



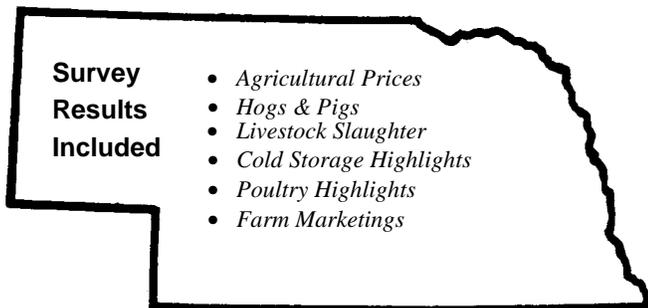
# Nebraska Agri-Facts

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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.

Joseph L. Parsons  
Director

## Prices Received By Farmers

The preliminary United States All Farm Products Index of Prices Received by Farmers in December, at 133, based on 1990-92=100, decreased 8 points (5.7 percent) from November. The Crop Index is down 11 points (7.1 percent) and the Livestock Index decreased 4 points (3.2 percent). Producers received lower prices for cattle, corn, milk, and soybeans and higher prices for broilers, strawberries, lettuce, and hogs.

Increased monthly marketings of wheat, milk, broilers, and oranges offset decreased marketings of soybeans, cattle, and grapes.

The preliminary All Farm Products Index is down 9 points (6.3 percent) from December 2007. The Food Commodities Index, at 132, decreased 7 points (5.0 percent) from last month and decreased 14 points (9.6 percent) from December 2007.

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

Commodity	Unit	Nebraska			United States				
		Dec 2007 <sup>1</sup>	Nov 2008 <sup>1</sup>	Dec 15, 2008	Dec 2007 <sup>1</sup>	Nov 2008 <sup>1</sup>	Dec 15, 2008	% of Parity	Parity Price <sup>2</sup>
		<i>Dollars</i>			<i>Dollars</i>				
Wheat, All	Bushel	8.82	5.42	5.10	7.71	6.28	5.91	47	12.60
Corn	Bushel	3.82	4.43	4.00	3.77	4.26	4.05	51	7.95
Oats	Bushel	2.92	2.77	2.75	2.69	2.99	2.40	46	5.17
Grain Sorghum	Cwt	6.81	6.24	5.80	6.92	6.57	5.26	37	14.20
Soybeans	Bushel	10.30	9.59	9.00	10.00	9.38	8.97	46	19.60
Hay, All, Baled	Ton	86.00	88.00	90.00	127.00	147.00	141.00		
Alfalfa, Baled	Ton	89.00	91.00	93.00	135.00	163.00	155.00		
Other, Baled	Ton	72.00	75.00	74.00	115.00	116.00	113.00		
Dry Edible Beans	Cwt	29.90	36.80	<sup>3</sup>	27.30	34.50	34.30	54	63.90
Hogs	Cwt	41.10	42.30	43.00	39.60	40.80	42.40	32	132.00
Barrows & Gilts	Cwt	41.50	42.40	43.00	40.40	41.00	42.40		
Sows	Cwt	22.50	38.50	45.10	21.00	36.40	42.60		
Beef Cattle	Cwt	95.00	90.40	86.40	89.20	84.90	79.90	33	241.00
Steers & Heifers	Cwt	96.50	91.80	87.80	95.30	91.00	85.70		
Cows	Cwt	47.90	45.90	41.70	45.00	43.10	39.80		
Calves	Cwt	123.00	108.00	106.00	120.00	106.00	101.00	29	349.00
Sheep	Cwt	33.70	28.20		30.20	27.00			110.00
Lambs	Cwt	91.80	103.00		98.40	99.60			274.00

<sup>1</sup> Entire month average except hay. <sup>2</sup> Parity price based on data for December 2008. <sup>3</sup> Insufficient sales to establish a price.  
Source: USDA NASS Agricultural Prices December 30, 2008

## Hogs and Pigs

Nebraska inventory of all hogs and pigs on December 1, 2008, was 3.35 million head. This was unchanged from December 1, 2007, and up 2 percent from September 1, 2008. Breeding inventory, at 370,000 head, was up 1 percent from December 1, 2007 and up 3 percent from last quarter. Market hog inventory, at 2.98 million head, was down slightly from last year and up 1 percent from last quarter.

U.S. inventory of all hogs and pigs on December 1, 2008 was 66.7 million head. This was down 2 percent from both December 1, 2007 and September 1, 2008. Breeding inventory, at 6.08 million head, was down 2 percent from last year but up slightly from the previous quarter. Market hog inventory, at 60.6 million head, was down 2 percent from both last year and last quarter.

### Hogs and Pigs: December 1 Inventory, Sows Farrowing and Pig Crop, Nebraska and United States 2007-2008<sup>1</sup>

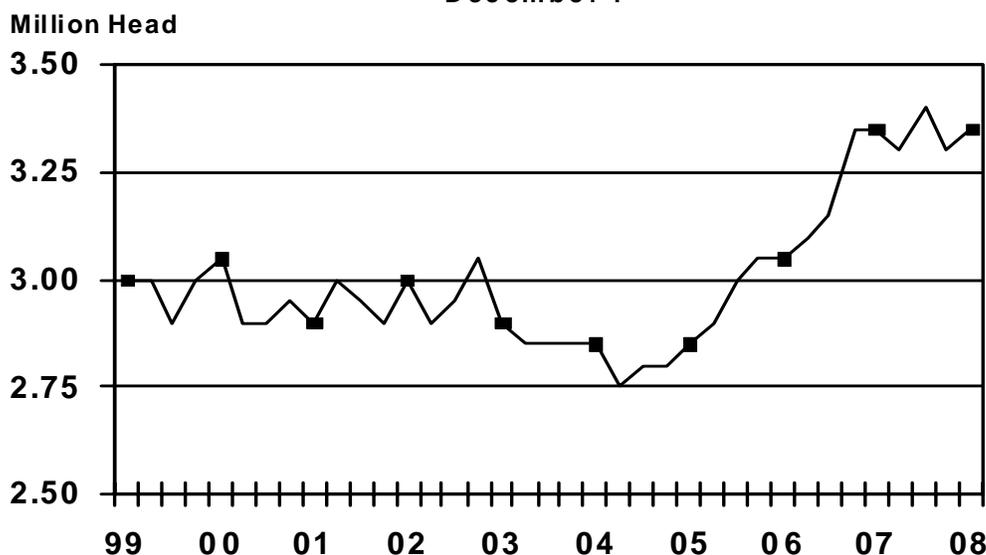
Item	Nebraska			United States		
	2007	2008	2008/2007	2007	2008	2008/2007
	<i>1,000 Head</i>		<i>Percent</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>		<i>Percent</i>
December 1 Inventory						
All hogs and pigs	3,350	3,350	100	68,177	66,708	98
Breeding	365	370	101	6,233	6,081	98
Market	2,985	2,980	100	61,944	60,627	98
Market Hogs & Pigs						
Under 60 pounds	1,140	1,090	96	22,545	21,297	94
60-119 pounds	805	800	99	15,173	15,096	99
120-179 pounds	590	630	107	12,658	12,716	100
180 pounds and over	450	460	102	11,569	11,518	100
Sows Farrowing						
December-February <sup>2</sup>	175	190	109	2,905	3,071	106
March-May	185	185	100	3,030	3,055	101
December-May <sup>2</sup>	360	375	104	5,935	6,126	103
June-August	200	185	93	3,133	3,075	98
September-November	195	185	95	3,180	2,990	94
June-November	395	370	94	6,312	6,065	96
Pig Crop						
December-February <sup>2</sup>	1,610	1,805	112	26,395	28,387	108
March-May	1,748	1,776	102	27,870	28,657	103
December-May <sup>2</sup>	3,358	3,581	107	54,266	57,044	105
June-August	1,900	1,795	94	29,095	29,250	101
September-November	1,862	1,813	97	29,513	28,410	96
June-November	3,762	3,608	96	58,608	57,660	98

<sup>1</sup> May not add due to rounding <sup>2</sup> December preceding year.

Source: USDA NASS Quarterly Hog and Pigs, December 30, 2008

## Nebraska Quarterly Hogs and Pigs

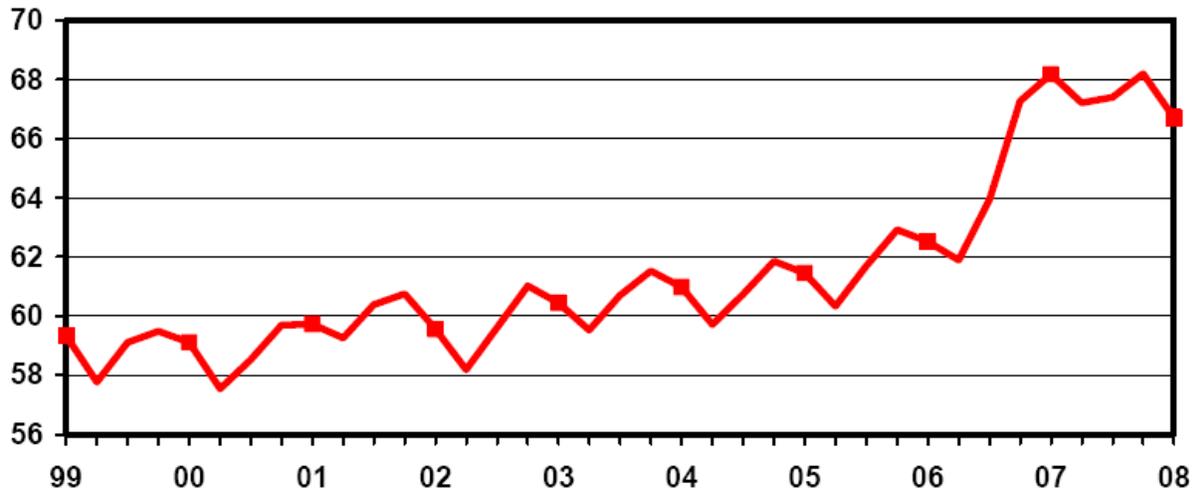
December 1



Source: USDA NASS Nebraska Field Office

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

Million Head



Source: USDA NASS Quarterly Hogs and Pigs December 30, 2008

## Commercial Livestock Slaughter

November 2008 number slaughtered and changes from last year and last month are shown below. November 2007 contained 22 weekdays (including two holidays) and four Saturdays. November 2008 contained 20 weekdays (including two holidays) and five Saturdays.

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

Item	Total <sup>1</sup>	Nov 2008 Percent of	
		Nov 2007	Oct 2008
<b>Nebraska</b>			
	<i>1,000 Head</i>		
Cattle, head	532.0	91	87
Hogs, head	642.5	96	88
Red Meat, mil. lbs.	575.1	92	86
<b>United States</b>			
Cattle, head	2,519.0	89	84
Calves, head	81.4	138	85
Hogs, head	9,325.0	93	87
Sheep & Lambs, head	193.7	82	86
Red Meat, mil. lbs.	3,871.6	90	85

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

Source: USDA NASS Livestock Slaughter, December 29, 2008

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

Commodity	Stocks	Nov 2008 Percent of	
		Nov 2007	Oct 2008
	<i>1,000 Lbs.</i>		
Total red meats	1,020,665	105	102
Beef	474,320	100	102
Pork	517,235	109	101
Poultry	1,190,392	128	87
Turkey	370,178	179	64
Chicken	818,259	114	104

Source: USDA NASS Cold Storage, December 22, 2008

### Poultry: Layers and Eggs, Nebraska and United States, November 2008 with Comparisons

Item	2007		2008/2007
	Millions	Percent	
<b>Number of Layers</b>			
Nebraska	10.2	9.6	94
United States	344.2	338.9	98
<b>Table Eggs Produced</b>			
Nebraska	235	222	94
United States	6,451	6,472	100
<b>Chickens Hatched, Nov</b>			
United States			
Egg-type	36.2	36.6	101
Broiler	760.0	705.6	93

Source: USDA NASS Chicken and Eggs, December 22, 2008

## Farm Marketings: Percent of Sales, by Crop and Month, Nebraska, 2004-2008<sup>1</sup>

Crop Year	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug
<i>Percent</i>												
<b>Corn</b>												
2004-05	5	9	15	12	11	10	8	5	6	7	6	6
2005-06	5	14	11	9	12	9	8	7	6	5	7	7
2006-07	5	13	18	10	13	7	9	5	4	6	6	4
2007-08	4	15	14	12	13	8	8	6	3	7	6	4
<b>Sorghum Grain</b>												
2004-05	1	6	22	11	12	12	10	3	6	7	6	4
2005-06	3	19	16	14	14	11	4	6	5	3	3	2
2006-07	4	23	35	10	10	5	3	1	2	2	1	4
2007-08	2	19	25	15	13	6	6	7	3	3	1	
Crop Year	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug
<i>Percent</i>												
<b>Soybeans</b>												
2004-05	6	21	14	11	9	13	10	4	3	4	2	3
2005-06	9	32	6	10	10	5	5	5	5	4	4	5
2006-07	6	30	15	9	11	5	4	5	4	4	3	4
2007-08	6	27	11	13	15	8	5	3	1	5	4	2
<b>Dry Edible Beans</b>												
2004-05	16	28	12	9	8	7	7	3	1	3	3	3
2005-06	31	16	5	8	13	5	4	3	4	4	2	5
2006-07	25	27	5	4	11	2	6	7	3	3	2	5
2007-08	44	15	8	5	11	4	2	5	3	1	1	1
Crop Year	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun
<i>Percent</i>												
<b>Wheat</b>												
2004-05	27	11	13	3	5	6	8	9	7	3	3	5
2005-06	36	21	9	4	1	5	6	3	2	1	2	10
2006-07	37	8	5	10	12	3	3	3	2	5	3	9
2007-08	53	20	7	2	1	5	5	3	1	1	1	1
<b>Oats</b>												
2004-05	23	19	3	1	4	5	13	7	10	8	3	4
2005-06	22	19	21	4	1	8	2	12	1	6	3	1
2006-07	46	28	5	2	3	1	6	2	2	1	2	2
2007-08	18	10	22	4	13	7	2	3	6	4	4	7
Crop Year	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May
<i>Percent</i>												
<b>Hay</b>												
2004-05	6	9	7	9	11	13	14	10	8	6	4	3
2005-06	5	6	5	8	10	13	11	10	10	10	7	5
2006-07	5	6	5	8	10	13	11	10	10	10	7	5
2007-08	5	6	8	8	10	12	12	11	10	10	5	3

<sup>1</sup> Monthly farm marketings, based on a sample survey, as a percent of total used for calculating marketing year average prices.  
Source: USDA NASS Agricultural Prices, August 29, 2008, September 29, 2008, November 28, 2008

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