthly Cattle Price Reactions to Cattle on Feed Releases

Release Date	Inventory Change <sup>2</sup>	Average Price <sup>1</sup>			Change From	
		Week Prior	Week of Release	Week After	Week Before to Week of Release	Week of Release To Week After
		<i>Percent</i>	<i>Dollars</i>	<i>Dollars</i>	<i>Dollars</i>	<i>Dollars</i>
Jan 25, 2008	1	90.14	90.44	89.56	0.30	-0.88
Feb 22, 2008	2	91.00	91.58	93.01	0.58	1.43
Mar 20, 2008	2	89.85	89.86	87.92	0.01	-1.94
Apr 18, 2008	0.3	87.20	90.00	92.14	2.80	2.14
May 16, 2008	-1	93.84	94.02	94.39	0.18	0.37
Jun 20, 2008	-4	93.13	94.94	98.30	1.81	3.36
Jul 25, 2008	-4	97.23	94.79	97.09	-2.44	2.30
Aug 22, 2008	-4	99.74	98.72	98.88	-1.02	0.16
Sep 19, 2008	-3	98.32	98.23	97.95	-0.09	-0.28
Oct 17, 2008	-5	91.30	89.27	89.81	-2.03	0.54
Nov 21, 2008	-7	92.38	87.25	89.81	-5.13	2.56
Dec 19, 2008	-6	83.97	83.83	85.08	-0.14	1.25

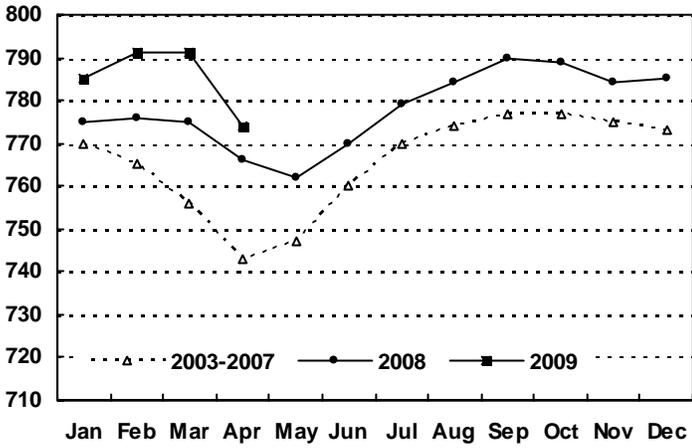
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<sup>2</sup>Change from previous year.

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**U.S. Cattle Carcass Weights  
Federally Inspected**

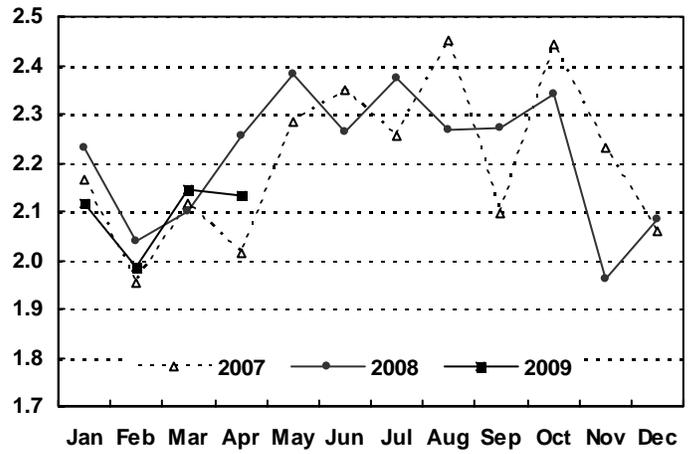
Pounds



Source: USDA NASS Nebraska Field Office

**U.S. Commercial Beef Production**

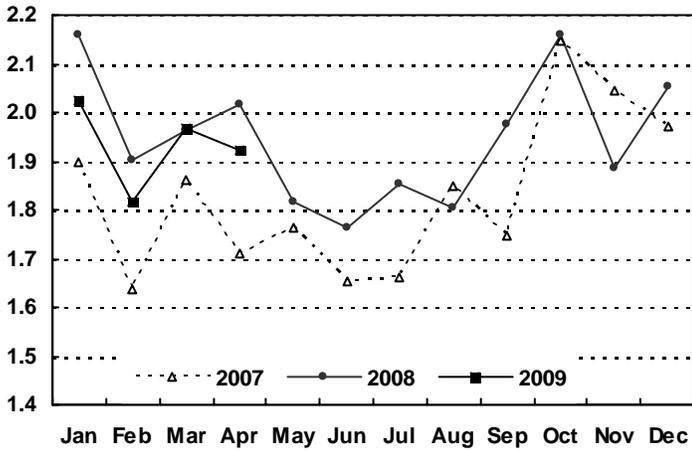
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Source: USDA NASS Nebraska Field Office

**U.S. Commercial Pork Production**

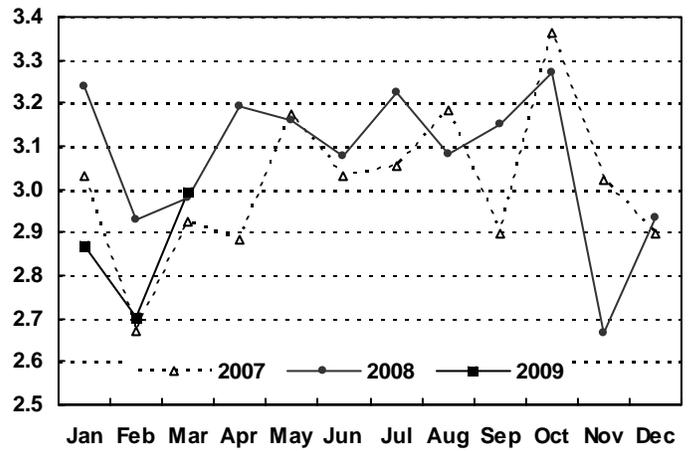
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**U.S. Certified Broiler Slaughter**

Million lbs.



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