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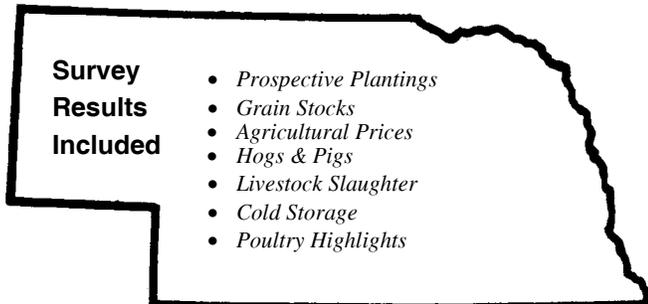
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Dear Nebraska Farmers, Ranchers and Agribusinesses:

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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## March Prospective Plantings

As of March 1, Nebraska producers expect to increase acreage devoted to corn, hay, and winter wheat (sown last fall), and decrease acreage planted to soybeans, sorghum, oats, dry edible beans, sugarbeets, and sunflowers. Nebraska corn growers expect to plant 9.0 million acres for all purposes in 2007, up 11 percent from last year and the largest planted area since 1936. Soybean growers intend to plant 4.4 million acres, down 13 percent from last year. Last fall, winter wheat was sown on 1.95 million acres, up 8 percent from a year earlier and up 5 percent from two years ago.

Sorghum growers expect to plant 260,000 acres, 30 percent less than 2006 and the smallest planted area since 1932. Hay acreage for harvest, at 3.0 million, would be up 7 percent from last year. Dry edible bean producers intend to plant 100,000 acres, down 29 percent from a year earlier and equaling the smallest planted area since 1972. Oat planting intentions, at 125,000 acres, are down 22 percent from 2006. Sunflower planting intentions, at 30,000 acres, are down 43 percent from last year. Sugarbeet plantings of 53,000 acres would be down 14 percent from a year ago.

**Crop Summary: Acres Planted, Nebraska and United States, 2005-2007**

Crop	Nebraska				United States			
	2005	2006	Inten- tions 2007 <sup>1</sup>	<u>2007</u> 2006	2005	2006	Inten- tions 2007 <sup>1</sup>	<u>2007</u> 2006
	1,000 Acres		Percent		1,000 Acres		Percent	
Corn	8,500	8,100	9,000	111	81,779	78,327	90,454	115
Soybeans	4,700	5,050	4,400	87	72,032	75,522	67,140	89
Sorghum	340	370	260	70	6,454	6,522	7,109	109
Oats	150	160	125	78	4,246	4,168	4,029	97
Barley	<sup>2</sup>				3,875	3,452	3,703	107
Dry Beans	175	140	100	71	1,630.0	1,629.8	1,504.5	92
Sugar Beets	48.4	61.4	53.0	86	1,299.8	1,366.7	1,294.7	95
All Hay	2,850	2,800	3,000	107	61,729	60,807	63,056	104
All Wheat	1,850	1,800	1,950	108	57,229	57,344	60,303	105
Winter Wheat	1,850	1,800	1,950	108	40,433	40,575	44,505	110
Sunflower - Oil	60	34	20	59	2,104	1,658	1,465	88
- Non-oil	39	19	10	53	605	292	334	114
- All	99	53	30	57	2,709	1,950	1,799	92

<sup>1</sup>Intended plantings as indicated by reports from farmers. <sup>2</sup> Estimates discontinued in 2005.

Source: USDA NASS Prospective Plantings, March 30, 2007

## Grain Stocks

Nebraska corn stocks in all positions on March 1, 2007, totaled 642 million bushels, down 20 percent from March 1, 2006. Soybeans stored in all positions totaled a record high 148 million bushels, up 23 percent from last year. Wheat stored in all positions on March 1, 2007, totaled 22.9 million bushels, down 18 percent from a year ago and lowest since 1952.

U.S. corn stocks in all positions on March 1, 2007, totaled 6.07 billion bushels, down 13 percent from March 1, 2006. Soybeans stored in all positions totaled 1.78 billion bushels, up 7 percent from last year. All wheat stored in all positions on March 1, 2007, totaled 856 million bushels, down 12 percent from a year ago.

### Grain Stocks: By Commodity, Nebraska and United States, 2005-2007

Grain and Position	Nebraska				United States			
	March 1, 2005	March 1, 2006	March 1, 2007	2007 2006	March 1, 2005	March 1, 2006	March 1, 2007	2007 2006
	<i>1,000 Bushels</i>				<i>Percent</i>			
Corn					<i>1,000 Bushels</i>			
On Farms	520,000	470,000	340,000	72	4,137,000	4,055,000	3,330,000	82
Off Farms <sup>1</sup>	301,122	336,280	301,568	90	2,619,334	2,932,328	2,739,692	93
Total	821,122	806,280	641,568	80	6,756,334	6,987,328	6,069,692	87
All Wheat					<i>Percent</i>			
On Farms	3,400	2,600	1,700	65	304,710	256,000	192,450	75
Off Farms <sup>1</sup>	27,134	25,238	21,227	84	679,681	716,215	663,320	93
Total	30,534	27,838	22,927	82	984,391	972,215	855,770	88
Soybeans								
On Farms	55,000	45,000	51,000	113	795,000	872,000	910,000	104
Off Farms <sup>1</sup>	53,634	75,247	96,585	128	586,364	797,206	874,276	110
Total	108,634	120,247	147,585	123	1,381,364	1,669,206	1,784,276	107
Sorghum								
On Farms	4,700	3,100	1,900	61	33,400	26,200	17,100	65
Off Farms <sup>1</sup>	13,791	12,694	10,716	84	170,122	166,936	125,094	75
Total	18,491	15,794	12,616	80	203,522	193,136	142,194	74
Oats								
On Farms	1,100	1,000	700	70	43,500	42,200	33,900	80
Off Farms <sup>1</sup>	2	2	2		38,946	32,673	37,127	114
Total	2	2	2		82,446	74,873	71,027	95

<sup>1</sup>Includes stocks at mills, elevators, warehouses, terminals, and processors. <sup>2</sup>Not published to avoid disclosure of individual operations.  
Source: USDA NASS Grain Stocks, March 30, 2007

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

Commodity	Unit	Nebraska			United States				
		Mar 2006 <sup>1</sup>	Feb 2007 <sup>1</sup>	Mar 15, 2007	Mar 2006 <sup>1</sup>	Feb 2007 <sup>1</sup>	Mar 15, 2007	% of Parity	Parity Price <sup>2</sup>
All wheat	Bushels	\$ 3.80	\$ 4.69	\$ 4.70	\$ 3.79	\$ 4.71	\$ 4.75	44	\$ 10.70
Corn	Bushels	1.96	3.26	3.25	2.06	3.44	3.36	42	7.94
Oats	Bushels	1.70	3.21	3.00	1.82	2.34	2.24	50	4.44
Grain Sorghum	Cwt.	3.29	6.53	6.30	3.54	6.98	6.74	50	13.60
Soybeans	Bushels	5.36	6.66	6.60	5.57	6.87	6.85	39	17.60
Hay, All, Baled	Ton	53.00	95.00	98.00	97.50	114.00	117.00		
Alfalfa, Baled	Ton	53.00	96.00	99.00	100.00	117.00	120.00		
Other, Baled	Ton	47.00	83.00	90.00	90.10	105.00	108.00		
Dry Edible Beans	Cwt.	16.80	23.20	24.80	17.10	25.30	25.70	46	56.20
Hogs	Cwt.	44.40	48.80	46.40	42.80	47.30	45.40	38	121.00
Barrows & Gilts	Cwt.	44.60	49.10	46.60	43.20	48.10	45.90		
Sows	Cwt.	35.30	33.20	35.80	34.20	32.20	34.40		
Beef Cattle	Cwt.	92.10	89.40	95.40	87.90	86.60	91.40	44	210.00
Steers & Heifers	Cwt.	93.40	90.70	96.90	92.80	91.50	97.20		
Cows	Cwt.	49.20	48.00	48.00	49.50	47.00	46.90		
Calves	Cwt.	140.00	114.00	123.00	139.00	117.00	123.00	41	302.00
Sheep	Cwt.	38.20	30.00		40.10	36.50			101.00
Lambs	Cwt.	95.40	85.10		92.10	95.40			246.00

<sup>1</sup> Entire month average except hay. <sup>2</sup> Parity price based on data for March 2007.

Source: USDA NASS Agricultural Prices, March 30, 2007

## Hogs and Pigs

Nebraska inventory of all hogs and pigs on March 1, 2007, was 3 million head. This was 3 percent above March 1, 2006 and unchanged from December 1, 2006. Breeding inventory, at 360,000 head, was 1 percent above March 1, 2006 but 1 percent below last quarter. Market hog inventory, at 2.64 million head, was 4 percent above last year and slightly above last quarter.

Inventory of all hogs and pigs in the United States was 61.1 million head on March 1, 2007. This was up 1 percent from March 1, 2006 but down 2 percent from December 1, 2006. Breeding inventory, at 6.08 million head, was up 1 percent from last year but down slightly from the previous quarter. Market hog inventory, at 55.0 million head, was up 1 percent from last year but down 2 percent from last quarter.

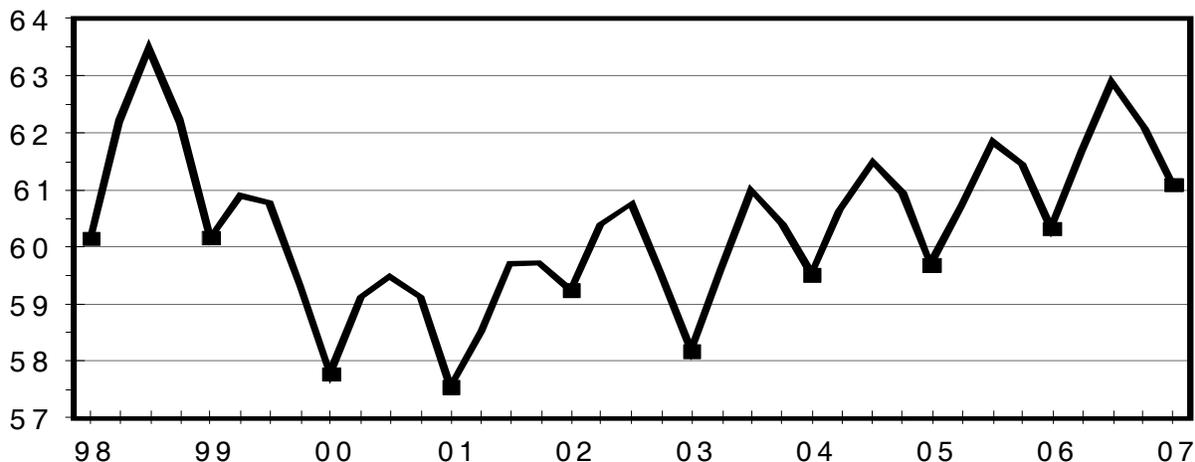
### Hogs and Pigs: March 1 Inventory, Sows Farrowing and Pig Crop, Nebraska and United States 2006-2007<sup>1</sup>

Item	Nebraska			United States		
	2006	2007	2007/2006	2006	2007	2007/2006
	<i>1,000 Head</i>		<i>Percent</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>		<i>Percent</i>
<b>March 1 Inventory</b>						
All hogs and pigs	2,900	3,000	103	60,326	61,103	101
Breeding	355	360	101	6,025	6,081	101
Market	2,545	2,640	104	54,301	55,022	101
<b>Market Hogs &amp; Pigs</b>						
Under 60 pounds	1,000	1,010	101	19,998	20,265	101
60-119 pounds	660	700	106	13,006	13,086	101
120-179 pounds	490	510	104	11,434	11,423	100
180 pounds and over	395	420	106	9,874	10,248	104
<b>Sows Farrowing</b>						
December-February <sup>2</sup>	175	175	100	2,840	2,874	101
March-May <sup>3</sup>	180	175	97	2,927	2,913	100
December-May <sup>2,4</sup>	355	350	99	5,767	5,787	100
June-August <sup>3</sup>	175	175	100	2,912	2,917	100
September-November	180			2,910		
June-November	355			5,823		
<b>Pig Crop</b>						
December-February <sup>2</sup>	1,601	1,610	101	25,661	26,084	102
March-May	1,647			26,579		
December-May <sup>2</sup>	3,248			52,240		
June-August	1,601			26,518		
September-November	1,665			26,501		
June-November	3,266			53,019		

<sup>1</sup> May not add due to rounding. <sup>2</sup> December preceding year. <sup>3</sup> Intentions for 2007. <sup>4</sup> Actual farrowings for December 2006–February 2007 plus intentions for March-May 2007. Source: USDA NASS Quarterly Hog and Pigs, March 30, 2007

## U.S. Quarterly Hogs and Pigs Inventory March 1

Million Head



### Commercial Livestock Slaughter

February 2007 number slaughtered and changes from last year and last month are shown below. February 2006 contained 20 weekdays (including one holiday) and four Saturdays. February 2007 contained 20 weekdays (including one holiday) and four Saturdays.

#### Livestock Slaughter: By Commodity, Nebraska and United States, February 2007 with Comparisons

Item	Total <sup>1</sup>	Feb 2007 Percent of	
		Feb 2006	Jan 2007
<b>Nebraska</b> <i>1,000 Head</i>			
Cattle, head	529.5	104	91
Hogs, head	552.4	99	89
Red Meat, mil. lbs.	536.9	102	89
<b>United States</b>			
Cattle, head	2,561.7	109	92
Calves, head	66.9	127	90
Hogs, head	8,117.0	101	87
Sheep & Lambs, head	204.4	101	94
Red Meat, mil, lbs.	3,615.6	104	88

<sup>1</sup> Excludes animals slaughtered on farms.

Source: USDA NASS Livestock Slaughter, March 23, 2007

### Stocks in Cold Storage: By Commodity, United States, February 2007 with Comparisons

Commodity	Stocks	Feb 2007 Percent of	
		Feb 2006	Jan 2007
<i>1,000 Lbs</i>			
Total red meats	956,138	97	98
Beef	451,271	102	96
Pork	483,558	92	100
Poultry	949,199	76	97
Turkey	318,021	101	108
Chicken	626,408	68	93

Source: USDA NASS Cold Storage, March 23, 2007

### Poultry: Layers and Eggs, Nebraska and United States, February 2007 with Comparisons

Item	2006	2007	2007/2006
<b>Number of Layers</b>			
Nebraska	11.8	11.4	96
United States	350.0	347.0	99
<b>Table Eggs Produced</b>			
Nebraska	247	239	97
United States	5,983	5,916	99
<b>Chickens Hatched, February</b>			
United States			
Egg-type	33.7	36.8	109
Broiler	733.1	723.8	99

Source: USDA NASS Chicken and Eggs, March 23, 2007

### 2006 Cropland Data Layer Available

The Cropland Data Layer for Nebraska depicting distribution of 2006 crops is now available on CD Rom. Order it at <http://www.nass.usda.gov/research/Cropland/sarsample3.html> or call 1-800-727-9540.

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