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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 2 Percent

Nebraska feedlots with capacities of 1,000 or more head contained 1.96 million cattle on feed on September 1, up 2 percent from last year but 4 percent below September 1, 2006. Placements of cattle into feedlots during August totaled 445,000 head, down 4 percent from 2007 and 5 percent below 2006. Marketings of fed cattle during August totaled 395,000 head, down 9 percent from last year but 10 percent above August two years ago. Other disappearance during August totaled 10,000 head, the same as 2007 and 2006.

U.S. Cattle on Feed Down 3 Percent

Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter market in the United States for feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head totaled 10.0 million head on September 1, 2008. The inventory was 3 percent below September 1, 2007 and 9 percent below September 1, 2006. Placements in feedlots during August totaled 2.06 million, 3 percent below 2007 and 10 percent below 2006. Marketings of fed cattle during August totaled 1.88 million, 9 percent below 2007 and 9 percent below 2006. Other disappearance totaled 49,000 head during August, 2 percent below 2007 and 17 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	September 1 Number on Feed ¹			August Placements			August Marketings			August 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
	1,000 Head	Percent		1,000 Head	Percent		1,000 Head	Percent		1,000 Head	Percent	
Arizona	348	362	104	36	33	92	28	27	96	1	1	100
California	530	505	95	54	37	69	62	45	73	2	2	100
Colorado	850	770	91	170	190	112	185	165	89	5	5	100
Idaho	205	180	88	48	45	94	47	44	94	1	1	100
Iowa	490	470	96	71	72	101	80	75	94	1	2	200
Kansas	2,140	2,090	98	520	520	100	465	430	92	15	10	67
Nebraska	1,930	1,960	102	465	445	96	435	395	91	10	10	100
New Mexico	131	167	127	22	27	123	19	23	121	1	1	100
Oklahoma	310	305	98	75	70	93	69	54	78	1	1	100
South Dakota	175	165	94	37	28	76	36	32	89	1	1	100
Texas	2,740	2,580	94	520	510	98	550	510	93	10	10	100
Washington	148	138	93	35	36	103	30	30	100	1	1	100
Other States	305	305	100	66	48	73	60	54	90	1	4	400
U.S.	10,302	9,997	97	2,119	2,061	97	2,066	1,884	91	50	49	98

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.

Source: USDA NASS Cattle on Feed, September 19, 2008

Hogs and Pigs

Nebraska inventory of all hogs and pigs on September 1, 2008 was 3.35 million head. This was unchanged from September 1, 2007 and down 1 percent from June 1, 2008. Breeding hog inventory, at 355,000 head, was down 3 percent from September 1, 2007 and down 1 percent from last quarter. Market hog inventory, at 3.00 million head, was up slightly over last year and down 1 percent from last quarter.

U.S. inventory of all hogs and pigs on September 1, 2008 was 68.7 million head. This was up 2 percent from September 1, 2007 and up 1 percent from June 1, 2008. Breeding inventory, at 6.05 million head, was down 3 percent from last year and down 1 percent from the previous quarter. Market hog inventory, at 62.6 million head, was up 3 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 2007-2008¹

Item	Nebraska			United States		
	2007	2008	2008/2007	2007	2008	2008/2007
	<i>1,000 Head</i>		<i>Percent</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>		<i>Percent</i>
September 1 Inventory						
All hogs and pigs	3,350	3,350	100	67,279	68,657	102
Breeding	365	355	97	6,209	6,049	97
Market	2,985	2,995	100	61,069	62,607	103
Market Hogs & Pigs						
Under 60 pounds	1,150	1,080	94	22,650	22,573	100
60-119 pounds	810	800	99	15,262	15,428	101
120-179 pounds	590	660	112	12,531	13,295	106
180 pounds and over	435	455	105	10,627	11,312	106
Sows Farrowing						
December-February ²	180	190	106	2,905	3,071	106
March-May	185	190	103	3,033	3,092	102
December-May ²	365	380	104	5,938	6,163	104
June-August	200	185	93	3,132	3,076	98
September-November ³	195	180	92	3,180	3,006	95
June-November ⁴	395	365	92	6,312	6,082	96
Pig Crop						
December-February ²	1,656	1,805	109	26,396	28,388	108
March-May	1,748	1,824	104	27,896	29,000	104
December-May ²	3,404	3,629	107	54,293	57,388	106
June-August	1,900	1,795	94	29,094	29,251	101
September-November	1,862			29,511		
June-November	3,762			58,606		

¹ May not add due to rounding. ² December preceding year. ³ Intentions for 2008. ⁴ Actual farrowings for June-August plus intentions for September-November.

Source: USDA NASS Quarterly Hog and Pigs, September 26, 2008

Poultry: Layers and Eggs, Turkey Poults Placements, Nebraska and United States, August 2008 with Comparisons

Item	2007	2008	2008/2007
	<i>Millions</i>		<i>Percent</i>
Number of Layers			
Nebraska	10.8	9.7	90
United States	340.7	335.1	98
Table Eggs Produced			
Nebraska	260	236	91
United States	6,463	6,445	100
Chickens Hatched, August			
United States			
Egg-type	36.9	36.3	98
Broiler	826.6	799.6	97
Hatched thru August			
United States			
Egg-type	302.4	317.8	105
Broiler	6,416.5	6,459.5	101
Turkeys Placed, August			
United States	26.5	24.5	92

Source: USDA NASS Chicken and Eggs, September 22, 2008
USDA NASS Turkey Hatchery, September 12, 2008

Commercial Livestock Slaughter

August 2008 number slaughtered and changes from last year and last month are shown below. August 2007 contained 23 weekdays (including no holidays) and four Saturdays. August 2008 contained 21 weekdays (including no holidays) and five Saturdays.

Livestock Slaughter: By Commodity, Nebraska and United States, August 2008 with Comparisons

Item	Total ¹	Aug 2008 Percent of	
		August 2007	July 2008
Nebraska	<i>1,000 Head</i>		
Cattle, head	606.1	89	94
Hogs, head	648.5	102	100
Red Meat, mil. lbs.	625.0	92	96
United States			
Cattle, head	2,910.9	93	95
Calves, head	79.2	121	90
Hogs, head	9,267.6	99	98
Sheep & Lambs, head	200.7	88	97
Red Meat, mil. lbs.	4,097.4	95	96

¹ Excludes animals slaughtered on farms.

Source: USDA NASS Livestock Slaughter, September 26, 2008

Small Grains Summary: By Commodity, Nebraska and United States, 2006-2008

Classification	Nebraska				United States			
	2006	2007	2008	<u>2008</u> 2007	2006	2007	2008	<u>2008</u> 2007
All Wheat								
Planted	1,800	2,050	1,750	85	57,344	60,433	60,047	99
Harvested	1,700	1,960	1,670	85	46,810	51,011	55,685	109
Yield	36.0	43.0	44.0	102	38.7	40.5	44.9	111
Production	61,200	84,280	73,480	87	1,812,036	2,066,722	2,499,524	121
Oats								
Planted	160	120	95	79	4,168	3,760	3,217	86
Harvested	45	35	35	100	1,566	1,505	1,395	93
Yield	45.0	68.0	70.0	103	59.8	60.9	63.5	104
Production	2,025	2,380	2,450	103	93,638	91,599	88,635	97

Source: USDA NASS Small Grain September 30, 2008

Grain Stocks: By Commodity, Nebraska and United States, September 1, 2006-2008

Grain and Position	Nebraska				United States			
	Sept. 1, 2006	Sept. 1, 2007	Sept. 1, 2008	<u>2008</u> 2007	Sept. 1, 2006	Sept. 1, 2007	Sept. 1, 2008	<u>2008</u> 2007
	<i>Thousand Bushels</i>				<i>Thousand Bushels</i>			
				<i>Percent</i>				<i>Percent</i>
Corn								
On Farms	85,000	47,000	48,000	102	749,500	460,100	499,950	109
Off Farms ¹	154,213	107,515	118,514	110	1,217,661	843,547	1,124,200	133
Total	239,213	154,515	166,514	108	1,967,161	1,303,647	1,624,150	125
All Wheat								
On Farms	8,000	8,000	8,000	100	572,020	495,000	635,000	128
Off Farms ¹	46,511	59,730	50,648	85	1,178,525	1,221,927	1,221,576	100
Total	54,511	67,730	58,648	87	1,750,545	1,716,927	1,856,576	108
Soybeans								
On Farms	10,000	9,500	2,100	22	176,300	143,000	47,000	33
Off Farms ¹	25,315	49,698	12,783	26	273,026	430,810	158,034	37
Total	35,315	59,198	14,883	25	449,326	573,810	205,034	36
Sorghum								
On Farms	500	200	400	200	5,250	2,150	3,550	165
Off Farms ¹	2,783	2,915	6,796	233	60,413	29,903	49,200	165
Total	3,283	3,115	7,196	231	65,663	32,053	52,750	165
Oats								
On Farms	1,400	1,000	1,000	100	60,800	53,650	52,800	98
Off Farms ¹	1,285	²	²		39,284	34,710	66,275	191
Total	2,685	²	²		100,084	88,360	119,075	135

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 30, 2008

Potatoes: Production, Farm Disposition, Price, and Value, Nebraska and United States, 2006-2007

Year	Production	Total Used for Seed	Farm Disposition			Price per Cwt.	Value of	
			Where Grown		Sold		Production	Sales
			Seed, Feed, Home	Shrink and Loss				
2006			<i>1,000 Cwt.</i>			<i>Dollars</i>		
Nebraska	8,730	521	200	775	7,755	7.40	64,602	57,387
United States	441,348	26,437	4,738	29,852	406,758	7.30	3,223,039	2,978,862
2007							<i>1,000 Dollars</i>	
Nebraska	8,217	497	186	716	7,315	7.85	64,503	57,423
United States	446,807	24,512	4,104	29,096	413,609	7.51	3,361,002	3,114,963

Potatoes: Stocks Held by Growers, Local Dealers, and Processors, Nebraska and 13 Fall States, 2006-2007 ¹

Crop Year	Current Year	Following Year					
	Dec 1	Jan 1	Feb 1	Mar 1	Apr 1	May 1	Jun 1
2006							
Nebraska	5,800	4,900	4,000	3,400	2,400	1,400	700
13 States	259,300	226,100	192,600	159,700	121,000	79,050	44,460
2007 ²							
Nebraska	5,300	4,500	3,700	3,000	2,000	1,000	³
13 States	267,500	234,100	200,500	165,000	127,000	85,460	51,920

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 Revised. ³ Not published to avoid disclosure of individual operations. Source: USDA NASS Potatoes 2007 Summary, September 2008

Prices Received By Farmers

Prices Received: By Commodity, Nebraska and United States, Preliminary September 2008 with Comparisons

Commodity	Unit	Nebraska			United States				
		Sept. 2007 ¹	Aug. 2008 ¹	Sept. 15, 2008	Sept. 2007 ¹	Aug. 2008 ¹	Sept. 15, 2008	% of Parity	Parity Price ²
Wheat, All	Bushels	\$ 6.75	\$ 7.41	\$ 7.00	\$ 6.76	\$ 7.64	\$ 6.91	50	\$13.80
Corn	Bushels	3.22	5.23	5.20	3.28	5.26	5.17	59	8.70
Oats	Bushels	2.87	3.53	3.25	2.47	3.15	2.92	52	5.66
Grain Sorghum	Cwt.	5.78	8.70	8.30	6.17	8.40	8.39	54	15.50
Soybeans	Bushels	7.96	12.80	12.00	8.15	12.80	11.70	54	21.50
Hay, All, Baled	Ton	89.00	92.00	95.00	127.00	165.00	161.00		
Alfalfa, Baled	Ton	91.00	94.00	97.00	135.00	180.00	176.00		
Other, Baled	Ton	77.00	81.00	83.00	111.00	126.00	122.00		
Dry Edible Beans	Cwt.	28.90	40.50	41.30	24.50	38.00	39.10	56	70.00
Hogs	Cwt.	48.90	64.60	56.10	46.80	60.60	53.70	37	144.00
Barrows & Gilts	Cwt.	49.10	65.00	56.10	47.20	61.60	53.90		
Sows	Cwt.	37.80	43.80	54.60	37.00	40.30	50.40		
Beef Cattle	Cwt.	95.80	99.80	98.80	93.10	96.10	94.90	36	263.00
Steers & Heifers	Cwt.	97.10	101.00	100.00	98.30	100.00	99.50		
Cows	Cwt.	52.80	62.30	58.80	49.30	57.40	56.00		
Calves	Cwt.	128.00	125.00	121.00	126.00	116.00	116.00	30	382.00
Sheep	Cwt.	35.50	31.70		26.70	26.30			121.00
Lambs	Cwt.	95.00	107.00		99.00	99.60			300.00

¹ Entire month average except hay.

² Parity price based on data for September 2008.

Source: USDA NASS Agricultural Prices, September 29, 2008

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