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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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Cattle Inventory

All cattle and calves on hand January 1, 2007, in Nebraska totaled 6.65 million head, up 2 percent from 2006.

All cows on hand January 1, at 2.0 million head, were 1 percent above last year. The 2006 calf crop totaled 1.82 million head, up 1 percent from 2005.

Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter in all Nebraska feedlots on January 1 totaled a record 2.7 million head, up 4 percent from last year.

All cattle and calves in the United States as of January 1, 2007, totaled 97.0 million head, slightly above a year ago.

All cows and heifers that calved, at 42.0 million, were down slightly from the 42.1 million on January 1, 2006. The 2006 calf crop was estimated at 37.6 million head, down slightly from 2005.

Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter in all feedlots on January 1 were 14.3 million head, up 1 percent from last year.

Cattle and Calves: Number by Class and Calf Crop, Nebraska and United States, January 1, 2005-2007

Class	Nebraska				United States ¹			
	2005	2006	2007	2007/2006	2005	2006	2007	2007/2006
	<i>1,000 Head</i>			<i>Percent</i>				
Cattle and calves	6,350	6,500	6,550	102	95,438	96,702	97,003	100
Cows and heifers that have calved	1,970	1,990	2,000	101	41,920	42,056	42,023	100
Beef cows	1,909	1,930	1,940	101	32,915	33,994	32,894	100
Milk cows	61	60	60	100	9,005	9,063	9,129	101
Heifers 500 pounds and over	1,790	1,780	1,820	102	19,572	19,984	20,086	101
For beef cow replacement	300	295	330	112	5,691	5,904	5,877	100
For milk cow replacement	20	15	20	133	4,118	4,275	4,310	101
Other heifers	1,470	1,470	1,470	100	9,763	9,805	9,899	101
Steers 500 pounds and over	2,180	2,310	2,450	106	16,476	16,933	17,222	102
Bulls 500 pounds and over	100	100	100	100	2,219	2,263	2,215	98
Calves under 500 pounds	310	320	280	88	15,250	15,465	15,456	100
	2004	2005	2006	2006/2005	2004	2005	2006	2006/2005
Calves born	1,800	1,800	1,820	101	37,505	37,575	37,567	100

¹ Totals may not add due to rounding.

**Cattle on Feed: Number on Feed, Placements, Marketings and Other Disappearance,
1,000+ Capacity Feedlots, by Month, State, and United States, 2005-2007**

State	January 1 Number on Feed ¹			December Placements			December Marketings			December Other Disappearance ²		
	2006	2007	<u>2007</u> 2006	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	334	334	100	35	26	74	27	31	115	2	2	100
California	550	550	100	69	77	112	60	63	105	9	4	44
Colorado	1,080	1,100	102	155	135	87	140	150	107	5	5	100
Idaho	275	260	95	48	39	81	50	41	82	3	8	267
Iowa	510	520	102	65	82	126	53	59	111	2	3	150
Kansas	2,500	2,540	102	495	410	83	435	390	90	30	30	100
Nebraska	2,430	2,540	105	350	390	111	305	350	115	15	10	67
New Mexico	143	136	95	20	15	75	13	15	115	1	1	100
Oklahoma	370	350	95	64	46	72	57	42	74	2	4	200
South Dakota	205	225	110	46	50	109	28	32	114	3	3	100
Texas	2,920	2,870	98	465	370	80	470	385	82	15	15	100
Washington	152	184	121	26	24	92	34	24	71	1	1	100
Other States	335	365	109	46	50	109	43	43	100	3	2	67
U.S.	11,804	11,974	101	1,884	1,714	91	1,715	1,625	95	91	88	97

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 losses, movement from feedlots to pastures and shipments to other feedlots for further feeding.

Source: USDA NASS Cattle on Feed, January 26, 2007

Milk Cows and Production: By Quarter, Nebraska, 23 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						
July-September	60	61	8,160	8,252	9,060	9,117
October-December	60	61	8,171	8,254	9,060	9,116
	<i>Million Pounds</i>		<i>Million Pounds</i>		<i>Million Pounds</i>	
Milk production ²						
July-September	263	275	40,412	41,098	44,134	44,739
October-December	267	274	39,974	40,956	43,674	44,639

¹ Includes dry cows, excludes heifers not yet fresh.

² Excludes milk sucked by calves.

Source: USDA NASS Milk Production, January 18, 2007

**Sheep and Lambs: Number by Class, January 1, 2006-2007 and
Lamb Crop, Nebraska and United States, 2005-2006**

State	Total Breeding Sheep & Lambs		Total Market Sheep & Lambs		All Sheep & Lambs		Breeding Ewes 1 Year & Older Jan 1		Lambs per 100 Ewes 1+ Jan 1		Lamb Crop	
	2006	2007	2006	2007	2006	2007	2005	2006	2005	2006	2005	2006
	<i>1,000 Head</i>						<i>1,000 Head</i>		<i>Percent</i>		<i>1,000 Head</i>	
Nebraska	80	70	26	25	106	95	62	65	142	125	88	81
United States	4,640	4,620	1,590	1,565	6,230	6,185	3,573	3,661	115	112	4,117	4,085

Source: USDA NASS Sheep and Goats, February 2, 2007

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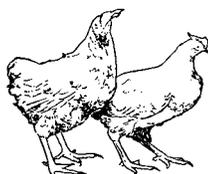
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Poultry

During December 2006, layers in Nebraska totaled 11.5 million birds, a decrease of 3 percent from the previous year. The total number of layers in the United States during December 2006 averaged 348 million, down slightly from December 2005.

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

Item	2005	2006	2006/2005
	<i>Millions</i>		<i>Percent</i>
Number of Layers			
Nebraska	11.9	11.5	97
United States	348.5	348.1	100
Table Eggs Produced			
Nebraska	265	267	101
United States	6,703	6,683	100
Chickens Hatched			
United States			
Egg-type	35.9	33.4	93
Broiler	808.5	795.4	98
Hatched thru December			
United States			
Egg-type	437.2	427.0	98
Broiler	9,484.1	9,417.9	99

Source: USDA NASS Chicken and Eggs, January 22, 2007

What Does ARMS Tell Us?

Several examples of the facts revealed in ARMS demonstrate the broad range of information it generates. The data also can be used to demonstrate the diversity within the farm sector, by farm size, geographic region, household characteristics, and commodities produced.

- **Production expenses:** ARMS collects data on the costs of fertilizer, fuel, rent, seed, labor, custom applications, pesticides, and other production inputs for selected crops. U.S. farm cash production expenses totalled \$199.7 billion in 2005, up 7.2 percent from 2004. Fuel costs were among the largest contributors to the increase.
- **Farm business values:** Farm debt-to-asset ratio has continued to fall, and is now at the lowest level in 40 years.
- **Contracting:** Marketing and production contracts (advance agreements) between farmers and commodity buyers accounted for 38 percent of the value of U.S. agriculture production in 2004, up from 33 percent in 1995.
- **Farm household income sources:** Farm households, like many other households, draw livelihoods from a variety of work, savings, and investments. The relative importance of the different components of farm household income varies by farm type, but off-farm income is most important for a majority of farm households.

Commercial Livestock Slaughter

December 2006 output and changes from last year and last month are shown below. December 2005 contained 22 weekdays (including one holiday) and five Saturdays. December 2006 contained 21 weekdays (including one holiday) and five Saturdays.

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

Item	Total ¹	Dec. 2006 percent of	
		Dec. 2005	Nov. 2006
Nebraska	<i>1,000 Head</i>		
Cattle, head	522.6	92	87
Hogs, head	602.7	94	93
Red Meat, mil. lbs.	557.5	96	88
United States			
Cattle, head	2,609.1	98	92
Calves, head	68.1	114	102
Hogs, head	8,883.1	96	95
Sheep & Lambs, head	223.7	97	100
Red Meat, mil. lbs.	3,863.0	98	93

¹ Excludes animals slaughtered on farms.

Source: USDA NASS Livestock Slaughter, January 26, 2007

**Goats: Number by Class,
Nebraska and United States, January 1, 2006- 2007**

Class	Nebraska		United States	
	2006	2007	2006	2007
	<i>Head</i>	<i>Head</i>	<i>Head</i>	<i>Head</i>
Angora Goats	1,150	1,800	260,000	238,000
Milk Goats	2,600	3,000	290,000	296,000
Meat and Other Goats	17,000	20,000	2,287,000	2,400,000
Total Goats	20,750	24,800	2,837,000	2,934,000

Source: USDA NASS Sheep and Goats, February 2, 2007

Prices Received: By Commodity, Nebraska and United States, Preliminary January 2007 with Comparisons

Commodity	Unit	Nebraska			United States				
		Jan 2006 ¹	Dec 2006 ¹	Jan 15, 2007	Jan 2006 ¹	Dec 2006 ¹	Jan 15, 2007	% of Parity	Parity Price ²
		<i>Dollars</i>			<i>Dollars</i>				
Wheat, All	Bushel	3.55	4.73	4.60	3.52	4.51	4.50	43	10.50
Corn	Bushel	1.91	2.95	3.10	2.00	3.01	3.23	42	7.76
Oats	Bushel	1.60	1.90	2.00	1.73	1.97	2.12	49	4.35
Grain Sorghum	Cwt	2.97	5.86	6.15	3.16	6.09	6.43	48	13.30
Soybeans	Bushel	5.61	5.98	6.25	5.87	6.18	6.42	37	17.20
Hay, All, Baled	Ton	50.00	91.00	92.00	93.10	108.00	112.00		
Alfalfa, Baled	Ton	50.00	93.00	93.00	96.40	112.00	115.00		
Other, Baled	Ton	46.00	81.00	82.00	84.30	99.30	102.00		
Dry Edible Beans	Cwt	16.40	20.00	22.40	19.20	21.60	22.70	41	55.00
Hogs	Cwt	42.90	45.70	44.20	40.70	43.50	41.40	35	118.00
Barrows & Gilts	Cwt	43.10	45.90	44.40	41.10	44.00	42.00		
Sows	Cwt	33.50	33.50	32.00	33.20	32.20	30.70		
Beef Cattle	Cwt	102.00	88.90	90.10	95.10	83.60	85.00	41	205.00
Steers & Heifers	Cwt	104.00	90.30	91.60	102.00	89.30	90.30		
Cows	Cwt	47.00	43.20	42.20	47.30	42.20	43.80		
Calves	Cwt	149.00	122.00	120.00	141.00	115.00	115.00	39	295.00
Sheep	Cwt	45.20	34.00		47.70	35.30			99.10
Lambs	Cwt	95.00	83.70		96.10	93.20			241.00

¹ Entire month average except hay.

² Parity price based on data for January 2007.

Source: USDA NASS Agricultural Prices, January 31, 2007

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