



# Nebraska Cattle Feeders' News

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### Survey Results Included

- Cattle on Feed
- Livestock Slaughter
- Cattle Inventory by Class and Calf Crop

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

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

State	March 1 Number on Feed <sup>1</sup>			February Placements			February Marketings			February Other Disappearance <sup>2</sup>		
	2011	2012	<u>2012</u> 2011	2011	2012	<u>2012</u> 2011	2011	2012	<u>2012</u> 2011	2011	2012	<u>2012</u> 2011
	1,000 Head		Percent	1,000 Head		Percent	1,000 Head		Percent	1,000 Head		Percent
Arizona	269	279	104	29	25	86	25	21	84	1	1	100
California	460	500	109	43	50	116	50	53	106	3	2	67
Colorado	1,070	1,090	102	215	165	77	210	200	95	5	15	300
Idaho	220	230	105	31	37	119	40	41	103	1	1	100
Iowa	650	670	103	71	85	120	79	62	78	2	3	150
Kansas	2,220	2,200	99	365	370	101	405	385	95	10	15	150
Nebraska	2,430	2,570	106	350	410	117	365	390	107	15	20	133
Oklahoma	360	340	94	60	48	80	73	61	84	2	2	100
South Dakota	265	260	98	45	47	104	48	45	94	2	2	100
Texas	2,830	2,840	100	380	380	100	405	415	102	15	25	167
Washington	205	233	114	31	41	132	30	32	107	3	3	100
Other States	407	465	114	47	56	119	61	50	82	2	4	200
United States	11,386	11,677	103	1,667	1,714	103	1,791	1,755	98	61	93	152

<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, March 23, 2012

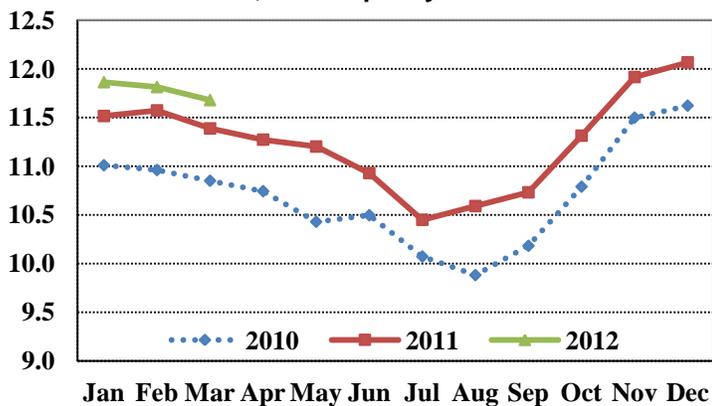
### Number of Cattle Placed on Feed by Weight Group on 1,000+ Capacity Feedlots by Month - States and United States: 2011-2012

State	During February									
	Under 600 lbs		600-699 lbs		700-799 lbs		800+ lbs		Total	
	2011	2012	2011	2012	2011	2012	2011	2012	2011	2012
	1,000 Head									
Colorado	30	30	45	30	65	40	75	65	215	165
Kansas	55	70	80	75	150	130	80	95	365	370
Nebraska	60	60	85	70	100	110	105	170	350	410
Texas	160	145	85	85	85	95	50	55	380	380
Other States	95	95	70	75	92	94	100	125	357	389
United States	400	400	365	335	492	469	410	510	1,667	1,714

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

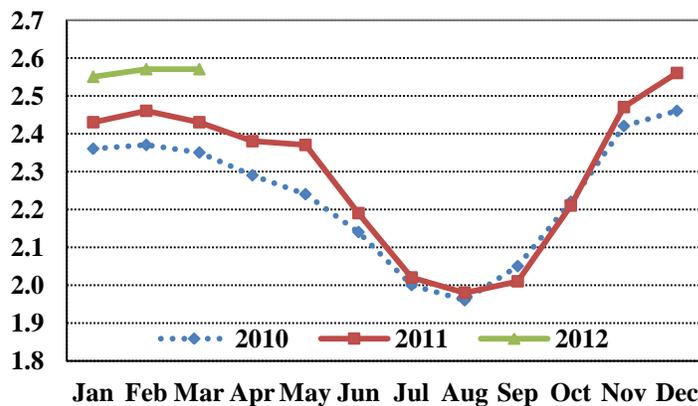
Million Head



Source: USDA NASS Nebraska Field Office

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

Million Head



Source: USDA NASS Nebraska Field Office

### Federally Inspected Red Meat Production - United States

(Totals, accumulated totals and percentages based on unrounded data)

Type	Feb 2011	Jan 2012	Feb 2012	Feb 2012 as % of		Jan - Feb		
				Feb 2011	Jan 2012	2011	2012	2012 as % of 2011
	Million Pounds	Million Pounds	Million Pounds	Percent	Percent	Million Pounds	Million Pounds	Percent
Beef	1,994.1	2,081.7	1,981.2	99	95	4,087.2	4,062.9	99
Veal	10.2	10.2	9.6	94	94	20.8	19.8	95
Pork	1,756.1	1,974.1	1,870.1	106	95	3,640.4	3,844.3	106
Lamb & mutton	10.5	11.6	11.8	113	102	21.2	23.4	111
Total Red Meat	3,771.0	4,077.6	3,872.7	103	95	7,769.5	7,950.3	102

Source: USDA NASS Livestock Slaughter, March 23, 2012

### Livestock Slaughtered Under Federal Inspection, By Class - United States

(Data may not add to totals due to rounding)

Class	Feb 2011	Jan 2012	Feb 2012	Jan - Feb		Feb 2011	Jan 2012	Feb 2012	Jan - Feb	
				2011	2012				2011	2012
	1,000 Head	1,000 Head	1,000 Head	1,000 Head	1,000 Head	Percent of Total				
<b>Cattle</b>										
Steers	1,223	1,285	1,185	2,505	2,470	47.4	48.2	47.1	47.5	47.7
Heifers	818	766	781	1,627	1,547	31.7	28.7	31.1	30.9	29.9
All cows	497	572	508	1,051	1,080	19.3	21.5	20.2	19.9	20.9
Dairy cows	249	264	261	513	525	9.6	9.9	10.4	9.7	10.1
Other cows	248	308	247	538	555	9.6	11.6	9.8	10.2	10.7
Bulls	42	43	40	85	83	1.6	1.6	1.6	1.6	1.6
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,580</b>	<b>2,665</b>	<b>2,515</b>	<b>5,267</b>	<b>5,180</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>
Calves and vealers	68	67	59	139	126	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
<b>Hogs</b>										
Barrows and gilts	8,194	9,196	8,712	16,966	17,908	97.1	97.1	97.1	97.1	97.1
Sows	220	245	235	459	479	2.6	2.6	2.6	2.6	2.6
Boars	26	26	28	52	54	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3
<b>Total</b>	<b>8,440</b>	<b>9,467</b>	<b>8,975</b>	<b>17,476</b>	<b>18,442</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	8	8	8	18	17	5.6	5.5	5.5	5.9	5.5
Lambs and yearlings	137	145	146	278	291	94.4	94.5	94.5	94.1	94.5
<b>Total</b>	<b>146</b>	<b>154</b>	<b>155</b>	<b>296</b>	<b>308</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>

Source: USDA NASS Livestock Slaughter, March 23, 2012

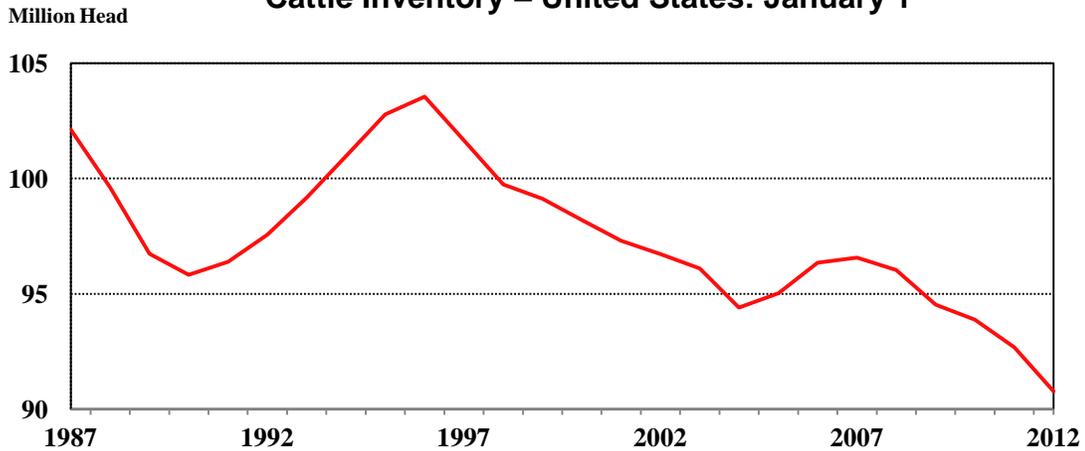
**Cattle Inventory by Class and Calf Crop – United States: January 1, 2011 and 2012**

Class	2011 (1,000 head)	2012 (1,000 head)	Percent of previous year (percent)
Cattle and calves	92,682.4	90,768.5	98
Cows and heifers that have calved	39,999.2	39,112.4	98
Beef cows	30,849.6	29,882.9	97
Milk cows	9,149.6	9,229.5	101
Heifers 500 pounds and over	19,575.8	19,387.8	99
For beef cow replacement	5,138.6	5,211.6	101
Expected to calve <sup>1</sup>	3,164.0	3,201.3	101
For milk cow replacement	4,568.2	4,527.0	99
Expected to calve <sup>1</sup>	3,056.3	3,029.9	99
Other heifers	9,869.0	9,649.2	98
Steers 500 pounds and over	16,397.0	16,071.5	98
Bulls 500 pounds and over	2,155.1	2,052.0	95
Calves under 500 pounds	14,555.3	14,144.8	97
Cattle on feed	14,012.9	14,121.4	101
	2010	2011	Percent of previous year
Calf crop	35,694.8	35,313.2	99

<sup>1</sup>Replacement heifers expected to calve during the year.

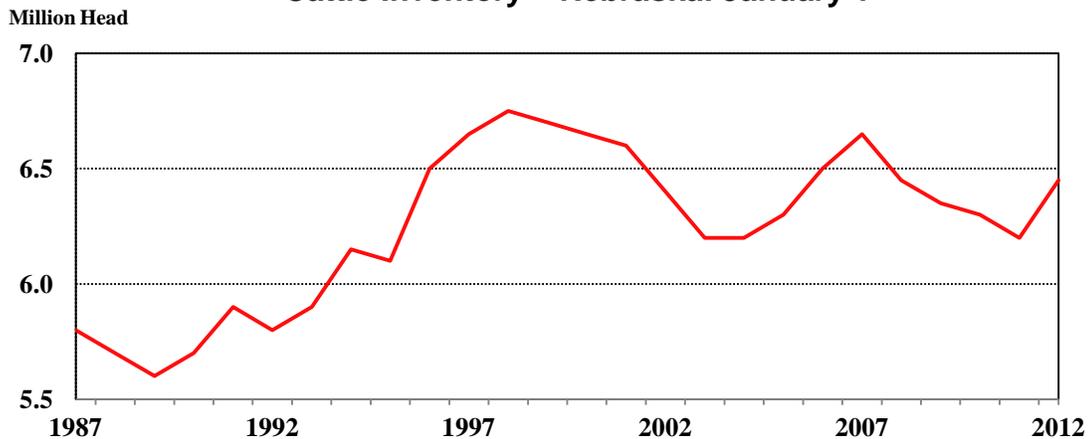
Source: USDA NASS Cattle, January 27, 2012

**Cattle Inventory – United States: January 1**



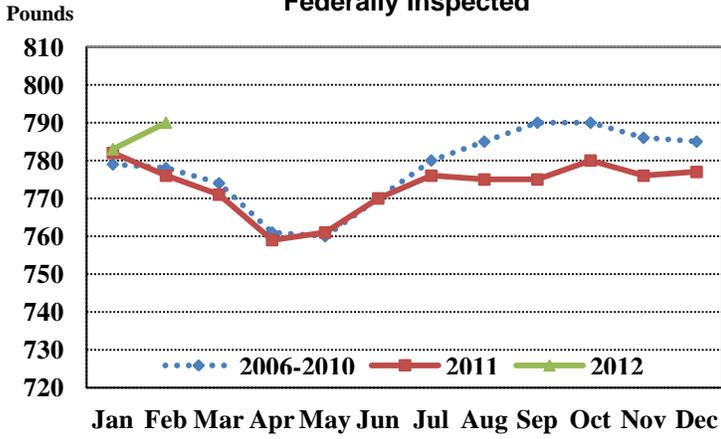
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**Cattle Inventory – Nebraska: January 1**



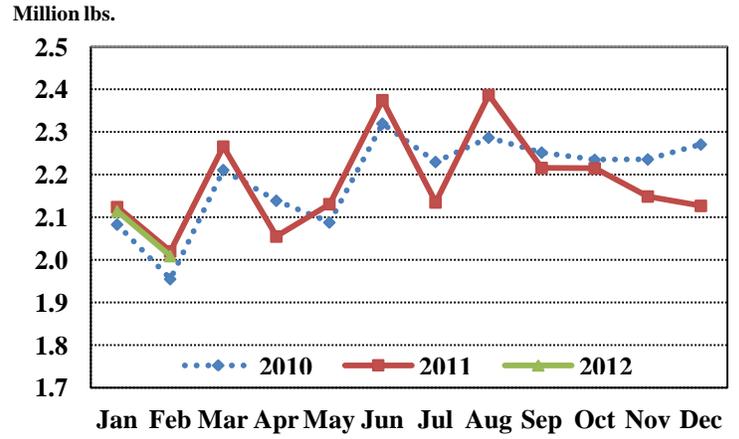
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### U.S. Cattle Carcass Weights Federally Inspected



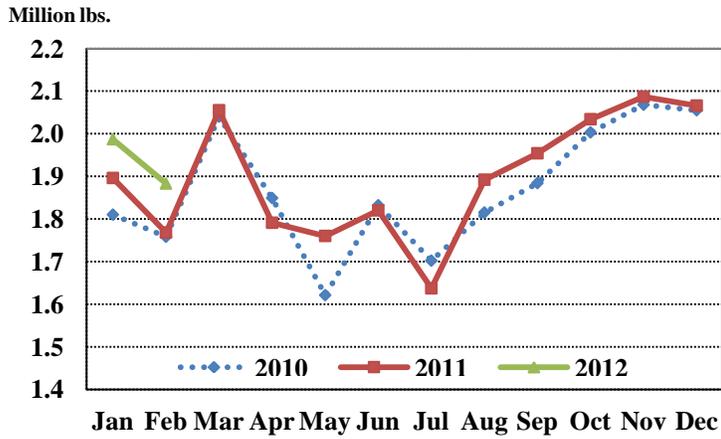
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### U.S. Commercial Beef Production



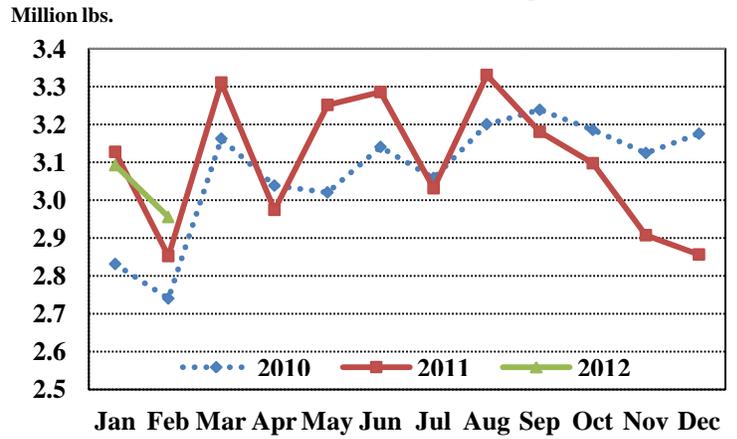
Source: USDA NASS Nebraska Field Office

### U.S. Commercial Pork Production



Source: USDA NASS Nebraska Field Office

### U.S. Certified Broiler Slaughter



Source: USDA NASS Nebraska Field Office

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