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Dear Nebraska Farmers, Ranchers and Agribusinesses:

The following narrative and tables are from recently published reports by USDA's Agricultural Statistics Board. These data are direct results of information provided by Nebraska producers and agribusinesses to the surveys conducted each month by this office. Thank you for your response to these surveys.

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Farm Numbers Continue Decline

Nebraska's number of farms and ranches declined during 2005 continuing the downward trend. The number of farms and ranches in the State is 48,000, down 300 or less than 1 percent from 2004. Land in farms and ranches in Nebraska declined to 45.7 million acres. The average size of operation increased to 952 acres, up 4 acres from a year earlier.

In the United States, the number of farms and ranches continued to decline during 2005. The number of farms and ranches in the U. S. at 2.1 million, is 0.6 percent fewer than in 2004. Land in farms and ranches in the U.S. at 933.4 million acres decreased 2.9 million acres while the average size of operation increased to 444 acres, up 1 acre from the previous year.

Number of Farms and Land in Farms: Nebraska and United States, 1996-2005¹

Year	Nebraska			United States		
	Farms	Land in Farms	Average Farm Size	Farms	Land in Farms	Average Farm Size
	<i>Number</i>	<i>1,000 acres</i>	<i>Acres</i>	<i>Number</i>	<i>1,000 acres</i>	<i>Acres</i>
1996	56,000	46,400	829	2,190,500	958,675	438
1997	55,000	46,400	844	2,190,510	956,010	436
1998	55,000	46,400	844	2,192,330	952,080	434
1999	54,000	46,300	857	2,187,280	948,460	434
2000	52,000	46,100	887	2,166,780	945,080	436
2001	50,000	46,000	920	2,148,630	942,070	438
2002	49,400	45,900	929	2,135,360	940,300	440
2003	48,500	45,900	946	2,126,860	938,650	441
2004	48,300	45,800	948	2,112,970	936,295	443
2005	48,000	45,700	952	2,100,990	933,400	444

¹ A farm is any establishment from which \$1,000 or more of agricultural products were sold or would normally be sold during the year. Source: USDA NASS Farms, Land in Farms, and Livestock Operations 2005 Summary, January 2006

Farms and Land in Farms by Economic Sales Class, Nebraska and United States, 2003-2005

Economic Sales Class	Number of Farms						Land in Farms					
	Nebraska			United States			Nebraska			United States		
	2003	2004	2005	2003	2004	2005	2003	2004	2005	2003	2004	2005
	<i>1,000</i>						<i>1,000 Acres</i>					
\$1,000-\$9,999	13.1	12.6	12.5	1,199.3	1,181.2	1,168.2	1.6	1.5	1.5	124.8	120.9	118.4
\$10,000-\$99,999	19.0	18.4	17.7	600.5	599.3	596.4	10.7	10.1	9.1	270.1	266.6	260.7
\$100,000-\$249,999	9.1	9.1	8.9	167.2	167.0	166.9	12.6	12.0	11.5	196.1	193.7	192.2
\$250,000-\$499,999	4.3	4.7	4.9	86.6	89.0	90.0	10.0	10.1	10.2	150.1	151.4	152.3
\$500,000 & Over	3.0	3.5	4.0	73.3	76.5	79.4	11.0	12.1	13.4	197.6	203.8	210.0

Source: USDA NASS Farms, Land in Farms, and Livestock Operations 2005 Summary, January 2006

**Cattle on Feed: Number of Feedlots, January 1 Inventory, and Marketings,
By Size of Feedlot, State, and United States 2004-2005 ¹**

State	Number of Lots									
	1,000-3,999		4,000-15,999		16,000-31,999		32,000 and Over		1,000+ Total	
	2004	2005	2004	2005	2004	2005	2004	2005	2004	2005
Arizona					² 3	² 3	3	3	6	6
California	3	4	5	4	8	6	5	7	21	21
Colorado	82	76	56	52	15	15	11	12	164	155
Idaho	23	19	² 27	² 26					50	45
Iowa	292	310	² 33	² 30					325	340
Kansas	75	69	85	87	33	32	32	32	225	220
Nebraska	525	530	193	198	32	32	10	10	760	770
New Mexico			² 4	² 4	2	2	2	2	8	8
Oklahoma	*3	3	*12	12	*3	3	*6	6	24	24
So. Dakota	130	138	² 23	² 26					153	164
Texas	11	11	39	38	32	32	49	49	131	130
Washington	² 10	² 7	² 6	² 6			3	3	19	16
Other Sts	235	240	51	56	² 4	² 4			290	300
United States	1,383	1,402	*529	534	*141	137	*123	126	2,176	2,199

Inventory - 1,000 Head

State	Inventory - 1,000 Head									
	1,000-3,999		4,000-15,999		16,000-31,999		32,000 and Over		1,000+ Total	
	2004	2005	2004	2005	2004	2005	2004	2005	2004	2005
Arizona					² 27	² 28	304	306	331	334
California	4	4	18	15	166	114	347	417	535	550
Colorado	71	57	205	200	250	270	554	553	1,080	1,080
Idaho	21	15	² 274	² 260					295	275
Iowa	330	385	² 120	² 125					450	510
Kansas	70	85	410	455	600	590	1,330	1,370	2,410	2,500
Nebraska	465	475	890	940	550	590	395	425	2,300	2,430
New Mexico			² 15	² 13	37	34	74	96	126	143
Oklahoma	*3	3	54	53	*62	68	*231	246	350	370
So. Dakota	88	99	² 104	² 106					192	205
Texas	9	13	240	247	501	560	1,950	2,100	2,700	2,920
Washington	² 26	² 15	² 75	² 52			89	85	190	152
Other Sts	140	145	145	140	² 55	² 50			340	335
United States	*1,202	1,283	2,291	2,372	*2,403	2,438	*5,403	5,711	11,299	11,804

Cattle Marketed - 1,000 Head

State	Cattle Marketed - 1,000 Head									
	1,000-3,999		4,000-15,999		16,000-31,999		32,000 and Over		1,000+ Total	
	2004	2005	2004	2005	2004	2005	2004	2005	2004	2005
Arizona					² 42	² 33	280	312	322	345
California	5	5	22	15	201	125	500	562	728	707
Colorado	110	90	365	335	425	420	1,180	1,140	2,080	1,985
Idaho	32	29	² 608	² 587					640	616
Iowa	510	575	² 208	² 205					718	780
Kansas	115	140	810	830	1,250	1,240	3,160	3,070	5,335	5,280
Nebraska	880	840	1,790	1,770	1,100	1,100	710	710	4,480	4,420
New Mexico			² 27	² 23	63	74	121	116	211	213
Oklahoma	*5	7	*94	95	*147	130	*490	495	736	727
So. Dakota	192	190	² 213	² 213					405	403
Texas	20	20	485	475	1,070	1,030	4,110	4,230	5,685	5,755
Washington	² 39	² 26	² 131	² 140			253	211	423	377
Other Sts	205	220	240	250	² 96	² 94			541	564
United States	*2,079	2,118	*4,395	4,389	*4,715	4,574	*11,115	11,091	22,304	22,172

*Revised. ¹ Number of feedlots is the number of lots operating at anytime during the year. Inventory is the number on hand January 1 of the following year. The United States totals show the actual number of feedlots, inventory, and number of animals marketed in each size group. The sum of the numbers shown by State under a specified size group may or may not add to the United States total for that size group since for some States size groups are combined to avoid disclosing individual operations. ² Lots, inventory, and marketings from other size groups are included to avoid disclosing individual operations.

Source: USDA NASS Cattle on Feed February 24, 2006

**Livestock Slaughter: By Commodity,
Nebraska and United States,
January 2006 with Comparisons**

Item	Total ¹	Jan 2006 Percent of	
		Jan 2005	Dec 2005
<i>1,000 Head</i>			
Nebraska			
Cattle	555.6	100	98
Hogs	612.7	106	96
Red Meat, mil. lbs.	571.6	102	98
United States			
Cattle	2,641.7	105	99
Calves	55.7	82	93
Hogs	8,915.7	105	97
Sheep & Lambs	223.7	107	97
Red Meat, mil. lbs.	3,890.4	107	98

¹ Excludes animals slaughtered on farms.

Source: USDA NASS Livestock Slaughter, February 24, 2006

**Stocks in Cold Storage: By Commodity,
United States, January 2006 with Comparisons**

Commodity	Stocks	Jan 2006 Percent of	
		Jan 2005	Dec 2005
<i>1,000 Lbs.</i>			
Total red meats	1,005,542	104	114
Beef	456,366	101	105
Pork	528,464	106	123
Poultry	1,213,883	124	107
Turkey	264,047	79	128
Chicken	946,536	146	102

Source: USDA NASS Cold Storage, February 21, 2006

**Poultry: Layers and Eggs, Nebraska and
United States, January 2006 with Comparisons**

Item	2005	2006	2006/2005
Number of Layers			
Nebraska	12.0	11.9	99
United States	347.9	349.3	100
Table Eggs Produced			
Nebraska	276	265	96
United States	6,526	6,624	102
Chickens Hatched, January			
United States			
Egg-type	37.9	35.4	93
Broiler	796.0	804.1	101

Source: USDA NASS Chicken and Eggs, February 28, 2006

Hard White Winter Wheat

Of the total hard white winter wheat acreage reported for 2006, the two most common varieties planted were Platte and Trego.

**Hard White Winter Wheat:
Percent of Planted Acreage, Nebraska, 2002-2006**

Variety	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006
All White Varieties	0.2	2.0	1.7	1.9	1.0

Winter Wheat: Acres Planted to Each Variety, Nebraska, 1998-2006

Variety	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006
<i>Thousand Acres</i>									
Jagalene (AgriPro)						2	84	310	417
Pronghorn	87	149	121	191	178	196	192	210	177
Alliance	160	197	264	280	275	218	252	187	176
Millennium				1	57	116	205	197	167
Wesley			1	19	36	68	109	102	101
Buckskin	123	94	51	82	103	139	91	68	88
Goodstreak							1	31	65
2137	27	68	143	182	132	196	144	80	62
Arapahoe	538	474	346	234	215	165	127	97	51
Karl/Karl 92	125	105	77	72	54	72	60	49	47
Jagger		21	51	42	55	74	53	58	44
Centura	146	145	121	65	55	34	39	45	34
Thunderbolt (AgriPro)					2	38	55	35	33
Wahoo					1	34	32	34	31
Ogallala (AgriPro)	30	23	25	38	25	68	45	37	24
Above						1	18	1	22
TAM 111								1	21
2145							1	1	17
Other Public	466	421	415	411	351	370	246	222	107
Other Private	198	203	136	134	114	112	98	88	66
Total Planted	1,900	1,900	1,750	1,750	1,650	1,900	1,850	1,850	1,750

¹ Less than one percent, included in Other Public. ² Less than one percent, included in Other Private.

Source: USDA NASS Nebraska Wheat Varieties, February 2006

Prices Received: By Commodity, Nebraska and United States, Preliminary February 2006 with Comparisons

Commodity	Unit	Nebraska			United States				
		Feb 2005 ¹	Jan 2006 ¹	Feb 15, 2006	Feb 2005 ¹	Jan 2006 ¹	Feb 15, 2006	% of Parity	Parity Price ²
Wheat, All	Bushels	\$ 3.20	\$ 3.55	\$ 3.80	\$ 3.36	\$ 3.52	\$ 3.66	35	\$10.40
Corn	Bushels	1.89	1.91	1.95	1.95	2.00	2.01	26	7.72
Oats	Bushels	1.70	1.60	1.50	1.67	1.73	1.78	41	4.29
Grain Sorghum	Cwt.	2.87	2.97	3.20	2.96	3.15	3.27	27	12.00
Soybeans	Bushels	5.29	5.61	5.50	5.42	5.88	5.68	33	17.10
Hay, All, Baled	Ton	51.00	50.00	52.00	88.20	91.20	95.00		
Alfalfa, Baled	Ton	51.00	50.00	52.00	94.00	95.60	99.20		
Other, Baled	Ton	48.00	46.00	47.00	74.20	79.30	83.20		
Dry Edible Beans	Cwt.	24.30	16.40	16.10	27.80	19.30	19.70	36	54.50
Hogs	Cwt.	52.10	42.90	43.80	50.70	40.70	41.20	36	116.00
Barrows & Gilts	Cwt.	52.40	43.10	44.00	51.00	41.10	41.70		
Sows	Cwt.	43.60	33.50	31.70	45.10	33.20	31.20		
Beef Cattle	Cwt.	93.00	102.00	96.50	88.80	95.10	92.60	48	191.00
Steers & Heifers	Cwt.	94.20	104.00	98.00	93.10	102.00	98.10		
Cows	Cwt.	55.60	47.00	49.00	52.50	47.30	48.50		
Calves	Cwt.	137.00	149.00	145.00	129.00	141.00	142.00	53	266.00
Sheep	Cwt.	48.40	45.20		52.40	47.70			94.90
Lambs	Cwt.	109.00	95.00		114.00	96.10			231.00

¹ Entire month average except hay. ² Parity price based on data for February 2006.

Source: USDA NASS Agricultural Prices, February 28, 2006

Honey: Number of Colonies, Yield, Production, Stocks, Price and Value, Nebraska and United States 2004-2005¹

State and Year	Number of Colonies	Yield per colony	Production	Stocks ² Dec. 15	Average Price Per Pound ³	Value of Production
	<i>1,000</i>	<i>Pounds</i>	<i>1,000 Pounds</i>		<i>Cents</i>	<i>1,000 Dollars</i>
2004						
Nebraska	51	89.0	4,539	2,043	97.0	4.403
United States	2,556	71.8	183,582	61,222	106.9	196.259
2005						
Nebraska	40	68.0	2,720	2,530	89.0	2.421
United States	2,410	72.5	174,643	62,406	90.4	157,795

¹ For producers with 5 or more colonies. ² Stocks held by producers. ³ Prices weighted by sales.

Source: USDA NASS Honey, February 28, 2006

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