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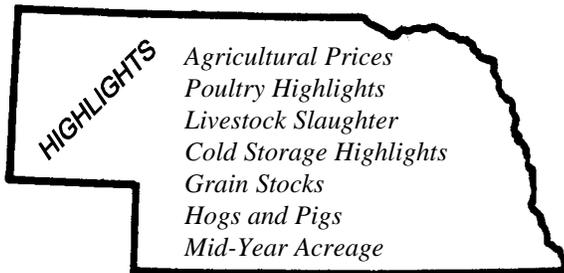
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of Livestock and Livestock Products was up 1 point (1%) from last month but was 2 points (1%) below a year ago. The Crop Index was unchanged from last month but was 19 points (16%) below last year.

U.S. INDEX OF PRICES RECEIVED

The All Farm Products Index of Prices Received by Farmers in the United States in June was 98 based on 1990-92=100, down 1 point (1.0%) from May. Price decreases from June 1998 for soybeans, hogs, corn, and milk more than offset price increases for cattle, carrots, tomatoes, and turkeys. Compared with June 1998, the All Farm Products Index was 4 points (3.9%) lower.

NEBRASKA PRICES RECEIVED INDEX

The mid-June Index of Prices Received by Nebraska farmers, at 132% of its January-December 1977 average, was unchanged from May but was 8 points (6%) below a year ago. The Index

AVERAGE PRICES RECEIVED BY FARMERS

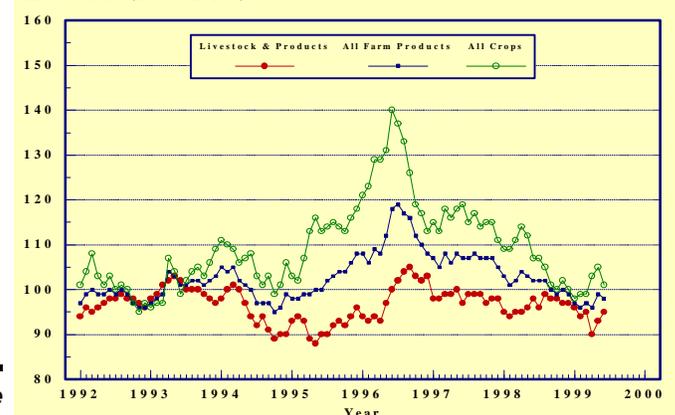
COMMODITY	Unit	NEBRASKA			UNITED STATES				
		June 1998 1/	May 1999 1/	June 15, 1999	June 1998 1/	May 1999 1/	June 15, 1999	% of Parity	Parity Price*
Wheat	Bu.	\$ 2.79	\$ 2.34	\$ 2.45	\$ 2.77	\$ 2.53	\$ 2.48	26	\$ 9.67
Corn	Bu.	2.22	1.93	1.90	2.28	2.00	1.93	29	6.61
Oats	Bu.	1.66	1.24	1.23	1.39	1.31	1.30	38	3.46
Grain Sorghum	Cwt.	3.65	3.06	3.05	3.96	2.93	3.06	29	10.40
Soybeans	Bu.	5.99	4.34	4.40	6.16	4.51	4.43	32	14.00
Hay, All, Baled	Ton	64.00	42.00	40.00	91.80	91.60	81.70	---	---
Alfalfa, Baled	Ton	64.00	42.00	40.00	96.50	95.70	85.00	---	---
Other, Baled	Ton	53.00	37.00	37.00	74.10	69.40	68.50	---	---
Dry Edible Beans	Cwt.	20.40	16.50	16.10	20.90	20.10	18.40	37	50.30
Hogs	Cwt.	44.30	39.20	35.90	42.40	36.40	33.80	33	102.00
Barrows & Gilts	Cwt.	44.50	39.20	36.10	43.20	36.80	34.10	---	---
Sows	Cwt.	27.80	33.10	27.80	28.80	28.10	27.30	---	---
Beef Cattle	Cwt.	63.70	64.70	66.00	61.80	62.10	63.60	42	151.00
Steers & Heifers	Cwt.	64.60	65.40	67.00	64.50	65.20	66.80	---	---
Cows	Cwt.	36.50	34.50	35.30	36.10	36.40	36.10	---	---
Calves	Cwt.	86.10	85.00	83.80	81.70	87.60	88.00	46	193.00
Sheep	Cwt.	28.30	32.20	n/a	30.20	31.50	n/a	---	65.00
Lambs	Cwt.	91.50	87.30	n/a	88.90	82.80	n/a	---	156.00
All Milk	Cwt.	13.60	12.10	12.80	14.10	12.80	13.20	45	30.40
Milk, Fluid	Cwt.	13.60	12.10	---	14.10	12.80	13.20	---	---
Milk, Mfg.	Cwt.	13.20	12.30	---	13.10	11.50	12.00	---	---

1/ Entire month average except hay. * Parity price based on data for June 1999. n/a = not available.

NEBRASKA PRICE INDEX NUMBERS (1977=100)

Item	June 1998	May 1999	June 15, 1999
All Farm Products	140	132	132
All Crops	118	99	99
Food Grains	132	111	116
Feed Grains & Hay	116	98	97
Oil Bearing Crops	89	64	65
Miscellaneous Crops	141	130	129
Livestock & Products	155	152	153
Meat Animals	156	155	155
Dairy Products	147	131	139

Prices Received, Major Indexes, US
Index Values (1990-92=100)



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POULTRY HIGHLIGHTS - MAY

Item	1998	1999	'99 % of '98
	Millions		Percent
No. of Layers			
NEBRASKA . . .	10.5	11.1	105
30 States	294.7	303.1	103
U.S.	311.9	320.9	103
Eggs Produced			
NEBRASKA . . .	231	239	103
30 States	6,297	6,544	104
U.S.	6,665	6,922	104
Chickens, U.S.			
Hatched, May			
Egg-type	39.2	40.6	104
Broiler	739.3	766.2	104
Hatched thru May			
Egg-type	190.6	195.3	102
Broiler	3,534.4	3,652.8	103
Turkeys, U.S.			
Placed (May) . . .	25.7	26.2	102

COMMERCIAL LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTER

May 1999 output and changes from last year and last month are shown below. May 1998 and 1999 both contained 21 weekdays (including one holiday) and five Saturdays.

Item	Total 1/ (1,000)	% Change	
		May 1998	April 1999
NEBRASKA			
Cattle, head	595.1	-5	+3
Hogs, head	461.6	-6	-14
Sheep & Lambs, head	.1	Same	Same
Red Meat, mil. lbs. . . .	532.7	-5	-4
UNITED STATES			
Cattle, head	2,997.3	+1	+1
Calves, head	89.2	-12	-8
Hogs, head	7,438.3	-2	-13
Sheep & Lambs, head	270.0	-4	-13
Red Meat, mil. lbs. . . .	3,603.9	+1	-6

1/ Excludes animals slaughtered on farms.

U.S. COLD STORAGE HIGHLIGHTS

Frozen food stocks in refrigerated warehouses on May 31, 1999 were greater than the year earlier levels for butter, pork, chicken, and vegetables. Total red meat supplies in freezers were down 2% from April 1999, but were 13% above May 1998. Frozen pork stocks were 1% below last month, but were up 23% from last year. Total frozen poultry supplies were up 3% from last month and 1% above last year's level. Stocks on May 31 for selected items and changes from last year and last month follow:

Commodity	Stocks 1,000 lbs.	Percent Change	
		May '98	Apr. '99
Total red meats . . .	917,197	+13%	-2%
Beef	306,081	-1%	-3%
Pork	589,388	+23%	-1%
Poultry	1,314,560	+1%	+3%
Turkey	493,293	-20%	+8%

STOCKS OF GRAIN

Grain and Position	NEBRASKA				UNITED STATES			
	June 1, 1997	June 1, 1998	June 1, 1999	1999 1998	June 1, 1997	June 1, 1998	June 1, 1999	1999 1998
	Thousand bushels			Pct.	Thousand bushels			Pct.
Corn								
On Farms	205,000	235,000	330,000	140	1,501,000	1,830,000	2,257,000	123
Off Farms 1/ . . .	144,020	137,444	169,515	123	995,550	1,209,757	1,358,960	112
Total	349,020	372,444	499,515	134	2,496,550	3,039,757	3,615,960	119
All Wheat								
On Farms	1,400	4,700	9,500	202	154,560	224,210	277,710	124
Off Farms 1/ . . .	13,402	21,296	31,680	149	289,047	498,268	667,233	134
Total	14,802	25,996	41,180	158	443,607	722,478	944,943	131
Soybeans								
On Farms	14,000	16,500	34,000	206	216,000	318,000	460,000	145
Off Farms 1/ . . .	17,572	21,082	21,091	100	283,890	275,654	390,274	142
Total	31,572	37,582	55,091	147	499,890	593,654	850,274	143
Sorghum								
On Farms	13,000	10,000	8,200	82	38,815	27,200	27,400	101
Off Farms 1/ . . .	14,557	10,513	19,371	184	80,329	68,944	88,691	129
Total	27,557	20,513	27,571	134	119,144	96,144	116,091	121
Oats								
On Farms	800	1,000	700	70	33,100	34,500	40,700	118
Off Farms 1/ . . .	2/	2/	2/	---	33,576	39,498	40,686	103
Total	2/	2/	2/	---	66,676	73,998	81,386	110

1/ Includes stocks at mills, elevators, warehouses, terminals, and processors.

2/ Unpublished to avoid disclosure of individual reports.

HOGS AND PIGS

Nebraska pork producers had an estimated 3.2 million hogs and pigs on hand June 1, 1999. This number was down 7% from a year earlier and 11% below two years ago. Hogs and pigs kept for breeding were 5% below a year ago and 8% below two years ago. Market hogs were down 8% from last year and 12% less than two years ago.

U.S. inventory of all hogs and pigs was 60.5 million head on June 1, 1999. This is 3% below last year but 1% above March 1, 1999 inventory. Breeding inventory, at 6.52 million head, was down 6% from June 1, 1998, but virtually unchanged from March 1, 1999. Market hog inventory, at 54.0 million head, was 2% below last year but 1% above last quarter.

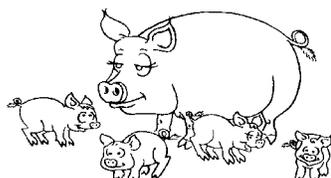
HOGS AND PIGS: INVENTORY, JUNE 1; SOWS FARROWING AND PIG CROP, 1998-1999; INTENTIONS 1999

Item	NEBRASKA			17 STATES			UNITED STATES		
	1998	1999	% Chg.	1998	1999	% Chg.	1998	1999	% Chg.
On Farms - June 1:	1,000 head			1,000 head			1,000 head		
All hogs and pigs	3,450	3,200	-7	57,600	55,845	-3	62,213	60,536	-3
For breeding	430	410	-5	6,285	5,860	-7	6,958	6,515	-6
Market	3,020	2,790	-8	51,315	49,985	-3	55,254	54,020	-2
Market hogs & pigs									
by weight groups:									
Under 60 pounds	1,240	1,130	-9	19,850	18,935	-5	21,482	20,502	-5
60-119 pounds	790	720	-9	12,875	12,455	-3	13,711	13,331	-3
120-179 pounds	560	540	-4	10,285	10,205	-1	11,084	11,021	-1
180 pounds and over . .	430	400	-7	8,305	8,390	+1	8,978	9,167	+2
Sows Farrowed:									
December 1/-February . .	165	165	---	2,671	2,619	-2	2,929	2,897	-1
March-May	170	165	-3	2,809	2,704	-4	3,086	2,990	-3
June-August	170	*170	---	2,771	*2,652	-4	3,054	*2,936	-4
September-November . .	175	*170	-3	2,716	*2,595	-4	2,993	*2,870	-4
TOTAL	680	*670	-1	10,967	*10,570	-4	12,062	*11,693	-3
Pigs Saved:									
December 1/-February . .	1,403	1,411	+1	23,326	22,912	-2	25,480	25,293	-1
March-May	1,428	1,419	-1	24,605	23,799	-3	26,989	26,301	-3
June-August	1,462	---	---	24,226	---	---	26,634	---	---
September-November . .	1,488	---	---	23,548	---	---	25,902	---	---
TOTAL PIG CROP	5,781	---	---	95,705	---	---	105,005	---	---

1/ December preceding year. * Intentions.

JUNE 1 HOG REPORT HIGHLIGHTS

- * U.S. hog inventory down 3%. Pre-release trade expectations averaged 95% and ranged from 94.5% to 96.0%.
- * U.S. breeding herd was down 6%; trade analysts' estimates averaged 92.0%. U.S. market hog inventory was down 2%. Trade expectations ranged from 94.8% to 97.0% and averaged 96.0%
- * U.S. March-May pig crop was 3% below previous year. Analysts expectations averaged 94.0% of previous year.
- * June-November intentions were 4% below 1998 farrowings. If plans carried out, farrowings would utilize 89% of June breeding herd compared with 87% a year ago.



HOG INVENTORY TRENDS, 17 STATES & U.S. PERCENT CHANGES WITH PREVIOUS YEAR

State	June 1, 1999 Inventory (000)	Percent of Previous Year			
		June 1, 1999 %	Mar. 1, 1999 %	Dec. 1, 1998 %	Sept. 1, 1998 %
AR	725	92	91	87	88
GA	510	102	100	92	84
IL	4,300	86	93	103	105
IN	3,600	86	94	103	106
IA	15,200	103	104	105	110
KS	1,520	103	102	104	100
KY	490	94	84	91	91
MI	1,100	97	99	109	97
MN	5,600	95	98	100	107
MO	3,200	97	91	93	94
NE	3,200	93	96	97	96
NC	9,500	97	100	101	104
OH	1,650	97	100	100	113
OK	2,180	117	116	116	124
PA	1,090	99	100	100	100
SD	1,330	99	106	100	107
WI	650	90	92	93	88
Other	4,691	102	105	104	109
U.S.	60,536	97	100	102	105

MID-YEAR ACREAGE HIGHLIGHTS

Based on June 1 surveys, Nebraska producers had planted or intended to plant fewer acres of corn and sorghum but more acres of soybeans than in 1998. In addition, more acres of sugar beets, sunflowers, dry edible beans, winter wheat, and summer potatoes were being grown in 1999 than a year ago, while alfalfa was unchanged. Corn acreage planted, at 8.5 million acres, is down 3% last year and 4% below 1997. A forecasted 8.25 million acres will be harvested as grain, a decline of 4% from 1998. Sorghum producers planted 550,000 acres, down 21% from 1998 and the lowest total since 1953 when 399,000 acres were grown. This continues a general decline in sorghum planting noted since 1992. Acreage intended for harvest as grain, at 450,000 acres, is 25% below 1998. Soybean producers

planted a record 4.35 million acres, 550,000 acres above last year and 14% above the previous record high set in 1998. Acres forecast for harvest at 4.30 million would also be a record high and 15% above last year. Winter wheat planted acreage is left unchanged from the March estimate of 2.0 million acres, 5% above last year. Acreage for harvest is forecast at 1.9 million, 6% more than last year's crop. Oats acreage planted, at 135,000 acres, is down 21% from last year, while acreage for harvest as grain is also down 21% from last year. All hay acreage for harvest is unchanged from 1998, while dry edible beans planted acreage was 13% above last year. Sugar beet plantings, at 72,400 acres, are up 35% from 1998. Barley planted acreage, at 5,000 acres, is down 50% from last year's crop.

COMPARATIVE DATA -- NEBRASKA AND UNITED STATES

CROP	NEBRASKA				UNITED STATES			
	1997	1998	Indicated 1999	1999 as % of 1998	1997	1998	Indicated 1999	1999 as % of 1998
	Thousand Acres			Percent	Thousand Acres			Percent
PLANTED ACREAGE								
All Wheat	2,000	1,900	2,000	105	70,412	65,871	62,883	95
Winter Wheat	2,000	1,900	2,000	105	47,985	46,449	43,419	93
Corn	8,900	8,800	8,500	97	79,537	80,187	77,611	97
Oats	160	170	135	79	5,068	4,902	4,658	95
Barley	10	10	5	50	6,706	6,340	5,237	83
Rye	35	35	45	129	1,400	1,571	1,573	100
Sorghum	900	700	550	79	10,052	9,626	9,049	94
Soybeans	3,600	3,800	4,350	114	70,005	72,375	74,205	103
Dry Edible Beans	190.0	195.0	220.0	113	1,869.8	2,010.1	2,022.8	101
Sugar Beets	67.3	53.8	72.4	135	1,459.3	1,498.8	1,560.2	104
Potatoes, Summer	4.2	4.5	4.9	109	67.9	73.0	69.2	95
Sunflowers	55	70	120	171	2,888	3,553	3,606	101
ACRES FOR HARVEST								
All Wheat	1,900	1,800	1,900	106	62,840	59,002	54,657	93
Winter Wheat	1,900	1,800	1,900	106	41,340	40,126	35,649	89
Corn for Grain	8,600	8,550	8,250	96	72,671	72,604	71,039	98
Oats	90	95	75	79	2,813	2,765	2,641	96
Barley	9	8	4	50	6,198	5,867	4,893	83
Rye	12	12	15	125	316	418	396	95
Sorghum for Grain	750	600	450	75	9,158	7,723	8,299	107
Soybeans for Beans	3,550	3,750	4,300	115	69,110	70,811	73,316	104
Dry Edible Beans	180.0	188.0	205.0	109	1,758.8	1,913.9	1,941.3	101
Sugar Beets	60.3	47.4	67.3	142	1,428.3	1,451.7	1,529.0	105
Potatoes, Summer	4.1	4.4	4.8	109	65.0	68.1	66.8	98
Sunflowers	53	68	118	174	2,792	3,476	3,523	101
Alfalfa Hay	1,300	1,400	1,400	100	23,551	23,642	23,968	101
All Other Hay	1,900	1,800	1,800	100	37,533	36,374	37,983	104
All Hay	3,200	3,200	3,200	100	61,084	60,016	61,951	103