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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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Director

Prices Received By Farmers

The preliminary United States All Farm Products Index of Prices Received by Farmers in December, at 151, based on 1990-92=100, increased 5 points (3.4 percent) from November. The Crop Index is up 10 points (6.5 percent) but the Livestock Index is unchanged. Producers received higher commodity prices for tomatoes, corn, soybeans, and wheat. Lower prices were received for oranges, turkeys, snap beans, and broilers. 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 wheat, milk, oranges, and broilers offset decreased marketings of soybeans, cattle, corn, and grapes.

The preliminary All Farm Products Index is up 31 points (26 percent) from December 2006. The Food Commodities Index, at 158, increased 7 points (4.6 percent) from last month and increased 37 points (31 percent) from December 2006.

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

Commodity	Unit	Nebraska			United States				
		Dec 2006 ¹	Nov 2007 ¹	Dec 15, 2007	Dec 2006 ¹	Nov 2007 ¹	Dec 15, 2007	% of Parity	Parity Price ²
		<i>Dollars</i>			<i>Dollars</i>				
Wheat, All	Bushel	4.73	7.69	8.40	4.52	7.36	9.41	84	11.20
Corn	Bushel	2.95	3.38	3.70	3.01	3.43	3.88	47	8.31
Oats	Bushel	2.45	2.73	2.80	2.01	2.73	2.71	58	4.65
Grain Sorghum	Cwt	5.86	6.29	6.80	6.09	6.26	6.90	49	14.20
Soybeans	Bushel	5.98	9.02	9.80	6.18	9.41	10.40	57	18.40
Hay, All, Baled	Ton	92.00	88.00	87.00	110.00	131.00	133.00		
Alfalfa, Baled	Ton	93.00	91.00	89.00	111.00	135.00	136.00		
Other, Baled	Ton	81.00	75.00	72.00	107.00	123.00	126.00		
Dry Edible Beans	Cwt	20.60	29.70	29.10	21.80	28.40	27.20	46	58.80
Hogs	Cwt	45.70	39.20	40.60	43.50	38.20	39.50	31	126.00
Barrows & Gilts	Cwt	45.90	39.50	41.00	44.00	38.70	40.30		
Sows	Cwt	33.50	26.60	22.10	32.20	25.90	21.40		
Beef Cattle	Cwt	88.90	95.20	94.00	83.10	89.70	89.10	41	220.00
Steers & Heifers	Cwt	90.30	96.70	95.50	89.00	95.90	95.50		
Cows	Cwt	43.20	45.50	46.60	42.20	43.90	44.10		
Calves	Cwt	122.00	124.00	124.00	116.00	119.00	119.00	38	316.00
Sheep	Cwt	34.00	29.70		34.80	27.60			106.00
Lambs	Cwt	83.70	86.90		94.00	97.30			257.00

¹ Entire month average except hay. ² Parity price based on data for December 2007.

Source: USDA NASS Agricultural Prices December 28, 2007

Hogs and Pigs

Nebraska inventory of all hogs and pigs on December 1, 2007, was 3.15 million head. This was 3 percent above December 1, 2006, but down 3 percent from September 1, 2007. Breeding inventory, at 355,000 head, was 3 percent below December 1, 2006, and down 3 percent from last quarter. Market hog inventory, at 2.80 million head, was 4 percent above last year and 3 percent lower than last quarter.

U.S. inventory of all hogs and pigs on December 1, 2007 was 65.1 million head. This was up 4 percent from December 1, 2006, but down 1 percent from September 1, 2007. Breeding inventory, at 6.16 million head, was up 1 percent from last year and up slightly from the previous quarter. Market hog inventory, at 59.0 million head, was up 5 percent from last year, but down 1 percent from last quarter.

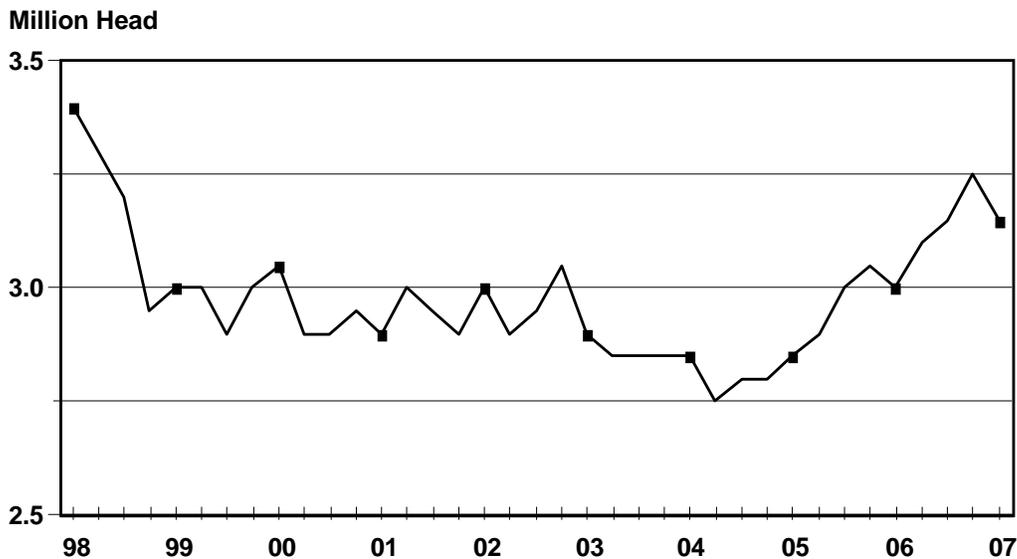
Hogs and Pigs: December 1 Inventory, Sows Farrowing and Pig Crop, Nebraska and United States 2006-2007¹

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>
December 1 Inventory						
All hogs and pigs	3,050	3,150	103	62,490	65,110	104
Breeding	365	355	97	6,087	6,157	101
Market	2,685	2,795	104	56,402	58,953	105
Market Hogs & Pigs						
Under 60 pounds	1,010	1,030	102	20,462	21,364	104
60-119 pounds	720	755	105	13,928	14,459	104
120-179 pounds	530	560	106	11,275	11,737	104
180 pounds and over	425	450	106	10,738	11,394	106
Sows Farrowing						
December-February ²	175	180	103	2,841	2,905	102
March-May	180	185	103	2,927	3,033	104
December-May ²	355	365	103	5,768	5,938	103
June-August	175	185	106	2,912	2,993	103
September-November	185	185	100	2,949	3,029	103
June-November	360	370	103	5,862	6,022	103
Pig Crop						
December-February ²	1,601	1,656	103	25,662	26,396	103
March-May	1,647	1,748	106	26,580	27,896	105
December-May ²	3,248	3,404	105	52,242	54,293	104
June-August	1,601	1,758	110	26,519	27,646	104
September-November	1,711	1,758	103	26,857	27,998	104
June-November	3,312	3,516	106	53,376	55,645	104

¹ May not add due to rounding ² December preceding year.

Source: USDA NASS Quarterly Hog and Pigs, December 27, 2007

Nebraska Quarterly Hogs and Pigs Inventory December 1



Source: USDA NASS

Commercial Livestock Slaughter

November 2007 number slaughtered and changes from last year and last month are shown below. November 2006 contained 22 weekdays (including two holidays) and four Saturdays. November 2007 contained 22 weekdays (including two holidays) and four Saturdays.

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

Item	Total ¹	Nov 2007 Percent of	
		Nov 2006	Oct 2007
Nebraska <i>1,000 Head</i>			
Cattle, head	586.5	98	92
Hogs, head	671.9	103	93
Red Meat, mil. lbs.	626.3	99	92
United States			
Cattle, head	2,831.2	100	91
Calves, head	58.9	88	90
Hogs, head	10,050.7	107	94
Sheep & Lambs, head	236.7	106	95
Red Meat, mil. lbs.	4,300.6	104	93

¹ Excludes animals slaughtered on farms.

Source: USDA NASS Livestock Slaughter, December 21, 2007

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

Commodity	Stocks	Nov 2007 Percent of	
		Nov 2006	Oct 2007
<i>1,000 Lbs.</i>			
Total red meats	966,209	96	96
Beef	470,333	90	97
Pork	477,436	102	97
Poultry	919,252	101	84
Turkey	212,756	99	51
Chicken	700,451	101	105

Source: USDA NASS Cold Storage, December 21, 2007

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

Item	2006		2007	2007/2006
	<i>Millions</i>		<i>Percent</i>	
Number of Layers				
Nebraska	11.6	10.2	88	
United States	346.9	342.9	99	
Table Eggs Produced				
Nebraska	260	235	90	
United States	6,506	6,420	99	
Chickens Hatched, Nov				
United States				
Egg-type	31.6	34.0	108	
Broiler	729.9	761.4	104	

Source: USDA NASS Chicken and Eggs, December 21, 2007

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Farm Marketings: Percent of Sales, by Crop and Month, Nebraska, 2003-2007¹

Crop Year	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug
<i>Percent</i>												
Corn												
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
2006-07	5	13	18	10	13	7	9	5	4	6	6	4
Sorghum Grain												
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
2006-07	4	23	35	10	10	5	3	1	2	2	1	4
Crop Year	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug
<i>Percent</i>												
Soybeans												
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
2006-07	6	30	15	9	11	5	4	5	4	4	3	4
Dry Edible Beans												
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
2006-07	25	27	5	4	11	2	6	7	3	3	2	5
Crop Year	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun
<i>Percent</i>												
Wheat												
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
2006-07	37	8	5	10	12	3	3	3	2	5	3	9
Oats												
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
2006-07	46	28	5	2	3	1	6	2	2	1	2	2
Crop Year	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May
<i>Percent</i>												
Hay												
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
2006-07	5	6	5	8	10	13	11	10	10	10	7	5

¹ 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, 2007, September 28, 2007, November 30, 2007

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