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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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July 2008 Wheat and Oat Production Forecast

Based on July 1 conditions, Nebraska's 2008 winter wheat crop is forecast at 71.4 million bushels, down 10 percent from last month's forecast and 15 percent below last year's crop. Average yield is forecast at 42 bushels per acre, down 1 bushel from last month and last year.

Area to be harvested for grain is estimated at 1.7 million acres, unchanged from the *Acreage* report but 13 percent less than last year.

Wheat harvest began after the 1st of July about a week and a half behind last year and average.

Oat production is forecast at 2.76 million bushels, up 16 percent from last year. Acreage for harvest, at 40,000 acres, is up 14 percent from 2007. Yield, at 69 bushels per acre, is forecast to be 1 bushel per acre above a year ago.

Winter Wheat and Oats: Area Harvested, Yield and Production, Nebraska, and United States, 2006-2008

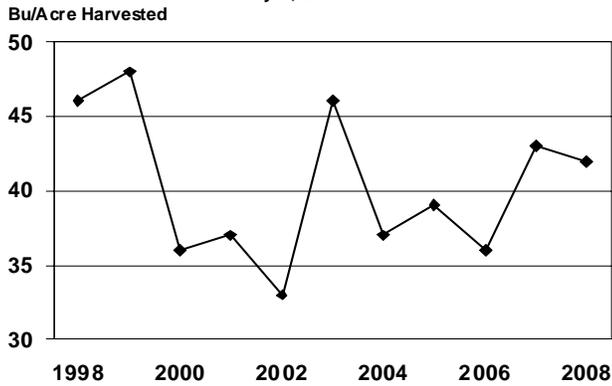
Crop		Nebraska			United States		
		2006	2007	2008 ¹	2006	2007	2008 ¹
Winter Wheat							
Harvested for Grain ²	Percent	94.4	95.6	94.4	76.7	79.9	86.4
For harvest	1,000 Acres	1,700	1,960	1,700	31,117	35,952	40,252
Yield	Bushels	36.0	43.0	42.0	41.7	42.2	46.3
Production	1,000 Bushels	61,200	84,280	71,400	1,298,081	1,515,989	1,864,245
Oats							
Harvested for Grain ²	Percent	28.1	29.2	33.3	37.6	40.0	41.6
For harvest	1,000 Acres	45	35	40	1,566	1,505	1,443
Yield	Bushels	45.0	68.0	69.0	59.8	60.9	64.4
Production	1,000 Bushels	2,025	2,380	2,760	93,638	91,599	92,872

¹ Forecast. ² Percent of seeded acreage.

Source: USDA NASS Crop Production, July 11, 2008

Nebraska Wheat Yield

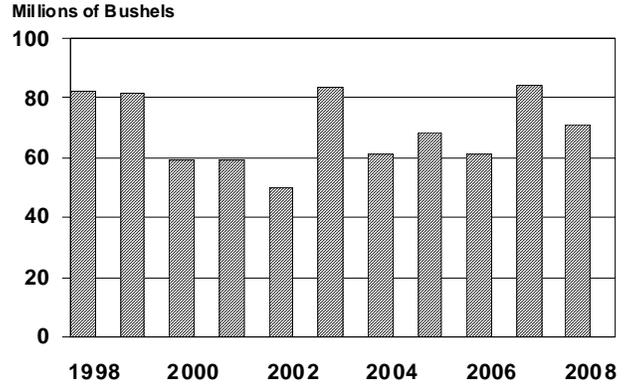
July 1, 2008 Forecast



Source: USDA NASS Nebraska Field Office, July 11, 2008

Nebraska Wheat Production

July 1, 2008 Forecast



Source: USDA NASS Nebraska Field Office, July 11, 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	2,000	40.0	28.0	94,000	56,000
Kansas	8,600	9,400	33.0	39.0	283,800	366,600
Missouri	880	1,120	43.0	52.0	37,840	58,240
Montana	2,190	2,450	38.0	37.0	83,220	90,650
Nebraska	1,960	1,700	43.0	42.0	84,280	71,400
Oklahoma	3,500	4,500	28.0	38.0	98,000	171,000
South Dakota	1,980	1,720	48.0	48.0	95,040	82,560
Texas	3,800	3,500	37.0	30.0	140,600	105,000
Washington	1,690	1,770	64.0	62.0	108,160	109,740
United States	35,952	40,252	42.2	46.3	1,515,989	1,864,245

¹ Forecasted July 1, 2008.

Source: USDA NASS Crop Production, July 11, 2008

U.S. Grains Supply and Disappearance Outlook

Crop Year	Supply				Market Year Disappearance ¹				Market Year Ending Stocks	Average Market Price
	Beginning stocks	Production	Imports	Total	Domestic		Exports	Total		
					Primary Use ²	Other				
<i>Million Bushels</i>										
Corn										
2006/07	1,967	10,535	12	12,514	5,598	3,488	2,125	11,210	1,304	3.04
2007/08	1,304	13,074	15	14,393	6,050	4,295	2,450	12,795	1,598	4.25-4.45
2008/09 ³	1,598	11,715	15	13,328	5,200	5,295	2,000	12,495	833	5.50-6.50
Soybeans										
2006/07	449	3,188	9	3,647	1,808	147	1,118	3,073	574	6.43
2007/08	574	2,585	10	3,169	1,840	59	1,145	3,044	125	10.15
2008/09 ³	125	3,000	10	3,135	1,830	166	1,000	2,996	140	12.00-13.50
Wheat										
2006/07	571	1,812	122	2,505	938	202	909	2,049	456	4.26
2007/08	456	2,067	108	2,631	950	108	1,267	2,325	306	6.48
2008/09 ³	306	2,461	100	2,866	960	369	1,000	2,329	537	6.75-8.25
Sorghum										
2006/07	66	278	0	343	109	45	157	311	32	3.29
2007/08	32	505	0	537	175	35	265	475	62	4.10-4.30
2008/09 ³	62	420	0	482	200	60	160	420	62	5.10-6.10

¹Marketing year begins: Corn, Sorghum & Soybeans, September 1; Wheat, June 1. ²Primary uses: Corn & Sorghum = Feed; Soybeans = Crushing; Wheat = Food. ³Projection.

Source: USDA's World Agricultural Supply and Demand Estimates, July 11, 2008

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

State	July 1 Number on Feed ¹			June Placements			June Marketings			June Other Disappearance ²		
	2007	2008	<u>2008</u> 2007	2007	2008	<u>2008</u> 2007	2007	2008	<u>2008</u> 2007	2007	2008	<u>2008</u> 2007
	<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	343	356	104	39	32	82	35	40	114	1	1	100
California	545	520	95	53	52	98	60	55	92	3	2	67
Colorado	940	820	87	120	80	67	190	170	89	10	10	100
Idaho	220	200	91	37	33	89	46	47	102	1	1	100
Iowa	510	500	98	52	41	79	61	60	98	1	1	100
Kansas	2,140	2,080	97	375	330	88	515	430	83	10	10	100
Nebraska	2,050	2,050	100	330	290	88	560	475	85	10	15	150
New Mexico	132	154	117	22	32	145	17	27	159	1	1	100
Oklahoma	325	300	92	52	57	110	66	61	92	1	1	100
So. Dakota	197	185	94	24	21	88	39	38	97	3	3	100
Texas	2,870	2,660	93	485	460	95	475	480	101	10	10	100
Washington	150	140	93	31	28	90	30	32	107	0	1	
Other States	315	330	105	37	57	154	46	58	126	1	4	400
United States	10,737	10,295	96	1,657	1,513	91	2,140	1,973	92	52	60	115

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, July 25, 2008

Cattle and Calves: Number by Class and Calf Crop, United States, July 1, 2006-2008

Class	United States			
	2006	2007	2008	2008/2007
	<i>1,000 head</i>	<i>1,000 head</i>	<i>1,000 head</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Cattle and calves	105,200	104,800	104,300	100
Cows and heifers that have calved	42,600	42,500	42,400	100
Beef cows	33,450	33,350	33,150	99
Milk cows	9,150	9,150	9,250	101
Heifers 500 pounds and over	16,600	16,600	16,500	99
For beef cow replacement	5,000	4,700	4,600	98
For milk cow replacement	3,800	3,900	3,900	100
Other heifers	7,800	8,000	8,000	100
Steers 500 pounds and over	15,000	14,900	14,700	99
Bulls 500 pounds and over	2,100	2,100	2,100	100
Calves under 500 pounds	28,900	28,700	28,600	100
Calf Crop	37,519	37,361	37,250	100
Calf Crop - Jan 1 - Jun 30	27,300	27,150	27,050 ¹	100
Calf Crop - Jul 1 - Dec 31	10,219	10,211	10,200 ¹	100

¹ Preliminary. Source: USDA NASS Cattle, July 25, 2008

Sheep and Lambs: Number by Class, United States, July 1, 2006-2008

Class	2006	2007	2008	2008 as % of 2007
	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>Percent</i>
	All Sheep and Lamb	7,770	7,600	7,350
Breeding Sheep and Lambs	4,635	4,540	4,420	97
Replacement Lambs				
Under One Year Old and Older	670	645	620	96
Ewes – One Year Old and Older	3,780	3,710	3,620	98
Rams – One Year Old and Older	185	185	180	97
Market	3,135	3,060	2,930	96

Source: USDA NASS Sheep and Goats, July 25, 2008

Milk Cows and Production: By Quarter, Nebraska and United States, 2007-2008

Item and Quarter	Nebraska		United States	
	2007	2008	2007	2008
	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>
Milk Cows ¹				
January-March	60	57	9,138	9,249
April-June	59	57	9,138	9,274
Milk Production ²	<i>Million Pounds</i>	<i>Million Pounds</i>	<i>Million Pounds</i>	<i>Million Pounds</i>
January-March	279	265	46,058	47,541
April-June	275	265	47,419	48,703

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

Source: USDA NASS Milk Production, July 18, 2008

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>Thousands</i>		<i>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	8,448	1,745	1,757	14,470	14,839	103
May	8,298	8,459	1,791	1,818	14,860	15,375	103
June	8,302	8,460	1,712	1,737	14,216	14,697	103
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, July 18, 2007

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