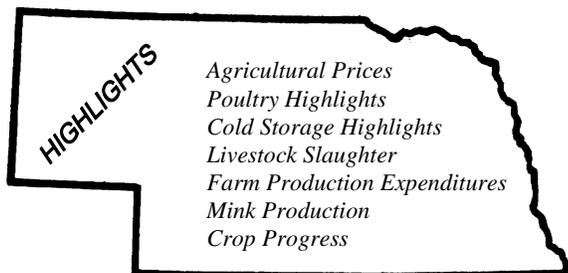


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prices for corn, wheat, soybeans, and eggs more than offset price increases for milk, cucumbers, onions, and potatoes. The seasonal change in the mix of commodities farmers sell often affects the overall index; however, these changes were essentially offsetting in July.

U.S. INDEX OF PRICES RECEIVED

The preliminary All Farm Products Index of Prices Received in July was 98 based on 1990-92=100, down 1 point (1.0 percent) from the June index. Lower

Compared with July 1999, the All Farm Product Index was 3 points (3.2 percent) higher. Price increases from July 1999 for hogs, cattle, wheat, and soybeans more than offset price decreases for milk, corn, grapes, and oranges.

AVERAGE PRICES RECEIVED BY FARMERS

COMMODITY	Unit	NEBRASKA			UNITED STATES				
		July 1999 ^{1/}	June 2000 ^{1/}	July 15, 2000	July 1999 ^{1/}	June 2000 ^{1/}	July 15, 2000	% of Parity	Parity Price*
Wheat	Bu.	\$ 2.20	\$ 2.48	\$ 2.56	\$ 2.23	\$ 2.50	\$ 2.34	24	9.72
Corn	Bu.	1.72	1.93	1.70	1.74	1.91	1.55	23	6.70
Oats	Bu.	1.10	1.56	1.45	1.08	1.24	1.22	36	3.40
Grain Sorghum	Cwt.	2.67	3.27	2.70	2.83	3.32	2.61	25	10.50
Soybeans	Bu.	4.04	4.94	4.50	4.19	4.92	4.48	32	14.00
Hay, All, Baled	Ton	38.00	52.00	55.00	78.40	82.50	80.20	---	---
Alfalfa, Baled	Ton	39.00	52.00	57.00	82.00	85.70	84.50	---	---
Other, Baled	Ton	34.00	38.00	42.00	65.30	70.90	66.60	---	---
Dry Edible Beans ...	Cwt.	17.60	15.50	15.20	18.50	15.70	15.10	30	49.60
Hogs	Cwt.	34.00	51.30	50.20	31.60	48.60	49.20	48	103.00
Barrows & Gilts ..	Cwt.	34.10	51.40	50.50	32.20	49.40	50.00	---	---
Sows	Cwt.	22.00	36.80	36.00	20.50	35.10	35.00	---	---
Beef Cattle	Cwt.	64.00	70.00	67.60	62.60	68.50	68.00	44	155.00
Steers & Heifers ..	Cwt.	64.60	71.00	68.50	65.20	71.50	71.00	---	---
Cows	Cwt.	39.80	39.50	38.50	37.70	40.00	39.80	---	---
Calves	Cwt.	86.70	105.00	110.00	89.20	104.00	106.00	53	200.00
Sheep	Cwt.	33.80	30.80	n/a	32.00	30.00	n/a	---	68.00
Lambs	Cwt.	75.30	90.00	n/a	77.00	89.70	n/a	---	164.00
Milk Cows	Head	1,260.00	---	<u>2/</u>	1,280.00	---	1,350.00	---	---
All Milk	Cwt.	12.70	<u>2/</u>	<u>2/</u>	13.80	12.20	12.70	42	31.80
Milk, Fluid	Cwt.	12.70	<u>2/</u>	<u>2/</u>	13.90	12.30	12.80	---	---
Milk, Mfg.	Cwt.	13.50	<u>2/</u>	<u>2/</u>	13.40	10.30	10.90	---	---

^{1/} Entire month average except hay, milk cows and wool. ^{2/} Monthly and mid-month prices discontinued January 2000. *Parity price based on data for July 2000. n/a = not available.

U.S. COLD STORAGE HIGHLIGHTS

Frozen food stocks in refrigerated warehouses on June 30, 2000, were greater than year earlier levels for fruit, red meat and orange juice concentrate. Total red meat supplies in freezers were 4% below May 2000 but 5% above June 1999. Frozen pork stocks were 8% below last month and 9% below last year. Total frozen poultry supplies were up 2% from last month but were 5% below last year's level. Stocks on June 30 for selected items and changes from last year and last month follow:

Commodity	Stocks 1,000 lbs.	Percent Change	
		June 1999	May 2000
Total red meats . .	885,219	+5%	-4%
Beef	377,876	+29%	+1%
Pork	481,224	-9%	-8%
Poultry	1,328,495	-5%	+2%
Turkey	503,031	-10%	+5%
Chicken	819,918	-3%	-1%

POULTRY HIGHLIGHTS - JUNE

Item	1999	2000	'00 % of '99
	Millions	Millions	Percent
No. of Layers			
NEBRASKA	11.3	12.1	107
30 States	301.9	305.2	101
U.S.	320.4	325.1	101
Eggs Produced			
NEBRASKA	235	238	101
30 States	6,353	6,373	100
U.S.	6,742	6,801	101
Chickens, U.S.			
Hatched, June			
Egg-type	41.5	36.6	88
Broiler	744.4	748.0	100
Hatched thru June			
Egg-type	236.9	223.3	94
Broiler	4,399.7	4,473.4	102
Turkeys, U.S.			
Placed (June)	25.6	27.0	105

COMMERCIAL LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTER

June 2000 output and changes from last year and last month are shown below. June 1999 contained 22 weekdays and four Saturdays. June 2000 contained 22 weekdays and four Saturdays.

Item	Total <u>1</u> / (1,000)	% Change	
		June 1999	May 2000

NEBRASKA

Cattle, head	692.6	+3	+2
Hogs, head	498.0	-4	Sm.+
Sheep & Lambs, head	.1	Same	Same
Red Meat, mil. lbs.	625.2	+4	+2

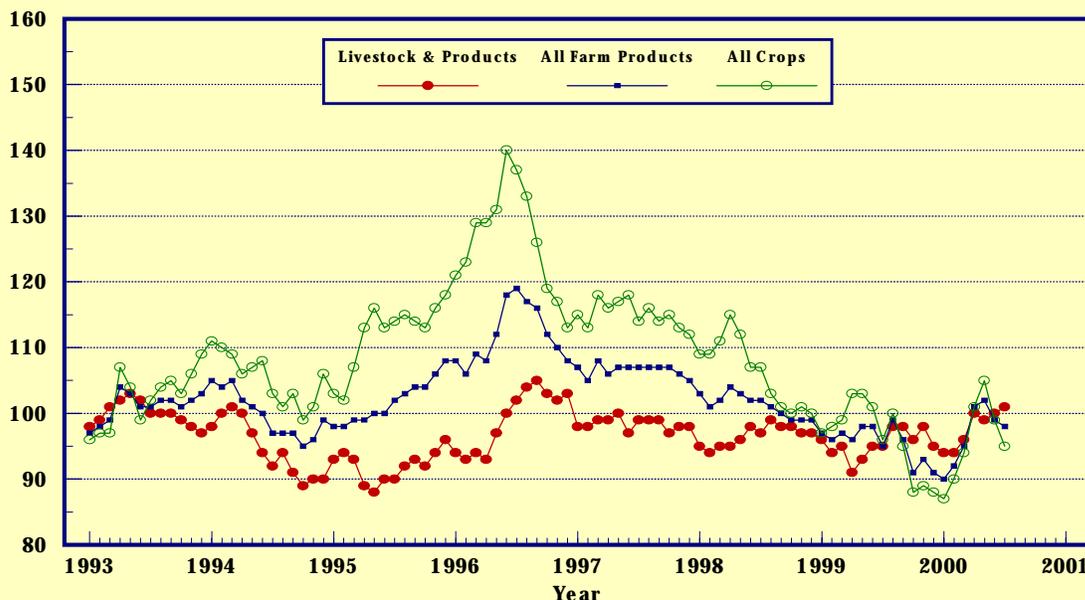
UNITED STATES

Cattle, head	3,236.8	+1	+2
Calves, head	95.3	-9	+3
Hogs, head	7,950.3	-4	Sm.+
Sheep & Lambs, head	260.3	-4	Sm.+
Red Meat, mil. lbs.	3,940.4	Sm.+	+2

1/ Excludes animals slaughtered on farms.

Prices Received, Major Indexes, US

Index Values(1990-92=100)



**FARM PRODUCTION EXPENDITURES
MAJOR INPUT ITEMS, FARMS REPORTING, AVERAGE PER FARM, AND TOTAL
NORTHERN PLAINS REGION & UNITED STATES, 1998-99**

Expenditure - Farm Share	NORTHERN PLAINS REGION*						UNITED STATES ^{1/}					
	Farms Reporting ^{2/}		Average per Farm ^{3/}		Total Expenditures		Farms Reporting ^{2/}		Average per Farm ^{3/}		Total Expenditures	
	1998	1999	1998	1999	1998	1999	1998	1999	1998	1999	1998	1999
	Percent		Dollars		Million Dollars		Percent		Dollars		Million Dollars	
Total Farm Production												
Expenditures ^{4/ 5/}	100.0	100.0	123,161	126,995	22,600	23,240	100.0	100.0	83,810	84,209	183,150	184,250
Livestock, Poultry & Related Expenses ^{6/}	38.3	38.2	18,583	25,082	3,410	4,590	29.8	30.8	6,635	7,678	14,500	16,800
Feed	59.6	63.6	12,316	12,077	2,260	2,210	66.6	63.0	11,440	11,197	25,000	24,500
Farm Services ^{7/}	97.4	98.1	13,951	14,481	2,560	2,650	96.2	97.2	11,440	11,746	25,000	25,700
Rent ^{8/}	58.8	59.4	17,003	15,519	3,120	2,840	36.4	35.5	7,917	7,267	17,300	15,900
Agricultural Chemicals ^{9/}	69.4	64.6	5,886	5,738	1,080	1,050	57.3	54.2	4,118	3,931	9,000	8,600
Fertilizer, Lime & Soil Conditioners ^{9/}	71.6	65.9	7,548	7,049	1,385	1,290	64.9	65.0	4,851	4,525	10,600	9,900
Interest	68.1	64.6	8,338	8,197	1,530	1,500	48.2	46.2	4,942	4,890	10,800	10,700
Taxes (Real Estate & Property)	99.9	97.7	5,341	5,328	980	975	99.2	98.1	3,112	3,108	6,800	6,800
Labor	39.4	39.9	4,986	4,727	915	865	40.5	37.3	8,694	9,004	19,000	19,700
Fuels	92.1	88.1	4,316	4,290	792	785	86.3	85.1	2,471	2,514	5,400	5,500
Farm Supplies & Repairs ^{10/}	92.7	94.0	8,474	8,361	1,555	1,530	88.5	88.6	5,583	5,759	12,200	12,600
Farm Improvements & Construction ^{11/}	49.4	47.7	2,698	2,650	495	485	51.9	50.6	2,952	3,245	6,450	7,100
Tractors and Self-Propelled Farm Machinery	16.7	17.9	3,651	3,579	670	655	14.5	13.8	2,746	2,468	6,000	5,400
Other Farm Machinery	28.9	27.3	2,659	2,486	488	455	23.0	22.9	1,624	1,600	3,550	3,500
Seed & Plants ^{12/}	69.4	62.4	4,469	4,754	820	870	54.5	51.2	3,295	3,291	7,200	7,200
Trucks & Autos	28.3	25.1	2,861	2,514	525	460	17.7	16.7	1,830	1,782	4,000	3,900

^{1/} Excludes AK and HI. ^{2/} Number of farms reporting item divided by total number of farms. ^{3/} Total expenditures divided by total number of farms. ^{4/} Total includes production costs not allocated to any of the 16 expense categories published. ^{5/} Includes landlord and contractor share of farm production expenses. ^{6/} Includes purchases and leasing of livestock and poultry. ^{7/} Includes all crop custom work, veterinary services, custom feeding, transportation costs, marketing charges, insurance, leasing of machinery and equipment, miscellaneous business expenses, and utilities. ^{8/} Includes public and private grazing fees. ^{9/} Includes material and application costs. ^{10/} Includes bedding and litter, marketing containers, power farm shop equipment, miscellaneous non-capital equipment and supplies, repairs and maintenance of livestock and poultry equipment and capital equipment for livestock and poultry. ^{11/} Includes all expenditures related to new construction or repairs of buildings and fences and any improvements to physical structures or land. ^{12/} Excludes bedding plants, nursery stock, and seed purchased for resale. Includes seed treatment. n/a = Not Available.

* Northern Plains includes: KS, NE, ND, SD.

U.S. MINK PELT PRODUCTION DOWN 4 PERCENT

Mink pelt production in the United States in 1999 totaled 2.81 million pelts, down 4 percent from 1998. Wisconsin, the major mink producing State, produced 731,700 pelts.

Mink pelts produced during the 1999 crop year were valued at \$94.8 million, up 30 percent from \$72.9 million a year ago. The average price per pelt for the 1999 crop year was \$33.70, up from \$24.80 in 1998.

There were 404 mink farms producing pelts in 1999, down 8 percent from a year ago. Leading States were Utah with 110 farms, Wisconsin with 82 farms, and Minnesota with 40 farms. There were 27 mink farms which also raised fox in 1999, down from 31 the previous year.

**MINK FARMS, PELTS PRODUCED AND VALUE OF
MINK PELTS, U.S., 1992-1999**

Year	Mink Farms	Pelts Produced	Average Marketing Price	Value of Mink Pelts
	Number	Thousands	Dollars	Million \$
1992	571	2,900	23.80	69.0
1993	523	2,620	34.10	89.3
1994	484	2,623	33.00	86.6
1995	478	2,803	53.10	148.8
1996	449	2,783	35.30	98.2
1997	452	2,993	33.10	99.1
1998 ^{1/}	438	2,938	24.80	72.9
1999 ^{2/}	404	2,813	33.70	94.8

^{1/} Revised. ^{2/} Preliminary.

CROP CONDITION PERCENT AND PROGRESS FOR WEEK ENDING JULY 30, 2000

SOYBEANS

STATE	VP	P	F	G	EX
AR	6	17	34	35	8
IL	1	3	18	51	27
IN	2	6	25	53	14
IA	1	6	24	48	21
KS	0	3	28	59	10
KY	2	6	28	42	22
LA	2	18	42	37	1
MI	2	7	27	57	7
MN	1	5	25	52	17
MS	7	17	27	41	8
MO	1	4	20	59	16
NE	9	15	34	30	12
NC	1	3	18	71	7
ND	8	11	15	55	11
OH	5	11	29	41	14
SD	2	6	15	56	21
TN	4	8	29	46	13
WI	1	4	17	54	24
18 STATES	3	7	24	49	17
PREV WEEK	2	7	23	50	18
PREV YEAR	3	10	30	45	12

CORN

STATE	VP	P	F	G	EX
CO	3	6	27	48	16
IL	1	2	11	50	36
IN	1	4	16	53	26
IA	2	6	19	45	28
KS	2	8	26	50	14
KY	1	7	23	45	24
MI	2	8	25	55	10
MN	1	2	19	55	23
MO	0	3	17	58	22
NE	9	13	26	38	14
NC	1	5	18	55	21
ND	3	4	10	65	18
OH	2	6	19	45	28
PA	1	5	21	47	26
SD	3	6	17	47	27
TN	4	6	25	40	25
TX	1	1	29	57	12
WI	2	5	22	48	23
18 STATES	2	5	19	50	24
PREV WEEK	2	5	18	50	25
PREV YEAR	3	9	25	46	17

VP = VERY POOR; P = POOR; F = FAIR; G = GOOD, EX = EXCELLENT

SOYBEANS- PERCENT SETTING PODS

State	Current	Last Week	1999	Average	State	Current	Last Week	1999	Average
AR	28	16	23	19	MO	49	32	18	16
IL	63	35	47	25	NE	46	27	26	21
IN	47	27	49	24	NC	14	6	14	15
IA	77	46	57	42	ND	58	25	33	44
KS	52	38	23	23	OH	40	23	51	27
KY	37	28	38	21	SD	44	34	32	28
LA	76	66	68	59	TN	28	14	36	22
MI	20	6	48	27	WI	29	8	29	21
MN	40	12	27	30					
MS	83	73	82	61	18 States	51	30	40	29

CORN -- PERCENT SILKING

State	Current	Last Week	1999	Average	State	Current	Last Week	1999	Average
CO	71	46	56	48	NC	98	95	91	93
IL	98	92	94	79	ND	86	54	70	66
IN	98	90	96	68	OH	90	63	92	58
IA	95	84	87	74	PA	69	52	70	59
KS	98	94	88	85	SD	68	40	50	39
KY	92	85	96	81	TN	100	96	94	93
MI	53	24	88	56	TX	97	89	89	94
MN	93	71	91	83	WI	66	26	82	57
MO	100	96	87	78					
NE	89	72	88	74	18 States	90	75	87	72

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