



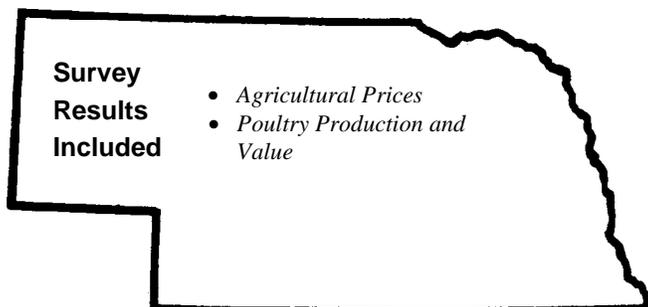
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Dear Nebraska Farmers, Ranchers and Agribusinesses:

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 Farms Products Index of Prices Received by Farmers in April, at 144 percent, based on 1990-92=100, decreased 2 points (1.4 percent) from March. Producers received lower commodity prices for eggs, strawberries, cattle, and wheat. Higher prices were received for corn, lettuce, onions, and soybeans. The overall index is

also affected by the seasonal change based on the 3-year average mix of commodities producers sell. Increased average marketings of cattle, strawberries, milk, and oranges offset decreased marketings of soybeans, corn, wheat, and cotton. The preliminary All Farm Products Index is up 11 points (8.3 percent) from April 2007.

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

Commodity	Unit	Nebraska			United States				
		Apr 2007 ¹	Mar 2008 ¹	Apr 15, 2008	Apr 2007 ¹	Mar 2008 ¹	Apr 15, 2008	% of Parity	Parity Price ²
		<i>Dollars</i>			<i>Dollars</i>				
Wheat, All	Bushel	4.75	9.84	9.50	4.89	10.60	10.10	78	12.90
Corn	Bushel	3.32	4.53	5.00	3.39	4.70	5.13	63	8.15
Oats	Bushel	2.66	4.30	4.40	2.46	3.44	3.59	68	5.29
Grain Sorghum	Cwt	5.98	8.53	9.00	5.97	9.04	9.50	66	14.50
Soybeans	Bushel	6.63	11.50	11.20	6.88	11.50	11.80	59	20.10
Hay, All, Baled	Ton	99.00	89.00	89.00	124.00	139.00	152.00		
Alfalfa, Baled	Ton	99.00	90.00	90.00	127.00	143.00	157.00		
Other, Baled	Ton	94.00	77.00	79.00	115.00	128.00	140.00		
Dry Edible Beans	Cwt	25.50	35.40	35.80	24.50	32.40	34.10	52	65.50
Hogs	Cwt	49.00	41.90	42.30	47.30	40.20	40.60	30	135.00
Barrows & Gilts	Cwt	49.40	42.20	42.80	48.10	41.00	41.70		
Sows	Cwt	29.50	25.00	18.60	27.90	22.30	17.10		
Beef Cattle	Cwt	98.50	92.90	90.90	93.70	87.70	85.10	34	247.00
Steers & Heifers	Cwt	100.00	94.10	92.10	99.80	92.70	90.10		
Cows	Cwt	50.60	54.00	52.70	49.20	51.20	49.90		
Calves	Cwt	127.00	122.00	117.00	125.00	119.00	115.00	32	358.00
Sheep	Cwt	32.50	27.60		34.20	28.30			113.00
Lambs	Cwt	100.00	91.00		97.10	98.00			280.00

¹ Entire month average except hay. ² Parity price based on data for April 2008.

Source: USDA NASS Agricultural Prices April 30, 2008

Farm Machinery and Tractors: Prices Paid, United States, April 2005-2007

Item	2006	2007	2008	Item	2006	2007	2008
	<i>Dollars</i>				<i>Dollars</i>		
Baler, Square, Pick-Up, Auto Tie, P.T.O.				Grain Drill, Most Common Spacing (cont.)			
Round, 1200-1500 Lb. bale	20,300	21,900	23,300	Min/No Till w/Fert. Attach., 15 Foot	32,600	34,400	35,000
Round, 1900-2200 Lb. bale	29,100	31,000	32,600	Hay Rack, Side-Delivery, or Wheel Rake,			
Chisel Plow, Max. 1 Ft. Depth, Chisel or				Traction Drive, 8-12 Foot Working Width	6,650	6,750	6,760
Sweep Type, Drawn or Mounted 16-20 Ft.	17,700	18,000	22,200	Hay Tedder, 15-18 Foot	5,380	5,740	6,150
Combine, Self Propelled with Grain Head				Manure Spreader, Conveyer Type, P.T.O.			
Extra Large capacity	240,000	255,000	276,000	2-wheel, with Tires			
Large capacity	201,000	213,000	230,000	141-190 Bushel Capacity	8,030	8,440	8,520
Corn Head for Combine, 6 Row	30,600	31,800	35,900	225-300 Bushel Capacity	12,200	12,800	13,700
Row Crop Planter				Mower-Conditioner, P.T.O., Pull Type with			
With Fertilizer Attachment, 8-Row	34,100	33,500	38,000	8-10 Foot, Sickle (Cutter) Bar or Disc	16,300	17,200	18,400
With Fertilizer Attachment, 24-Row	113,000	118,000	132,000	Mower, Mounted or Drawn, 7-8 Ft. Sickle			
12-Row, No-Till, w/Fertilizer Attachment	60,200	62,700	67,900	(Cutter) Bar	5,380	6,120	6,560
Cultivator, Row Crop, 6-Row	7,820	7,980	8,760	Rotary Hoe, 20-25 Foot	8,930	9,280	12,200
12-Row, Flexible	18,300	18,200	17,400	Rotary Cutter, 7-8 Foot	3,580	3,610	4,010
Disk Harrow, Tandem, ¹				Sprayer, Field Crop, Power, Boom Type			
15-17 Foot	17,400	18,300	18,900	(Excl. Self-Propelled and Orchard)			
18-20 Foot	22,000	23,400	24,100	Tractor Mounted, w/300 Gal. Spray Tank	7,320	7,530	8,280
Elevator, Portable, Without Power Unit				Trailer Type, w/500-700 Gal. Spray Tank	15,900	16,800	19,100
Auger Type, 8 Inch Diameter, 60 Foot	5,220	5,430	5,500	Tractor, 2-Wheel Drive			
Feed Grinder-Mixer, Trailer Mtd., P.T.O.	20,100	20,700	25,100	50-59 P.T.O. horsepower	23,700	24,300	25,000
Field Cultivator, Mounted or Drawn				70-89 P.T.O. horsepower	37,600	38,900	39,300
17-19 Foot	14,400	14,000	18,500	110-129 P.T.O. horsepower	70,900	74,000	76,100
20-25 Foot, Flexible	21,000	22,100	23,600	140-159 P.T.O. horsepower	95,500	100,000	104,000
Forage Harvester, P.T.O., Sheer Bar, Class II or III				190-220 P.T.O. horsepower	131,000	138,000	144,000
With Pick-Up Attachment	35,500	36,700	38,100	Tractor, 4-Wheel Drive			
With Row Crop Unit, 2-Row	37,400	37,300	40,900	200-280 P.T.O. horsepower	150,000	154,000	176,000
Front-End Loader, Hydraulic, Tractor Mount				Wagon, Gravity Unload, w/Box and Running			
1800-2500 Lb. Capacity, 60 Inch Bucket	5,550	5,770	6,000	Gear and Tires, Without Side Extensions			
Grain Drill, Most Common Spacing				200-400 Bushel Capacity	5,660	6,040	5,900
Plain, 15-17 Openers	16,800	18,500	21,600	Wagon, Running Gear, W/O Box,			
Press, 23-25 Openers	25,200	26,100	26,900	8-10 Ton Capacity	2,300	2,270	2,480
With Fertilizer Attachment, 20-24 Openers	20,200	23,500	22,700	Windrower, Self-Propelled, 14-16 Foot	75,100	78,700	8,350

¹ Drawn with hydraulic lift transport wheels, tires.

Source: USDA NASS Agricultural Prices, April 30, 2008

Field Seeds: Prices Paid, United States, April 2005-2008

Item	Unit	2005	2006	2007	2008
		<i>Dollars</i>			
Legumes					
Alfalfa					
Proprietary	Cwt.	281.00	286.00	292.00	342.00
Public and Common	Cwt.	177.00	181.00	201.00	246.00
Clover					
Ladino	Lb.	2.80	3.06	3.16	3.44
Red	Cwt.	174.00	177.00	202.00	241.00
Row Crops					
Corn, Hybrid Biotech ¹		131.00	137.00	154.00	184.00
Corn, Hybrid Non-Biotech ¹		93.40	95.10	100.00	115.00
Grain Sorghum	Cwt.	114.00	116.00	120.00	142.00
Potatoes	Cwt.	9.30	11.80	12.00	13.10
Soybeans, All ²	Bu.	27.60	28.90	34.80	38.80
Sunflower	Cwt.	476.00	520.00	616.00	718.00
Small Grains					
Barley, Spring	Bu.	6.72	6.58	7.18	10.10
Oats, Spring	Bu.	5.54	5.83	6.81	8.19
Wheat, Winter	Bu.	9.06	9.32	10.60	14.80

¹ 80,000 kernels. ² Technology fees included in price.

Source: USDA NASS Agricultural Prices, April 30, 2008

Feed: Prices Paid by Farmers, Northern Plains and United States, 2006-2008

Item	Unit	Northern Plains ¹			United States		
		April 2006	April 2007	April 2008	April 2006	April 2007	April 2008
		<i>Dollars</i>			<i>Dollars</i>		
Alfalfa Meal	Cwt.	14.80	15.30	21.90	16.40	18.20	21.10
Alfalfa Pellets	Cwt.	14.00	16.50	19.00	16.40	18.70	21.30
Bran	Cwt.	15.50	17.20	19.50	16.10	17.40	19.10
Beef Cattle Concentrate							
32-36% protein	Ton	320.00	375.00	462.00	336.00	370.00	433.00
Corn Meal	Cwt.	7.25	10.10	11.30	10.10	12.30	13.70
Cottonseed Meal, 41%	Cwt.	16.20	17.90	21.00	18.20	20.00	23.00
Dairy Feed							
14% protein ²	Ton	200.00	246.00	269.00	189.00	239.00	301.00
16% protein ²	Ton	214.00	275.00	381.00	210.00	249.00	313.00
32-38% protein ²	Ton	354.00	369.00	562.00	341.00	378.00	469.00
Hog Feed ^{2,3}							
14-18% protein	Ton	244.00	331.00	376.00	228.00	305.00	345.00
38-42% protein	Ton	372.00	399.00	500.00	361.00	398.00	490.00
Molasses, Liquid	Cwt.	14.70	16.80	12.20	17.90	19.20	17.50
Poultry Feed							
Laying Feed	Ton	268.00	322.00	416.00	240.00	278.00	371.00
Turkey Grower	Ton	239.00	320.00	420.00	302.00	337.00	434.00
Soybean Meal, 44%	Cwt.	13.80	15.70	19.30	16.90	18.20	23.40
Stock Salt	50 Lb.	3.20	3.63	4.00	4.67	5.02	5.45
Trace Mineral Blocks	50 Lb.	4.79	5.18	5.59	5.68	6.15	6.60

¹ Northern Plains States: Kansas, Nebraska, North Dakota, South Dakota. ² Complete ration feed, fed without mixing or supplementation.

³ Excluding pig starter.

Source: USDA NASS Agricultural Prices, April 30, 2008

Fuels: Prices Paid by Farmers, Northern Plains and United States, 2006-2008

Item	Northern Plains			United States			
	April 2006	April 2007	April 2008	April 2006	April 2007	April 2008	
		<i>Dollars per Gallon</i>			<i>Dollars per Gallon</i>		
Unleaded Gasoline ¹							
Service Station	2.57	2.65	3.28	2.57	2.63	3.28	
Bulk Delivery	2.58	2.65	3.27	2.60	2.64	3.33	
Diesel ^{2,3} , Bulk Delivery	2.24	2.45	3.54	2.28	2.43	3.62	
L.P. Gas ² , Bulk Delivery	1.45	1.46	1.97	1.69	1.73	2.28	

¹ Includes federal, state and local per gallon taxes. ² Excludes State road taxes, but includes State and local per gallon taxes where applicable.

³ Excludes federal and state excise tax.

Source: USDA NASS Agricultural Prices, April 30, 2008

Fertilizer: Prices Paid by Farmers, Northern Plains and United States, 2006-2008

Item	Northern Plains			United States			
	April 2006	April 2007	April 2008	April 2006	April 2007	April 2008	
		<i>Dollars per Ton</i>			<i>Dollars per Ton</i>		
8-32-16	284.00	373.00	694.00	326.00	380.00	746.00	
10-34-0	305.00	348.00	681.00	318.00	358.00	650.00	
11-52-0	327.00	431.00	891.00	348.00	445.00	902.00	
18-46-0 (DAP)	325.00	435.00	876.00	337.00	442.00	850.00	
Ammonium Nitrate	314.00	356.00	458.00	366.00	382.00	509.00	
Anhydrous Ammonia	489.00	500.00	731.00	521.00	523.00	755.00	
Muriate of Potash - 60-62% K ₂ O	259.00	272.00	526.00	273.00	280.00	561.00	
Nitrogen Solutions - 28% N	226.00	272.00	370.00	240.00	276.00	376.00	
Superphosphate - 44-46% P ₂ O ₅	329.00	463.00	837.00	324.00	418.00	800.00	
Urea - 44-46%	345.00	445.00	537.00	362.00	453.00	552.00	

Source: USDA NASS Agricultural Prices, April 30, 2008

Poultry: By Type, Production, Price, and Value, Nebraska and United States, 2006-2007

Item	Unit	Nebraska		United States	
		2006 ¹	2007	2006 ¹	2007
Chickens, Excluding Broilers ²					
Number Sold	Mil. Head	5.0	6.1	172.7	167.2
Pounds Sold	Mil. Lbs.	16.6	20.3	919.0	906.8
Price per Pound	Cents/Lb.	0.1	0.1	5.8	5.6
Value of Sales	1,000 Dol.	17	20	53,754	50,783
Broilers ²					
Number Produced	Mil. Head	5.1	4.8	8,867.8	8,898.2
Pounds Produced	Mil. Lbs.	30.6	27.4	48,829.9	49,208.4
Price per Pound	Cents/Lb.	37.0	45.0	36.3	43.6
Value of Production	Mil. Dol.	11.3	12.3	17,739.2	21,460.2
Eggs ²					
Produced	Mil. Eggs	3,129	2,984	91,328	90,581
Price per Dozen	Cents/Doz.	37.0	74.4	58.2	88.5
Value of Production	Mil. Dol.	96.4	185.1	4,431.7	6,678.1
Turkeys ³					
Number Raised	Mil. Head	4	4	262.5	271.7
Pounds Produced	Mil. Lbs.	4	4	7,463.9	7,869.2
Price per Pound	Cents/Lb.	4	4	47.9	47.2
Value of Production	Mil. Dol.	4	4	3,573.7	3,710.8

¹ Revised. ² December 1 previous year to November 30. ³ September 1 previous year to August 31. ⁴ Not published to avoid disclosure of individual operations. Source: Poultry - Production and Value 2007 Summary, April 2008

June Agricultural Surveys

The mid-year acreage, grain stocks, and hog inventory surveys will be conducted between May 30 – June 16. These surveys are the basis for the official statistics released by USDA's Agricultural Statistics Board.

USDA RELEASE DATES

Jun 27, 2:00 pm CDT Quarterly Hogs & Pigs
Jun 30 7:30 am CDT Acreage
Jun 30, 7:30 am CDT Grain Stocks

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

If contacted, please take a few minutes to respond by either mail, internet, or phone. Your assistance ensures accurate survey results.

Thanks,

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