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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 May, at 138 percent, based on 1990-92=100, increased 4 points (3.0 percent) from April. The Crop Index is up 3 points (2.1 percent) and the Livestock Index increased 5 points (3.9 percent). Producers received higher prices for milk, hogs, hay, and broilers. Lower prices were received for lettuce, cattle, broccoli, and cauliflower. 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 sweet corn, broilers, peaches, and wheat offset decreased marketings of cattle, milk, oranges, and apples.

The preliminary All Farm Products Index is up 27 points (24 percent) from May 2006. The Food Commodities Index, at 139, increased 4 points (3.0 percent) from last month and increased 28 points (25 percent) from May 2006.

**Prices Received: By Commodity, Nebraska and United States, Preliminary May 2007 with Comparisons**

Commodity	Unit	Nebraska			United States				
		May 2006 <sup>1</sup>	April 2007 <sup>1</sup>	May 15, 2007	May 2006 <sup>1</sup>	April 2007 <sup>1</sup>	May 15, 2007	% of Parity	Parity Price <sup>2</sup>
		<i>Dollars</i>			<i>Dollars</i>				
Wheat, All	Bushel	4.13	4.75	4.70	4.09	4.89	4.70	43	10.90
Corn	Bushel	2.08	3.32	3.40	2.17	3.39	3.48	43	8.06
Oats	Bushel	1.83	2.66	2.60	1.85	2.46	2.36	52	4.51
Grain Sorghum	Cwt	3.84	5.98	5.90	4.01	5.96	5.78	42	13.80
Soybeans	Bushel	5.45	6.63	6.80	5.68	6.88	7.15	40	17.80
Hay, All, Baled	Ton	59.00	98.00	98.00	113.00	124.00	138.00		
Alfalfa, Baled	Ton	60.00	99.00	99.00	117.00	128.00	144.00		
Other, Baled	Ton	52.00	94.00	92.00	95.80	113.00	116.00		
Dry Edible Beans	Cwt	17.10	25.50	26.00	19.30	24.60	25.90	45	57.10
Hogs	Cwt	49.50	49.00	54.00	48.20	47.30	52.00	43	122.00
Barrows & Gilts	Cwt	49.90	49.40	54.40	48.90	48.10	52.80		
Sows	Cwt	32.00	29.50	33.50	30.10	27.90	32.60		
Beef Cattle	Cwt	83.60	98.50	96.70	82.20	94.30	93.50	44	213.00
Steers & Heifers	Cwt	84.70	100.00	98.00	86.30	99.90	98.60		
Cows	Cwt	47.40	50.60	53.50	47.40	49.20	51.60		
Calves	Cwt	128.00	127.00	124.00	134.00	127.00	126.00	41	306.00
Sheep	Cwt	32.00	32.50		32.50	33.80			103.00
Lambs	Cwt	96.60	100.00		88.90	97.20			250.00

<sup>1</sup> Entire month average except hay. <sup>2</sup> Parity price based on data for May 2007.

Source: USDA NASS Agricultural Prices May 31, 2007

## Meat Animals Production, Disposition, and Income

### Production, Disposition, and Income: Cattle and Calves, Nebraska and United States, 2005-2006

Inventory, Supply, and Disposition <sup>1</sup>					Production and Income				
Item	Nebraska		United States		Item	Nebraska		United States	
	2005	2006	2005	2006		2005	2006	2005	2006
<i>Thousand Head</i>									
Inventory, January 1	6,350.0	6,500.0	95,438.0	96,701.5	Production <sup>4</sup>				
Calf Crop	1,800.0	1,820.0	37,575.1	37,566.7	Million lbs	4,499.3	4,811.4	41,448.3	42,102.3
Inshipments	4,000.0	4,140.0	20,763.2	21,026.8	Marketings <sup>5</sup>				
Marketings <sup>2</sup>					Million lbs	6,979.4	7,355.5	53,161.1	54,739.0
Cattle	5,393.0	5,553.0	43,876.0	45,001.4	Price per cwt.				
Calves	85.0	85.0	8,958.3	8,984.3	Cattle \$	92.30	89.90	89.70	87.20
Farm slaughter <sup>3</sup>	2.0	2.0	188.3	187.0	Calves \$	142.00	135.00	135.00	133.00
Deaths					Value of Production				
Cattle	95.0	90.0	1,717.7	1,784.5	Million \$	3,830.8	4,055.1	36,628.7	35,740.8
Calves	75.0	80.0	2,334.5	2,334.9	Cash Receipts <sup>6</sup>				
Inventory, End of Year	6,500.0	6,650.0	96,701.5	97,002.9	Million \$	6,458.3	6,628.9	49,295.3	49,148.4
					Gross Income <sup>7</sup>				
					Million \$	6,470.1	6,641.3	49,754.4	49,597.1

### Production, Disposition, and Income: Hogs and Pigs, Nebraska and United States, 2005-2006

Inventory, Supply, and Disposition <sup>1</sup>					Production and Income				
Item	Nebraska		United States		Item	Nebraska		United States	
	2005	2006	2005	2006		2005	2006	2005	2006
<i>Thousand Head</i>									
Inventory, December 1 Previous Year	2,850.0	2,850.0	60,974.5	61,448.9	Production <sup>4</sup>				
Pig Crop (Dec - Nov)	6,327.0	6,514.0	103,965.1	105,259.2	Million lbs	1,367.8	1,411.2	27,416.1	28,140.5
Inshipments	750.0	800.0	33,416.2	35,625.0	Marketings <sup>5</sup>				
Marketings <sup>2</sup>	6,846.0	6,883.0	129,042.0	131,664.9	Million lbs	1,398.9	1,424.7	28,378.2	29,171.9
Farm slaughter <sup>3</sup>	1.0	1.0	107.6	105.7	Average Price per cwt. \$	51.80	47.90	50.20	46.00
Deaths	230.0	280.0	7,757.4	8,414.1	Value of Production				
Inventory, December 1	2,850.0	3,000.0	61,448.9	62,148.5	Million \$ <sup>8</sup>	730.0	698.7	13,606.8	12,703.8
					Cash Receipts <sup>6,8</sup>				
					Million \$	768.3	728.1	14,992.4	14,085.3
					Gross Income <sup>7</sup>				
					Million \$	769.7	729.3	15,027.2	14,116.7

### Production, Disposition, and Income: Sheep and Lambs, Nebraska and United States, 2005-2006

Inventory, Supply, and Disposition <sup>1</sup>					Production and Income				
Item	Nebraska		United States		Item	Nebraska		United States	
	2005	2006	2005	2006		2005	2006	2005	2006
<i>Thousand Head</i>									
Inventory, January 1 <sup>9</sup>	97.0	106.0	6,135.0	6,230.0	Production <sup>4</sup>				
Lamb Crop	88.0	81.0	4,117.0	4,085.0	Million lbs	10.1	9.5	473.3	463.1
Inshipments	51.0	42.0	1,510.5	1,470.2	Marketings <sup>5</sup>				
Marketings <sup>2</sup>					Million lbs	13.3	14.2	568.9	568.8
Sheep	20.0	29.0	668.7	682.5	Price per cwt.				
Lambs	95.6	92.6	4,200.2	4,213.6	Sheep \$	43.70	35.00	45.10	35.20
Farm slaughter <sup>3</sup>	0.4	0.4	63.9	67.7	Lambs \$	104.00	89.00	110.00	95.50
Deaths					Value of Production				
Sheep	4.0	3.0	216.0	237.3	Million \$	9.4	7.3	453.1	368.2
Lambs	10.0	9.0	383.7	399.1	Cash Receipts <sup>6</sup>				
Inventory, End of Year <sup>9</sup>	106.0	95.0	6,230.0	6,185.0	Million \$	12.1	10.4	567.5	480.6
					Gross Income <sup>7</sup>				
					Million \$	12.2	10.5	580.2	491.6

<sup>1</sup> Balance sheet estimates. <sup>2</sup> Includes custom slaughter for use on farms where produced and State outshipments, but excludes interfarm sales within the State. <sup>3</sup> Excludes custom slaughter for farmers at commercial establishments. <sup>4</sup> Adjustments made for changes in inventory and for inshipments. <sup>5</sup> Excludes custom slaughter for use on farms where produced and interfarm sales within the State. <sup>6</sup> Receipts from marketings and sale of farm slaughter. <sup>7</sup> Difference between gross income and cash receipts equals value of home consumption. <sup>8</sup> Includes allowance for higher average price of State inshipments and outshipments of feeder pigs. <sup>9</sup> Includes new crop lambs.

**Poultry: Layers and Eggs, Nebraska and United States, April 2007 with Comparisons**

Item	2006	2007	2007/2006
	<i>Millions</i>		<i>Percent</i>
Number of Layers			
Nebraska	11.8	11.1	94
United States	348.6	343.8	99
Table Eggs Produced			
Nebraska	257	239	93
United States	6,468	6,341	98
Chickens Hatched, April			
United States			
Egg-type	35.4	39.7	112
Broiler	787.5	800.5	102
Hatched thru April			
Egg-type	142.8	153.9	108
Broiler	3,143.5	3,132.1	100

Source: USDA NASS Chicken and Eggs, May 22, 2007

**Livestock Slaughter: By Commodity, Nebraska and United States, April 2007 with Comparisons**

Item	Total <sup>1</sup>	April 2007 Percent of	
		April 2006	March 2007
Nebraska	<i>1,000 Head</i>		
Cattle, head	516.3	94	97
Hogs, head	588.8	107	92
Red Meat, mil. lbs.	517.9	96	94
United States			
Cattle, head	2,701.6	104	97
Calves, head	56.9	119	80
Hogs, head	8,465.3	106	92
Sheep & Lambs, head	216.9	88	78
Red Meat, mil. lbs.	3,753.0	104	94

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

Source: USDA NASS Livestock Slaughter, May 25, 2007

**Farm Labor: Number and Wage Rates for Type of Workers and All Hired Workers, Selected Regions and United States, April 9-15, 2006 & April 8-14, 2007<sup>1</sup>**

Region <sup>2</sup>	Number of Workers		Wage Rates							
			All Hired Workers		Type of work					
					Field		Livestock		Field & Livestock	
	2006	2007	2006	2007	2006	2007	2006	2007	2006	2007
	<i>Thousands</i>		<i>Dollars per Hour</i>							
Lake	57	56	10.30	11.08	9.32	10.11	9.94	9.99	9.63	10.05
Cornbelt I	47	47	10.47	10.17	10.18	9.86	9.59	9.16	10.00	9.45
Cornbelt II	27	21	10.12	10.63	8.45	9.60	10.38	10.46	9.46	10.00
Northern Plains	27	27	9.84	10.63	9.67	10.04	8.64	9.75	9.25	9.91
Southern Plains	55	50	9.37	9.22	8.24	8.35	9.06	9.41	8.64	8.80
Mountain I	23	28	9.22	9.35	9.20	8.79	8.57	9.01	8.81	8.90
Mountain II	19	20	9.08	9.97	8.39	9.16	8.98	9.75	8.65	9.45
United States <sup>3</sup>	720	720	9.78	10.17	8.95	9.35	9.31	9.55	9.06	9.41

<sup>1</sup> Excludes agricultural service workers.

<sup>2</sup> Regions consist of the following: Lake: Michigan, Minnesota, Wisconsin; Cornbelt I: Illinois, Indiana, Ohio; Cornbelt II: Iowa, Missouri; Northern Plains: Kansas, Nebraska, North Dakota, South Dakota; Southern Plains: Oklahoma, Texas; Mountain I: Idaho, Montana, Wyoming; Mountain II: Colorado, Nevada, Utah. <sup>3</sup> Excludes AK.

Source: USDA NASS Farm Labor, May 18, 2007

**All Hired Workers: Wage Rates, by Economic Class of Farm by Region and 48 States, April 8-14, 2007<sup>1</sup>**

Region <sup>2</sup>	Less than \$50,000	\$50,000-\$99,999	\$100,000-\$249,999	\$250,000-\$499,999	\$500,000-\$999,999	1,000,000+	All Farms
	<i>Dollars per Hour</i>						
Northeast	12.25	10.75	8.11	10.14	9.60	11.48	10.66
Appalachian	9.84	9.67	8.51	9.53	8.18	10.60	9.55
Southeast	8.28	<sup>3</sup>	9.49	9.68	8.68	9.76	9.58
Lake	<sup>3</sup>	11.80	11.67	11.87	10.03	10.78	11.08
Cornbelt	9.15	<sup>3</sup>	<sup>3</sup>	9.35	11.62	10.53	10.30
Delta	8.43	7.02	8.30	8.42	8.77	9.22	8.80
No. Plains	<sup>3</sup>	10.88	9.93	9.64	9.64	12.02	10.63
So. Plains	7.86	9.96	8.42	8.89	9.24	9.91	9.22
Mountain	8.57	8.39	8.90	8.59	9.83	10.03	9.51
Pacific	9.33	10.23	10.44	9.97	11.28	10.56	10.53
48 States	9.02	10.90	9.85	9.76	10.02	10.51	10.15

<sup>1</sup> Excludes agricultural service workers. <sup>2</sup> Regions consist of: Northeast: CT, DE, MD, ME, MA, NH, NJ, NY, PA, RI, VT. Appalachian: KY, NC, TN, VA, WV. Southeast: AL, FL, GA, SC. Lake: MI, MN, WI. Cornbelt: IA, IL, IN, MO, OH. Delta: AR, LA, MS. Northern Plains: KS, NE, ND, SD. Southern Plains: OK, TX. Mountain: AZ, CO, ID, MT, NM, NV, UT, WY. Pacific: CA, OR, WA. 48 States: All States, excluding AK and HI. <sup>3</sup> Insufficient data.

Source: USDA NASS Farm Labor, May 18, 2007

## Price Reactions After USDA Crop Reports

USDA Report and Price reaction	Corn			
	Day After Report		Week After Report	
	Number of Reports	Average Price Change	Number Reports	Average Price Change
	<i>Number</i>	<i>Cents Per Bu</i>	<i>Number</i>	<i>Cents Per Bu</i>
<b>Crop Production 1985-2006</b>				
Price Increases	42	5.2	56	8.2
No Price Change (NC)	16	NC	1	NC
Price Decreases	52	-5.3	53	-10.2
Total	110		110	
<b>Grain Stocks 1984-2006</b>				
Price Increases	41	5.1	45	9.2
No Price Change (NC)	7	NC	5	NC
Price Decreases	45	-4.6	43	-8.5
Total	93		93	

Source: USDA NASS Price Reactions After USDA Crop Reports, March 2007

### USDA-NASS Acreage & Hog Surveys

Acreage and hog inventories, as well as almost all other statistics from the USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS), are based on responses from commodity producers. These reports are the factual information all market participants use to make informed decisions in the buying/selling process.

The table above shows the corn price reaction after the *Crop Production* and *Grain Stocks* reports are released. This table confirms that prices remain unchanged or rise as often as they decline after the release of USDA-NASS reports. The real value in these reports is the concrete information the market has to work with, not rumors or speculation. The greatest benefit of these reports is reduced volatility in the market for both seller and buyer. This reduced volatility, as a result of the factual supply information, can translate into higher market prices for sellers since the buyers risks are reduced.

Only you, as a producer, can ensure that the reports are as accurate as possible by participating in the surveys conducted by USDA-NASS. If called or visited, please take a few minutes to respond.

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