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Dear Producers and Data Users:

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Nebraska Cattle on Feed Down 2 Percent

Nebraska feedlots with capacities of 1,000 or more head contained 1.77 million cattle on feed on September 1, down 2 percent from last year but 7 percent above September 1, 2003. Placements of cattle into feedlots during August totaled 415,000 head, down 1 percent from 2004 and 12 percent below 2003. Marketings of fed cattle during August totaled 365,000 head, up 1 percent from last year but 1 percent below August two years ago. Other disappearance during August totaled 10,000 the same as last year and August 2003.

U.S. Cattle on Feed Up Slightly

Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter market in the United States for feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head totaled 10.0 million head on September 1, 2005. The inventory was slightly above September 1, 2004 and 2 percent above September 1, 2003. Placements in feedlots during August totaled 1.99 million, 5 percent below 2004 and 16 percent below 2003. Marketings of fed cattle during August totaled 2.03 million, 6 percent above 2004 but 2 percent below 2003. Other disappearance totaled 53,000 during August, 5 percent below 2004 and 12 percent below 2003.

Cattle on Feed: Number on Feed, Placements, Marketings and Other Disappearance, 1,000+ Capacity Feedlots, by Month, State, and United States, 2004-2005

State	September 1 Number on Feed ¹			August Placements			August Marketings			August Other Disappearance ²		
	2004	2005	<u>2005</u> 2004	2004	2005	<u>2005</u> 2004	2004	2005	<u>2005</u> 2004	2004	2005	<u>2005</u> 2004
	1,000 Head	Percent		1,000 Head	Percent		1,000 Head	Percent		1,000 Head	Percent	
Arizona	296	314	106	30	35	117	26	33	127	2	1	50
California	520	530	102	63	62	98	59	57	97	4	5	125
Colorado	930	770	83	205	155	76	150	200	133	5	5	100
Idaho	245	250	102	58	51	88	47	50	106	1	1	100
Iowa	375	395	105	62	69	111	66	72	109	1	2	200
Kansas	2,130	2,210	104	520	520	100	495	490	99	15	10	67
Nebraska	1,800	1,770	98	420	415	99	360	365	101	10	10	100
New Mexico	129	135	105	23	28	122	19	24	126	2	3	150
Oklahoma	325	320	98	76	70	92	64	68	106	2	2	100
South Dakota	138	132	96	25	24	96	43	34	79	1	1	100
Texas	2,670	2,800	105	530	480	91	520	560	108	10	10	100
Washington	175	139	79	36	30	83	25	27	108	1	1	100
Other States	255	235	92	54	54	100	52	52	100	2	2	100
U.S.	9,988	10,000	100	2,102	1,993	95	1,926	2,032	106	56	53	95

¹ Cattle and calves on feed are animals for slaughter market being fed a ration of grain or other concentrates and are expected to produce a carcass that will grade select or better.

² Includes death loss, movement from feedlots to pasture and shipments to other feedlots for further feeding.

Source: USDA NASS Cattle on Feed, September 23, 2005.

Hogs and Pigs

Nebraska inventory of all hogs and pigs on September 1, 2005, was 2.75 million head. This was 4 percent below September 1, 2004, unchanged from June 1, 2005, and the lowest September 1 inventory since 1975. Breeding inventory, at 350,000 head, was down 3 percent from September 1, 2004, and 1 percent below last quarter. Market hog inventory, at 2.4 million head, was 4 percent below last year but slightly above last quarter.

U.S. inventory of all hogs and pigs on September 1, 2005 was 61.5 million head. This was up slightly from September 1, 2004, and up 1 percent from June 1, 2005. Breeding inventory, at 5.97 million head, was up less than 1 percent from last year but down less than 1 percent from last quarter. Market hog inventory, at 55.6 million head, was virtually unchanged from last year but up 2 percent from last quarter.

Hogs and Pigs: September 1 Inventory, Sows Farrowing and Pig Crop, Nebraska and United States 2004-2005¹

Item	Nebraska			United States		
	2004	2005	2005/2004	2004	2005	2005/2004
	<i>1,000 Head</i>		<i>Percent</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>		<i>Percent</i>
September 1 Inventory						
All hogs and pigs	2,850	2,750	96	61,519	61,536	100
Breeding	360	350	97	5,962	5,972	100
Market	2,490	2,400	96	55,556	55,563	100
Market Hogs & Pigs						
Under 60 pounds	970	980	101	20,729	20,634	100
60-119 pounds	660	620	94	13,613	13,716	101
120-179 pounds	470	450	96	11,235	11,384	101
180 pounds and over	390	350	90	9,981	9,830	98
Sows Farrowing						
December-February ²	175	175	100	2,836	2,835	100
March-May	175	175	100	2,870	2,870	100
December-May ²	350	350	100	5,706	5,705	100
June-August	175	175	100	2,905	2,898	100
September-November ³	170	175	103	2,888	2,888	100
June-November ⁴	345	350	101	5,793	5,786	100
Pig Crop						
December-February ²	1,558	1,575	101	25,105	25,346	101
March-May	1,558	1,584	102	25,633	25,884	101
December-May ²	3,116	3,159	101	50,737	51,230	101
June-August	1,558	1,584	102	26,162	26,273	100
September-November	1,530			25,881		
June-November	3,088			52,043		

¹ May not add due to rounding. ² December preceding year. ³ Intentions for 2005. ⁴ Actual farrowings for June-August plus intentions for September-November.

Source: USDA NASS Quarterly Hog and Pigs, September 30, 2005.

Poultry: Layers and Eggs, Turkey Poult Placements, Nebraska and United States, August 2005 with Comparisons

Item	2004	2005	2005/2004
	<i>Millions</i>		<i>Percent</i>
Number of Layers			
Nebraska	11.6	12.0	103
United States	343.0	340.8	99
Table Eggs Produced			
Nebraska	267	280	105
United States	6,443	6,459	100
Chickens Hatched, August			
United States			
Egg-type	36.9	39.0	106
Broiler	810.3	811.7	100
Hatched thru August			
United States			
Egg-type	289.7	298.2	103
Broiler	6,283.0	6,371.6	101
Turkeys Placed, August			
United States	24.5	23.6	100

Source: USDA NASS Chicken and Eggs, September 23, 2005.

USDA NASS Turkey Hatchery, September 14, 2005.

Commercial Livestock Slaughter

August 2005 number slaughtered and changes from last year and last month are shown below. August 2004 contained 22 weekdays and four Saturdays. August 2005 contained 23 weekdays and four Saturdays.

Livestock Slaughter: By Commodity, Nebraska and United States, August 2005 with Comparisons

Item	Total ¹	Aug 2005 Percent of	
		August 2004	July 2005
Nebraska	<i>1,000 Head</i>		
Cattle, head	662.5	111	111
Hogs, head	609.9	102	113
Red Meat, mil. lbs.	654.5	111	113
United States			
Cattle, head	2,990.1	106	110
Calves, head	65.6	90	112
Hogs, head	8,982.7	103	117
Sheep & Lambs, head	229.3	98	114
Red Meat, mil. lbs.	4,098.7	106	113

¹ Excludes animals slaughtered on farms.

Source: USDA NASS Livestock Slaughter, September 23, 2005.

Small Grains Summary: By Commodity, Nebraska and United States, 2003-2005

Classification	Nebraska					United States			
	2003	2004	2005	<u>2005</u> 2004	2003	2004	2005	<u>2005</u> 2004	
All Wheat									
Planted	1,000 Acres	1,900	1,850	1,850	100	62,141	59,674	57,091	96
Harvested	1,000 Acres	1,820	1,650	1,760	107	53,063	49,999	49,980	100
Yield	Bushels	46.0	37.0	39.0	105	44.2	43.2	42.0	97
Production	1,000 Bushels	83,720	61,050	68,640	112	2,344,760	2,158,245	2,098,270	97
Oats									
Planted	1,000 Acres	220	140	150	107	4,597	4,085	4,240	104
Harvested	1,000 Acres	90	50	60	120	2,220	1,787	1,823	102
Yield	Bushels	73.0	68.0	73.0	107	65.0	64.7	63.1	98
Production	1,000 Bushels	6,570	3,400	4,380	129	144,383	115,695	115,002	99

Source: USDA NASS Small Grain September 30, 2005.

Grain Stocks: By Commodity, Nebraska and United States, September 1, 2003-2005

Grain and Position	Nebraska				United States			
	Sept. 1, 2003	Sept. 1, 2004	Sept. 1, 2005	<u>2005</u> 2004	Sept. 1, 2003	Sept. 1, 2004	Sept. 1, 2005	<u>2005</u> 2004
	<i>Thousand Bushels</i>			<i>Percent</i>	<i>Thousand Bushels</i>			<i>Percent</i>
Corn								
On Farms	54,000	49,000	100,000	204	484,900	438,000	820,500	187
Off Farms ¹	100,220	65,601	180,286	275	601,773	520,091	1,291,734	248
Total	154,220	114,601	280,286	245	1,086,673	958,091	2,112,234	220
All Wheat								
On Farms	17,000	13,000	12,000	92	687,320	790,600	719,360	91
Off Farms ¹	69,612	52,610	54,456	104	1,351,652	1,147,807	1,199,274	104
Total	86,612	65,610	66,456	101	2,038,972	1,938,407	1,918,634	99
Soybeans								
On Farms	4,600	1,700	5,200	306	58,000	29,400	99,700	339
Off Farms ¹	7,349	4,757	10,584	222	120,329	83,014	155,807	188
Total	11,949	6,457	15,784	244	178,329	112,414	255,507	227
Sorghum								
On Farms	400	600	1,700	283	4,500	3,700	5,900	159
Off Farms ¹	5,532	4,912	5,393	110	38,530	29,849	51,107	171
Total	5,932	5,512	7,093	129	43,030	33,549	57,007	170
Oats								
On Farms	2,300	1,800	1,400	78	82,100	74,300	71,200	96
Off Farms ¹	2,247				49,637	41,458	41,843	101
Total	4,547				131,737	115,758	113,043	98

¹ Includes stocks at mills, elevators, warehouses, terminals, and processors. ² Not published to avoid disclosure of individual operations.

Source: USDA NASS Grain Stocks, September 30, 2005.

Potatoes: Production, Disposition and Value, Nebraska and United States, 2003-2004

Year	Production	Total Used for Seed	Farm Disposition			Price per Cwt.	Value of	
			Where Grown		Sold		Production	Sales
			Seed, Feed, Home	Shrink and Loss				
2003			<i>1,000 Cwt.</i>			<i>Dollars</i>	<i>1,000 Dollars</i>	
Nebraska	9,744	616	194	840	8,710	5.05	49,207	43,986
United States	457,814	26,687	5,543	35,294	416,977	5.89	2,685,822	2,457,640
2004								
Nebraska	9,288	532	212	906	8,170	5.20	48,298	42,484
United States	456,041	24,695	4,796	37,408	413,837	5.67	2,575,204	2,344,481

Potatoes: Stocks held by Growers, Local Dealers, and Processors, Nebraska and 15 Fall States, 2003-2004

Crop Year	Current Year	Following Year					
	Dec 1	Jan 1	Feb 1	Mar 1	Apr 1	Mar 1	Jun 1
		<i>1,000 Cwt.</i>					
2003							
Nebraska	6,500	5,600	4,600	1	1	1	1
15 States	267,900	233,590	200,230	166,280	126,110	85,000	46,020
2004 ²							
Nebraska	6,300	5,300	1	1	1	1	1
15 States	271,100	236,700	203,490	168,020	128,900	88,550	51,700

¹ Not published to avoid disclosure of individual operations. ² Revised.

Source: USDA NASS Potatoes 2004 Summary, September 2005.

Prices Received By Farmers

The preliminary All Farm Products Index of Prices Received by Farmers in September, at 116, based on 1990-92=100, decreased 1 point (0.9 percent) from August. The Crop Index is down 5 points (4.3 percent) but the Livestock Index increased 4 points (3.4 percent). Producers received lower commodity prices for corn, soybeans, hogs, onions, and potatoes. Higher prices were received for cattle, eggs, broilers, sweet corn, and tomatoes. The overall index is also affected by the seasonal change based on a

3-year average mix of commodities producers sell. Decreased average marketings of cattle, broilers, grapes, wheat, and dairy offset increased marketings of soybeans, peanuts, potatoes, corn, and apples.

Preliminary All Farm Products Index is unchanged from September 2004.

Prices Received: By Commodity, Nebraska and United States, Preliminary September 2005 with Comparisons

Commodity	Unit	Nebraska			United States				
		Sept. 2004 ¹	Aug. 2005 ¹	Sept. 15, 2005	Sept. 2004 ¹	Aug. 2005 ¹	Sept. 15, 2005	% of Parity	Parity Price ²
Wheat, All	Bushels	\$ 3.17	\$ 3.14	\$ 3.25	\$ 3.36	\$ 3.24	\$ 3.34	32	\$10.50
Corn	Bushels	2.15	1.86	1.70	2.20	1.95	1.73	25	7.02
Oats	Bushels	1.27	1.56	1.50	1.42	1.47	1.54	37	4.17
Grain Sorghum	Cwt.	3.31	3.17	2.95	3.57	3.69	3.13	27	11.50
Soybeans	Bushels	5.81	6.04	5.35	5.83	6.15	5.41	32	17.00
Hay, All, Baled	Ton	52.00	46.00	48.00	91.40	99.70	99.00		
Alfalfa, Baled	Ton	52.00	47.00	48.00	97.50	109.00	107.00		
Other, Baled	Ton	49.00	43.00	46.00	74.30	74.80	74.60		
Dry Edible Beans	Cwt.	22.00	19.80	18.70	22.90	21.30	20.20	38	53.20
Hogs	Cwt.	55.70	53.40	51.70	54.80	51.00	48.80	43	113.00
Barrows & Gilts	Cwt.	56.00	53.70	52.00	55.40	51.60	49.20		
Sows	Cwt.	42.50	38.00	37.50	42.20	38.60	38.00		
Beef Cattle	Cwt.	87.50	83.80	87.90	85.90	84.50	87.50	48	182.00
Steers & Heifers	Cwt.	88.50	84.80	89.00	89.50	87.80	91.30		
Cows	Cwt.	55.70	53.00	52.80	53.10	51.30	50.40		
Calves	Cwt.	133.00	144.00	142.00	128.00	131.00	133.00	54	247.00
Sheep	Cwt.	39.00	43.70		41.20	42.30			89.10
Lambs	Cwt.	89.00	100.00		100.00	108.00			221.00

¹ Entire month average except hay.

² Parity price based on data for September 2005.

Source: USDA NASS Agricultural Prices, September 29, 2005.

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