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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, 2009-2010

State	April 1 Number on Feed ¹			March Placements			March Marketings			March 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	330	278	84	24	20	83	35	27	77	1	1	100
California	445	440	99	48	47	98	60	51	85	3	6	200
Colorado	1,040	930	89	165	185	112	155	190	123	10	5	50
Idaho	210	205	98	26	34	131	30	23	77	1	1	100
Iowa	530	600	113	77	77	100	66	84	127	1	3	300
Kansas	2,280	2,240	98	395	440	111	395	410	104	10	10	100
Nebraska	2,320	2,290	99	360	380	106	365	430	118	5	10	200
New Mexico	137	³	³	10	³	³	19	³	³	2	³	³
Oklahoma	330	340	103	68	64	94	66	77	117	2	2	100
South Dakota	225	235	104	46	42	91	44	45	102	2	2	100
Texas	2,810	2,640	94	510	490	96	510	485	95	10	15	150
Washington	160	171	107	35	32	91	27	28	104	1	1	100
Other States	345	400	⁵	44	46	⁵	52	52	⁵	2	4	⁵
United States	11,162	10,769	96	1,808	1,857	103	1,824	1,902	104	50	60	120

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. ³ Withheld to avoid disclosing data for individual operations. ⁴ Beginning in July 2009, New Mexico is included in Other State total. ⁵ Comparison to 2009 is not applicable. Source: USDA NASS Cattle on Feed, March 23, 2010

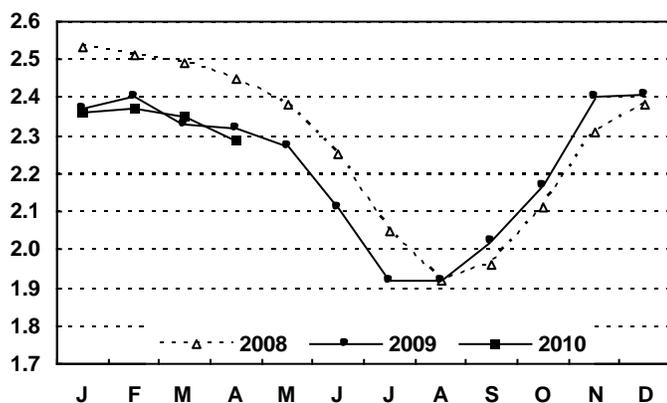
Cattle on Feed: Number Placed on Feed by Weight Group, 1,000+ Capacity Feedlots, By Month, State, and United States, 2009-2010

State	During March									
	Under 600		600-699		700-799		800 Plus		Total	
	2009	2010	2009	2010	2009	2010	2009	2010	2009	2010
	1,000 Head									
Colorado	20	30	25	40	55	70	65	45	165	185
Kansas	45	70	85	90	135	165	130	115	395	440
Nebraska	40	60	60	70	110	120	150	130	360	380
Texas	90	145	110	125	200	150	110	70	510	490
Other States	110	90	60	50	93	97	115	125	378	362
United States	305	395	340	375	593	602	570	485	1,808	1,857

Source: USDA NASS Cattle on Feed April 23, 2010

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

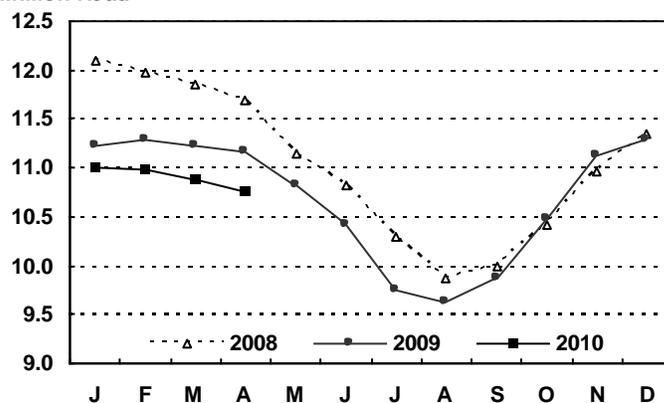
Million Head



Source: USDA NASS Nebraska Field Office

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

Million Head



Source: USDA NASS Nebraska Field Office

Federally Inspected Red Meat Production: United States¹

Class	Mar 2009	Feb 2010	Mar 2010	Mar 2010 % of		Jan - Mar ²		
				Mar 2009	Feb 2010	2009	2010	2010 as % of 09
	<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>Percent</i>
Beef	2,112.6	1,927.2	2,180.7	103	113	6,153.6	6,159.0	100
Veal	12.0	*10.5	11.9	99	114	34.4	33.7	98
Pork	1,955.2	1,745.0	2,025.1	104	116	5,771.6	5,567.9	96
Lamb & mutton	15.3	11.9	17.0	111	144	40.2	41.1	102
Total Red Meat ³	4,095.1	3,694.5	4,234.7	103	115	11,999.9	11,801.7	98

*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 23, 2010

Classification of Livestock Slaughtered Under Federal Inspection: United States

Item	Mar 2009	Feb 2010	Mar 2010	Jan - Mar ¹		Mar 2009	Feb 2010	Mar 2010	Jan - Mar ¹	
				2009	2010				2009	2010
	<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>				
Class										
Cattle										
Steers	1,312	1,191	1,397	3,783	3,847	49.0	47.6	48.8	48.3	47.9
Heifers	832	805	864	2,377	2,482	31.0	32.1	30.2	30.4	30.9
All Cows	491	470	549	1,544	1,559	18.3	18.8	19.2	19.7	19.4
Dairy Cows	238	223	256	762	712	8.9	8.9	9.0	9.7	8.9
Other Cows	253	247	292	782	848	9.4	9.9	10.2	10.0	10.6
Bulls & Stags	45	37	54	124	135	1.7	1.5	1.9	1.6	1.7
Total ¹	2,681	2,503	2,864	7,828	8,023	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Calves & Vealers	79	73	79	235	233	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Hogs										
Barrows & Gilts	9,273	8,357	9,626	27,386	26,546	96.9	97.0	96.8	96.9	96.9
Sows	267	229	281	772	752	2.8	2.7	2.8	2.7	2.7
Stags & Boars	34	33	40	102	106	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.4
Total ¹	9,574	8,619	9,947	28,261	27,403	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Sheep										
Mature Sheep	10	12	15	26	38	4.7	7.2	6.0	4.8	6.5
Lambs & Yrlings	200	155	235	531	552	95.3	92.8	94.0	95.2	93.5
Total ¹	210	167	249	557	590	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

¹Total and percentages based on unrounded data

Source: USDA NASS Livestock Slaughter April 23, 2010

**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	
	2008	2009	2008	2009		2008	2009	2008	2009
	<i>Number</i>		<i>1,000</i>			<i>Number</i>		<i>1,000</i>	
1 – 999	454	448	162.3	153.6	1 – 999	385	391	129.3	126.3
1,000 – 9,999	92	103	236.7	255.4	1,000 – 9,999	116	109	321.0	290.3
10,000 – 49,999	21	21	469.3	488.2	10,000 – 99,999	63	62	2,577.8	2,567.6
50,000 – 99,999	11	10	763.0	690.9	100,000 – 249,999	10	11	1,493.0	1,745.8
100,000 – 199,999	9	7	1,338.0	990.2	250,000 – 499,999	12	11	4,209.1	3,836.0
200,000 – 299,999	9	10	2,191.8	2,360.7	500,000 – 999,999	4	4	3,111.1	3,094.2
300,000 – 499,999	8	11	2,891.5	4,252.4	1,000,000 – 1,999,999	3	2	4,921.1	3,848.2
500,000 – 999,999	12	9	6,991.7	5,375.8	2,000,000 – 2,999,999	11	11	28,507.2	27,828.6
1,000,000 +	14	14	18,760.9	18,198.0	3,000,000 – 3,999,999	2	2	7,049.2	7,254.5
Total ¹	630	633	33,805.1	32,765.2	4,000,000 +	12	12	63,102.0	62,020.8
					Total ¹	618	615	115,420.8	112,612.3

¹Totals may not add due to rounding.

Source: USDA NASS Livestock Slaughter 2009 Summary, April 2010

**Federally Inspected Plants and Head Slaughtered: Number
by Species, Selected States, and United States, 2009**

State	Cattle		Calves		Hogs		Sheep and Lambs	
	Plants	Head	Plants	Head	Plants	Head	Plants	Head
	<i>Number</i>	<i>Number</i>						
California	23	1,644,462	13	242,212	13	2,576,720		
Colorado	21	2,350,730			18	6,300	19	917,045
Illinois			10	34,428	26	9,440,483		
Indiana					10	8,479,983		
Iowa					20	32,126,639	3	385,447
Kansas	23	6,305,788	1	149			14	2,090
Kentucky	17	10,201	5	299			16	11,432
Minnesota	23	811,153	12	146	21	9,787,267	14	15,245
Missouri			10	548			34	5,238
Nebraska	26	6,739,398			19	7,677,603	10	334
North Carolina	18	218,116	8	1,168	27	12,315,668	15	9,455
Ohio	11	51,348	4	103,596	12	1,002,748	6	576
Oklahoma	5	1,760			6	5,309,474		
Pennsylvania	75	910,226	44	129,390	72	2,993,769	58	44,776
South Dakota					5	4,345,847	4	433
Texas	37	6,591,217	13	43,099	26	351,572	20	20,712
Virginia	15	4,859			16	2,254,213		
Wisconsin	16	1,635,309			12	473,442	9	3,205
United States ¹	633	32,765,207	276	930,375	615	112,612,252	504	2,323,071

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

Source: USDA NASS Livestock Slaughter 2009 Summary, April 2010

Commercial Cattle Slaughter: Top Five States, Selected Years¹

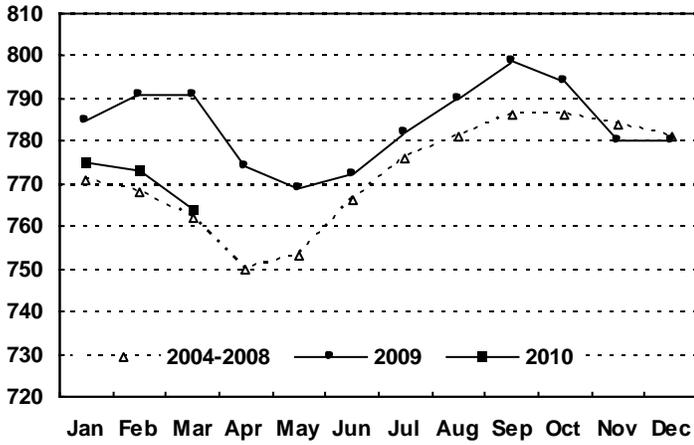
Rank	2004		2005		2006		2007		2008		2009	
	State	1,000 Head										
1	Kansas	7,182	Kansas	7,321	Kansas	7,543	Kansas	7,726	Nebr.	7,113	Nebr.	6,766
2	Nebr.	6,903	Nebr.	7,029	Nebr.	7,069	Nebr.	7,071	Texas	6,740	Texas	6,619
3	Texas	6,179	Texas	6,238	Texas	6,485	Texas	6,111	Kansas	6,508	Kansas	6,337
4	Colo.	2,415	Colo.	2,087	Colo.	2,116	Colo.	2,210	Colo.	2,509	Colo.	2,357
5	Wisc.	1,458	Wisc.	1,439	Wisc.	1,583	Wisc.	1,708	Wisc.	1,724	Wisc.	1,681

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

Source: USDA NASS Livestock Slaughter 2009 Summary, April 2010

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

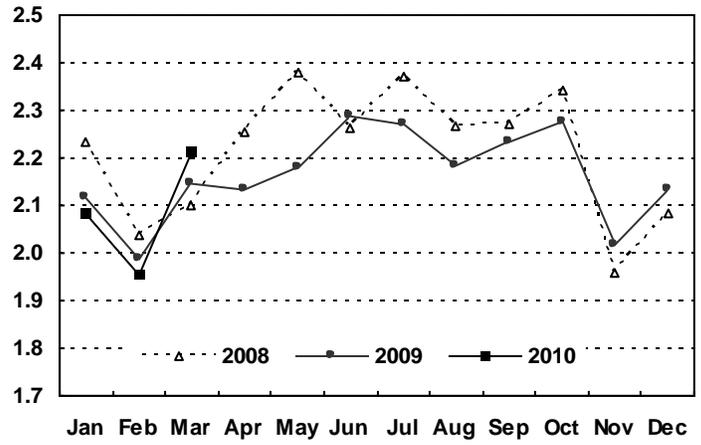
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U.S. Commercial Beef Production

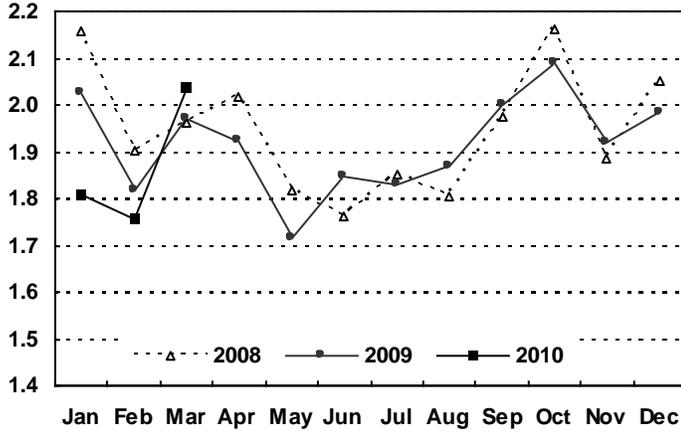
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Source: USDA NASS Nebraska Field Office

U.S. Commercial Pork Production

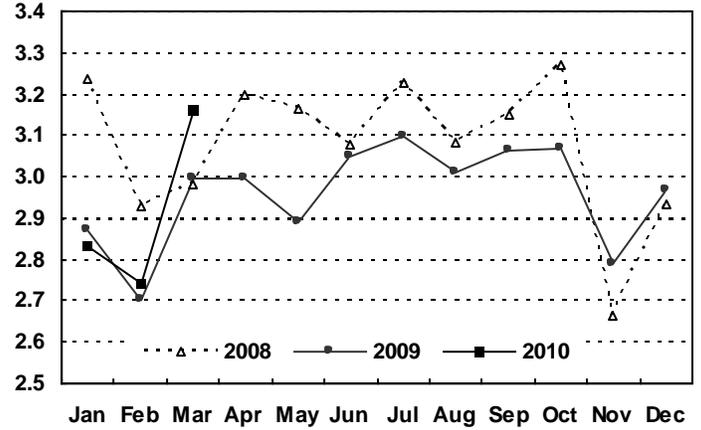
Million lbs.



Source: USDA NASS Nebraska Field Office

U.S. Certified Broiler Slaughter

Million lbs.



Source: USDA NASS Nebraska Field Office

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