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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.

Joseph L. Parsons  
Director

## Nebraska Cattle on Feed Down 6 Percent

Nebraska feedlots with capacities of 1,000 or more head contained 1.93 million cattle on feed on September 1, down 6 percent from last year but 9 percent above September 1, 2005. Placements of cattle into feedlots during August totaled 465,000 head, down 1 percent from 2006 but 12 percent above 2005. Marketings of fed cattle during August totaled 435,000 head, up 21 percent from last year and 19 percent above August two years ago. This is the highest August marketings since the data series began in 1994. Other disappearance during August totaled 10,000 head, the same as 2006 and 2005.

## U.S. Cattle on Feed Down 6 Percent

Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter market in the United States for feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head totaled 10.3 million head on September 1, 2007. The inventory was 6 percent below September 1, 2006 but 3 percent above September 1, 2005. Placements in feedlots during August totaled 2.12 million, 7 percent below 2006 but 6 percent above 2005. Marketings of fed cattle during August totaled 2.07 million, virtually unchanged from 2006 but 2 percent above 2005. Other disappearance totaled 50,000 head during August, 15 percent below 2006 and 6 percent below 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        | September 1<br>Number on Feed <sup>1</sup> |            |                            | August<br>Placements |            |                            | August<br>Marketings |            |                            | August<br>Other Disappearance <sup>2</sup> |            |                            |
|--------------|--------------------------------------------|------------|----------------------------|----------------------|------------|----------------------------|----------------------|------------|----------------------------|--------------------------------------------|------------|----------------------------|
|              | 2006                                       | 2007       | <u>2007</u><br><u>2006</u> | 2006                 | 2007       | <u>2007</u><br><u>2006</u> | 2006                 | 2007       | <u>2007</u><br><u>2006</u> | 2006                                       | 2007       | <u>2007</u><br><u>2006</u> |
|              | 1,000 Head                                 | 1,000 Head | Percent                    | 1,000 Head           | 1,000 Head | Percent                    | 1,000 Head           | 1,000 Head | Percent                    | 1,000 Head                                 | 1,000 Head | Percent                    |
| Arizona      | 336                                        | 348        | 104                        | 30                   | 36         | 120                        | 31                   | 28         | 90                         | 2                                          | 1          | 50                         |
| California   | 520                                        | 530        | 102                        | 66                   | 54         | 82                         | 59                   | 62         | 105                        | 2                                          | 2          | 100                        |
| Colorado     | 960                                        | 850        | 89                         | 200                  | 170        | 85                         | 175                  | 185        | 106                        | 5                                          | 5          | 100                        |
| Idaho        | 235                                        | 205        | 87                         | 55                   | 48         | 87                         | 44                   | 47         | 107                        | 1                                          | 1          | 100                        |
| Iowa         | 455                                        | 490        | 108                        | 80                   | 71         | 89                         | 69                   | 80         | 116                        | 1                                          | 1          | 100                        |
| Kansas       | 2,390                                      | 2,140      | 90                         | 590                  | 520        | 88                         | 540                  | 465        | 86                         | 20                                         | 15         | 75                         |
| Nebraska     | 2,050                                      | 1,930      | 94                         | 470                  | 465        | 99                         | 360                  | 435        | 121                        | 10                                         | 10         | 100                        |
| New Mexico   | 142                                        | 131        | 92                         | 26                   | 22         | 85                         | 26                   | 19         | 73                         | 2                                          | 1          | 50                         |
| Oklahoma     | 345                                        | 310        | 90                         | 77                   | 75         | 97                         | 76                   | 69         | 91                         | 1                                          | 1          | 100                        |
| South Dakota | 155                                        | 175        | 113                        | 30                   | 37         | 123                        | 37                   | 36         | 97                         | 3                                          | 1          | 33                         |
| Texas        | 2,960                                      | 2,740      | 93                         | 570                  | 520        | 91                         | 570                  | 550        | 96                         | 10                                         | 10         | 100                        |
| Washington   | 158                                        | 148        | 94                         | 35                   | 35         | 100                        | 30                   | 30         | 100                        | 1                                          | 1          | 100                        |
| Other States | 280                                        | 305        | 109                        | 61                   | 66         | 108                        | 50                   | 66         | 120                        | 1                                          | 1          | 100                        |
| U.S.         | 10,986                                     | 10,302     | 94                         | 2,290                | 2,119      | 93                         | 2,067                | 2,066      | 100                        | 59                                         | 50         | 85                         |

<sup>1</sup> Cattle 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.

<sup>2</sup> Includes death loss, movement from feedlots to pasture and shipments to other feedlots for further feeding.

Source: USDA NASS Cattle on Feed, September 21, 2007

## Hogs and Pigs

Nebraska inventory of all hogs and pigs on September 1, 2007 was 3.20 million head. This was 5 percent above September 1, 2006 and up 3 percent from June 1, 2007. Breeding inventory, at 365,000 head, was 4 percent above September 1, 2006 and up 1 percent from last quarter. Market hog inventory, at 2.84 million head, was 5 percent above last year and 3 percent higher than last quarter.

U.S. inventory of all hogs and pigs on September 1, 2007 was 64.6 million head. This was up 3 percent from both September 1, 2006 and June 1, 2007. Breeding inventory, at 6.14 million head, was up 1 percent from last year and up slightly from the previous quarter. Market hog inventory, at 58.5 million head, was up 3 percent from both last year and last quarter.

### Hogs and Pigs: September 1 Inventory, Sows Farrowing and Pig Crop, Nebraska and United States 2006-2007<sup>1</sup>

| Item                            | Nebraska          |       |                | United States     |        |                |
|---------------------------------|-------------------|-------|----------------|-------------------|--------|----------------|
|                                 | 2006              | 2007  | 2007/2006      | 2006              | 2007   | 2007/2006      |
|                                 | <i>1,000 Head</i> |       | <i>Percent</i> | <i>1,000 Head</i> |        | <i>Percent</i> |
| September 1 Inventory           |                   |       |                |                   |        |                |
| All hogs and pigs               | 3,050             | 3,200 | 105            | 62,914            | 64,648 | 103            |
| Breeding                        | 350               | 365   | 104            | 6,079             | 6,145  | 101            |
| Market                          | 2,700             | 2,835 | 105            | 56,835            | 58,503 | 103            |
| Market Hogs & Pigs              |                   |       |                |                   |        |                |
| Under 60 pounds                 | 1,000             | 1,050 | 105            | 20,708            | 21,318 | 103            |
| 60-119 pounds                   | 710               | 770   | 108            | 14,231            | 14,614 | 103            |
| 120-179 pounds                  | 560               | 580   | 104            | 11,685            | 12,015 | 103            |
| 180 pounds and over             | 430               | 435   | 101            | 10,212            | 10,556 | 103            |
| Sows Farrowing                  |                   |       |                |                   |        |                |
| December-February <sup>2</sup>  | 175               | 180   | 103            | 2,840             | 2,905  | 102            |
| March-May                       | 180               | 180   | 100            | 2,927             | 2,966  | 101            |
| December-May <sup>2</sup>       | 355               | 360   | 101            | 5,767             | 5,871  | 102            |
| June-August                     | 175               | 185   | 106            | 2,912             | 2,986  | 103            |
| September-November <sup>3</sup> | 185               | 180   | 97             | 2,949             | 2,964  | 101            |
| June-November <sup>4</sup>      | 360               | 365   | 101            | 5,862             | 5,951  | 102            |
| Pig Crop                        |                   |       |                |                   |        |                |
| December-February <sup>2</sup>  | 1,601             | 1,656 | 103            | 25,661            | 26,393 | 103            |
| March-May                       | 1,647             | 1,665 | 101            | 26,579            | 27,141 | 102            |
| December-May <sup>2</sup>       | 3,248             | 3,321 | 102            | 52,240            | 53,534 | 102            |
| June-August                     | 1,601             | 1,721 | 107            | 26,518            | 27,452 | 104            |
| September-November              | 1,711             |       |                | 26,857            |        |                |
| June-November                   | 3,312             |       |                | 53,375            |        |                |

<sup>1</sup> May not add due to rounding. <sup>2</sup> December preceding year. <sup>3</sup> Intentions for 2007. <sup>4</sup> Actual farrowings for June-August plus intentions for September-November.

Source: USDA NASS Quarterly Hog and Pigs, September 28, 2007

### Poultry: Layers and Eggs, Turkey Poult Placements, Nebraska and United States, August 2007 with Comparisons

| Item                     | 2006            | 2007    | 2007/2006      |
|--------------------------|-----------------|---------|----------------|
|                          | <i>Millions</i> |         | <i>Percent</i> |
| Number of Layers         |                 |         |                |
| Nebraska                 | 11.6            | 10.8    | 93             |
| United States            | 341.5           | 339.5   | 99             |
| Table Eggs Produced      |                 |         |                |
| Nebraska                 | 269             | 260     | 97             |
| United States            | 6,557           | 6,438   | 98             |
| Chickens Hatched, August |                 |         |                |
| United States            |                 |         |                |
| Egg-type                 | 35.6            | 36.8    | 103            |
| Broiler                  | 810.0           | 828.8   | 102            |
| Hatched thru August      |                 |         |                |
| United States            |                 |         |                |
| Egg-type                 | 288.3           | 304.8   | 106            |
| Broiler                  | 6,355.9         | 6,429.5 | 101            |
| Turkeys Placed, August   |                 |         |                |
| United States            | 25.7            | 26.8    | 104            |

Source: USDA NASS Chicken and Eggs, September 21, 2007  
USDA NASS Turkey Hatchery, September 13, 2007

### Commercial Livestock Slaughter

August 2007 number slaughtered and changes from last year and last month are shown below. August 2006 contained 23 weekdays (including no holidays) and four Saturdays. August 2007 contained 23 weekdays (including no holidays) and four Saturdays.

### Livestock Slaughter: By Commodity, Nebraska and United States, August 2007 with Comparisons

| Item                | Total <sup>1</sup> | Aug 2007 Percent of |           |
|---------------------|--------------------|---------------------|-----------|
|                     |                    | August 2006         | July 2007 |
| Nebraska            | <i>1,000 Head</i>  |                     |           |
| Cattle, head        | 677.6              | 102                 | 109       |
| Hogs, head          | 635.4              | 104                 | 112       |
| Red Meat, mil. lbs. | 680.1              | 102                 | 110       |
| United States       |                    |                     |           |
| Cattle, head        | 3,131.9            | 100                 | 108       |
| Calves, head        | 65.4               | 98                  | 104       |
| Hogs, head          | 9,394.6            | 103                 | 112       |
| Sheep & Lambs, head | 227.5              | 100                 | 111       |
| Red Meat, mil. lbs. | 4,325.5            | 102                 | 110       |

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

Source: USDA NASS Livestock Slaughter, September 21, 2007

**Small Grains Summary: By Commodity, Nebraska and United States, 2005-2007**

| Classification | Nebraska |        |        |                            | United States |           |           |                            |
|----------------|----------|--------|--------|----------------------------|---------------|-----------|-----------|----------------------------|
|                | 2005     | 2006   | 2007   | <u>2007</u><br><u>2006</u> | 2005          | 2006      | 2007      | <u>2007</u><br><u>2006</u> |
| All Wheat      |          |        |        |                            |               |           |           |                            |
| Planted        | 1,850    | 1,800  | 2,050  | 114                        | 57,229        | 57,344    | 60,433    | 105                        |
| Harvested      | 1,760    | 1,700  | 1,960  | 115                        | 50,119        | 46,810    | 51,011    | 109                        |
| Yield          | 39.0     | 36.0   | 43.0   | 119                        | 42.0          | 38.7      | 40.5      | 105                        |
| Production     | 68,640   | 61,200 | 84,280 | 138                        | 2,104,690     | 1,812,036 | 2,066,722 | 114                        |
| Oats           |          |        |        |                            |               |           |           |                            |
| Planted        | 150      | 160    | 120    | 75                         | 4,246         | 4,168     | 3,760     | 90                         |
| Harvested      | 60       | 45     | 35     | 78                         | 1,823         | 1,566     | 1,505     | 96                         |
| Yield          | 73.0     | 45.0   | 68.0   | 151                        | 63.0          | 59.8      | 60.9      | 102                        |
| Production     | 4,380    | 2,025  | 2,380  | 118                        | 114,878       | 93,638    | 91,599    | 98                         |

Source: USDA NASS Small Grain September 28, 2007

**Grain Stocks: By Commodity, Nebraska and United States, September 1, 2005-2007**

| Grain and Position     | Nebraska                |               |               |                            | United States           |               |               |                            |
|------------------------|-------------------------|---------------|---------------|----------------------------|-------------------------|---------------|---------------|----------------------------|
|                        | Sept. 1, 2005           | Sept. 1, 2006 | Sept. 1, 2007 | <u>2007</u><br><u>2006</u> | Sept. 1, 2005           | Sept. 1, 2006 | Sept. 1, 2007 | <u>2007</u><br><u>2006</u> |
|                        | <i>Thousand Bushels</i> |               |               |                            | <i>Thousand Bushels</i> |               |               |                            |
|                        |                         |               |               | <i>Percent</i>             |                         |               |               | <i>Percent</i>             |
| Corn                   |                         |               |               |                            |                         |               |               |                            |
| On Farms               | 100,000                 | 85,000        | 47,000        | 55                         | 820,500                 | 749,500       | 460,100       | 61                         |
| Off Farms <sup>1</sup> | 180,286                 | 154,213       | 107,515       | 70                         | 1,293,472               | 1,217,661     | 843,660       | 69                         |
| Total                  | 280,286                 | 239,213       | 154,515       | 65                         | 2,113,972               | 1,967,161     | 1,303,760     | 66                         |
| All Wheat              |                         |               |               |                            |                         |               |               |                            |
| On Farms               | 12,000                  | 8,000         | 8,000         | 100                        | 721,360                 | 572,020       | 495,000       | 87                         |
| Off Farms <sup>1</sup> | 54,456                  | 46,511        | 59,730        | 128                        | 1,201,931               | 1,178,524     | 1,221,731     | 104                        |
| Total                  | 66,456                  | 54,511        | 67,730        | 124                        | 1,923,291               | 1,750,544     | 1,716,731     | 98                         |
| Soybeans               |                         |               |               |                            |                         |               |               |                            |
| On Farms               | 5,200                   | 10,000        | 9,500         | 95                         | 99,700                  | 176,300       | 143,000       | 81                         |
| Off Farms <sup>1</sup> | 10,584                  | 25,315        | 49,698        | 196                        | 156,038                 | 273,026       | 429,778       | 157                        |
| Total                  | 15,784                  | 35,315        | 59,198        | 168                        | 255,738                 | 449,326       | 572,778       | 127                        |
| Sorghum                |                         |               |               |                            |                         |               |               |                            |
| On Farms               | 1,700                   | 500           | 200           | 40                         | 5,900                   | 5,250         | 2,150         | 41                         |
| Off Farms <sup>1</sup> | 5,393                   | 2,783         | 2,915         | 105                        | 51,041                  | 60,413        | 29,902        | 49                         |
| Total                  | 7,093                   | 3,283         | 3,115         | 95                         | 56,941                  | 65,663        | 32,052        | 49                         |
| Oats                   |                         |               |               |                            |                         |               |               |                            |
| On Farms               | 1,700                   | 1,400         | 1,000         | 71                         | 71,700                  | 60,800        | 53,650        | 88                         |
| Off Farms <sup>1</sup> | <sup>2</sup>            | 1,285         | <sup>2</sup>  |                            | 41,803                  | 39,284        | 34,672        | 88                         |
| Total                  | <sup>2</sup>            | 2,685         | <sup>2</sup>  |                            | 113,503                 | 100,084       | 88,322        | 88                         |

<sup>1</sup> Includes stocks at mills, elevators, warehouses, terminals, and processors. <sup>2</sup> Not published to avoid disclosure of individual operations.

Source: USDA NASS Grain Stocks, September 28, 2007

**Potatoes: Production, Farm Disposition, Price, and Value, Nebraska and United States, 2005-2006**

| Year          | Production | Total Used for Seed | Farm Disposition  |                 |         | Price per Cwt. | Value of   |           |
|---------------|------------|---------------------|-------------------|-----------------|---------|----------------|------------|-----------|
|               |            |                     | Where Grown       |                 | Sold    |                | Production | Sales     |
|               |            |                     | Seed, Feed, Home  | Shrink and Loss |         |                |            |           |
| 2005          |            |                     | <i>1,000 Cwt.</i> |                 |         | <i>Dollars</i> |            |           |
| Nebraska      | 8,245      | 515                 | 231               | 834             | 7,180   | 8.45           | 69,670     | 60,671    |
| United States | 423,926    | 25,659              | 4,791             | 28,519          | 390,616 | 7.06           | 2,991,495  | 2,758,275 |
| 2006          |            |                     |                   |                 |         |                |            |           |
| Nebraska      | 8,730      | 521                 | 200               | 775             | 7,755   | 7.40           | 64,602     | 57,387    |
| United States | 441,348    | 26,437              | 4,738             | 29,852          | 406,758 | 7.33           | 3,225,871  | 2,981,414 |

**Potatoes: Stocks Held by Growers, Local Dealers, and Processors, Nebraska and 13 Fall States, 2005-2006 <sup>1</sup>**

| Crop Year         | Current Year | Following Year |         |         |         |        |              |
|-------------------|--------------|----------------|---------|---------|---------|--------|--------------|
|                   | Dec 1        | Jan 1          | Feb 1   | Mar 1   | Apr 1   | Mar 1  | Jun 1        |
|                   |              |                |         |         |         |        |              |
|                   |              |                |         |         |         |        |              |
| 2005              |              |                |         |         |         |        |              |
| Nebraska          | 5,600        | 4,700          | 3,900   | 3,300   | 2,200   | 1,200  | <sup>3</sup> |
| 13 States         | 253,800      | 220,500        | 189,100 | 155,500 | 115,700 | 75,900 | 41,560       |
| 2006 <sup>2</sup> |              |                |         |         |         |        |              |
| Nebraska          | 5,800        | 4,900          | 4,000   | 3,400   | 2,400   | 1,400  | 700          |
| 13 States         | 259,300      | 226,100        | 192,600 | 159,700 | 121,000 | 79,050 | 44,460       |

<sup>1</sup> Stocks are defined as the quantity (whether sold or not) remaining in storage for all purposes and uses, including seed potatoes that are not yet moved, and shrinkage, waste, and other losses that occur after the date of each estimate. <sup>2</sup> Revised. <sup>3</sup> Not published to avoid disclosure of individual operations. <sup>4</sup> Revised. Source: USDA NASS Potatoes 2006 Summary, September 2007

## Prices Received By Farmers

### Prices Received: By Commodity, Nebraska and United States, Preliminary September 2007 with Comparisons

| Commodity        | Unit    | Nebraska                |                        |                | United States           |                        |                |             |                           |
|------------------|---------|-------------------------|------------------------|----------------|-------------------------|------------------------|----------------|-------------|---------------------------|
|                  |         | Sept. 2006 <sup>1</sup> | Aug. 2007 <sup>1</sup> | Sept. 15, 2007 | Sept. 2006 <sup>1</sup> | Aug. 2007 <sup>1</sup> | Sept. 15, 2007 | % of Parity | Parity Price <sup>2</sup> |
| Wheat, All       | Bushels | \$ 4.43                 | \$ 4.96                | \$ 7.10        | \$ 4.06                 | \$ 5.64                | \$ 7.16        | 65          | \$11.00                   |
| Corn             | Bushels | 2.13                    | 3.26                   | 3.15           | 2.20                    | 3.26                   | 3.19           | 39          | 8.13                      |
| Oats             | Bushels | 2.26                    | 2.82                   | 2.80           | 1.70                    | 2.25                   | 2.30           | 51          | 4.55                      |
| Grain Sorghum    | Cwt.    | 3.94                    | 5.58                   | 5.70           | 4.29                    | 5.93                   | 6.02           | 43          | 13.90                     |
| Soybeans         | Bushels | 5.14                    | 7.33                   | 7.90           | 5.23                    | 7.72                   | 8.34           | 46          | 18.00                     |
| Hay, All, Baled  | Ton     | 88.00                   | 90.00                  | 89.00          | 108.00                  | 132.00                 | 132.00         |             |                           |
| Alfalfa, Baled   | Ton     | 88.00                   | 93.00                  | 91.00          | 111.00                  | 137.00                 | 135.00         |             |                           |
| Other, Baled     | Ton     | 86.00                   | 79.00                  | 77.00          | 99.50                   | 118.00                 | 124.00         |             |                           |
| Dry Edible Beans | Cwt.    | 19.20                   | 27.00                  | 29.00          | 18.80                   | 25.80                  | 24.90          | 43          | 57.60                     |
| Hogs             | Cwt.    | 51.10                   | 53.40                  | 47.70          | 48.90                   | 51.60                  | 47.00          | 38          | 123.00                    |
| Barrows & Gilts  | Cwt.    | 51.40                   | 53.70                  | 47.90          | 49.50                   | 52.30                  | 47.40          |             |                           |
| Sows             | Cwt.    | 36.80                   | 37.30                  | 38.10          | 35.50                   | 36.20                  | 37.10          |             |                           |
| Beef Cattle      | Cwt.    | 92.40                   | 93.20                  | 95.30          | 90.00                   | 91.70                  | 93.30          | 43          | 215.00                    |
| Steers & Heifers | Cwt.    | 93.70                   | 94.40                  | 96.60          | 95.20                   | 95.80                  | 98.10          |             |                           |
| Cows             | Cwt.    | 50.90                   | 53.70                  | 51.90          | 47.10                   | 51.60                  | 50.30          |             |                           |
| Calves           | Cwt.    | 138.00                  | 137.00                 | 126.00         | 136.00                  | 129.00                 | 128.00         | 41          | 309.00                    |
| Sheep            | Cwt.    | 36.60                   | 31.70                  |                | 32.20                   | 27.80                  |                |             | 104.00                    |
| Lambs            | Cwt.    | 87.80                   | 97.30                  |                | 98.30                   | 98.60                  |                |             | 252.00                    |

<sup>1</sup> Entire month average except hay.

<sup>2</sup> Parity price based on data for September 2007.

Source: USDA NASS Agricultural Prices, September 27, 2007

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