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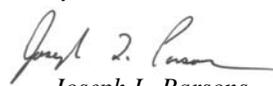
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Dear Nebraska Farmers, Ranchers and Agribusinesses:

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.


Joseph L. Parsons
Director

Farm Numbers Continue Decline

Nebraska's number of farms and ranches declined during 2008. The number of farms and ranches in the state is 47,400, down 300 or less than 1 percent from 2007. Land in farms and ranches in Nebraska totaled 45.6 million acres unchanged from last year. The average size of operation increased to 962 acres, up 6 acres from a year earlier.

The number of farms and ranches in the United States in 2008 is estimated at 2.2 million, 0.2 percent fewer than in 2007. Total land in farms and ranches in the United States, at 919.9 million acres, decreased 1.56 million acres. The average size of operation was 418 acres during 2008, unchanged from the previous year.

Number of Farms and Land in Farms: Nebraska and United States, 1999-2008¹

Year	Nebraska			United States		
	Farms	Land in Farms	Average Farm Size	Farms	Land in Farms	Average Farm Size
	<i>Number</i>	<i>1,000 acres</i>	<i>Acres</i>	<i>Number</i>	<i>1,000 acres</i>	<i>Acres</i>
1999	54,000	46,300	857	2,187,280	948,460	434
2000	52,000	46,100	887	2,166,780	945,080	436
2001	50,000	46,000	920	2,148,630	942,070	438
2002	49,400	45,900	929	2,135,360	940,300	440
2003	48,500	45,900	946	2,126,860	936,750	440
2004	48,300	45,800	948	2,112,970	932,260	441
2005	48,000	45,700	952	2,098,690	927,940	442
2006	47,600	45,700	960	2,088,790	925,790	443
2007 ²	47,700	45,600	956	2,204,950	921,460	418
2008	47,400	45,600	962	2,200,000	919,900	418

¹ A farm is any establishment from which \$1,000 or more of agricultural products were sold or would normally be sold during the year.

² Revised. Source: USDA NASS Farms, Land in Farms, and Livestock Operations 2008 Summary, February 2009

Farms and Land in Farms by Economic Sales Class, Nebraska and United States, 2006-2008

Economic Sales Class	Number of Farms						Land in Farms					
	Nebraska			United States			Nebraska			United States		
	2006	2007	2008	2006	2007	2008	2006	2007	2008	2006	2007	2008
	<i>1,000</i>						<i>1,000 Acres</i>					
\$1,000-\$9,999	12.5	13.0	12.3	1,153.3	1,228.6	1,222.0	1.4	1.4	1.4	114.6	107.9	106.7
\$10,000-\$99,999	16.3	14.7	14.2	596.0	608.7	604.5	7.9	6.4	6.2	252.2	228.2	255.3
\$100,000-\$249,999	8.5	8.0	7.6	166.2	150.3	149.0	10.2	8.6	8.3	185.3	153.4	151.3
\$250,000-\$499,999	5.2	5.8	6.0	91.0	97.2	98.5	10.0	10.2	9.1	149.3	145.7	143.5
\$500,000 & Over	5.1	6.2	7.3	82.4	120.2	126.0	16.2	19.0	20.6	224.3	286.2	293.1

Source: USDA NASS Farms, Land in Farms, and Livestock Operations 2008 Summary, February 2009

**Cattle on Feed: Number of Feedlots, January 1 Inventory, and Marketings,
By Size of Feedlot, State, and United States 2007-2008 ¹**

State	Number of Lots									
	1,000-3,999		4,000-15,999		16,000-31,999		32,000 and Over		1,000+ Total	
	2007	³ 2008	2007	³ 2008	2007	³ 2008	2007	³ 2008	2007	³ 2008
Arizona					² 3		3		6	
California	4		3		7		7		21	
Colorado	58		48		13		13		132	
Idaho	14		18		² 7				39	
Iowa	303		² 42						345	
Kansas	60		76		33		31		200	
Nebraska	525		203		29		13		770	
New Mexico			² 4		2		2		8	
Oklahoma	3		11		3		6		23	
So. Dakota	148		² 28						176	
Texas	11		37		31		49		128	
Washington	² 5		² 4				3		12	
Other Sts	245		² 55						300	
United States	1,373	1,380	525	530	133	132	129	128	2,160	2,170

State	Inventory - 1,000 Head									
	1,000-3,999		4,000-15,999		16,000-31,999		32,000 and Over		1,000+ Total	
	2007	³ 2008	2007	³ 2008	2007	³ 2008	2007	³ 2008	2007	³ 2008
Arizona					² 27		341		368	
California	4		11		102		443		560	
Colorado	60		190		225		625		1,100	
Idaho	14		68		² 153				235	
Iowa	375		² 195						570	
Kansas	70		440		630		1,340		2,480	
Nebraska	430		1,060		525		515		2,530	
New Mexico			² 10		45		105		160	
Oklahoma	4		48		48		250		350	
So. Dakota	110		² 120						230	
Texas	10		250		540		2,160		2,960	
Washington	² 20		² 46				*93		*159	
Other Sts	190		² 200						390	
United States	1,273	1,194	2,512	2,320	2,339	2,190	*5,968	5,530	*12,092	11,234

State	Cattle Marketed - 1,000 Head									
	1,000-3,999		4,000-15,999		16,000-31,999		32,000 and Over		1,000+ Total	
	2007	³ 2008	2007	³ 2008	2007	³ 2008	2007	³ 2008	2007	³ 2008
Arizona					² 34		319		353	
California	5		13		128		588		734	
Colorado	85		280		355		1,220		1,940	
Idaho	31		145		² 348				524	
Iowa	540		² 295						835	
Kansas	135		810		1,305		2,890		5,140	
Nebraska	850		2,030		1,035		915		4,830	
New Mexico			² 18		43		147		208	
Oklahoma	7		82		130		495		714	
So. Dakota	202		² 267						469	
Texas	20		400		995		4,270		5,685	
Washington	² 28		² 118				*223		*369	
Other Sts	290		² 370						660	
United States	2,175	2,169	4,509	4,505	4,495	4,400	*11,282	11,330	*22,451	22,404

*Revised. ¹ Number of feedlots is the number of lots operating at anytime during the year. Inventory is the number on hand January 1 of the following year. The United States totals show the actual number of feedlots, inventory, and number of animals marketed in each size group. The sum of the numbers shown by State under a specified size group may or may not add to the United States total for that size group since for some States size groups are combined to avoid disclosing individual operations.

² Lots, inventory, and marketings from other size groups are included to avoid disclosing individual operations.

³ State level numbers discontinued in 2008.

Source: USDA NASS Cattle on Feed February 20, 2009

**Livestock Slaughter: By Commodity,
Nebraska and United States,
January 2009 with Comparisons**

Item	Total ¹	Jan 2009 Percent of	
		Jan 2008	Dec 2008
<i>1,000 Head</i>			
Nebraska			
Cattle	542.7	93	100
Hogs	665.5	92	96
Red Meat, mil. lbs.	584.8	95	99
United States			
Cattle	2,718.4	94	102
Calves	84.7	118	90
Hogs	9,922.3	94	98
Sheep & Lambs	189.4	89	82
Red Meat, mil. lbs.	4,169.6	94	100

¹ Excludes animals slaughtered on farms.

Source: USDA NASS Livestock Slaughter, February 20, 2009

**Stocks in Cold Storage: By Commodity,
United States, January 2009 with Comparisons**

Commodity	Stocks	Jan 2009 Percent of	
		Jan 2008	Dec 2008
<i>1,000 Lbs.</i>			
Total red meats	1,078,118	103	100
Beef	454,743	101	92
Pork	595,161	104	107
Poultry	1,144,940	104	98
Turkey	454,002	139	115
Chicken	687,522	89	90

Source: USDA NASS Cold Storage, February 20, 2009

**Poultry: Layers and Eggs, Nebraska and
United States, January 2009 with Comparisons**

Item	2008	2009	2009/2008
Number of Layers			
Nebraska	10.2	9.7	95
United States	344.7	340.9	99
Table Eggs Produced			
Nebraska	242	233	96
United States	6,498	6,592	101
Chickens Hatched, January			
United States			
Egg-type	40.2	38.1	95
Broiler	821.9	778.4	95

Source: USDA NASS Chicken and Eggs, February 27, 2009

Hard White Winter Wheat

Of the total hard white winter wheat acreage reported for 2009, the two most common varieties planted were Antelope and Arrowsmith.

**Hard White Winter Wheat:
Percent of Planted Acreage, Nebraska, 2005-2009**

Variety	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009
All White Varieties	1.9	1.0	1.5	1.9	1.6

Source: USDA NASS

Prices Received: By Commodity, Nebraska and United States, Preliminary February 2009 with Comparisons

Commodity	Unit	Nebraska			United States				
		Feb 2008 ¹	Jan 2009 ¹	Feb 15, 2009	Feb 2008 ¹	Jan 2009 ¹	Feb 15, 2009	% of Parity	Parity Price ²
Wheat, All	Bushels	\$ 8.87	\$ 6.13	\$ 5.85	\$ 10.10	\$ 6.21	\$ 5.73	43	\$13.30
Corn	Bushels	4.44	4.28	4.05	4.54	4.36	4.13	50	8.22
Oats	Bushels	3.81	3.04	3.00	3.19	2.74	2.27	42	5.43
Grain Sorghum	Cwt.	8.30	6.67	5.75	8.35	5.84	5.09	35	14.70
Soybeans	Bushels	11.90	9.54	9.40	11.70	9.97	9.58	48	20.00
Hay, All, Baled	Ton	88.00	89.00	89.00	129.00	136.00	132.00		
Alfalfa, Baled	Ton	90.00	93.00	91.00	138.00	149.00	143.00		
Other, Baled	Ton	76.00	76.00	78.00	113.00	110.00	107.00		
Dry Edible Beans	Cwt.	32.20	33.40	31.60	32.00	35.50	34.30	53	64.20
Hogs	Cwt.	44.00	43.50	44.40	42.20	42.80	43.50	34	128.00
Barrows & Gilts	Cwt.	44.40	43.40	44.40	43.20	42.80	43.50		
Sows	Cwt.	25.10	47.50	46.40	23.00	43.80	43.40		
Beef Cattle	Cwt.	93.90	85.90	84.80	89.00	80.10	80.20	34	235.00
Steers & Heifers	Cwt.	95.10	87.10	85.90	94.30	85.80	85.40		
Cows	Cwt.	54.70	45.90	48.80	51.70	42.30	44.30		
Calves	Cwt.	125.00	113.00	113.00	120.00	106.00	105.00	31	336.00
Sheep	Cwt.	30.00	31.10		29.90	31.40			102.00
Lambs	Cwt.	89.20	99.00		96.50	101.00			265.00

¹ Entire month average except hay. ² Parity price based on data for February 2009. ³ Price not published to avoid disclosure of individual farms.

Source: USDA NASS Agricultural Prices, February 27, 2009

Honey: Number of Colonies, Yield, Production, Stocks, Price and Value, Nebraska and United States 2007-2008¹

State and Year	Number of Colonies	Yield per colony	Production	Stocks ² Dec. 15	Average Price Per Pound ³	Value of Production
	<i>1,000</i>	<i>Pounds</i>	<i>1,000 Pounds</i>		<i>Cents</i>	<i>1,000 Dollars</i>
2007						
Nebraska	45	49.0	2,205	1,477	103.0	2,271
United States	2,443	60.7	148,341	52,635	107.7	159,763
2008						
Nebraska	36	67.0	2,412	1,254	142.0	3,425
United States	2,301	69.9	160,861	50,445	141.0	226,814

¹ For producers with 5 or more colonies. ² Stocks held by producers. ³ Prices weighted by sales.

Source: USDA NASS Honey, February 27, 2009

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