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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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Stocks of Grain and Hay

Corn stocks in all positions on December 1, 2008, in Nebraska totaled 1.19 billion bushels, down 1 percent from last year. **Wheat** stored in all positions totaled 38.0 million bushels, down 5 percent from a year ago and the second lowest on record. **Soybean** stocks totaled 175 million bushels, down 10 percent from last year, **Sorghum** stocks totaled 22.6 million bushels, up 9 percent from 2007. **Hay** stocks on Nebraska farms totaled 4.1 million tons, down 2 percent from 2007.

United States **corn** stocks in all positions on December 1, 2008 totaled 10.1 billion bushels, down 2 percent from December 1, 2007. **Wheat** stored in all positions totaled 1.42 billion bushels, up 26 percent from a year ago. **Soybean** stocks totaled 2.28 billion bushels, down 4 percent from December 1, 2007. **Sorghum** stocks totaled 312 million bushels, up 7 percent from a year ago. **Hay** stocks stored on farms totaled 104 million tons, down less than 1 percent from a year ago.

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

Grain and Position	Nebraska				United States			
	Dec 1, 2006	Dec 1, 2007 ¹	Dec 1, 2008	<u>2008</u> 2007	Dec 1, 2006	Dec 1, 2007 ¹	Dec 1, 2008	<u>2008</u> 2007
	1,000 Bushels			Percent	1,000 Bushels			Percent
Corn								
On Farms	630,000	780,000	780,000	100	5,627,000	6,530,000	6,482,000	99
Off Farms ²	374,988	415,152	406,700	98	3,305,707	3,748,085	3,602,467	96
Total All Positions	1,004,988	1,195,152	1,186,700	99	8,932,707	10,278,085	10,084,467	98
All Wheat								
On Farms	4,600	4,400	4,500	102	403,250	289,540	454,000	157
Off Farms ²	31,967	35,652	33,456	94	911,408	842,398	968,224	115
Total All Positions	36,567	40,052	37,956	95	1,314,658	1,131,938	1,422,224	126
Soybeans								
On Farms	87,000	69,000	68,000	99	1,461,000	1,128,500	1,189,000	105
Off Farms ²	129,134	125,568	107,280	85	1,240,366	1,231,860	1,086,593	88
Total All Positions	216,134	194,568	175,280	90	2,701,366	2,360,360	2,275,593	96
Sorghum								
On Farms	4,500	5,700	5,000	88	38,100	51,400	54,400	106
Off Farms ²	14,859	15,127	17,630	117	174,094	239,850	257,351	107
Total All Positions	19,359	20,827	22,630	109	212,194	291,250	311,751	107
Oats								
On Farms	1,000	700	700	100	53,000	43,100	42,600	99
Off Farms ²	*	*	*	*	45,889	51,331	72,278	141
Total All Positions	*	*	*	*	98,889	94,431	114,878	122
All Hay								
On Farms	3,575	4,205	4,115	98	96,400	104,089	103,658	100

¹ Revised. ² Includes stocks at mills, elevators, warehouses, terminals, and processors. *Not published to avoid disclosure of individual operations. Source: USDA NASS Grain Stocks January 12, 2009, USDA NASS Crop Production, January 12, 2009

**Crop Summary: Acres Harvested, Yield and Production,
Nebraska and United States, 2006-2008**

Classification	Nebraska				United States				
	2006	2007	2008	<u>2008</u> <u>2007</u>	2006	2007	2008	<u>2008</u> <u>2007</u>	
	<i>Percent</i>				<i>Percent</i>				
Corn for Grain									
Harvested	1,000 Acres	7,750	9,200	8,550	93	70,638	86,520	78,640	91
Yield	Bushels	152.0	160.0	163.0	102	149.1	150.7	153.9	102
Production	1,000 Bushels	1,178,000	*1,472,000	1,393,650	95	10,531,123	13,037,875	12,101,238	93
Corn for Silage									
Harvested	1,000 Acres	280	170	160	94	6,487	6,060	5,965	98
Yield	Tons	15.0	17.0	17.0	100	16.2	17.5	18.7	107
Production	1,000 Tons	4,200	2,890	2,720	94	105,294	106,229	111,619	105
Sorghum for Grain									
Harvested	1,000 Acres	240	240	210	88	4,937	6,792	7,271	107
Yield	Bushels	78.0	94.0	91.0	97	56.1	73.2	65.0	89
Production	1,000 Bushels	18,720	22,560	19,110	85	276,824	497,445	472,342	95
Sorghum for Silage									
Harvested	1,000 Acres	30	25	15	60	347	392	408	104
Yield	Tons	11.0	11.0	8.0	73	13.3	13.4	13.8	103
Production	1,000 Tons	330	275	120	44	4,612	5,246	5,646	108
Soybeans for Beans									
Harvested	1,000 Acres	*5,010	3,850	4,860	126	74,602	64,146	74,641	116
Yield	Bushels	50.0	*51.0	46.5	91	42.9	41.7	39.6	95
Production	1,000 Bushels	*250,500	196,350	225,990	115	3,196,726	2,677,117	2,959,174	111
All Hay									
Harvested	1,000 Acres	2,750	2,650	2,570	97	60,632	61,006	60,062	98
Yield	Tons	2.03	2.33	2.42	104	2.32	2.41	2.43	101
Production	1,000 Tons	5,588	6,185	6,232	101	140,783	146,901	145,672	99
Alfalfa Hay									
Harvested	1,000 Acres	1,200	1,100	970	88	21,138	21,126	20,980	99
Yield	Tons	3.30	3.65	*3.95	108	3.34	3.31	3.32	100
Production	1,000 Tons	3,960	4,015	3,832	95	70,548	69,880	69,620	100
All Other Hay									
Harvested	1,000 Acres	1,550	1,550	1,600	103	39,494	39,880	39,082	98
Yield	Tons	1.05	1.40	*1.50	107	1.78	1.93	1.95	101
Production	1,000 Tons	1,628	2,170	2,400	111	70,235	77,021	76,052	99
Proso Millet									
Harvested	1,000 Acres	110	130	130	100	475	520	460	88
Yield	Bushels	22.0	33.0	33.0	100	21.5	32.5	32.3	99
Production	1,000 Bushels	2,420	4,290	4,290	100	10,195	16,900	14,880	88
Potatoes, All									
Harvested	1,000 Acres	19.4	19.8	19.4	98	1,120.2	1,122.2	1,044.7	93
Yield ¹	Cwt.	*450	415	430	104	393	396	395	100
Production	1,000 Cwt.	8,730	8,217	8,342	102	440,698	444,875	412,580	93
Beans, Dry Edible									
Harvested	1,000 Acres	124.0	107.0	126.0	118	1,531.6	1,479.2	1,445.2	98
Yield ²	Pounds	2,200	2,260	*2,290	101	1,577	1,730	1,768	102
Production	1,000 Cwt.	2,728	2,418	2,885	119	24,155	25,586	25,558	100
Sugar Beets									
Harvested	1,000 Acres	57.8	44.3	37.3	84	1,303.6	1,246.8	1,004.6	81
Yield	Tons	23.3	23.5	22.6	96	26.1	25.5	26.7	105
Production	1,000 Tons	1,347	1,041	843	81	34,064	31,834	26,820	84
Sunflowers									
Harvested	1,000 Acres	49	46	61	133	1,770	2,012	2,396	119
Yield	Lbs.	1,273	1,271	1,359	107	1,211	1,426	1,429	100
Production	1,000 Lbs.	62,400	58,470	82,900	142	2,143,613	2,868,870	3,422,840	119
Sunflowers - Oil									
Harvested	1,000 Acres	31	33	43	130	1,514	1,719	2,062	120
Yield	Lbs.	1,200	1,240	1,300	105	1,181	1,445	1,452	100
Production	1,000 Lbs.	37,200	40,920	55,900	137	1,787,966	2,483,585	2,993,510	121
Sunflowers - Non-Oil									
Harvested	1,000 Acres	18	13	18	138	256	293	334	114
Yield	Lbs.	1,400	1,350	1,500	111	1,389	1,315	1,285	98
Production	1,000 Lbs.	25,200	17,550	27,000	154	355,647	385,285	429,330	111

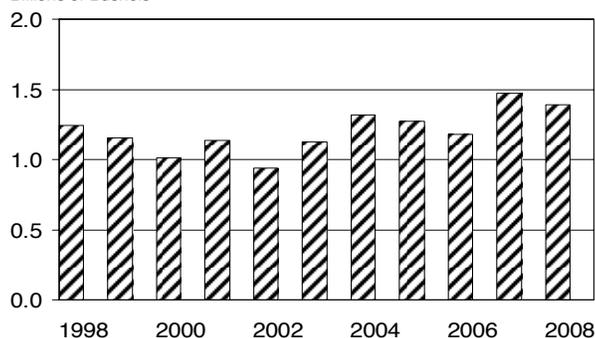
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Source: USDA NASS Crop Production January 12, 2009

Nebraska Corn Production

Annual Crop Production Report

Billions of Bushels

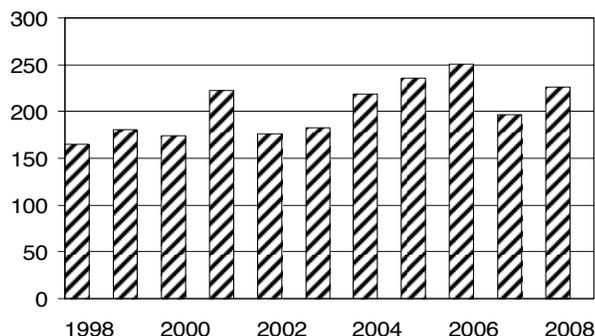


Source: USDA NASS Nebraska Field Office, January 12, 2009

Nebraska Soybean Production

Annual Crop Production Report

Millions of Bushels

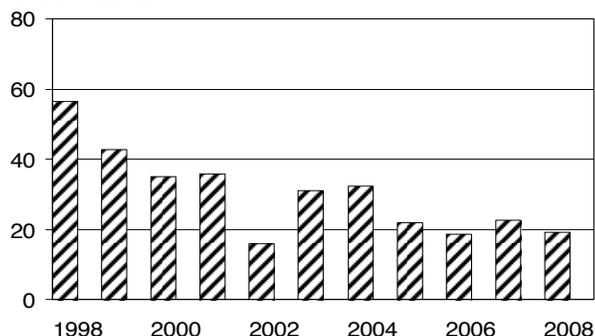


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Nebraska Sorghum Production

Annual Crop Production Report

Millions of Bushels

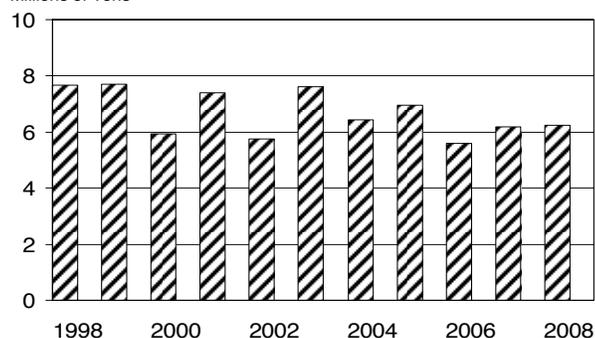


Source: USDA NASS Nebraska Field Office, January 12, 2009

Nebraska Hay Production

Annual Crop Production Report

Millions of Tons



Source: USDA NASS Nebraska Field Office, January 12, 2009

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Here are just a few examples:

- Lawmakers can evaluate the impacts of alternative policies and programs on farms of different types and in different regions.
- Policy makers can measure the effect of changing input costs on producers' bottom lines by using ARMS data.
- Farm groups and trade associations can use the data to assess how policy changes might affect their members.
- ARMS data can demonstrate the range of conservation practices that are used, and how farmers are likely to respond to alternative conservation initiatives.

Farm operators themselves can use ARMS data to compare their operations with national and regional trends among similar operations and among all farms. How widespread is contracting? What is the average age and education level of farmers in a given region or a given farm size? How widespread are adoption of new technologies and the use of innovative production practices?

**Off Farm Storage: Number and Capacity,
Nebraska and United States,
December 1, 2007-2008**

State	Facilities		Storage Capacity	
	2007	2008	2007	2008
<i>1,000 Bushels</i>				
Nebraska	486	485	761,200	778,100
United States	9,165	9,015	9,056,870	9,350,765

Source: USDA NASS Grain Stocks January 12, 2009

**On Farm Storage: Capacity, Nebraska
and United States, December 1, 2007-2008**

State	Storage Capacity	
	2007	2008
<i>Million Bushels</i>		
Nebraska	1,050	1,050
United States	11,815	12,030

Source: USDA NASS Grain Stocks January 12, 2009

**Winter Wheat Seedings: Nebraska and
United States, 2007-2009**

State	Area Seeded All Purposes			
	Crop of			2009
	2007	2008	2009	2008
<i>1,000 Acres</i>				
Nebraska	2,050	1,750	1,700	97
United States	45,012	46,281	42,098	91

Source: USDA NASS Wheat Seedings January 12, 2009

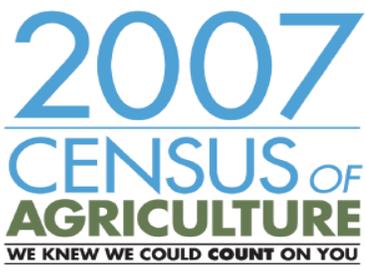
Nebraska's Government Payments, 2007

In 2007, Nebraska producers collected \$464 million in government payments. This was 43 percent less than the \$812 million in 2006 and 67 percent less than the \$1.4 billion in 2005.

Government Payments: Nebraska, 2003-2007

Year	Payments
<i>1,000 Dollars</i>	
2007	463,712
2006	812,131
2005	1,420,985
2004	728,941
2003	725,867

Source: USDA ERS, June 2008



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