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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 Farm Products Index of Prices Received by Farmers in December, at 121, based on 1990-92=100, increased 1 point (0.8 percent) from November. The Crop Index is up 6 points (4.9 percent) but the Livestock Index decreased 3 points (2.6 percent). Producers received higher commodity prices for lettuce, corn, grapes, and broccoli. Lower prices were received for turkeys, cattle, hogs, and tomatoes. The overall index is also affected by the seasonal change based on a 3-year average mix of

commodities producers sell. Increased average marketings of oranges, wheat, milk, and broilers offset decreased marketings of cattle, soybeans, grapes, and corn.

The preliminary All Farm Products Index is up 6 points (5.2 percent) from December 2005. The Food Commodities Index, at 123, increased 2 points (1.7 percent) from last month and 1 point (0.8 percent) from December 2005.

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

Commodity	Unit	Nebraska			United States				
		Dec 2005 <sup>1</sup>	Nov 2006 <sup>1</sup>	Dec 15, 2006	Dec 2005 <sup>1</sup>	Nov 2006 <sup>1</sup>	Dec 15, 2006	% of Parity	Parity Price <sup>2</sup>
		<i>Dollars</i>			<i>Dollars</i>				
Wheat, All	Bushel	3.43	4.85	4.80	3.53	4.59	4.59	44	10.50
Corn	Bushel	1.80	2.76	3.00	1.92	2.87	3.01	38	7.82
Oats	Bushel	1.85	2.49	2.30	1.73	2.02	2.06	47	4.34
Grain Sorghum	Cwt	2.86	5.62	5.90	2.91	5.83	6.05	50	12.10
Soybeans	Bushel	5.55	5.89	5.95	5.78	6.07	6.14	35	17.30
Hay, All, Baled	Ton	49.00	90.00	91.00	92.00	106.00	108.00		
Alfalfa, Baled	Ton	49.00	91.00	93.00	96.90	109.00	112.00		
Other, Baled	Ton	46.00	84.00	81.00	82.10	98.10	99.30		
Dry Edible Beans	Cwt	16.30	19.90	20.80	18.10	21.60	21.60	39	55.20
Hogs	Cwt	45.90	46.70	45.40	44.30	44.80	43.20	37	118.00
Barrows & Gilts	Cwt	46.00	46.90	45.60	44.50	45.20	43.60		
Sows	Cwt	38.50	36.60	33.60	38.10	35.40	32.80		
Beef Cattle	Cwt	98.40	88.60	89.00	93.30	84.70	83.70	43	194.00
Steers & Heifers	Cwt	100.00	89.90	90.30	99.60	90.20	89.20		
Cows	Cwt	47.70	46.00	46.50	47.10	43.40	42.90		
Calves	Cwt	146.00	120.00	123.00	137.00	118.00	115.00	43	269.00
Sheep	Cwt	51.20	29.00		49.30	30.90			96.10
Lambs	Cwt	90.00	81.50		100.00	95.00			234.00

<sup>1</sup> Entire month average except hay. <sup>2</sup> Parity price based on data for December 2006.

Source: USDA NASS Agricultural Prices December 28, 2006

## Hogs and Pigs

Nebraska inventory of all hogs and pigs on December 1, 2006, was 3 million head. This was 5 percent above December 1, 2005, and up 2 percent from September 1, 2006. Breeding inventory, at 365,000 head, was 4 percent above both December 1, 2005 and last quarter. Market hog inventory, at 2.64 million head, was 5 percent above last year and 1 percent above last quarter.

U.S. inventory of all hogs and pigs on December 1, 2006 was 62.1 million head. This was up 1 percent from December 1, 2005, but down 1 percent from September 1, 2006. Breeding inventory, at 6.09 million head, was up 1 percent from last year and up slightly from the previous quarter. Market hog inventory, at 56.1 million head, was up 1 percent from last year, but down 1 percent from last quarter.

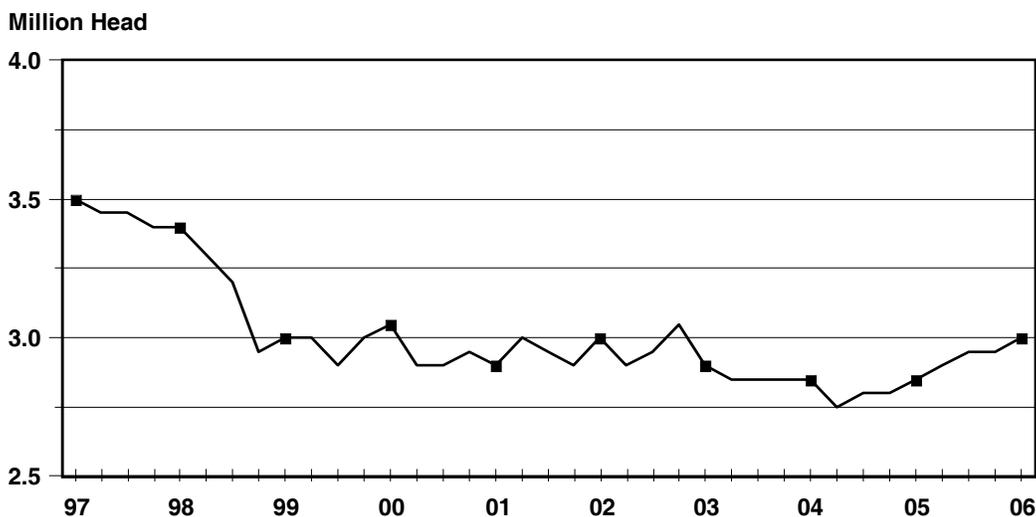
### Hogs and Pigs: December 1 Inventory, Sows Farrowing and Pig Crop, Nebraska and United States 2005-2006<sup>1</sup>

Item	Nebraska			United States		
	2005	2006	2006/2005	2005	2006	2006/2005
	<i>1,000 Head</i>		<i>Percent</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>		<i>Percent</i>
December 1 Inventory						
All hogs and pigs	2,850	3,000	105	61,449	62,149	101
Breeding	350	365	104	6,011	6,088	101
Market	2,500	2,635	105	55,438	56,061	101
Market Hogs & Pigs						
Under 60 pounds	980	1,010	103	20,055	20,334	101
60-119 pounds	660	690	105	13,524	13,603	101
120-179 pounds	470	520	111	11,293	11,544	102
180 pounds and over	390	415	106	10,567	10,580	100
Sows Farrowing						
December-February <sup>2</sup>	175	175	100	2,835	2,840	100
March-May	175	180	103	2,882	2,916	101
December-May <sup>2</sup>	350	355	101	5,716	5,756	101
June-August	175	175	100	2,918	2,924	100
September-November	175	180	103	2,900	2,909	100
June-November	350	355	101	5,818	5,834	100
Pig Crop						
December-February <sup>2</sup>	1,575	1,601	102	25,343	25,661	101
March-May	1,584	1,647	104	25,986	26,480	102
December-May <sup>2</sup>	3,159	3,248	103	51,330	52,141	102
June-August	1,584	1,601	101	26,449	26,731	101
September-November	1,584	1,665	105	26,187	26,551	101
June-November	3,168	3,266	103	52,635	53,282	101

<sup>1</sup> May not add due to rounding <sup>2</sup> December preceding year.

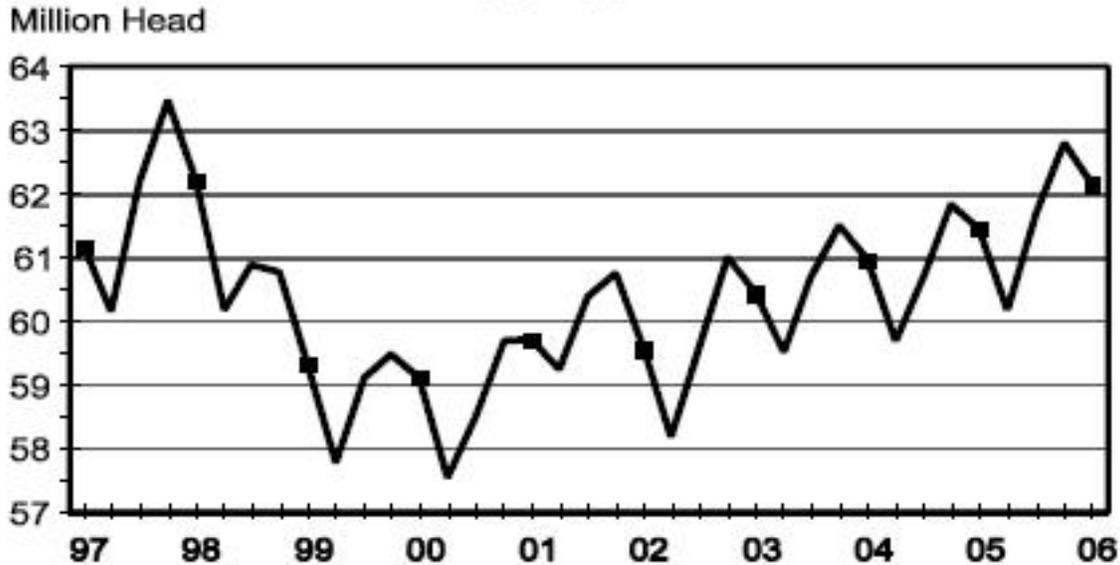
Source: USDA NASS Quarterly Hog and Pigs, December 27, 2006

### Nebraska Quarterly Hogs and Pigs Inventory December 1



Source: USDA NASS

## U.S. Quarterly Hogs and Pigs Inventory December 1



Source: USDA NASS Quarterly Hog and Pigs, December 27, 2006

### Commercial Livestock Slaughter

November 2006 number slaughtered and changes from last year and last month are shown below. November 2005 contained 22 weekdays (including two holidays) and four Saturdays. November 2006 contained 22 weekdays (including two holidays) and four Saturdays.

#### Livestock Slaughter: By Commodity, Nebraska and United States, November 2006 with Comparisons

Item	Total <sup>1</sup>	Nov 2006 Percent of	
		Nov 2005	Oct 2006
Nebraska			
	<i>1,000 Head</i>		
Cattle, head	600.8	109	101
Hogs, head	650.4	107	93
Red Meat, mil. lbs.	631.1	109	99
United States			
Cattle, head	2,841.2	106	99
Calves, head	66.8	118	105
Hogs, head	9,367.6	103	97
Sheep & Lambs, head	223.8	100	95
Red Meat, mil. lbs.	4,137.2	105	99

<sup>1</sup> Excludes animals slaughtered on farms.

Source: USDA NASS Livestock Slaughter, December 22, 2006

### Stocks in Cold Storage: By Commodity, United States, November 2006 with Comparisons

Commodity	Stocks	Nov 2006 Percent of	
		Nov 2005	Oct 2006
<i>1,000 Lbs.</i>			
Total red meats	986,915	111	102
Beef	503,214	117	106
Pork	464,175	106	99
Poultry	907,200	84	80
Turkey	209,308	107	52
Chicken	692,766	79	96

Source: USDA NASS Cold Storage, December 21, 2006

### Poultry: Layers and Eggs, Nebraska and United States, November 2006 with Comparisons

Item	Millions		2006/2005 Percent
	2005	2006	
Number of Layers			
Nebraska	11.9	11.6	97
United States	345.9	345.7	100
Table Eggs Produced			
Nebraska	256	260	102
United States	6,459	6,489	100
Chickens Hatched, Nov			
United States			
Egg-type	32.3	31.7	98
Broiler	747.9	729.5	98

Source: USDA NASS Chicken and Eggs, December 22, 2006

## Farm Marketings: Percent of Sales, by Crop and Month, Nebraska, 2002-2006<sup>1</sup>

Crop Year	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug
<i>Percent</i>												
<b>Corn</b>												
2002-03	7	13	13	10	13	7	9	7	6	4	5	6
2003-04	5	15	16	12	14	8	9	6	3	4	4	4
2004-05	5	9	15	12	11	10	8	5	6	7	6	6
2005-06	5	14	11	9	12	9	8	7	6	5	7	7
<b>Sorghum Grain</b>												
2002-03	7	16	18	13	9	6	7	6	6	5	2	5
2003-04	3	20	20	18	18	6	7	3	1	1	1	2
2004-05	1	6	22	11	12	12	10	3	6	7	6	4
2005-06	3	19	16	14	14	11	4	6	5	3	3	2
Crop Year	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug
<i>Percent</i>												
<b>Soybeans</b>												
2002-03	6	23	12	11	14	9	6	7	4	3	3	2
2003-04	9	42	12	9	11	4	5	2	1	1	2	2
2004-05	6	21	14	11	9	13	10	4	3	4	2	3
2005-06	9	32	6	10	10	5	5	5	5	4	4	5
<b>Dry Edible Beans</b>												
2002-03	25	26	3	5	3	2	4	6	6	3	5	12
2003-04	38	18	4	6	7	5	4	3	3	4	4	4
2004-05	16	28	12	9	8	7	7	3	1	3	3	3
2005-06	31	16	5	8	13	5	4	3	4	4	2	5
Crop Year	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun
<i>Percent</i>												
<b>Wheat</b>												
2002-03	48	15	11	4	2	3	4	2	3	3	3	2
2003-04	29	10	10	12	8	7	6	4	5	3	2	4
2004-05	27	11	13	3	5	6	8	9	7	3	3	5
2005-06	36	21	9	4	1	5	6	3	2	1	2	10
<b>Oats</b>												
2002-03	39	14	10	3	1	10	6	4	4	3	1	5
2003-04	42	37	8	2	1	1	3		3			3
2004-05	23	19	3	1	4	5	13	7	10	8	3	4
2005-06	22	19	21	4	1	8	2	12	1	6	3	1
Crop Year	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May
<i>Percent</i>												
<b>Hay</b>												
2002-03	6	9	6	9	10	11	15	11	9	8	4	2
2003-04	3	5	6	10	12	14	15	11	9	6	5	4
2004-05	6	9	7	9	11	13	14	10	8	6	4	3
2005-06	5	6	5	8	10	13	11	10	10	10	7	5

<sup>1</sup> Monthly farm marketings, based on a sample survey, as a percent of total used for calculating marketing year average prices.

Source: USDA NASS Agricultural Prices, August 31, 2006, September 28, 2006, November 30, 2006

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