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

State	May 1 Number on Feed ¹			April Placements			April Marketings			April Other Disappearance ²		
	2011	2012	<u>2012</u> 2011	2011	2012	<u>2012</u> 2011	2011	2012	<u>2012</u> 2011	2011	2012	<u>2012</u> 2011
	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>Percent</i>		<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>Percent</i>		<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>Percent</i>		<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>Percent</i>	
Arizona	282	276	98	25	26	104	18	27	150	1	1	100
California	450	475	106	57	45	79	55	58	105	2	2	100
Colorado	1,100	1,030	94	165	120	73	150	150	100	5	10	200
Idaho	230	215	93	34	28	82	23	36	157	1	2	200
Iowa	640	650	102	69	55	80	76	72	95	3	3	100
Kansas	2,170	2,080	96	380	300	79	385	380	99	15	10	67
Nebraska	2,370	2,460	104	370	370	100	370	420	114	10	20	200
Oklahoma	355	295	83	76	47	62	74	70	95	2	2	100
South Dakota	255	245	96	31	32	103	39	40	103	2	2	100
Texas	2,730	2,710	99	500	410	82	530	465	88	10	15	150
Washington	200	224	112	28	28	100	33	34	103	2	3	150
Other States	393	450	115	50	60	120	54	63	117	7	8	114
United States	11,175	11,110	99	1,785	1,521	85	1,807	1,815	100	60	78	130

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

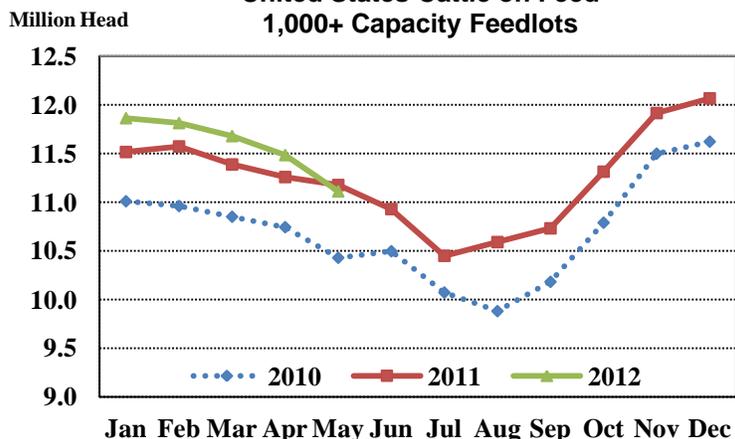
Source: USDA NASS Cattle on Feed, May 18, 2012

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

State	During April									
	Under 600 lbs		600-699 lbs		700-799 lbs		800+ lbs		Total	
	2011	2012	2011	2012	2011	2012	2011	2012	2011	2012
	<i>1,000 Head</i>									
Colorado	35	25	30	20	45	30	55	45	165	120
Kansas	60	60	60	55	130	85	130	100	380	300
Nebraska	60	50	60	50	100	90	150	180	370	370
Texas	190	130	95	80	120	105	95	95	500	410
Other States	100	90	65	45	90	70	115	116	370	321
United States	445	355	310	250	485	380	545	536	1,785	1,521

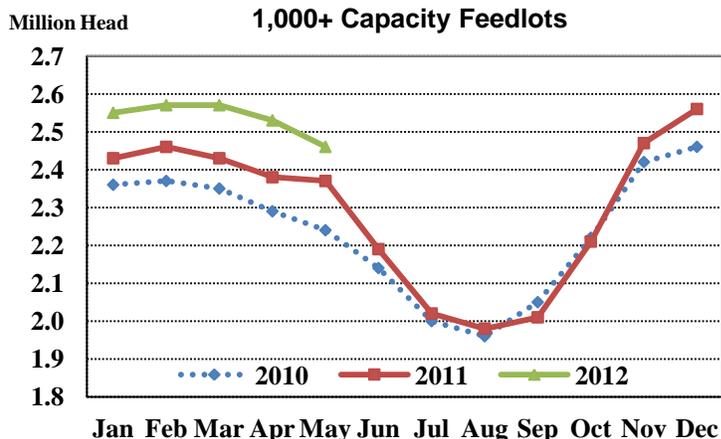
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United States Cattle on Feed 1,000+ Capacity Feedlots



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

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

Type	Apr 2011	Mar 2012	Apr 2012	Apr 2012 as % of		Jan - Apr		
				Apr 2011	Mar 2012	2011	2012	2012 as % of 2011
	Million Pounds	Million Pounds	Million Pounds	Percent	Percent	Million Pounds	Million Pounds	Percent
Beef	2,026.1	2,133.3	1,964.1	97	92	8,350.0	8,160.3	98
Veal	10.0	9.8	9.6	97	99	42.6	39.1	92
Pork	1,778.6	1,975.1	1,829.2	103	93	7,459.1	7,648.5	103
Lamb & mutton	13.7	13.6	12.2	89	90	48.4	49.3	102
Total Red Meat	3,828.4	4,131.8	3,815.1	100	92	15,900.1	15,897.2	100

Source: USDA NASS Livestock Slaughter, May 25, 2012

Livestock Slaughtered Under Federal Inspection, By Class - United States

(Data may not add to totals due to rounding)

Class	Apr 2011	Mar 2012	Apr 2012	Jan - Apr		Apr 2011	Mar 2012	Apr 2012	Jan - Apr	
				2011	2012				2011	2012
	1,000 Head	Percent of Total								
Cattle										
Steers	1,307	1,305	1,251	5,221	5,025	48.8	48.1	49.5	48.1	48.2
Heifers	800	840	765	3,331	3,152	29.9	31.0	30.3	30.7	30.2
All cows	519	522	469	2,115	2,072	19.4	19.2	18.6	19.5	19.9
Dairy cows	238	278	240	1,019	1,043	8.9	10.2	9.5	9.4	10.0
Other cows	281	244	230	1,096	1,029	10.5	9.0	9.1	10.1	9.9
Bulls	52	46	43	191	172	1.9	1.7	1.7	1.8	1.6
Total	2,678	2,713	2,528	10,858	10,421	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Calves and vealers	58	58	55	268	240	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Hogs										
Barrows and gilts	8,295	9,178	8,501	34,762	35,586	96.9	97.1	97.1	97.0	97.1
Sows	237	245	231	960	956	2.8	2.6	2.6	2.7	2.6
Boars	28	30	26	108	111	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3
Total	8,559	9,454	8,757	35,830	36,652	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Sheep										
Mature sheep	11	9	10	40	36	5.8	5.0	6.1	5.9	5.5
Lambs and yearlings	181	171	156	632	618	94.2	95.0	93.9	94.1	94.5
Total	192	180	166	671	654	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

Source: USDA NASS Livestock Slaughter, May 25, 2012

Annual Cattle Price Reactions to Cattle on Feed Releases

Marketing year	Number of and average price changes ¹							
	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>
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
2009	5	1.72	7	0.91	6	1.26	6	0.62
2010	7	2.39	5	1.15	3	2.03	9	0.97
2011	4	2.14	8	2.53	7	2.41	5	1.67

¹Based on the weekly weighted average prices 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.

Source: Market News, Agricultural Marketing Service

Monthly Cattle Price Reactions to Cattle on Feed Releases

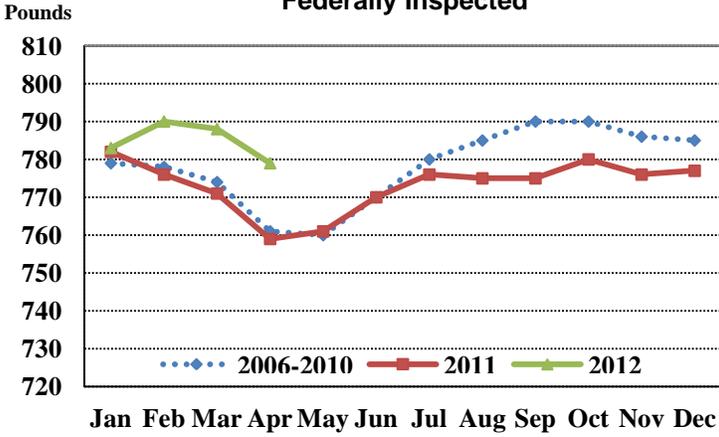
Release date	Inventory change ²	Average price ¹			Change from	
		Week prior	Week of release	Week after	Week before to week of release	Week of release to week after
		<i>Dollars</i>	<i>Dollars</i>	<i>Dollars</i>	<i>Dollars</i>	<i>Dollars</i>
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Dollars</i>	<i>Dollars</i>	<i>Dollars</i>	<i>Dollars</i>	<i>Dollars</i>
Jan 21, 2011	4.6	107.61	105.85	104.36	-1.76	-1.49
Feb 18, 2011	5.6	106.21	109.75	111.07	3.54	1.32
Mar 18, 2011	5.0	117.93	114.24	114.18	-3.69	-0.06
Apr 21, 2011	5.0	119.10	119.16	116.79	0.06	-2.37
May 20, 2011	7.4	112.86	108.29	104.85	-4.57	-3.44
Jun 17, 2011	4.1	106.03	109.30	112.16	3.27	2.86
Jul 22, 2011	3.8	110.93	108.39	108.59	-2.54	0.20
Aug 19, 2011	7.6	116.13	113.96	112.96	-2.17	-1.00
Sep 23, 2011	5.3	117.03	115.89	120.25	-1.14	4.36
Oct 21, 2011	4.9	119.11	120.80	121.00	1.69	0.20
Nov 18, 2011	3.7	125.45	122.75	124.94	-2.70	2.19
Dec 16, 2011	4.0	120.52	118.89	124.60	-1.63	5.71

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²Percent change from previous year at time of each report.

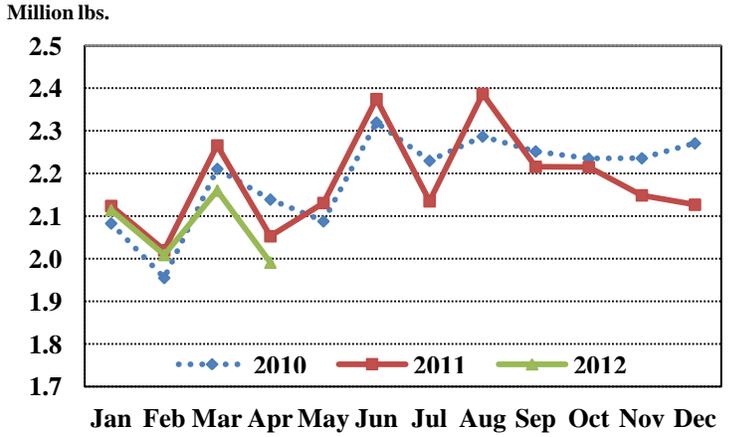
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U.S. Cattle Carcass Weights Federally Inspected



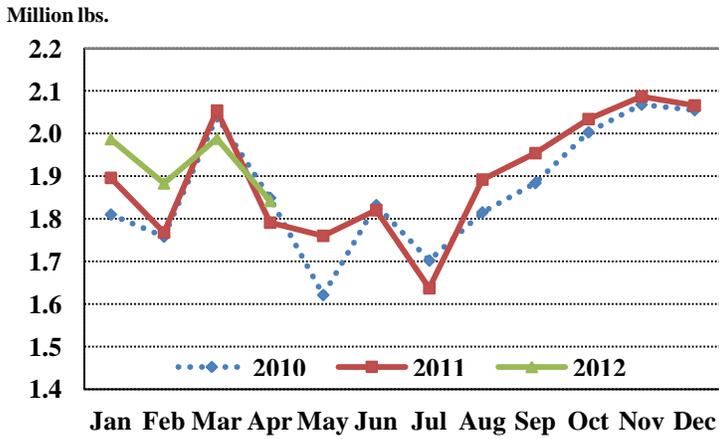
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U.S. Commercial Beef Production



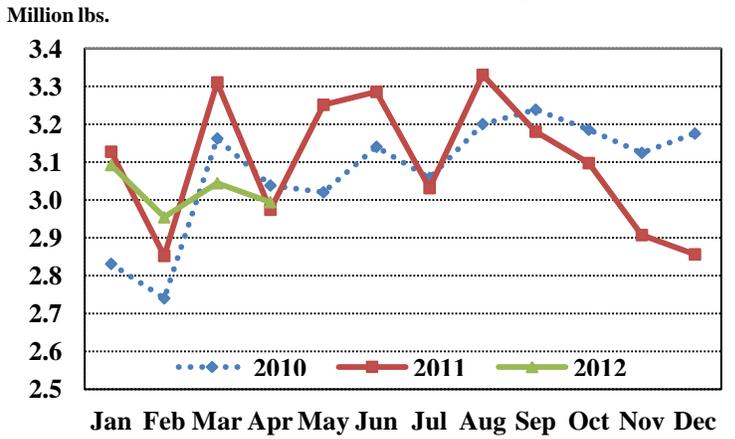
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U.S. Commercial Pork Production



Source: USDA NASS Nebraska Field Office

U.S. Certified Broiler Slaughter



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