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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 16 Percent

Nebraska feedlots with capacities of 1,000 or more head contained 2.05 million cattle on feed on September 1, up 16 percent from last year and 14 percent above September 1, 2004. Placements of cattle into feedlots during August totaled 470,000 head, up 13 percent from 2005 and 12 percent above 2004. Marketings of fed cattle during August totaled 360,000 head, down 1 percent from last year but equal to August two years ago. Other disappearance during August totaled 10,000 the same as August 2005 and August 2004.

U.S. Cattle on Feed Up 10 Percent

Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter market in the United States for feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head totaled 11.0 million head on September 1, 2006. The inventory was 10 percent above both September 1, 2005 and September 1, 2004. Placements in feedlots during August totaled 2.30 million, 15 percent above 2005 and 9 percent above 2004. Marketings of fed cattle during August totaled 2.08 million, 2 percent above 2005 and 8 percent above 2004. Other disappearance totaled 59,000 during August, 11 percent above 2005 and 5 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	September 1 Number on Feed ¹			August Placements			August Marketings			August 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
	1,000 Head	Percent		1,000 Head	Percent		1,000 Head	Percent		1,000 Head	Percent	
Arizona	314	336	107	35	30	86	34	31	91	1	2	200
California	530	520	98	62	66	106	57	59	104	5	2	40
Colorado	770	960	125	155	210	135	200	185	93	5	5	100
Idaho	250	235	94	51	55	108	50	44	88	1	1	100
Iowa	395	455	115	69	80	116	72	69	96	2	1	50
Kansas	2,210	2,390	108	520	590	113	490	540	110	10	20	200
Nebraska	1,770	2,050	116	415	470	113	365	360	99	10	10	100
New Mexico	135	142	105	28	26	93	24	26	108	3	2	67
Oklahoma	320	345	108	70	77	110	68	76	112	2	1	50
South Dakota	132	155	117	24	30	125	34	37	109	1	3	300
Texas	2,800	2,960	106	480	570	119	560	570	102	10	10	100
Washington	139	158	114	30	35	117	27	30	111	1	1	100
Other States	235	280	119	54	61	113	52	50	96	2	1	50
U.S.	10,000	10,986	110	1,993	2,330	115	2,033	2,077	102	53	59	111

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.

Hogs and Pigs

Nebraska inventory of all hogs and pigs on September 1, 2006 was 2.9 million head. This was 4 percent above September 1, 2005 but down 2 percent from June 1, 2006. Breeding inventory, at 350,000 head, was unchanged from September 1, 2005 but 4 percent below last quarter. Market hog inventory, at 2.55 million head, was 4 percent above last year but 1 percent below last quarter.

U.S. inventory of all hogs and pigs on September 1, 2006 was 62.7 million head. This was up 1 percent from September 1, 2005 and up 2 percent from June 1, 2006. Breeding inventory, at 6.08 million head, was up 2 percent from last year and up slightly from the previous quarter. Market hog inventory, at 56.6 million head, was up 1 percent from last year and up 2 percent from last quarter.

Hogs and Pigs: September 1 Inventory, Sows Farrowing and Pig Crop, Nebraska and United States 2005-2006¹

Item	Nebraska			United States		
	2005	2006	2006/2005	2005	2006	2006/2005
	<i>1,000 Head</i>		<i>Percent</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>		<i>Percent</i>
September 1 Inventory						
All hogs and pigs	2,800	2,900	104	61,846	62,704	101
Breeding	350	350	100	5,972	6,079	102
Market	2,450	2,550	104	55,873	56,625	101
Market Hogs & Pigs						
Under 60 pounds	980	990	101	20,764	20,998	101
60-119 pounds	660	660	100	13,876	13,991	101
120-179 pounds	460	510	111	11,404	11,555	101
180 pounds and over	350	390	111	9,830	10,082	103
Sows Farrowing						
December-February ²	175	175	100	2,835	2,840	100
March-May	175	180	103	2,882	2,897	101
December-May ²	350	355	101	5,716	5,737	100
June-August	175	175	100	2,918	2,924	100
September-November ³	175	175	100	2,900	2,925	101
June-November ⁴	350	350	100	5,818	5,849	101
Pig Crop						
December-February ²	1,575	1,601	102	25,343	25,658	101
March-May	1,584	1,647	104	25,986	26,301	101
December-May ²	3,159	3,248	103	51,330	51,958	101
June-August	1,584	1,601	101	26,449	26,727	101
September-November	1,584			26,187		
June-November	3,168			52,635		

¹ May not add due to rounding. ² December preceding year. ³ Intentions for 2006. ⁴ Actual farrowings for June-August plus intentions for September-November.

Source: USDA NASS Quarterly Hog and Pigs, September 29, 2006

Poultry: Layers and Eggs, Turkey Poult Placements, Nebraska and United States, August 2006 with Comparisons

Item	2005	2006	2006/2005
	<i>Millions</i>		<i>Percent</i>
Number of Layers			
Nebraska	12.0	11.6	97
United States	339.4	341.0	100
Table Eggs Produced			
Nebraska	280	269	96
United States	6,425	6,556	102
Chickens Hatched, August			
United States			
Egg-type	38.7	34.9	90
Broiler	812.5	809.3	100
Hatched thru August			
United States			
Egg-type	299.9	288.8	96
Broiler	6,380.1	6,349.5	100
Turkeys Placed, August			
United States	23.9	25.1	105

Source: USDA NASS Chicken and Eggs, September 22, 2006
USDA NASS Turkey Hatchery, September 13, 2006

Commercial Livestock Slaughter

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

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

Item	Total ¹	Aug 2006 Percent of	
		August 2005	July 2006
Nebraska	<i>1,000 Head</i>		
Cattle, head	664.0	100	108
Hogs, head	611.6	100	113
Red Meat, mil. lbs.	664.3	101	109
United States			
Cattle, head	3,133.6	105	111
Calves, head	66.7	102	115
Hogs, head	9,094.2	101	115
Sheep & Lambs, head	227.0	99	112
Red Meat, mil. lbs.	4,244.7	104	112

¹ Excludes animals slaughtered on farms.

Source: USDA NASS Livestock Slaughter, September 22, 2006

Small Grains Summary: By Commodity, Nebraska and United States, 2004-2006

Classification	Nebraska				United States			
	2004	2005	2006	<u>2006</u> 2005	2004	2005	2006	<u>2006</u> 2005
All Wheat								
Planted	1,850	1,850	1,800	97	59,674	57,229	57,344	100
Harvested	1,650	1,750	1,700	97	49,999	50,119	46,810	93
Yield	37.0	39.0	36.0	92	43.2	42.0	38.7	92
Production	61,050	68,640	61,200	89	2,158,245	2,104,690	1,812,036	86
Oats								
Planted	140	150	160	107	4,085	4,246	4,168	98
Harvested	50	60	55	92	1,787	1,823	1,576	86
Yield	68.0	73.0	41.0	56	64.7	63.0	59.5	94
Production	3,400	4,380	2,255	51	115,695	114,878	93,764	82

Source: USDA NASS Small Grain September 29, 2006

Grain Stocks: By Commodity, Nebraska and United States, September 1, 2004-2006

Grain and Position	Nebraska				United States			
	Sept. 1, 2004	Sept. 1, 2005	Sept. 1, 2006	<u>2006</u> 2005	Sept. 1, 2004	Sept. 1, 2005	Sept. 1, 2006	<u>2006</u> 2005
	<i>Thousand Bushels</i>				<i>Percent</i>			
Corn								
On Farms	49,000	100,000	85,000	85	438,000	820,500	749,500	91
Off Farms ¹	65,601	180,286	154,213	86	520,091	1,293,472	1,221,072	94
Total	114,601	280,286	239,213	85	958,091	2,113,972	1,970,572	93
All Wheat								
On Farms	13,000	12,000	8,000	67	790,600	721,360	572,020	79
Off Farms ¹	52,610	54,456	46,511	85	1,147,807	1,201,931	1,171,021	97
Total	65,610	66,456	54,511	82	1,938,407	1,923,291	1,743,041	91
Soybeans								
On Farms	1,700	5,200	10,000	192	29,400	99,700	176,300	177
Off Farms ¹	4,757	10,584	25,315	239	83,014	156,038	272,488	175
Total	6,457	15,784	35,315	224	112,414	255,738	448,788	175
Sorghum								
On Farms	600	1,700	500	29	3,700	5,900	5,250	89
Off Farms ¹	4,912	5,393	2,783	52	29,849	51,041	59,919	117
Total	5,512	7,093	3,283	46	33,549	56,941	65,169	114
Oats								
On Farms	1,800	1,700	1,400	82	74,300	71,700	59,900	84
Off Farms ¹	²	²	1,285		41,458	41,803	39,328	94
Total	²	²	2,685		115,758	113,503	99,228	87

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 29, 2006

Potatoes: Production, Farm Disposition, Price, and Value, Nebraska and United States, 2004-2005

Year	Production	Total Used for Seed	Farm Disposition			Price per Cwt.	Value of	
			Where Grown		Sold		Production	Sales
			Seed, Feed, Home	Shrink and Loss				
2004			<i>1,000 Cwt.</i>			<i>Dollars</i>		
Nebraska	9,288	519	212	906	8,170	5.20	48,298	42,484
United States	456,041	24,768	4,796	37,408	413,837	5.66	2,574,785	2,344,088
2005								
Nebraska	8,245	515	231	834	7,180	8.45	69,670	60,671
United States	423,926	25,628	4,791	28,519	390,616	7.06	2,991,495	2,758,275

Potatoes: Stocks Held by Growers, Local Dealers, and Processors, Nebraska and 15 Fall States, 2004-2005 ^{1 2}

Crop Year	Current Year	Following Year					
	Dec 1	Jan 1	Feb 1	Mar 1	Apr 1	Mar 1	Jun 1
2004							
Nebraska	6,300	5,300	³	³	³	³	³
15 States	271,100	236,700	203,490	168,020	128,900	88,550	51,700
2005 ⁴							
Nebraska	5,600	4,700	3,900	3,300	2,200	1,200	³
13 States	253,800	220,500	189,100	155,500	115,700	75,900	41,560

¹ Stocks are defined as the quantity (whether sold or not) remaining in storage for all purposes and uses, including seed potatoes that are not yet moved, and shrinkage, waste, and other losses that occur after the date of each estimate. ² 13 fall storage States for 2005. ³ Not published to avoid disclosure of individual operations. ⁴ Revised. Source: USDA NASS Potatoes 2005 Summary, September 2006

Prices Received By Farmers

The preliminary All Farm Products Index of Prices Received by Farmers in September, at 118 percent, based on 1990-92=100, decreased 2 points (1.7 percent) from August. The Crop Index is down 7 points (5.6 percent) but the Livestock Index increased 1 point (0.9 percent). Producers received lower commodity prices for lettuce, potatoes, hogs, and broccoli. Higher prices were received for cattle, milk, tomatoes, and turkeys. 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 grapes offset increased marketings of soybeans, apples, corn, and potatoes.

Preliminary All Farm Products Index is up 2 points (1.7 percent) from September 2005. The Food Commodities Index, at 1.21, decreased 2 points (1.6 percent) from last month and is unchanged from September 2005.

Prices Received: By Commodity, Nebraska and United States, Preliminary September 2006 with Comparisons

Commodity	Unit	Nebraska			United States				
		Sept. 2005 ¹	Aug. 2006 ¹	Sept. 15, 2006	Sept. 2005 ¹	Aug. 2006 ¹	Sept. 15, 2006	% of Parity	Parity Price ²
Wheat, All	Bushels	\$ 3.29	\$ 4.38	\$ 4.35	\$ 3.36	\$ 3.91	\$ 3.98	38	\$10.50
Corn	Bushels	1.72	2.08	2.08	1.90	2.09	2.11	27	7.80
Oats	Bushels	1.57	1.77	1.80	1.54	1.67	1.68	39	4.33
Grain Sorghum	Cwt.	2.85	3.75	3.75	3.41	4.35	3.99	33	12.10
Soybeans	Bushels	5.63	5.05	4.95	5.77	5.23	5.12	30	17.20
Hay, All, Baled	Ton	48.00	85.00	88.00	99.00	106.00	107.00		
Alfalfa, Baled	Ton	48.00	85.00	88.00	106.00	110.00	112.00		
Other, Baled	Ton	46.00	83.00	86.00	78.90	91.50	93.00		
Dry Edible Beans	Cwt.	18.10	19.40	18.90	18.00	19.60	19.40	35	55.10
Hogs	Cwt.	51.90	53.60	52.20	49.40	51.60	50.00	43	117.00
Barrows & Gilts	Cwt.	52.30	54.00	52.50	49.90	52.50	50.70		
Sows	Cwt.	38.50	36.40	35.80	39.10	34.80	34.80		
Beef Cattle	Cwt.	88.60	86.90	90.80	88.00	87.70	90.30	47	193.00
Steers & Heifers	Cwt.	89.70	88.00	92.00	92.10	91.90	95.20		
Cows	Cwt.	52.40	50.00	51.50	49.80	47.00	47.30		
Calves	Cwt.	141.00	144.00	141.00	135.00	134.00	135.00	50	269.00
Sheep	Cwt.	50.30	31.60		43.70	28.40			95.80
Lambs	Cwt.	97.20	85.80		110.00	94.80			233.00

¹ Entire month average except hay.

² Parity price based on data for September 2006.

Source: USDA NASS Agricultural Prices, September 28, 2006

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