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Dear producers and other data users:

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Mid-Year Acreage Highlights

As of June 1, Nebraska corn growers planted 8.4 million acres in 2002, up 4 percent from last year but 1 percent below 2000. An estimated 8.05 million acres will be harvested for grain, an increase of 4 percent from 2001. Nebraska soybean producers planted 4.9 million acres, 1 percent below last year's record high but 5 percent above 2000. Last fall, winter wheat was sown on 1.65 million acres, down 6 percent from the past two years.

Sorghum growers planted 420,000 acres for all purposes, down 24 percent from last year, 30 percent below 2000, and the lowest level since 1953. Hay acreage for harvest, at 3.3 million acres, is up 2 percent from last year. Oats planted at 175,000 acres are up 13 percent from 2001. Dry edible bean producers planted 190,000 acres, up 19 percent from a year earlier. Sugar beet plantings of 56,400 acres are 16 percent greater than 2001.

Crop Summary: Acres Planted and Harvested, Nebraska and United States, 2000-2002

Crop	Nebraska				United States			
	2000	2001	2002	$\frac{2002}{2001}$	2000	2001	2002	$\frac{2002}{2001}$
	1,000 Acres			Percent	1,000 Acres			Percent
Planted Acreage								
Corn	8,500	8,100	8,400	104	79,551	75,752	78,947	104
Soybeans	4,650	4,950	4,900	99	74,266	74,105	72,993	98
Sorghum	600	550	420	76	9,195	10,252	9,290	91
Oats	130	155	175	113	4,477	4,403	5,085	115
Barley	7	5	6	120	5,864	4,967	5,048	102
Dry Beans	165	160	190	119	1,758.2	1,429.9	1,864.0	130
Sugar Beets	78.2	48.6	56.4	116	1,564.2	1,370.8	1,408.8	103
Winter Wheat	1,750	1,750	1,650	94	43,393	41,078	41,362	101
Sunflower - Oil	55	52	55	106	2,248	2,139	2,095	98
- Non-oil	35	30	15	50	592	514	391	76
- All	90	82	70	85	2,840	2,653	2,486	94
Acres for Harvest ¹								
Corn	8,050	7,750	8,050	104	72,440	68,808	72,081	105
Soybeans	4,575	4,900	4,830	99	72,408	73,000	72,029	99
Sorghum	500	425	310	73	7,726	8,584	7,908	92
Oats for Grain	45	60	80	133	2,329	1,905	2,633	138
Barley	5	4	4	100	5,213	4,289	4,499	105
Dry Beans	156	148	175	118	1,607.5	1,243.0	1,745.1	140
Sugar Beets	54.8	41.4	49.2	119	1,373.0	1,243.6	1,370.7	110
All Hay	3,050	3,250	3,300	102	59,854	63,511	64,709	102
Winter Wheat	1,650	1,600	1,450	91	35,072	31,295	29,764	95
Sunflower - Oil	49	50	54	108	2,116	2,087	2,026	97
- Non-oil	31	29	14	48	531	493	366	74
- All	80	79	68	86	2,647	2,580	2,392	93

¹Forecasted.

Source: USDA NASS Acreage June 28, 2002.

Grain Stocks

Nebraska corn stocks in all positions on June 1, 2002, totaled 421 million bushels, down 5 percent from June 1, 2001. Soybeans stored in all positions totaled 54 million bushels, down 4 percent from last year's record high. Wheat stored in all positions on June 1, 2002 totaled 33.2 million bushels, down 12 percent from a year ago.

U.S. corn stocks in all positions on June 1, 2002, totaled 3.59 billion bushels, down 8 percent from June 1, 2001. Soybeans stored in all positions totaled 684 million bushels, down 3 percent from last year. All wheat stored in all positions on June 1, 2002, totaled 772 million bushels, down 12 percent from a year ago.

Grain Stocks: By Commodity, Nebraska and United States, 2000-2002

Grain and Position	Nebraska				United States			
	June 1, 2000	June 1, 2001	June 1, 2002	<u>2002</u> 2001	June 1, 2000	June 1, 2001	June 1, 2002	<u>2002</u> 2001
	<i>Thousand Bushels</i>			<i>Percent</i>	<i>Thousand Bushels</i>			<i>Percent</i>
Corn								
On Farms	250,000	230,000	220,000	96	2,029,800	2,230,800	2,020,600	91
Off Farms ¹	187,336	214,500	201,274	94	1,556,138	1,693,158	1,573,385	93
Total	437,336	444,500	421,274	95	3,585,938	3,923,958	3,593,985	92
All Wheat								
On Farms	8,000	3,500	4,500	129	226,780	197,270	211,830	107
Off Farms ¹	37,814	34,143	28,742	84	722,968	678,912	560,075	82
Total	45,814	37,643	33,242	88	949,748	876,182	771,905	88
Soybeans								
On Farms	22,000	24,000	14,500	60	370,000	365,000	301,200	83
Off Farms ¹	32,558	32,206	39,381	122	404,425	343,180	382,573	111
Total	54,558	56,206	53,881	96	774,425	708,180	683,773	97
Sorghum								
On Farms	7,100	5,100	4,300	84	27,300	19,000	17,300	91
Off Farms ¹	16,752	10,885	16,325	150	99,606	57,411	88,524	154
Total	23,852	15,985	20,625	129	126,906	76,411	105,824	138
Oats								
On Farms	1,000	550	550	100	36,000	32,050	28,650	89
Off Farms ¹	₂	₂	₂		40,031	40,677	34,537	85
Total	₂	₂	₂		76,031	72,727	63,187	87

¹ Includes stocks at mills, elevators, warehouses, terminals, and processors.

² Not published to avoid disclosure of individual operations.

Source: USDA NASS Grain Stocks, June 28, 2002.

Prices Received: By Commodity, Nebraska and United States, Preliminary June 2002 with Comparisons

Commodity	Unit	Nebraska			United States				
		Jun 2001 ¹	May 2002 ¹	Jun 15, 2002	Jun 2001 ¹	May 2002 ¹	Jun 15, 2002	% of Parity	Parity Price ²
Wheat	Bushels	\$ 2.97	\$ 2.71	\$ 2.90	\$ 2.74	\$ 2.81	\$ 2.86	30	\$ 9.46
Corn	Bushels	1.77	1.91	1.90	1.76	1.93	1.94	30	6.41
Oats	Bushels	1.52	2.20	1.90	1.38	1.99	1.90	49	3.91
Grain Sorghum	Cwt.	3.22	3.21	3.26	3.62	3.17	3.33	31	10.90
Soybeans	Bushels	4.33	4.52	4.64	4.46	4.64	4.79	34	14.00
Hay, All, Baled	Ton	76.00	60.00	64.00	95.80	102.00	95.80		
Alfalfa, Baled	Ton	77.00	62.00	65.00	103.00	108.00	102.00		
Other, Baled	Ton	72.00	54.00	56.00	70.70	76.70	73.20		
Dry Edible Beans	Cwt.	15.50	20.70	20.20	16.40	27.50	27.00	57	47.40
Hogs	Cwt.	54.40	36.30	36.40	52.20	33.10	34.50	34	101.00
Barrows & Gilts	Cwt.	54.70	36.50	36.70	53.00	33.50	35.20		
Sows	Cwt.	40.90	24.50	21.50	40.20	23.40	21.60		
Beef Cattle	Cwt.	75.10	66.60	63.70	73.60	65.20	63.00	40	156.00
Steers & Heifers	Cwt.	76.10	67.50	64.50	77.00	68.20	65.80		
Cows	Cwt.	43.80	38.90	36.60	44.70	39.90	38.70		
Calves	Cwt.	113.00	97.20	94.30	110.00	98.50	94.90	46	208.00
Sheep	Cwt.	32.80	22.00		31.70	28.60			74.70
Lambs	Cwt.	71.10	66.00		71.60	64.30			176.00

¹ Entire month average except hay.

² Parity price based on data for June 2002.

Source: USDA NASS Agricultural Prices, June 27, 2002.

Hogs and Pigs

Nebraska inventory of all hogs and pigs on June 1, 2002, was 2.90 million head. This was unchanged from June 2001 but 2 percent below March 1, 2002. Breeding inventory, at 395,000 head, was up 10 percent from June 1, 2001 and 1 percent above last quarter. Market hog inventory was 1 percent below last year and 2 percent below last quarter.

Inventory of all hogs and pigs in the United States was 59.8 million head on June 1, 2002. This was 2 percent above both June 2001 and March 1, 2002. Breeding inventory, at 6.21 million head, was up slightly from June 1, 2001 but down slightly from last quarter. Market inventory was 2 percent above both last year and last quarter.

Hogs and Pigs: June 1 Inventory, Sows Farrowing and Pig Crop, Nebraska and United States 2001-2002

Item	Nebraska			United States		
	2001	2002	2002/2001	2001	2002	2002/2001
	<i>1,000 Head</i>		<i>Percent</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>		<i>Percent</i>
June 1 Inventory						
All hogs and pigs	2,900	2,900	100	58,603	59,837	102
Breeding	360	395	110	6,186	6,209	100
Market	2,540	2,505	99	52,417	53,627	102
Market Hogs & Pigs						
Under 60 pounds	1,050	1,020	97	19,923	20,140	101
60-119 pounds	650	630	97	12,992	13,109	101
120-179 pounds	490	480	98	10,536	10,958	104
180 pounds and over	350	375	107	8,967	9,420	105
Sows Farrowing						
December-February ¹	140	170	121	2,748	2,832	103
March-May	160	175	109	2,870	2,933	102
June-August	155	180 ²	116	2,878	2,930 ²	102
September-November	165	180 ²	109	2,889	2,915 ²	101
Total Sows Farrowing ³	620			11,386	11,610	102
Pig Crop						
December-February ¹	1,232	1,496	121	23,963	24,711	103
March-May	1,408	1,575	112	25,509	25,851	101
June-August	1,349			25,539		
September-November	1,436			25,492		
Total Pig Crop ³	5,425			100,503		

¹ December preceding year.

² Intentions.

³ May not add due to rounding.

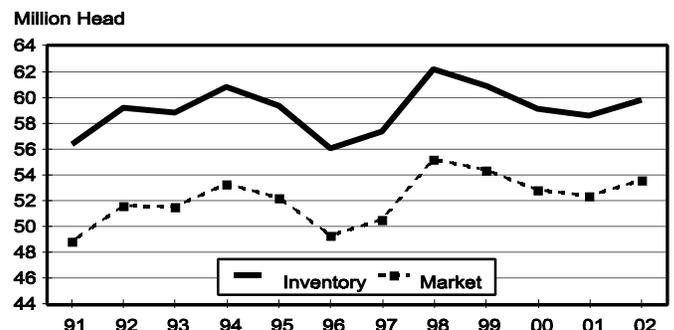
Source: USDA NASS Quarterly Hog and Pigs, June 28, 2002.

June 1 Hog Report Highlights

- * U.S. inventory up 2 percent from June 2001. Expectations of private forecasters averaged 103 percent of the previous year with a range of 101.4 percent to 104.0 percent.
- * Market hogs were up 2 percent from a year earlier. Private forecasters' expectations ranged from 101.5 percent to 104.0 percent with an average of 103 percent.
- * Breeding herd was up slightly from a year earlier. Expectations of private forecasters ranged from 100.0 percent to 101.7 percent with an average of 101 percent.
- * U.S. March-May pig crop was up 1 percent from a year earlier. Analysts expected the pig crop to be 102 percent of previous year; estimates ranged from 100.6 percent to 103.0 percent.
- * June-August intentions are up 2 percent from actual farrowings a year earlier. September-November intentions are up 1 percent from the previous years actual farrowings.

- * Commercial hog slaughter during March-May at 24.7 million head was 3 percent above a year earlier. Live hog imports were 1.48 million head, up 15 percent from a year earlier. Total exports increased to 39,000 head, compared to 4,000 a year ago.

June 1 Hog Inventory & Market Hogs United States



Commercial Livestock Slaughter

May 2002 number slaughtered and changes from last year and last month are shown below. May 2001 contained 23 weekdays (including one holiday) and four Saturdays. May 2002 contained 23 weekdays (including one holiday) and four Saturdays.

Livestock Slaughter: By Commodity, Nebraska and United States, May 2002 with Comparisons

Item	Total ¹	May 2002 Percent of	
		May 2001	Apr 2002
Nebraska <i>1,000 Head</i>			
Cattle, head	683.8	96	107
Hogs, head	567.3	105	99
Red Meat, mil. lbs.	637.7	102	104
United States			
Cattle, head	3,146.5	98	107
Calves, head	77.8	99	95
Hogs, head	8,326.2	105	99
Sheep & Lambs, head	284.1	119	102
Red Meat, mil. lbs.	4,017.9	104	103

¹ Excludes animals slaughtered on farms.

Source: USDA NASS Livestock Slaughter June 21, 2002.

Stocks in Cold Storage: By Commodity, United States, May 2002 with Comparisons

Commodity	Stocks	May 2002 Percent of	
		May 2001	Apr 2002
<i>1,000 Lbs.</i>			
Total red meats	972,617	126	98
Beef	403,647	124	99
Pork	546,146	130	96
Poultry	1,417,367	125	103
Turkey	579,537	127	112
Chicken	830,174	124	98

Source: USDA NASS Cold Storage June 21, 2002.

Poultry: Layers and Eggs, Nebraska and United States, May 2002 with Comparisons

Item	2001	2002	2002/2001
Number of Layers			
Nebraska	11.6	11.5	99
30 States	314.5	313.2	100
United States	335.2	334.4	100
Eggs Produced			
Nebraska	257	255	99
30 States	6,784	6,816	100
United States	7,240	7,262	100
Chickens Hatched, May			
United States			
Egg-type	42.6	38.9	91
Broiler	785.7	798.3	102

Source: USDA NASS Chicken and Eggs June 21, 2002.

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