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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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Nebraska Cattle on Feed Up 6 Percent

Nebraska feedlots with capacities of 1,000 or more head contained 2.40 million cattle on feed on April 1, up 6 percent from last year and 9 percent above April 1, 2004. This is the largest April 1 inventory since the series began in 1994. Placements of cattle into feedlots during March totaled 335,000, up 12 percent from 2005 and 14 percent above March 2004. Fed cattle marketings for the month of March totaled 370,000 head, up 6 percent from both last year and two years ago. Other disappearance during March totaled 15,000 compared with 10,000 during March 2005 and 5,000 during March 2004.

U.S. Cattle on Feed Up 9 Percent

Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter market in the United States for feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head totaled 11.8 million head on April 1, 2006. The inventory was 9 percent above April 1, 2005 and 10 percent above April 1, 2004. This is the highest April 1 inventory since the series began in 1996. Placements in feedlots during March totaled 1.84 million, 5 percent above 2005 and 1 percent above 2004. Marketings of fed cattle during March totaled 1.96 million, down slightly from both 2005 and 2004. Other disappearance totaled 90,000 during March, 32 percent above 2005 and 34 percent above 2004.

Cattle on Feed: Number on Feed, Placements, Marketings and Other Disappearance, 1,000+ Capacity Feedlots, by Month, State, and United States, 2005-2006

State	April 1 Number on Feed ¹			March Placements			March Marketings			March Other Disappearance ²		
	2005	2006	<u>2006</u> 2005	2005	2006	<u>2006</u> 2005	2005	2006	<u>2006</u> 2005	2005	2006	<u>2006</u> 2005
	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>Percent</i>		<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>Percent</i>		<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>Percent</i>		<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>Percent</i>	
Arizona	326	351	108	27	30	111	24	28	117	1	2	200
California	500	535	107	65	59	91	70	68	97	10	6	60
Colorado	1,020	1,070	105	165	155	94	175	165	94	10	10	100
Idaho	240	250	104	44	42	95	53	45	85	1	2	200
Iowa	455	500	110	55	55	100	64	73	114	1	2	200
Kansas	2,340	2,590	111	445	480	108	460	470	102	15	30	200
Nebraska	2,260	2,400	106	300	335	112	350	370	106	10	15	150
New Mexico	113	139	123	13	21	162	23	23	100	2	2	100
Oklahoma	325	360	111	61	68	111	73	72	99	3	1	33
South Dakota	205	210	102	31	36	116	34	35	103	2	1	50
Texas	2,620	2,940	112	480	485	101	540	540	100	10	15	150
Washington	159	152	96	22	26	118	47	27	57	1	1	100
Other States	310	315	102	42	45	107	50	42	84	2	3	150
United States	10,873	11,812	109	1,750	1,837	105	1,963	1,958	100	68	90	132

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 pastures, and shipments to other feedlots for further feeding.

Source: USDA NASS Cattle on Feed, April 21, 2006.

Commercial Livestock Slaughter

March 2006 number slaughtered and changes from last year and last month are shown below. March 2005 contained 23 weekdays and four Saturdays. March 2006 contained 23 weekdays and four Saturdays.

Livestock Slaughter: By Commodity, Nebraska and United States, March 2006 with Comparisons

Item	Total ¹	March 2006 Percent of	
		Mar 2005	Feb 2006
Nebraska	<i>1,000 Head</i>		
Cattle, head	557.5	94	110
Hogs, head	611.0	97	110
Red Meat, mil. lbs.	578.1	97	110
United States			
Cattle, head	2,852.4	105	122
Calves, head	59.2	87	112
Hogs, head	9,234.1	103	115
Sheep & Lambs, head	249.7	89	123
Red Meat, mil. lbs.	4,111.7	106	118

¹ Excludes animals slaughtered on farms.

Source: USDA NASS Livestock Slaughter, April 21, 2006.

Poultry: Layers and Eggs, Nebraska and United States, March 2006 with Comparisons

Item	2005	2006	2006/2005
	<i>Millions</i>		<i>Percent</i>
Number of Layers			
Nebraska	12.1	11.8	98
United States	347.0	350.1	101
Table Eggs Produced			
Nebraska	264	275	104
United States	6,610	6,733	102
Chickens Hatched, March			
United States			
Egg-type	41.7	38.9	93
Broiler	816.6	817.1	100

Source: USDA NASS Chicken and Eggs, April 21, 2006.

Stocks in Cold Storage: By Commodity, United States, March 2006 with Comparisons

Commodity	Stocks	March 2006 Percent of	
		Mar 2005	Feb 2006
	<i>1,000 Lbs.</i>		
Total red meats	941,266	101	97
Beef	422,995	114	99
Pork	499,425	92	95
Poultry	1,249,988	115	100
Turkey	374,579	90	118
Chicken	867,479	129	94

Source: USDA NASS Cold Storage, April 21, 2006.

Milk Cows and Production: By Quarter, Nebraska, 23 Selected States and United States, 2005-2006

Item and Quarter	Nebraska		23 States		United States	
	2005	2006	2005	2006	2005	2006
	<i>1,000 Head</i>		<i>1,000 Head</i>		<i>1,000 Head</i>	
Milk Cows ¹						
January-March	60	60	8,090	8,208	9,002	9,093
	<i>Million Pounds</i>		<i>Million Pounds</i>		<i>Million Pounds</i>	
Milk Production ²						
January-March	268	277	39,413	41,615	43,350	45,521

¹ Includes dry cows, excludes heifers not yet fresh. ² Excludes milk sucked by calves.

Source: USDA NASS Milk Production, April 18, 2006.

U.S. Grains Supply and Disappearance Outlook

Crop Year	Supply				Market Year Disappearance ¹				Market Year Ending Stocks	Average Market Price
	Pro-duction	Begin-ning stocks	Im-ports	Total	Domestic		Ex-ports	Total		
					Primary Use ²	Other				
	<i>Million Bushels</i>									<i>\$/Bu.</i>
Corn										
2003/04	10,089	1,087	14	11,190	5,795	2,537	1,900	10,232	958	2.42
2004/05	11,807	958	11	12,776	6,162	2,686	1,814	10,662	2,114	2.06
2005/06 ³	11,112	2,114	10	13,236	6,000	2,985	1,950	10,935	2,301	1.95-2.05
Soybeans										
2003/04	2,454	178	6	2,638	1,530	109	887	2,525	112	7.34
2004/05	3,124	112	6	3,242	1,696	187	1,103	2,986	256	5.74
2005/06 ³	3,086	256	4	3,346	1,720	161	900	2,782	565	5.45-5.75
Wheat										
2003/04	2,345	491	63	2,899	912	283	1,158	2,353	546	3.40
2004/05	2,158	546	71	2,775	905	268	1,063	2,235	540	3.40
2005/06 ³	2,105	540	80	2,725	910	268	1,015	2,193	532	3.40
Sorghum										
2003/04	411	43	0	454	182	40	199	421	34	2.39
2004/05	454	34	0	487	191	55	184	430	57	1.79
2005/06 ³	394	57	0	451	150	55	185	390	61	1.70-1.80

¹ Marketing year begins: Corn, Sorghum & Soybeans, September 1; Wheat, June 1. ² Primary uses: Corn & Sorghum = Feed; Soybeans = Crushing; Wheat = Food. ³ Projection. Source: USDA's World Agricultural Supply and Demand Estimates, April 10, 2006.

**Corn: Acreage, Yield and Production
by County and District, Nebraska, 2005¹**

County and District	Planted for All Purposes	Harvested for Grain	Yield per Harvested Acre	Production	County and District	Planted for All Purposes	Harvested for Grain	Yield per Harvested Acre	Production
	<i>Acres</i>		<i>Bushels</i>			<i>Acres</i>		<i>Bushels</i>	
Banner	7,500	6,800	125.0	850,000	Butler	143,000	141,300	141.4	19,983,300
Box Butte	50,000	46,800	171.1	8,007,600	Cass	124,000	123,100	134.6	16,569,500
Cheyenne	19,500	17,200	156.6	2,692,800	Colfax	106,000	102,200	144.7	14,787,700
Dawes	3,000	2,000	140.0	280,000	Dodge	140,000	138,500	151.7	21,013,600
Deuel	15,000	14,600	143.1	2,089,200	Douglas	27,000	26,600	147.9	3,934,000
Garden	17,000	16,400	164.8	2,703,300	Hamilton	194,000	192,100	183.2	35,198,700
Kimball	13,000	12,200	136.0	1,659,700	Lancaster	130,000	128,200	107.9	13,831,000
Morrill	61,000	57,200	165.3	9,456,100	Merrick	130,000	128,700	163.5	21,037,800
Scotts Bluff	75,000	72,500	171.0	12,397,500	Nance	81,000	78,500	149.4	11,730,200
Sheridan	25,500	22,400	159.9	3,582,500	Platte	197,000	189,400	163.9	31,036,000
Sioux	13,500	11,500	165.4	1,901,900	Polk	130,000	126,400	162.3	20,512,000
Other Counties					Sarpy	35,000	34,800	147.9	5,148,600
NORTHWEST	300,000	279,600	163.2	45,620,600	Saunders	174,000	172,400	140.8	24,280,700
Arthur	1,000	700	160.0	112,000	Seward	137,000	134,400	144.9	19,478,400
Blaine	1,800	1,300	145.0	188,500	Washington	85,000	83,800	140.8	11,802,400
Boyd	29,000	23,700	59.6	1,411,800	York	197,000	195,500	177.7	34,747,800
Brown	37,000	34,700	176.3	6,116,500	Other Counties				
Cherry	18,500	15,700	182.4	2,864,000	EAST	2,030,000	1,995,900	152.9	305,091,700
Garfield	12,000	10,700	152.6	1,632,800	Chase	142,000	136,900	177.6	24,313,900
Grant					Dundy	76,000	69,400	158.4	10,990,600
Holt	153,000	148,000	168.5	24,944,100	Frontier	75,000	70,000	117.4	8,220,000
Hooker					Hayes	56,000	53,400	132.2	7,057,400
Keya Paha	7,800	5,800	112.5	652,600	Hitchcock	53,000	49,700	104.6	5,199,800
Logan	24,000	23,200	140.0	3,247,200	Keith	83,000	81,000	150.3	12,176,600
Loup	7,600	6,500	144.7	940,600	Lincoln	198,000	192,100	159.0	30,544,900
McPherson	3,900	3,500	188.0	658,000	Perkins	166,000	160,300	141.1	22,623,700
Rock	21,500	21,000	163.9	3,442,400	Red Willow	71,000	67,500	117.4	7,922,300
Thomas					Other Counties				
Wheeler	32,500	30,600	161.0	4,925,200	SOUTHWEST	920,000	880,300	146.6	129,049,200
Other Counties	400	300	160.0	48,000	Adams	172,000	170,800	174.5	29,797,200
NORTH	350,000	325,700	157.1	51,183,700	Franklin	76,000	74,700	161.5	12,063,400
Antelope	176,000	167,500	164.1	27,488,900	Furnas	98,000	93,200	107.9	10,053,400
Boone	166,000	162,200	162.5	26,361,600	Gosper	75,000	72,900	167.2	12,185,900
Burt	120,000	119,200	145.8	17,373,400	Harlan	87,000	83,900	150.5	12,629,800
Cedar	157,000	151,700	149.0	22,598,400	Kearney	159,000	156,500	184.8	28,928,100
Cuming	154,000	150,400	158.3	23,811,200	Phelps	167,000	163,500	197.4	32,282,500
Dakota	59,000	58,700	158.6	9,307,400	Webster	76,000	73,900	137.9	10,192,300
Dixon	93,000	91,100	149.7	13,641,000	Other Counties				
Knox	124,000	116,100	129.0	14,979,100	SOUTH	910,000	889,400	166.6	148,132,600
Madison	135,000	131,300	148.4	19,486,500	Clay	154,000	151,300	173.0	26,172,200
Pierce	129,000	125,000	149.4	18,677,500	Fillmore	175,000	173,300	162.5	28,160,400
Stanton	81,000	78,500	150.0	11,774,000	Gage	142,000	136,500	128.9	17,593,700
Thurston	90,000	88,500	155.2	13,738,000	Jefferson	89,000	86,100	142.7	12,284,100
Wayne	111,000	107,200	156.6	16,785,600	Johnson	41,000	39,900	103.4	4,126,200
Other Counties					Nemaha	80,000	79,000	127.7	10,086,000
NORTHEAST	1,595,000	1,547,400	152.5	236,022,600	Nuckolls	89,000	87,600	136.8	11,984,400
Buffalo	191,000	184,700	173.0	31,948,900	Otoe	119,000	117,300	108.9	12,776,100
Custer	224,000	213,800	155.4	33,216,500	Pawnee	42,000	40,800	118.7	4,844,700
Dawson	196,000	191,800	174.7	33,512,500	Richardson	100,000	98,400	142.2	13,989,600
Greeley	76,000	72,300	157.8	11,409,900	Saline	116,000	113,900	129.5	14,744,900
Hall	189,000	186,000	177.1	32,940,000	Thayer	123,000	121,500	151.6	18,424,800
Howard	99,000	95,400	157.2	14,993,100	Other Counties				
Sherman	75,000	71,100	150.2	10,682,600	SOUTHEAST	1,270,000	1,245,600	140.6	175,187,100
Valley	75,000	71,000	162.1	11,509,000	NEBRASKA	8,500,000	8,250,000	154.0	1,270,500,000
Other Counties									
CENTRAL	1,125,000	1,086,100	165.9	180,212,500					

¹Missing data included in other counties, district and state totals.

Note: County estimates for other Nebraska crops are available at http://www.nass.usda.gov/Statistics_by_State/Nebraska/index.asp

Source: USDA NASS Nebraska Field Office

Potato Stocks

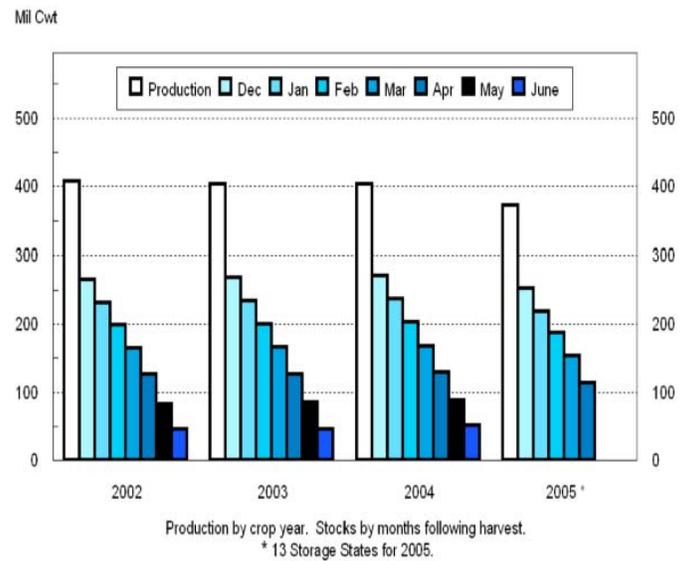
Fall Potatoes: 2005 Production and Stocks on April 1, 2006¹

State	Crop of 2005	
	Production	Total Stocks April 1, 2006
	<i>1,000 Cwt</i>	<i>1,000 Cwt</i>
California	3,240	700
Colorado	22,292	7,800
Idaho	116,975	42,500
Maine	15,736	6,800
Michigan	13,920	2,200
Minnesota	17,630	4,500
Montana	3,434	1,700
Nebraska	8,245	2,200
New York	5,226	500
North Dakota	20,500	4,800
Ohio ²		
Oregon	22,023	8,500
Pennsylvania ²		
Washington	95,480	24,500
Wisconsin	27,880	7,200
Total 13 States	372,581	113,900

¹ Stocks include processor holdings and most of the seed to plant following year's crop. ² Stock estimates discontinued for the 2005 crop.

Source: USDA NASS Potato Stocks, April 13, 2006

Fall Potatoes: Production and Stocks 15 Storage States



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