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*Dear producers and other data users:*

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## Prices Received By Farmers

The preliminary All Farms Products Index of Priced Received in December was 93 based on 1990-92=100, unchanged from the November index. Higher prices for lettuce, corn, broccoli and strawberries offset by lower prices for milk, broilers, turkeys, and eggs. The seasonal change in the mix of commodities farmers sell also affects the overall index. Higher seasonal

marketings of tobacco, wheat, milk, and oranges offset lower marketings of cattle, grapes, soybeans, and corn.

Compared with last year the current All Farm Products Index was six points (6.1 percent) lower. Price decreases from December 2000 for cotton, cattle, eggs, and soybeans more than offset increases in milk, broilers, oranges, and lettuce.

### Prices Received: Nebraska and United States, Preliminary December 2001 with Comparisons

Commodity	Unit	Nebraska			United States				Percent of Parity
		Dec 2000 <sup>1</sup>	Nov 2001 <sup>1</sup>	Dec 15, 2001	Dec 2000 <sup>1</sup>	Nov 2001 <sup>1</sup>	Dec 15, 2001	Parity Price <sup>2</sup>	
		<i>Dollars</i>			<i>Dollars</i>				
Wheat	Bushel	2.89	2.75	2.75	2.87	2.88	2.89	9.58	30
Corn	Bushel	1.99	1.85	1.91	1.97	1.85	1.92	6.54	29
Oats	Bushel	1.34	1.97	1.90	1.14	1.82	1.77	3.74	47
Grain Sorghum	Cwt	3.40	3.15	3.30	3.54	3.29	3.31	11.20	30
Soybeans	Bushel	4.69	4.09	4.04	4.78	4.16	4.13	14.20	29
Hay, All, Baled	Ton	75.00	73.00	73.00	84.90	97.10	93.70		
Alfalfa, Baled	Ton	77.00	75.00	75.00	89.70	106.00	102.00		
Other, Baled	Ton	65.00	65.00	63.00	69.40	74.10	73.00		
Dry Edible Beans	Cwt	14.80	17.60	17.60	14.40	22.10	21.70	47.50	46
Hogs	Cwt	41.30	37.00	36.10	39.80	35.00	33.60	102.00	33
Barrows & Gilts	Cwt	41.50	37.20	36.30	40.30	35.30	34.00		
Sows	Cwt	32.50	28.90	26.50	30.70	28.30	25.00		
Beef Cattle	Cwt	73.80	67.80	67.90	71.90	63.90	64.20	157.00	41
Steers & Heifers	Cwt	74.90	68.80	69.00	76.80	67.80	68.30		
Cows	Cwt	37.90	34.20	33.50	36.50	35.80	35.60		
Calves	Cwt	107.00	101.00	102.00	106.00	96.40	100.00	207.00	48
Sheep	Cwt	37.00	28.00		36.20	26.60		71.90	
Lambs	Cwt	60.00	45.40		71.80	54.10		172.00	

<sup>1</sup> Entire month average except hay. <sup>2</sup> Parity price based on data for December 2001.

Source: USDA NASS Agricultural Prices December 31, 2001.

## Cold Storage

Frozen food stocks in refrigerated warehouses on November 30, 2001 were greater than year earlier levels for orange juice. Total red meat supplies in freezers were 4 percent above October 2001 but were slightly below November 2000. Frozen pork stocks were 1 percent above last month but were 3 percent below last year. Total frozen poultry supplies on November 30, 2001, were down 17 percent from last month and 8 percent below last year's level. Stocks on November 30 for selected items and changes from last year and last month follow:

### Stocks in Cold Storage: By Commodity, United States, November 2001 with Comparisons

Commodity	Stocks	Nov 2001 Percent of	
		Nov 2000	Oct 2001
<i>1,000 lbs</i>			
Total red meats	879,905	100	104
Beef	427,001	104	108
Pork	432,831	97	101
Poultry	945,343	92	83
Turkey	255,632	98	51
Chicken	681,411	90	108

Source: USDA NASS Cold Storage, December 20, 2001.

## Poultry

During November 2001, layers in Nebraska totaled 11.5 million birds, a decrease of 2 percent from the previous year. The total number of layers in the United States during November 2001 averaged 337 million, up 2 percent from November 2000.

### Poultry: Layers and Eggs, Turkey Poult Placements, Nebraska and United States, November 2001 with Comparisons

Item	2000	2001	2001/2000
	<i>Millions</i>		<i>Percent</i>
Number of Layers			
Nebraska	11.8	11.5	98
30 States	310.0	316.2	102
United States	330.7	337.1	102
Eggs Produced			
Nebraska	247	239	97
30 States	6,579	6,732	102
United States	7,027	7,173	102
Chickens Hatched			
United States			
Egg-type	32.3	31.6	98
Broiler	675.0	695.7	103
Hatched thru November			
United States			
Egg-type	395.0	419.0	106
Broiler	8,053.5	8,132.2	101
Turkeys Placed			
United States	23.4	24.3	104

Source: USDA NASS Chicken and Eggs, December 21, 2001.  
USDA NASS Turkey Hatchery, December 13, 2001.

## Commercial Livestock Slaughter

November 2001 output and changes from last year and last month are shown below. November 2000 contained 22 weekdays (including two holidays) and four Saturdays. November 2001 contained 22 weekdays (including two holidays) and four Saturdays.

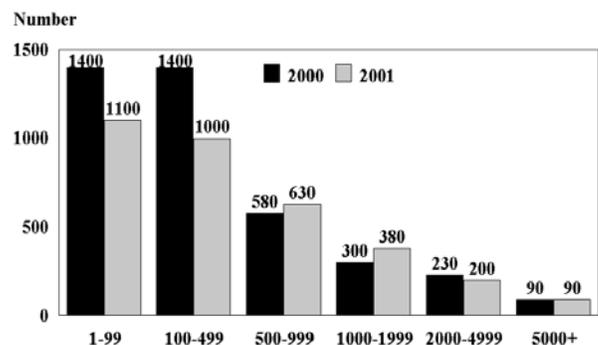
### Livestock Slaughter: By Commodity, Nebraska and United States, November 2001 with Comparisons

Item	Total <sup>1</sup>	Nov 2001 Percent of	
		Nov 2000	Oct 2001
Nebraska <i>1,000 Head</i>			
Cattle, head	636.0	104	91
Hogs, head	621.3	105	97
Sheep & Lambs, head	.1	<sup>2</sup>	100
Red Meat, mil. lbs.	628.1	107	93
United States			
Cattle, head	2,903.3	99	92
Calves, head	87.0	94	93
Hogs, head	8,715.7	100	93
Sheep & Lambs, head	287.0	97	99
Red Meat, mil. lbs.	3,969.4	101	93

<sup>1</sup> Excludes animals slaughtered on farms. <sup>2</sup> Data included in U.S. total to avoid disclosure of individual operations.

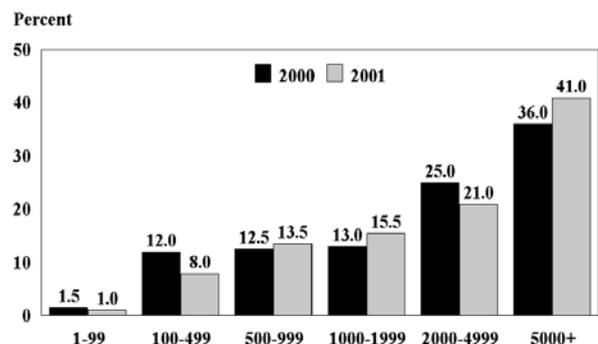
Source: USDA NASS Livestock Slaughter, December 21, 2001.

### Nebraska Hog Operations Number by Size Group, 2000-2001



Source: USDA National Agricultural Statistics Service

### Nebraska Hog Inventory Percent by Size Group, 2000-2001



Source: USDA National Agricultural Statistics Service

## Hogs and Pigs

Nebraska pork producers had an estimated 2.9 million hogs and pigs on hand December 1, 2001. This number was down 5 percent from a year earlier and was 3 percent below two years ago. Hogs and pigs kept for breeding were up 3 percent from last year but down 3 percent from two years ago.

Inventory of all hogs and pigs in the United States was estimated at 58.8 million head on December 1, 2001. This was 1 percent below last year and slightly below September 1, 2001. Breeding inventory, at 6.21 million head, was down 1 percent from last year and market inventory was 1 percent below last year.

### Hogs and Pigs: December 1 Inventory, Sows Farrowing and Pig Crop, Nebraska and United States, 2000-2001

Item	Nebraska			United States		
	2000	2001	2001/2000	2000	2001	2001/2000
	<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	2,900	95	59,138	58,774	99
Breeding	360	370	103	6,270	6,209	99
Market	2,690	2,530	94	52,868	52,564	99
Market hogs & pigs						
Under 60 pounds	1,010	1,020	101	19,421	19,304	99
60-119 pounds	700	620	89	12,933	12,750	99
120-179 pounds	550	500	91	10,846	10,792	100
180 pounds and over	430	390	91	9,669	9,718	101
Sows Farrowing						
December-February <sup>1</sup>	160	140	88	2,798	2,748	98
March-May	155	160	103	2,885	2,870	99
June-August	160	150	94	2,889	2,838	98
September-November	150	160	107	2,838	2,846	100
Total Sows Farrowing	625	610	98	11,410	11,302	99
Pigs Crop						
December-February <sup>1</sup>	1,400	1,232	88	24,522	23,963	98
March-May	1,372	1,408	103	25,565	25,509	100
June-August	1,440	1,298	90	25,548	25,029	98
September-November	1,313	1,384	105	25,112	24,972	99
Total Pig Crop <sup>3</sup>	5,525	5,322	96	100,748	99,473	99
Item	2001	2002 <sup>2</sup>	2002/2001	2001	2002 <sup>2</sup>	2002/2001
	<i>1,000 head</i>		<i>Percent</i>	<i>1,000 head</i>		<i>Percent</i>
Sows Farrowed						
December-February <sup>1</sup>	140	160	114	2,748	2,842	103
March-May	160	170	106	2,870	2,904	101
December-May <sup>1 3</sup>	300	330	110	5,619	5,746	102

<sup>1</sup> December preceding year. <sup>2</sup> Intentions. <sup>3</sup> May not add due to rounding. Source: USDA NASS Quarterly Hog and Pigs, December 28, 2001.

### Hogs and Pigs: Number of Operations with Hogs, Percent of Inventory by Size Group, Nebraska and United States, 2000-2001<sup>1</sup>

Size of Operation	Nebraska		United States	
	2000	2001	2000	2001
	<i>Operations - Number</i>			
1-99 head	1,400	1,100	48,210	46,012
100-499 head	1,400	1,000	17,755	15,415
500-999 head	580	630	7,630	7,226
1,000-1,999 head	300	380	5,850	5,494
2,000-4,999 head	230	200	4,825	4,779
5,000+ head	90	90	2,090	2,204
Total	4,000	3,400	86,360	81,130
	<i>Inventory - Percent</i>			
1-99 head	1.5	1.0	1.0	1.0
100-499 head	12.0	8.0	6.0	5.0
500-999 head	12.5	13.5	8.0	7.5
1,000-1,999 head	13.0	15.5	13.0	12.0
2,000-4,999 head	25.0	21.0	21.5	22.0
5,000+ head	36.0	41.0	50.5	52.5

<sup>1</sup> An operation is any place having one or more hogs and pigs on hand any time during the year. Percents reflect average distributions

based primarily on mid-year surveys. Source: USDA NASS Quarterly Hog and Pigs, December 28, 2001.

## Farm Marketings: Percent of Sales, by Crop and Month, Nebraska, 1997-2001

Crop Year	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep
<i>Percent</i>												
<b>Corn</b>												
1997-98	14	10	8	15	7	8	5	4	6	5	9	9
1998-99	17	12	8	11	5	9	4	4	6	7	11	6
1999-00	14	12	9	15	6	9	4	4	4	5	8	10
2000-01	14	11	11	12	6	7	5	4	6	10	9	5
<b>Sorghum Grain</b>												
1997-98	16	15	13	16	9	7	3	3	7	3	3	5
1998-99	22	17	11	11	7	11	4	3	9	5		
1999-00	18	21	11	17	5	6	3	3	2	1	4	9
2000-01	22	9	14	11	7	6	4	5	7	9	4	2
Crop Year	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug
<i>Percent</i>												
<b>Soybeans</b>												
1997-98	7	17	8	7	15	9	6	7	5	6	7	6
1998-99	6	30	11	7	9	4	7	5	3	6	5	7
1999-00	8	28	5	7	17	6	8	4	3	3	5	6
2000-01	7	23	10	10	14	7	5	4	6	5	5	4
<b>Dry Edible Beans</b>												
1997-98	20	14	9	10	17	5	6	6	3	2	5	3
1998-99	25	14	5	12	12	6	3	3	4	2	6	8
1999-00	22	18	7	9	13	5	4	5	4	3	5	5
2000-01	20	19	7	10	14	5	4	5	4	2	5	5
Crop Year	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun
<i>Percent</i>												
<b>Wheat</b>												
1997-98	21	17	7	3	2	5	10	8	12	5	5	5
1998-99	39	15	5	5	2	7	7	2	8	5	2	3
1999-00	27	9	6	2	3	7	12	10	5	4	8	7
2000-01	31	19	8	5	4	6	8	2	3	3	5	6
<b>Oats</b>												
1997-98	45	22	6	3	8	1	4	3	1	4	2	1
1998-99	24	17	9	6	4	2	7	5	6	5	5	10
1999-00	23	50	4	5	2	1	2	3	4	3	2	1
2000-01	20	10	8	6	2	6	4	5	7	11	5	16
Crop Year	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May
<i>Percent</i>												
<b>Hay</b>												
1997-98	9	10	9	8	10	8	12	10	8	8	6	2
1998-99	7	8	7	7	8	9	15	10	9	10	6	4
1999-00	4	5	6	11	11	12	18	10	9	7	4	3
2000-01	9	8	6	8	10	9	15	10	9	8	5	3

Source: USDA NASS Agricultural Prices, August, 31, 2001, September 27, 2001, November 30, 2001.

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