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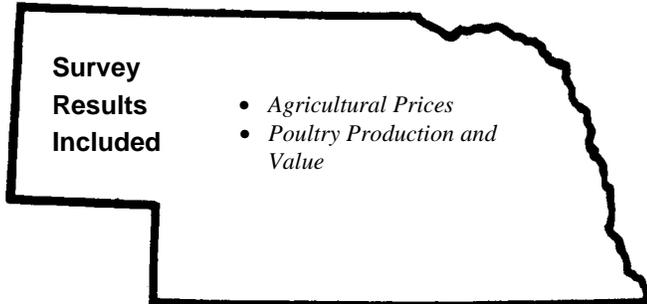
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Dear Nebraska Farmers, Ranchers and Agribusinesses:

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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Prices Received By Farmers

The preliminary United States All Farms Products Index of Prices Received in April, at 115, based on 1990-92=100, increased 1 point (0.9 percent) from March. Producers received higher commodity prices for lettuce, tomatoes, onions, and strawberries. Lower prices were received for broilers, cattle, eggs, and hogs. The overall index, is also

affected by the seasonal change based on the 3-year average mix of commodities producer sells. Increased average marketings of strawberries, cattle, sweet corn, and oranges offset decreased marketings of soybeans, corn, wheat, and hogs. The preliminary All Farm Products Index is down 6 points (5.0 percent) from April, 2005.

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

Commodity	Unit	Nebraska			United States				
		Apr 2005 ¹	Mar 2006 ¹	Apr 15, 2006	Apr 2005 ¹	Mar 2006 ¹	Apr 15, 2006	% of Parity	Parity Price ²
		<i>Dollars</i>			<i>Dollars</i>				
Wheat, All	Bushel	3.18	3.80	3.85	3.35	3.79	3.90	37	10.50
Corn	Bushel	1.92	1.96	2.05	2.00	2.06	2.11	27	7.78
Oats	Bushel	1.91	1.70	1.70	1.65	1.81	1.72	40	4.32
Grain Sorghum	Cwt	2.99	3.29	3.55	2.96	3.53	3.53	29	12.10
Soybeans	Bushel	5.97	5.36	5.25	6.03	5.57	5.39	31	17.20
Hay, All, Baled	Ton	48.00	52.00	57.00	99.40	97.10	106.00		
Alfalfa, Baled	Ton	48.00	53.00	58.00	105.00	100.00	110.00		
Other, Baled	Ton	47.00	47.00	51.00	81.60	86.60	93.20		
Dry Edible Beans	Cwt	23.80	16.80	16.90	28.70	17.10	19.40	35	54.90
Hogs	Cwt	52.30	44.40	41.50	51.10	42.80	39.10	33	117.00
Barrows & Gilts	Cwt	52.60	44.60	41.70	51.50	43.20	39.60		
Sows	Cwt	40.40	35.30	30.50	41.50	34.10	28.80		
Beef Cattle	Cwt	97.40	92.10	88.60	93.70	88.10	85.20	44	193.00
Steers & Heifers	Cwt	98.50	93.40	89.80	98.10	93.00	89.70		
Cows	Cwt	60.60	49.20	48.90	57.00	49.50	48.70		
Calves	Cwt	146.00	140.00	134.00	141.00	138.00	136.00	51	268.00
Sheep	Cwt	39.00	38.20		45.10	39.50			95.60
Lambs	Cwt	121.00	95.40		114.00	91.10			233.00

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

Source: USDA NASS Agricultural Prices April 28, 2006.

Farm Machinery and Tractors: Prices Paid, United States, April 2004-2006

Item	2004	2005	2006	Item	2004	2005	2006
<i>Dollars</i>				<i>Dollars</i>			
Baler, Square, Pick-Up, Auto Tie, P.T.O.				Grain Drill, Most Common Spacing (cont.)			
Round, 1200-1500 Lb. bale	19,500	20,300	20,300	Min/No Till w/Fert. Attach., 15 Foot	29,400	30,500	32,600
Round, 1900-2200 Lb. bale	27,000	28,200	29,100	Hay Rack, Sid-Delivery, or Wheel Rake,			
Chisel Plow, Max. 1 Ft. Depth, Chisel or				Traction Drive, 8-12 Foot Working Width	5,380	5,940	6,650
Sweep Type, Drawn or Mounted 16-20 Ft.	15,300	15,600	17,700	Hay Tedder, 15-18 Foot	5,130	5,380	5,380
Combine, Self Propelled with Grain Head				Manure Spreader, Conveyer Type, P.T.O.			
Extra Large capacity	218,000	232,000	240,000	2-wheel, with Tires			
Large capacity	180,000	192,000	201,000	141-190 Bushel Capacity	7,210	7,790	8,030
Corn Head for Combine, 6 Row	27,400	28,900	30,600	225-300 Bushel Capacity	10,900	11,900	12,200
Row Crop Planter				Mower-Conditioner, P.T.O., Pull Type with			
With Fertilizer Attachment, 8-Row	32,000	31,400	34,100	8-10 Foot, Sickle (Cutter) Bar or Disc	14,800	15,900	16,300
With Fertilizer Attachment, 24-Row	102,000	108,000	113,000	Mower, Mounted or Drawn, 7-8 Ft. Sickle			
12-Row, No-Till, w/Fertilizer Attachment	53,100	57,900	60,200	(Cutter) Bar	5,040	5,320	5,380
Cultivator, Row Crop, 6-Row	6,920	7,490	7,820	Rotary Hoe, 20-25 Foot	6,770	7,410	8,930
12-Row, Flexible	15,300	17,300	18,300	Rotary Cutter, 7-8 Foot	3,480	3,470	3,580
Disk Harrow, Tandem, Drawn ¹				Sprayer, Field Crop, Power, Boom Type			
15-17 Foot	14,300	15,700	17,400	(Excl. Self-Propelled and Orchard)			
18-20 Foot	19,400	21,600	22,000	Tractor Mounted, w/300 Gal. Spray Tank	5,850	7,320	7,320
Elevator, Portable, Without Power Unit				Trailer Type, w/500-700 Gal. Spray Tank	13,300	15,100	15,900
Auger Type, 8 Inch Diameter, 60 Foot	4,130	4,680	5,220	Tractor, 2-Wheel Drive			
Feed Grinder-Mixer, Trailer Mtd., P.T.O.	16,800	18,900	20,100	50-59 P.T.O. horsepower	21,500	23,400	23,700
Field Cultivator, Mounted or Drawn				70-89 P.T.O. horsepower	33,900	36,800	37,600
17-19 Foot	12,400	14,400	14,400	110-129 P.T.O. horsepower	65,700	68,500	70,900
20-25 Foot, Flexible	17,500	19,600	21,000	140-159 P.T.O. horsepower	86,900	91,900	95,500
Forage Harvester, P.T.O., Sheer Bar,				190-220 P.T.O. horsepower	121,000	126,000	131,000
With Pick-Up Attachment	32,700	33,400	35,500	Tractor, 4-Wheel Drive			
With Row Crop Unit, 2-Row	35,000	35,400	37,400	200-280 P.T.O. horsepower	141,000	142,000	150,000
Front-End Loader, Hydraulic, Tractor Mount				Wagon, Gravity Unload, w/Box and Running			
1800-2500 Lb. Capacity, 60 Inch Bucket	5,150	5,450	5,550	Gear and Tires, Without Side Extensions			
Grain Drill, Most Common Spacing				200-400 Bushel Capacity	4,570	5,350	5,660
Plain, 15-17 Openers	14,500	16,800	16,800	Wagon, Running Gear, W/O Box,			
Press, 23-25 Openers	22,600	25,200	25,200	8-10 Ton Capacity	1,810	2,060	2,300
With Fertilizer Attachment, 20-24 Openers	19,800	19,000	20,200	Windrower, Self-Propelled, 14-16 Foot	67,300	72,100	75,100

¹With hydraulic lift transport wheels, tires.

Source: USDA NASS Agricultural Prices, April 28, 2006.

Field Seeds: Prices Paid, United States, April 2003-2006

Item	Unit	2003	2004	2005	2006
<i>Dollars</i>					
Legumes					
Alfalfa					
Proprietary	cwt.	286.00	291.00	281.00	286.00
Public and Common	cwt.	178.00	163.00	177.00	181.00
Clover					
Ladino	lb.	3.05	2.91	2.80	3.60
Red	cwt.	144.00	145.00	174.00	177.00
Row Crops					
Corn, Hybrid Biotech ¹		115.00	122.00	131.00	137.00
Corn, Hybrid Non-Biotech ¹		90.90	91.10	93.40	95.10
Grain Sorghum	cwt.	100.00	105.00	114.00	116.00
Potatoes	cwt.	10.80	9.69	9.30	11.80
Soybeans, All ²	bu.	24.20	24.10	27.60	28.90
Sunflower	cwt.	417.00	425.00	476.00	520.00
Small Grains					
Barley, Spring	bu.	6.90	6.39	6.72	6.58
Oats, Spring	bu.	7.05	5.88	5.54	5.83
Wheat, Winter	bu.	8.01	8.26	9.06	9.32

¹80,000 kernels. ²Technology fees included in price.

Source: USDA NASS Agricultural Prices, April 28, 2006.

Feed: Prices Paid by Farmers, Northern Plains and United States, 2004-2006

Item	Unit	Northern Plains ¹			United States		
		April 2004	April 2005	April 2006	April 2004	April 2005	April 2006
		<i>Dollars</i>			<i>Dollars</i>		
Alfalfa Meal	cwt.	13.00	12.60	14.80	14.90	15.40	16.40
Alfalfa Pellets	cwt.	12.70	12.90	14.00	15.20	15.20	16.40
Bran	cwt.	13.60	14.00	15.50	14.80	15.00	16.10
Beef Cattle Concentrate							
32-36% protein	ton	343.00	262.00	320.00	342.00	316.00	336.00
Corn Meal	cwt.	7.58	7.04	7.25	9.84	9.57	10.10
Cottonseed Meal, 41%	cwt.	15.80	14.20	16.20	18.40	17.20	18.20
Dairy Feed							
14% protein ²	ton	217.00	187.00	200.00	200.00	220.00	189.00
16% protein ²	ton	281.00	231.00	214.00	218.00	197.00	210.00
32-38% protein ²	ton	421.00	325.00	354.00	381.00	331.00	341.00
Hog Feed ²³							
14-18% protein	ton	316.00	214.00	244.00	256.00	219.00	228.00
38-42% protein	ton	416.00	345.00	372.00	415.00	398.00	361.00
Molasses, Liquid	cwt.	12.30	10.70	14.70	14.20	14.80	17.90
Poultry Feed							
Laying Feed	ton	310.00	267.00	268.00	249.00	226.00	240.00
Turkey Grower	ton	290.00	222.00	239.00	315.00	315.00	302.00
Soybean Meal, 44%	cwt.	18.40	13.10	13.80	19.60	16.10	16.90
Stock Salt	50 lb.	3.19	3.12	3.20	4.53	4.78	4.67
Trace Mineral Blocks	50 lb.	5.17	4.88	4.79	5.53	5.52	5.68

¹ Northern Plains States: Kansas, Nebraska, North Dakota, South Dakota. ² Complete ration feed, fed without mixing or supplementation.

³ Excluding pig starter.

Source: USDA NASS Agricultural Prices, April 28, 2006.

Fuels: Prices Paid by Farmers, Northern Plains and United States, 2004-2006

Item	Northern Plains			United States			
	April 2004	April 2005	April 2006	April 2004	April 2005	April 2006	
		<i>Dollars per Gallon</i>			<i>Dollars per Gallon</i>		
Unleaded Gasoline ¹							
Service Station	1.75	2.25	2.57	1.75	2.21	2.57	
Bulk Delivery	1.76	2.26	2.58	1.76	2.23	2.60	
Diesel ^{2,3} , Bulk Delivery	1.24	1.91	2.24	1.31	1.97	2.28	
L.P. Gas ² , Bulk Delivery	.99	1.26	1.45	1.21	1.47	1.69	

¹ Includes federal, state and local per gallon taxes. ² Excludes State road taxes, but includes State and local per gallon taxes where applicable.

³ Excludes federal excise tax.

Source: USDA NASS Agricultural Prices, April 28, 2006.

Fertilizer: Prices Paid by Farmers, Northern Plains and United States, 2004-2006

Item	Northern Plains			United States			
	April 2004	April 2005	April 2006	April 2004	April 2005	April 2006	
		<i>Dollars per Ton</i>			<i>Dollars per Ton</i>		
8-32-16	233.00	256.00	284.00	257.00	287.00	326.00	
10-34-0	244.00	254.00	305.00	261.00	271.00	318.00	
11-52-0	270.00	297.00	327.00	288.00	317.00	348.00	
18-46-0 (DAP)	267.00	291.00	325.00	276.00	303.00	337.00	
Ammonium Nitrate	236.00	258.00	314.00	263.00	292.00	366.00	
Anhydrous Ammonia	366.00	394.00	489.00	379.00	416.00	521.00	
Muriate of Potash - 60-62% K ₂ O	176.00	238.00	259.00	181.00	245.00	273.00	
Nitrogen Solutions - 28% N	168.00	209.00	226.00	179.00	218.00	240.00	
Superphosphate - 44-46% P ₂ O ₅	254.00	303.00	329.00	266.00	299.00	324.00	
Urea - 44-46%	264.00	319.00	345.00	276.00	332.00	362.00	

Source: USDA NASS Agricultural Prices, April 28, 2006.

Poultry: By Type, Production, Price, and Value, Nebraska and United States, 2004-2005

Item	Unit	Nebraska		United States	
		2004	2005	2004	2005
Chickens, Excluding Broilers					
Number Sold	mil. head	5.0	4.6	191.7	193.1
Pounds Sold	mil. lbs.	17.1	14.7	997.6	1,000.5
Price per Pound	cents/lb.	0.1	0.1	5.8	6.5
Value of Sales	1,000 dol.	17	15	57,615	64,554
Broilers					
Number Produced	mil. head	4.3	4.8	8,740.7	8,870.4
Pounds Produced	mil. lbs.	25.4	27.8	45,796.3	47,908.1
Price per Pound	cents/lb.	45.0	44.0	44.6	43.6
Value of Production	mil. dol.	11.4	12.2	20,446.1	20,901.9
Eggs					
Produced	mil. eggs	3,174	3,217	89,091	89,960
Price per Dozen	cents/doz.	52.5	31.0	71.4	53.9
Value of Production	mil. dol.	138.9	83.0	5,299.2	4,042.3
Turkeys					
Number Raised	mil. hd.	1	1	264.2	256.3
Pounds Produced	mil. lbs.	1	1	7,304.8	7,206.6
Price per Pound	cents/lb.	1	1	42.0	44.9
Value of Production	mil. dol.	1	1	3,065.4	3,232.6

¹Not published to avoid disclosure of individual operations.

Source: Poultry - Production and Value 2005 Summary, April 2006.

June Agricultural Surveys

The mid-year acreage, grain stocks, and hog inventory surveys will be conducted between May 27 – June 14. These surveys are the basis for the official statistics released by USDA's Agricultural Statistics Board.

USDA RELEASE DATES

Jun 30, 2:00 pm CST Quarterly Hogs & Pigs

Jun 30, 7:30 am CST Acreage

Jun 30, 7:30 am CST Grain Stocks

Survey results will be available on the Internet at <http://www.nass.usda.gov> within minutes after the release.

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