

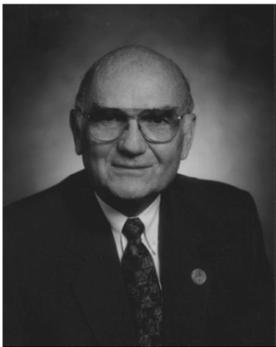
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Dear users of Nebraska ag statistics:



I want to take this opportunity to thank you — Nebraska's farmers, ranchers, and agribusinesses — for, once again, contributing your valuable information and making this publication an instrumental resource.

Nebraska is a world-class leader in producing a high-quality, abundant, and affordable food supply, made possible by our state's farmers and ranchers. The products that are raised here are diverse, and representative of the ingenuity of Nebraska producers to address the varied climate and geology found in this state. From the fertile farmlands of the Platte Valley, to rolling pastures in the Sandhills, to the arid Panhandle, Nebraska agriculture touches the lives of those in every corner of the state.

The data provided here in this issue of Nebraska Agricultural Statistics assists us with further research, education, and sound policy decisions. A hearty "thank you" goes out to the United States Department of Agriculture whose cooperative efforts in collecting and compiling this information helped make this summary a valuable tool.

I invite you to utilize this resource and allow it to help you in your decision-making, and in contributing to our state's number one industry.

Sincerely,

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