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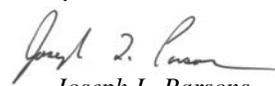
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Dear Nebraska Farmers, Ranchers and Agribusinesses:

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

Farm Numbers Continue Decline

Nebraska's number of farms and ranches declined during 2007 continuing the downward trend. The number of farms and ranches in the State is 47,300, down 300 or less than 1 percent from 2006. Land in farms and ranches in Nebraska totaled 45.6 million acres. The average size of operation increased to 964 acres, up 4 acres from a year earlier.

The number of farms and ranches in the United States in 2007 is estimated at 2.08 million, 0.6 percent fewer than in 2006. Total land in farms and ranches in the United States, at 930.9 million acres, decreased 1.5 million acres. The average size of operation was 449 acres during 2007, an increase of three acres from the previous year.

Number of Farms and Land in Farms: Nebraska and United States, 1998-2007¹

Year	Nebraska			United States		
	Farms	Land in Farms	Average Farm Size	Farms	Land in Farms	Average Farm Size
	<i>Number</i>	<i>1,000 acres</i>	<i>Acres</i>	<i>Number</i>	<i>1,000 acres</i>	<i>Acres</i>
1998	55,000	46,400	844	2,192,330	952,080	434
1999	54,000	46,300	857	2,187,280	948,460	434
2000	52,000	46,100	887	2,166,780	945,080	436
2001	50,000	46,000	920	2,148,630	942,070	438
2002	49,400	45,900	929	2,135,360	940,300	440
2003	48,500	45,900	946	2,126,860	938,650	441
2004	48,300	45,800	948	2,112,970	936,295	443
2005	48,000	45,700	952	2,098,690	933,210	445
2006	47,600	45,700	960	2,088,790	932,430	446
2007	47,300	45,600	964	2,075,510	930,920	449

¹ A farm is any establishment from which \$1,000 or more of agricultural products were sold or would normally be sold during the year. Source: USDA NASS Farms, Land in Farms, and Livestock Operations 2007 Summary, February 2008

Farms and Land in Farms by Economic Sales Class, Nebraska and United States, 2005-2007

Economic Sales Class	Number of Farms						Land in Farms					
	Nebraska			United States			Nebraska			United States		
	2005	2006	2007	2005	2006	2007	2005	2006	2007	2005	2006	2007
	<i>1,000</i>						<i>1,000 Acres</i>					
\$1,000-\$9,999	12.5	12.1	11.2	1,156.3	1,152.9	1,135.3	1.5	1.5	1.3	118.2	114.7	112.8
\$10,000-\$99,999	17.7	17.7	17.2	596.0	597.4	594.2	9.1	9.1	9.2	260.7	258.9	255.5
\$100,000-\$249,999	8.9	8.7	8.4	167.1	166.4	168.0	11.5	11.2	11.0	192.3	191.5	192.3
\$250,000-\$499,999	4.9	5.0	6.0	89.8	90.8	93.0	10.2	10.2	10.2	152.2	154.0	153.0
\$500,000 & Over	4.0	4.1	4.5	79.4	81.4	85.0	13.4	13.7	13.9	209.9	213.4	217.3

Source: USDA NASS Farms, Land in Farms, and Livestock Operations 2007 Summary, February 2008

**Cattle on Feed: Number of Feedlots, January 1 Inventory, and Marketings,
By Size of Feedlot, State, and United States 2006-2007 ¹**

State	Number of Lots									
	1,000-3,999		4,000-15,999		16,000-31,999		32,000 and Over		1,000+ Total	
	2006	2007	2006	2007	2006	2007	2006	2007	2006	2007
Arizona					² 3	² 3	3	3	6	6
California	4	4	5	3	6	7	6	7	21	21
Colorado	62	58	50	48	13	13	13	13	138	132
Idaho	17	14	22	18	² 6	² 7			45	39
Iowa	300	303	² 35	² 42					335	345
Kansas	60	60	81	76	33	33	31	31	205	200
Nebraska	530	525	199	203	30	29	11	13	770	770
New Mexico			² 4	² 4	2	2	2	2	8	8
Oklahoma	3	3	11	11	3	3	6	6	23	23
So. Dakota	141	148	² 27	² 28					168	176
Texas	11	11	38	37	32	31	49	49	130	128
Washington	² 7	² 5	² 6	² 4			3	3	16	12
Other Sts	240	245	60	² 55					300	300
United States	1,370	1,373	534	525	135	133	126	129	2,165	2,160

Inventory - 1,000 Head

State	Inventory - 1,000 Head									
	1,000-3,999		4,000-15,999		16,000-31,999		32,000 and Over		1,000+ Total	
	2006	2007	2006	2007	2006	2007	2006	2007	2006	2007
Arizona					² 28	² 27	306	341	334	368
California	4	4	22	11	120	102	404	443	550	560
Colorado	55	60	200	190	270	225	575	625	1,100	1,100
Idaho	13	14	85	68	² 162	² 153			260	235
Iowa	355	375	² 165	² 195					520	570
Kansas	75	70	450	440	655	630	1,360	1,340	2,540	2,480
Nebraska	500	430	1,000	1,060	580	525	460	515	2,540	2,530
New Mexico			² 11	² 10	27	45	98	105	136	160
Oklahoma	4	4	46	48	72	48	228	250	350	350
So. Dakota	114	110	² 111	² 120					225	230
Texas	11	10	224	250	575	540	2,060	2,160	2,870	2,960
Washington	² 15	² 20	² 55	² 46			114	98	184	164
Other Sts	160	190	² 205	² 200					365	390
United States	1,292	1,273	2,447	2,512	2,522	2,339	5,713	5,973	11,974	12,097

Cattle Marketed - 1,000 Head

State	Cattle Marketed - 1,000 Head									
	1,000-3,999		4,000-15,999		16,000-31,999		32,000 and Over		1,000+ Total	
	2006	2007	2006	2007	2006	2007	2006	2007	2006	2007
Arizona					² 34	² 34	303	319	337	353
California	6	5	22	13	160	128	572	588	760	734
Colorado	85	85	310	280	390	355	1,150	1,220	1,935	1,940
Idaho	28	31	191	145	² 323	² 348			542	524
Iowa	570	540	² 258	² 295					828	835
Kansas	135	135	855	810	1,390	1,305	3,020	2,890	5,400	5,140
Nebraska	870	850	1,870	2,030	1,115	1,035	780	915	4,635	4,830
New Mexico			² 18	² 18	56	43	152	147	226	208
Oklahoma	7	7	95	82	135	130	495	495	732	714
So. Dakota	186	202	² 239	² 267					425	469
Texas	25	20	470	400	1,070	995	4,210	4,270	5,775	5,685
Washington	² 22	² 28	² 97	² 118			196	218	315	364
Other Sts	230	290	² 337	² 370					567	660
United States	2,144	2,175	4,486	4,509	4,758	4,495	11,089	11,277	22,477	22,456

*Revised. ¹ Number of feedlots is the number of lots operating at anytime during the year. Inventory is the number on hand January 1 of the following year. The United States totals show the actual number of feedlots, inventory, and number of animals marketed in each size group. The sum of the numbers shown by State under a specified size group may or may not add to the United States total for that size group since for some States size groups are combined to avoid disclosing individual operations. ² Lots, inventory, and marketings from other size groups are included to avoid disclosing individual operations.

Source: USDA NASS Cattle on Feed February 22, 2008

**Livestock Slaughter: By Commodity,
Nebraska and United States,
January 2008 with Comparisons**

Item	Total ¹	Jan 2008 Percent of	
		Jan 2007	Dec 2007
Nebraska	<i>1,000 Head</i>		
Cattle	583.0	100	107
Hogs	720.1	116	111
Red Meat, mil. lbs.	618.1	102	106
United States			
Cattle	2,898.6	104	110
Calves	71.5	96	117
Hogs	10,557.1	113	109
Sheep & Lambs	213.4	98	93
Red Meat, mil, lbs.	4,415.9	108	109

¹ Excludes animals slaughtered on farms.

Source: USDA NASS Livestock Slaughter, February 22, 2008

**Stocks in Cold Storage: By Commodity,
United States, January 2008 with Comparisons**

Commodity	Stocks	Jan 2008 Percent of	
		Jan 2007	Dec 2007
	<i>1,000 Lbs.</i>		
Total red meats	1,030,373	105	107
Beef	445,219	95	92
Pork	563,576	116	123
Poultry	1,116,154	114	111
Turkey	344,906	118	132
Chicken	766,063	113	103

Source: USDA NASS Cold Storage, February 22, 2008

**Poultry: Layers and Eggs, Nebraska and
United States, January 2008 with Comparisons**

Item	2007	2008	2008/2007
	<i>Millions</i>		<i>Percent</i>
Number of Layers			
Nebraska	11.5	10.3	90
United States	348.9	345.1	99
Table Eggs Produced			
Nebraska	265	243	92
United States	6,561	6,524	99
Chickens Hatched, January			
United States			
Egg-type	36.9	40.2	109
Broiler	797.1	821.9	103

Source: USDA NASS Chicken and Eggs, February 29, 2008

Hard White Winter Wheat

Of the total hard white winter wheat acreage reported for 2008, the two most common varieties planted were NuGrain and NuDakota.

**Hard White Winter Wheat:
Percent of Planted Acreage, Nebraska, 2004-2008**

Variety	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
	<i>Percent</i>				
All White Varieties	1.7	1.9	1.0	1.5	1.9

Source: USDA NASS

Prices Received: By Commodity, Nebraska and United States, Preliminary February 2008 with Comparisons

Commodity	Unit	Nebraska			United States				
		Feb 2007 ¹	Jan 2008 ¹	Feb 15, 2008	Feb 2007 ¹	Jan 2008 ¹	Feb 15, 2008	% of Parity	Parity Price ²
Wheat, All	Bushels	\$ 4.69	\$ 7.00	\$ 9.40	\$ 4.71	\$ 7.93	\$ 10.40	85	\$12.30
Corn	Bushels	3.26	4.00	4.30	3.44	3.97	4.25	55	7.75
Oats	Bushels	3.21	3.41	3.40	2.35	2.96	2.97	59	5.03
Grain Sorghum	Cwt.	6.53	7.22	8.00	6.95	7.40	7.82	57	13.80
Soybeans	Bushels	6.66	10.10	11.50	6.87	9.96	11.00	58	19.10
Hay, All, Baled	Ton	95.00	89.00	88.00	113.00	129.00	133.00		
Alfalfa, Baled	Ton	96.00	90.00	90.00	115.00	135.00	138.00		
Other, Baled	Ton	83.00	78.00	76.00	108.00	118.00	122.00		
Dry Edible Beans	Cwt.	23.20	26.80	31.80	25.40	27.30	29.50	47	62.30
Hogs	Cwt.	48.80	38.70	42.70	47.50	37.20	41.90	33	128.00
Barrows & Gilts	Cwt.	49.10	39.10	43.10	48.30	38.10	42.90		
Sows	Cwt.	33.20	20.70	21.90	32.10	18.50	20.20		
Beef Cattle	Cwt.	89.40	93.40	93.30	86.10	87.30	87.80	38	234.00
Steers & Heifers	Cwt.	90.70	94.80	94.50	91.40	93.40	93.20		
Cows	Cwt.	48.00	49.20	53.20	47.00	46.30	49.70		
Calves	Cwt.	114.00	120.00	123.00	114.00	117.00	118.00	35	340.00
Sheep	Cwt.	30.00	33.70		37.30	31.90			107.00
Lambs	Cwt.	85.10	89.50		94.80	97.50			267.00

¹ Entire month average except hay. ² Parity price based on data for February 2007. ³ Price not published to avoid disclosure of individual farms.

Source: USDA NASS Agricultural Prices, February 29, 2008

Honey: Number of Colonies, Yield, Production, Stocks, Price and Value, Nebraska and United States 2006-2007¹

State and Year	Number of Colonies	Yield per colony	Production	Stocks ² Dec. 15	Average Price Per Pound ³	Value of Production
	<i>1,000</i>	<i>Pounds</i>	<i>1,000 Pounds</i>		<i>Cents</i>	<i>1,000 Dollars</i>
2006						
Nebraska	47	73.0	3,431	3,843	94.0	3,225
United States	2,393	64.7	154,907	60,548	103.6	160,484
2007						
Nebraska	45	49.0	2,205	1,477	98.0	2,161
United States	2,442	60.8	148,482	52,484	103.2	153,233

¹ For producers with 5 or more colonies. ² Stocks held by producers. ³ Prices weighted by sales.

Source: USDA NASS Honey, February 29, 2008

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