



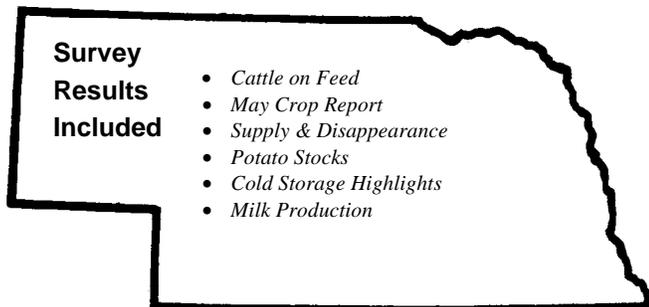
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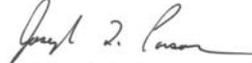
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Dear Nebraska Farmers, Ranchers and Agribusinesses:

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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Director

Nebraska Cattle on Feed Down 2 Percent

Nebraska feedlots with capacities of 1,000 or more head contained 2.38 million cattle on feed on May 1, down 2 percent from last year but 3 percent above May 1, 2006. Placements of cattle into feedlots during April totaled 340,000 head, up 17 percent from 2007 and 6 percent above 2006. This is tied with 1999 for the highest April placements since the data series began in 1993. Marketings of fed cattle during April totaled 400,000 head, up 18 percent from last year and 3 percent above April two years ago. Other disappearance during April totaled 10,000 head, the same as April 2007 and 2006.

U.S. Cattle on Feed Down 1 Percent

Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter market in the United States for feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head totaled 11.1 million head on May 1, 2008. The inventory was 1 percent below last year and 4 percent below May 1, 2006. Placements in feedlots during April totaled 1.54 million, 2 percent below 2007 and 5 percent below 2006. Marketings of fed cattle during April totaled 2.01 million, 11 percent above 2007 and 13 percent above 2006. Other disappearance totaled 75,000 during April, 24 percent below 2007 and 14 percent below 2006.

Cattle on Feed: Number on Feed, Placements, Marketings and Other Disappearance, 1,000+ Capacity Feedlots, by Month, State, and United States, 2007-2008

State	May 1 Number on Feed ¹			April Placements			April Marketings			April Other Disappearance ²		
	2007	2008	<u>2008</u> <u>2007</u>	2007	2008	<u>2008</u> <u>2007</u>	2007	2008	<u>2008</u> <u>2007</u>	2007	2008	<u>2008</u> <u>2007</u>
	1,000 Head	Percent		1,000 Head	Percent		1,000 Head	Percent		1,000 Head	Percent	
Arizona	340	370	109	31	34	110	30	37	123	1	1	100
California	550	520	95	85	64	75	61	70	115	4	4	100
Colorado	1,020	950	93	150	115	77	130	165	127	20	20	100
Idaho	235	225	96	35	28	80	40	32	80	5	1	20
Iowa	530	530	100	61	59	97	59	77	131	2	2	100
Kansas	2,350	2,290	97	355	360	101	445	470	106	40	20	50
Nebraska	2,420	2,380	98	290	340	117	340	400	118	10	10	100
New Mexico	118	150	127	12	9	75	24	16	67	1	1	100
Oklahoma	335	305	91	54	40	74	68	74	109	1	1	100
So. Dakota	230	220	96	36	33	92	34	37	109	2	1	50
Texas	2,680	2,690	100	380	360	95	490	540	110	10	10	100
Washington	154	155	101	22	33	150	30	29	97	1	1	100
Other States	335	350	104	57	61	107	65	63	97	2	3	150
United States	11,297	11,135	99	1,568	1,536	98	1,816	2,010	111	99	75	76

¹Cattle 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. ²Includes death losses, movement from feedlots to pastures and shipments to other feedlots for further feeding. Source: USDA NASS Cattle on Feed, May 16, 2008

2008 Wheat Production Down 3 Percent from Last Year

Based on May 1 conditions, Nebraska's 2008 winter wheat crop is forecast at 81.4 million bushels, down 3 percent from last year's crop. Average yield is forecast at 44 bushels per acre, up 1 bushel from last year and 3.9 bushels above the ten-year average.

Acreage to be harvested for grain is estimated at 1.85 million acres, down 110,000 acres or 6 percent from last year.

This would be 95 percent of the planted acres, compared to 96 percent harvested last year and the ten-year average of 93 percent. As of May 4, subsoil moisture supplies were near last year but above the 5-year average.

May 1 Hay Stocks Up from Last Year

May 1 hay stocks of 1.01 million tons are up 17 percent from last year but 13 percent below the ten-year average.

Winter Wheat and Hay Stocks: Comparative Data, Nebraska and United States, 2006-2008

Classification	Nebraska			United States			
	2006	2007	2008 ¹	2006	2007	2008 ¹	
Winter Wheat							
Harvested for Grain ²	Percent	94.4	95.6	94.9	76.7	79.9	85.7
For harvest	1,000 Acres	1,700	1,960	1,850	31,117	35,952	40,162
Yield	Bushels	36.0	43.0	44.0	41.7	42.2	44.3
Production	1,000 Bushels	61,200	84,280	81,400	1,298,081	1,515,989	1,777,532
All Hay Farm Stocks	1,000 Tons	1,070	863	1,010	21,345	15,013	21,593

¹ Winter wheat forecasted May 1, 2007. ² Percent of seeded acreage.

Source: USDA NASS Crop Production, May 9, 2008

Winter Wheat: Area Harvested, Yield and Production, Selected States and United States, 2007-2008

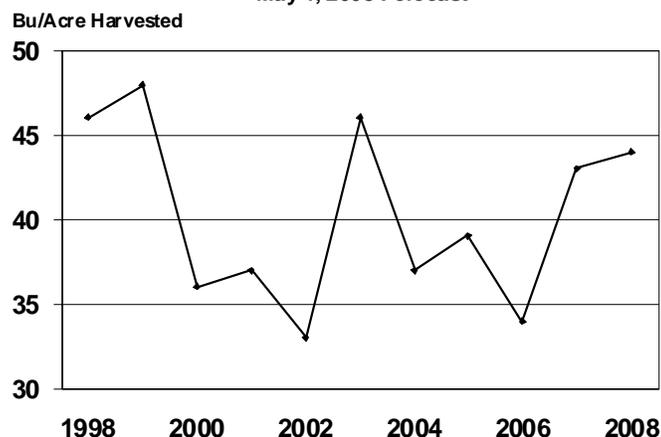
State	Acres Harvested		Yield		Production	
	2007	2008 ¹	2007	2008 ¹	2007	2008 ¹
	<i>1,000 Acres</i>		<i>Bushels</i>		<i>1,000 Bushels</i>	
Colorado	2,350	2,100	40.0	32.0	94,000	67,200
Kansas	8,600	9,400	33.0	38.0	283,800	357,200
Missouri	880	1,120	43.0	52.0	37,840	58,240
Montana	2,190	2,600	38.0	34.0	83,220	88,400
Nebraska	1,960	1,850	43.0	44.0	84,280	81,400
Oklahoma	3,500	4,500	28.0	33.0	98,000	148,500
South Dakota	1,980	1,750	48.0	44.0	95,040	77,000
Texas	3,800	3,400	37.0	29.0	140,600	98,600
Washington	1,690	1,720	64.0	63.0	108,160	108,360
United States	35,952	40,162	42.2	44.3	1,515,989	1,777,532

¹ Forecasted May 1, 2008.

Source: USDA NASS Crop Production, May 9, 2008

Nebraska Wheat Yield

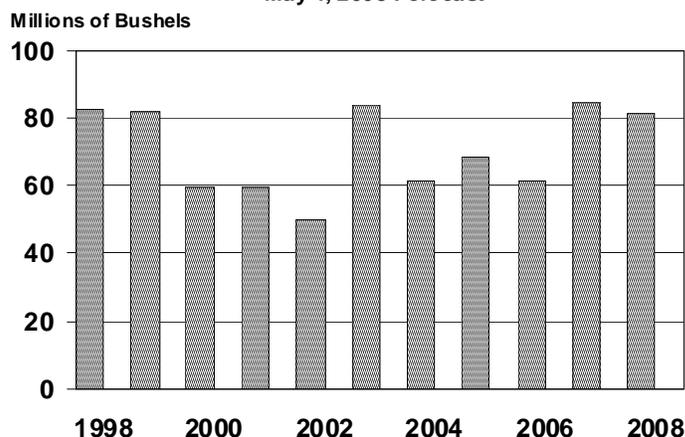
May 1, 2008 Forecast



Source: USDA NASS Nebraska Field Office, May 9, 2008

Nebraska Wheat Production

May 1, 2008 Forecast



Source: USDA NASS Nebraska Field Office, May 9, 2008

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										
2006/07	10,535	1,967	12	12,514	5,598	3,488	2,125	11,210	1,304	3.04
2007/08	13,074	1,304	15	14,393	6,150	4,360	2,500	13,010	1,383	4.10-4.40
2008/09 ³	12,125	1,383	15	13,523	5,300	5,360	2,100	12,760	763	5.00-6.00
Soybeans										
2006/07	3,188	449	9	3,647	1,806	148	1,118	3,073	574	6.43
2007/08	2,585	574	10	3,169	1,840	94	1,090	3,024	145	10.00
2008/09 ³	3,105	145	8	3,258	1,850	172	1,050	3,073	185	10.50-12.00
Wheat										
2006/07	1,812	571	122	2,505	938	202	909	2,049	456	4.26
2007/08	2,067	456	95	2,618	950	148	1,280	2,378	239	6.55
2008/09 ³	2,392	239	100	2,732	960	314	975	2,249	483	6.60-8.10
Sorghum										
2006/07	278	66	0	343	109	45	157	311	32	3.29
2007/08	505	32	0	537	165	35	285	485	52	3.95-4.25
2008/09 ³	415	52	0	467	190	60	160	410	57	4.70-5.70

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, May 9, 2008

Fall Potatoes: 2007 Production and May 1, 2008 Stocks¹

State	Crop of 2007	
	Production	Total Stocks May 1, 2008 ²
	<i>1,000 Cwt.</i>	<i>1,000 Cwt</i>
California	4,223	460
Colorado	20,981	4,400
Idaho	131,650	37,000
Maine	16,530	3,950
Michigan	14,700	1,600
Minnesota	20,680	4,800
Montana	3,696	
Nebraska	8,051	1,000
New York	5,216	
North Dakota	23,660	3,900
Oregon	20,238	6,400
Washington	102,300	25,000
Wisconsin	28,160	3,700
Other States		500
Total 13 States	400,085	92,710

¹ Stocks include processor holdings and most of the seed to plant following year's crops. ² Missing stocks combined into "Other States".

Source: USDA NASS Potato Stocks, May 16, 2008

Stocks in Cold Storage: By Commodity, United States, April 2008 with Comparisons

Commodity	Stocks 1,000 lbs.	Percent of	
		April 2007	March 2008
Total red meats	1,104,502	114	101
Beef	429,289	103	101
Pork	652,220	123	100
Poultry	1,249,481	128	104
Turkey	492,738	137	115

Source: USDA NASS Cold Storage, May 22, 2008

2008 Midyear Surveys

Interviewers will begin visiting and telephoning producers May 30. These midyear surveys are the basis for the official USDA statistics on planted area, grain and oilseeds stored, and hog inventories.

If contacted, please take a few minutes to respond by mail, internet or phone. Your response ensures accurate official USDA statistics. Individual information is kept strictly confidential, by law.

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USDA RELEASE DATES

Jun 27, 2:00 pm CDT Quarterly Hogs & Pigs
Jun 30, 7:30 am CDT Acreage
Jun 30, 7:30 am CDT Grain Stocks

Survey results will be available on the Internet at <http://www.nass.usda.gov> within minutes after the release.

Milk Cows and Production: By Month, 23 Selected States , 2007-2008¹

Month	Milk Cows ²		Milk per Cow ³		Milk Production ³		
	2007	2008	2007	2008	2007	2008	2008 as % of 2007
	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>Pounds</i>	<i>Pounds</i>	<i>Million pounds</i>	<i>Million pounds</i>	<i>Percent</i>
January	8,284	8,413	1,726	1,746	14,302	14,688	103
February	8,286	8,427	1,584	1,654	13,125	13,942	106
March	8,295	8,436	1,783	1,794	14,787	15,134	102
April	8,292	8,444	1,745	1,757	14,470	14,833	103
May	8,298		1,791		14,860		
June	8,302		1,712		14,216		
July	8,322		1,742		14,500		
August	8,330		1,719		14,323		
September	8,341		1,645		13,718		
October	8,355		1,697		14,176		
November	8,369		1,654		13,843		
December	8,389		1,718		14,414		
Annual	8,322		20,516		170,734		

¹ 2007 previous month revised. ² Includes dry cows, excludes heifers not yet fresh. ³ Excludes milk sucked by calves.

Source: USDA NASS Milk Production, May 19, 2008

Milk Production and Value: Nebraska and United States, 2006-2007

Year	Number of Milk Cows ¹	Production of Milk and Milkfat ²					Total Utilized on Farms	Sold to Plants & Dealers		
		Per Milk Cow		Percent of Fat All Milk	Total Production			Sold	Price per 100 lbs.	Receipts from Marketings
		Milk	Milkfat		Milk	Milkfat				
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Pounds</i>	<i>Pounds</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Million Pounds</i>	<i>Million Pounds</i>	<i>Dollars</i>	<i>Dollars</i>	<i>1,000 Dollars</i>	
Nebraska										
2006	61	18,328	678	3.70	1,118	41.4	11	1,107	13.40	148,338
2007	59	18,220	676	3.71	1,075	39.9	10	1,065	18.80	200,220
United States										
2006 ³	9,112	19,951	736	3.69	181,796	6,700.8	1,155	180,640	12.96	23,404,620
2007	9,158	20,267	746	3.68	185,602	6,829.7	1,167	184,435	19.21	35,425,015

¹ Average number during year, excluding heifers not yet fresh. ² Excludes milk sucked by calves. ³ Revised.

Source: USDA NASS Milk Production, Disposition and Income 2007 Summary, April 2008

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