



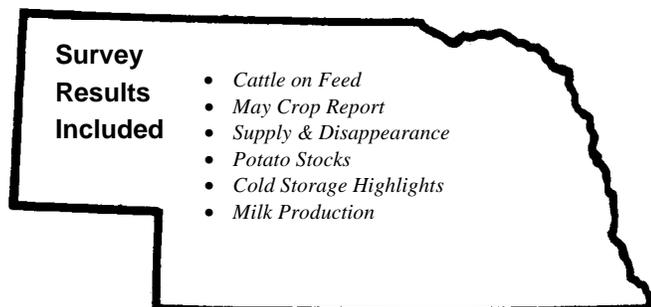
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Dear Nebraska Farmers, Ranchers and Agribusinesses:

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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Nebraska Cattle on Feed Up 4 Percent

Nebraska feedlots with capacities of 1,000 or more head contained 2.42 million cattle on feed on May 1, up 4 percent from last year and 11 percent above May 1, 2005. This was the largest May 1 inventory since the data set began in 1994. Placements of cattle into feedlots during April totaled 290,000 head, down 9 percent from both 2006 and 2005. Marketings of fed cattle during April totaled 340,000 head, down 13 percent from last year and 11 percent below April two years ago. Other disappearance during April totaled 10,000 head, the same as April 2006 and 2005.

U.S. Cattle on Feed Down 2 Percent

Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter market in the United States for feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head totaled 11.3 million head on May 1, 2007. The inventory was 2 percent below last year but 6 percent above May 1, 2005. This was the second highest May 1 inventory since the series began in 1996. Placements in feedlots during April totaled 1.57 million, 3 percent below 2006 and 5 percent below 2005. Marketings of fed cattle during April totaled 1.82 million, 2 percent above 2006 and 1 percent above 2005. Other disappearance totaled 99,000 during April, 14 percent above 2006 and 9 percent above 2005.

Cattle on Feed: Number on Feed, Placements, Marketings and Other Disappearance, 1,000+ Capacity Feedlots, by Month, State, and United States, 2006-2007

| State | May 1 Number on Feed ¹ | | | April Placements | | | April Marketings | | | April Other Disappearance ² | | |
|---------------|--------------------------------------|--------|----------------------------|---------------------|-------|----------------------------|---------------------|-------|----------------------------|---|------|----------------------------|
| | 2006 | 2007 | <u>2007</u> <u>2006</u> | 2006 | 2007 | <u>2007</u> <u>2006</u> | 2006 | 2007 | <u>2007</u> <u>2006</u> | 2006 | 2007 | <u>2007</u> <u>2006</u> |
| | 1,000 Head | | Percent | 1,000 Head | | Percent | 1,000 Head | | Percent | 1,000 Head | | Percent |
| Arizona | 345 | 340 | 99 | 27 | 31 | 115 | 24 | 30 | 125 | 9 | 1 | 11 |
| California | 530 | 550 | 104 | 60 | 85 | 142 | 60 | 61 | 102 | 5 | 4 | 80 |
| Colorado | 1,060 | 1,020 | 96 | 130 | 155 | 119 | 130 | 135 | 104 | 10 | 20 | 200 |
| Idaho | 245 | 235 | 96 | 31 | 35 | 113 | 34 | 40 | 118 | 2 | 5 | 250 |
| Iowa | 495 | 530 | 107 | 64 | 61 | 95 | 66 | 59 | 89 | 3 | 2 | 67 |
| Kansas | 2,530 | 2,350 | 93 | 375 | 355 | 95 | 410 | 445 | 109 | 25 | 40 | 160 |
| Nebraska | 2,320 | 2,420 | 104 | 320 | 290 | 91 | 390 | 340 | 87 | 10 | 10 | 100 |
| New Mexico | 132 | 118 | 89 | 18 | 12 | 67 | 24 | 24 | 100 | 1 | 1 | 100 |
| Oklahoma | 340 | 335 | 99 | 48 | 54 | 113 | 66 | 68 | 103 | 2 | 1 | 50 |
| So. Dakota | 200 | 230 | 115 | 28 | 36 | 129 | 35 | 34 | 97 | 3 | 2 | 67 |
| Texas | 2,910 | 2,680 | 92 | 455 | 380 | 84 | 470 | 490 | 104 | 15 | 10 | 67 |
| Washington | 152 | 154 | 101 | 23 | 22 | 96 | 22 | 30 | 136 | 1 | 1 | 100 |
| Other States | 300 | 335 | 112 | 40 | 57 | 143 | 54 | 65 | 120 | 1 | 2 | 200 |
| United States | 11,559 | 11,297 | 98 | 1,619 | 1,573 | 97 | 1,785 | 1,821 | 102 | 87 | 99 | 114 |

¹Cattle and calves on feed are animals for slaughter market being fed a ration of grain or other concentrates and are expected to produce a carcass that will grade select or better. ²Includes death losses, movement from feedlots to pastures and shipments to other feedlots for further feeding. Source: USDA NASS Cattle on Feed, May 18, 2007

2007 Wheat Production Up 24 Percent from Last Year

Based on May 1 conditions, Nebraska's 2007 winter wheat crop is forecast at 75.9 million bushels, up 24 percent from last year's crop. Average yield is forecast at 41 bushels per acre, up 5 bushel from last year and 1.5 bushels above the ten-year average.

Acreage to be harvested for grain is estimated at 1.85 million acres, up 150,000 acres or 9 percent from last year. This would

be 95 percent of the planted acres, compared to 94 percent last year and the ten-year average 93 percent. As of April 29, soil moisture supplies were also above a year ago and the 5-year average.

May 1 Hay Stocks Down from Last Year

May 1 hay stocks of 850 million tons are down 21 percent from last year and 27 percent below the ten-year average. Lower production in 2006 and increased cattle inventories have reduced current supplies.

Winter Wheat and Hay Stocks: Comparative Data, Nebraska and United States, 2005-2007

| Classification | Nebraska | | | United States | | | |
|----------------------------------|---------------|--------|-------------------|---------------|-----------|-------------------|-----------|
| | 2005 | 2006 | 2007 ¹ | 2005 | 2006 | 2007 ¹ | |
| Winter Wheat | | | | | | | |
| Harvested for Grain ² | Percent | 95.1 | 94.4 | 94.9 | 83.6 | 76.7 | 83.5 |
| For harvest | 1,000 Acres | 1,760 | 1,700 | 1,850 | 33,794 | 31,117 | 37,172 |
| Yield | Bushels | 39.0 | 36.0 | 41.0 | 44.4 | 41.7 | 43.5 |
| Production | 1,000 Bushels | 68,640 | 61,200 | 75,850 | 1,499,129 | 1,298,081 | 1,615,613 |
| All Hay Farm Stocks | 1,000 Tons | 1,440 | 1,070 | 850 | 27,758 | 21,345 | 14,988 |

¹ Winter wheat forecasted May 1, 2007. ² Percent of seeded acreage.

Source: USDA NASS Crop Production, May 11, 2007

Winter Wheat: Area Harvested, Yield and Production, Selected States and United States, 2006-2007

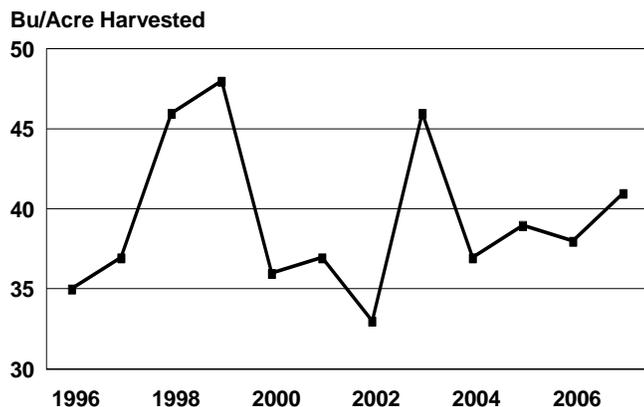
| State | Acres Harvested | | Yield | | Production | |
|---------------|--------------------|-------------------|----------------|-------------------|----------------------|-------------------|
| | 2006 | 2007 ¹ | 2006 | 2007 ¹ | 2006 | 2007 ¹ |
| | <i>1,000 Acres</i> | | <i>Bushels</i> | | <i>1,000 Bushels</i> | |
| Colorado | 1,900 | 2,100 | 21.0 | 35.0 | 39,900 | 73,500 |
| Kansas | 9,100 | 9,500 | 32.0 | 38.0 | 291,200 | 361,000 |
| Missouri | 910 | 750 | 54.0 | 42.0 | 49,140 | 31,500 |
| Montana | 1,920 | 2,150 | 43.0 | 41.0 | 82,560 | 88,150 |
| Nebraska | 1,700 | 1,850 | 36.0 | 41.0 | 61,200 | 75,850 |
| Oklahoma | 3,400 | 4,600 | 24.0 | 35.0 | 81,600 | 161,000 |
| South Dakota | 1,150 | 1,800 | 36.0 | 44.0 | 41,400 | 79,200 |
| Texas | 1,400 | 3,900 | 24.0 | 34.0 | 33,600 | 132,600 |
| Washington | 1,800 | 1,810 | 66.0 | 66.0 | 118,800 | 119,460 |
| United States | 31,117 | 37,172 | 41.7 | 43.5 | 1,298,081 | 1,615,613 |

¹ Forecasted May 1, 2007.

Source: USDA NASS Crop Production, May 11, 2007

NEBRASKA WHEAT YIELD

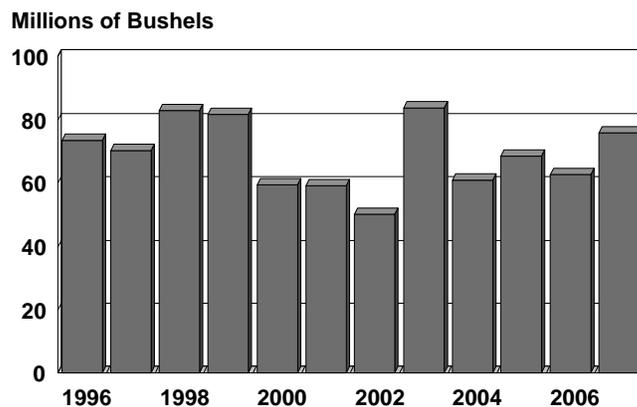
May 1, 2007 Forecast



Source: USDA NASS Nebraska Field Office, May 11, 2007

NEBRASKA WHEAT PRODUCTION

May 1, 2007 Forecast



Source: USDA NASS Nebraska Field Office, May 11, 2007

U.S. Grains Supply and Disappearance Outlook

| Crop Year | Supply | | | | Market Year Disappearance ¹ | | | | Market Year Ending Stocks | Average Market Price |
|------------------------|-------------|-------------------|----------|--------|--|-------|----------|--------|---------------------------|----------------------|
| | Pro-duction | Begin-ning stocks | Im-ports | Total | Domestic | | Ex-ports | Total | | |
| | | | | | Primary Use ² | Other | | | | |
| <i>Million Bushels</i> | | | | | | | | | | |
| <i>\$/Bu.</i> | | | | | | | | | | |
| Corn | | | | | | | | | | |
| 2005/06 | 11,114 | 2,114 | 9 | 13,237 | 6,141 | 2,981 | 2,147 | 11,270 | 1,967 | 2.00 |
| 2006/07 | 10,535 | 1,967 | 10 | 12,512 | 5,850 | 3,525 | 2,200 | 11,575 | 937 | 3.00-3.20 |
| 2007/08 ³ | 12,460 | 937 | 15 | 13,412 | 5,700 | 4,790 | 1,975 | 12,465 | 947 | 3.10-3.70 |
| Soybeans | | | | | | | | | | |
| 2005/06 | 3,063 | 256 | 3 | 3,322 | 1,739 | 187 | 947 | 2,873 | 449 | 5.66 |
| 2006/07 | 3,188 | 449 | 4 | 3,642 | 1,770 | 182 | 1,080 | 3,032 | 610 | 6.30 |
| 2007/08 ³ | 2,745 | 610 | 4 | 3,359 | 1,790 | 169 | 1,080 | 3,039 | 320 | 6.50-7.50 |
| Wheat | | | | | | | | | | |
| 2005/06 | 2,105 | 540 | 82 | 2,727 | 915 | 231 | 1,009 | 2,155 | 571 | 3.42 |
| 2006/07 | 1,812 | 571 | 115 | 2,498 | 925 | 252 | 910 | 2,087 | 412 | 4.27 |
| 2007/08 ³ | 2,174 | 412 | 100 | 2,685 | 930 | 311 | 975 | 2,216 | 469 | 4.35-4.95 |
| Sorghum | | | | | | | | | | |
| 2005/06 | 393 | 57 | 0 | 450 | 140 | 50 | 195 | 384 | 66 | 1.86 |
| 2006/07 | 278 | 66 | 0 | 343 | 110 | 45 | 140 | 295 | 48 | 3.20-3.40 |
| 2007/08 ³ | 380 | 48 | 0 | 428 | 160 | 65 | 160 | 385 | 43 | 2.70-3.30 |

¹ Marketing year begins: Corn, Sorghum & Soybeans, September 1; Wheat, June 1. ² Primary uses: Corn & Sorghum = Feed; Soybeans = Crushing; Wheat = Food. ³ Projection. Source: USDA's World Agricultural Supply and Demand Estimates, May 11, 2007

Fall Potatoes: 2006 Production and May 1, 2007 Stocks¹

| State | Crop of 2006 | |
|------------------------|-------------------|---------------------------------------|
| | Production | Total Stocks May 1, 2007 ² |
| | <i>1,000 Cwt.</i> | <i>1,000 Cwt</i> |
| California | 3,783 | 450 |
| Colorado | 22,686 | 5,700 |
| Idaho | 121,820 | 27,500 |
| Maine | 18,270 | 5,400 |
| Michigan | 14,190 | 900 |
| Minnesota | 20,400 | 4,100 |
| Montana | 3,518 | |
| Nebraska | 8,633 | 1,400 |
| New York | 5,700 | |
| North Dakota | 25,480 | 4,800 |
| Oregon | 18,533 | 4,800 |
| Washington | 89,900 | 14,000 |
| Wisconsin | 29,370 | 3,500 |
| Other States | | 650 |
| Total 13 States | 382,283 | 73,200 |

¹ Stocks include processor holdings and most of the seed to plant following year's crops. ² Missing stocks combined into "Other States".

Source: USDA NASS Potato Stocks, May 15, 2007

Stocks in Cold Storage: By Commodity, United States, April 2007 with Comparisons

| Commodity | Stocks 1,000 lbs. | Percent of | |
|-----------------|----------------------|---------------|---------------|
| | | April 2006 | March 2007 |
| Total red meats | 956,850 | 98 | 102 |
| Beef | 411,813 | 93 | 97 |
| Pork | 521,967 | 100 | 105 |
| Poultry | 969,247 | 76 | 102 |
| Turkey | 355,733 | 84 | 103 |

Source: USDA NASS Cold Storage, May 21, 2007

2007 Midyear Surveys

Interviewers will begin visiting and telephoning producers May 29. These midyear surveys are the basis for the official USDA statistics on planted area, grain and oilseeds stored, and hog inventories.

If contacted, please take a few minutes to respond by mail, internet or phone. Your response ensures accurate official USDA statistics. Individual information is kept strictly confidential, by law.

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USDA RELEASE DATES

Jun 29, 7:30 am CDT Acreage
Jun 29, 7:30 am CDT Grain Stocks
Jun 29, 2:00 pm CDT Quarterly Hogs & Pigs

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

