



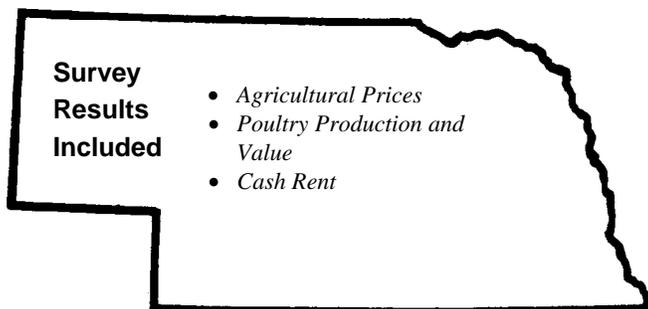
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Dear Nebraska Farmers, Ranchers and Agribusinesses:

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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Prices Received By Farmers

The preliminary United States All Farms Products Index of Prices Received by Farmers in April, at 131 percent, based on 1990-92=100, increased 5 points (4.0 percent) from March. Producers received higher prices for lettuce, cattle, soybeans, and onions and lower prices for strawberries, snap beans, apples, and cauliflower. The overall index is also affected by

the seasonal change based on the 3-year average mix of commodities producers sell. Increased monthly marketings of strawberries, sweet corn, cattle, and lettuce offset decreased marketings of soybeans, corn, wheat, and hogs. The preliminary All Farm Products Index is down 15 points (10 percent) from April 2008.

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

Commodity	Unit	Nebraska			United States				
		Apr 2008 ¹	Mar 2009 ¹	Apr 15, 2009	Apr 2008 ¹	Mar 2009 ¹	Apr 15, 2009	% of Parity	Parity Price ²
		<i>Dollars</i>			<i>Dollars</i>				
Wheat, All	Bushel	8.94	5.18	5.25	10.10	5.70	5.69	42	13.70
Corn	Bushel	5.01	3.90	4.00	5.14	3.86	3.87	46	8.45
Oats	Bushel	3.99	2.73	2.50	3.47	2.77	2.16	39	5.58
Grain Sorghum	Cwt	9.20	5.37	5.70	9.30	5.34	5.57	37	15.10
Soybeans	Bushel	11.90	8.85	9.80	12.00	9.12	9.89	48	20.50
Hay, All, Baled	Ton	88.00	87.00	82.00	147.00	129.00	129.00		
Alfalfa, Baled	Ton	90.00	89.00	85.00	161.00	137.00	133.00		
Other, Baled	Ton	79.00	74.00	71.00	120.00	109.00	117.00		
Dry Edible Beans	Cwt	33.10	35.20	32.50	34.30	32.50	29.50	45	66.00
Hogs	Cwt	46.30	44.40	44.00	44.40	43.80	43.40	33	132.00
Barrows & Gilts	Cwt	46.80	44.40	44.00	45.50	43.90	43.50		
Sows	Cwt	19.50	44.80	44.00	17.30	41.60	41.00		
Beef Cattle	Cwt	91.30	83.30	86.50	86.80	79.00	82.80	34	241.00
Steers & Heifers	Cwt	92.50	84.40	87.60	91.80	84.00	87.70		
Cows	Cwt	53.50	49.30	51.50	50.70	44.60	47.50		
Calves	Cwt	117.00	111.00	114.00	116.00	107.00	109.00	32	345.00
Sheep	Cwt	31.10	31.80		28.40	33.10			105.00
Lambs	Cwt	92.00	92.00		99.40	100.00			272.00

¹ Entire month average except hay. ² Parity price based on data for April 2009.

Source: USDA NASS Agricultural Prices April 30, 2009

Farm Machinery and Tractors: Prices Paid, United States, April 2006-2009

Item	2007	2008	2009	Item	2007	2008	2009
	<i>Dollars</i>				<i>Dollars</i>		
Baler, Pick-Up, PTO				Grain Drill, Most Common Spacing (cont.)			
Round, 1200-1500 Lb. bale	21,900	23,300	25,100	Min/No Till w/Fert. Attach., 15 Foot	34,400	35,000	40,000
Round, 1900-2200 Lb. bale	31,000	32,600	35,400	Hay Rack, Side-Delivery, or Wheel Rake,			
Chisel Plow, Max. 1 Ft. Depth, Chisel or				Traction Drive, 8-12 Foot Working Width	6,750	6,760	7,640
Sweep Type, Drawn or Mounted 16-20 Ft.	18,000	22,200	22,500	Hay Tedder, 15-18 Foot	5,740	6,150	7,290
Combine, Self Propelled with Grain Head				Manure Spreader, Conveyer Type, PTO			
Extra Large capacity	255,000	276,000	304,000	2-wheel, with Tires			
Large capacity	213,000	230,000	253,000	141-190 Bushel Capacity	8,440	8,520	9,740
Corn Head for Combine, 6 Row	31,800	35,900	38,200	225-300 Bushel Capacity	12,800	13,700	15,400
Row Crop Planter				Mower-Conditioner, PTO, Pull Type with			
With Fertilizer Attachment, 8-Row	33,500	38,000	40,200	8-10 Foot, Sickle (Cutter) Bar or Disc	17,200	18,400	19,700
With Fertilizer Attachment, 24-Row	118,000	132,000	144,000	Mower, Mounted or Drawn, 7-8 Ft. Sickle			
12-Row, Conservation (No-Till Conditions)	62,700	67,900	72,900	(Cutter) Bar	6,120	6,560	6,780
Cultivator, Row Crop, 6-Row	7,980	8,760	8,850	Rotary Hoe, 20-25 Foot	9,280	12,200	11,200
12-Row, Flexible	18,200	17,400	18,600	Rotary Cutter, 7-8 Foot	3,610	4,010	4,430
Disk Harrow, Tandem, ¹				Sprayer, Field Crop, Power, Boom Type			
15-17 Foot	18,300	18,900	22,400	(Excl. Self-Propelled and Orchard)			
18-20 Foot	23,400	24,100	27,800	Tractor Mounted, w/300 Gal. Spray Tank	7,530	8,280	8,460
Elevator, Portable, Without Power Unit,				Trailer Type, w/500-700 Gal. Spray Tank	16,800	19,100	21,100
Auger Type, 8 Inch Diameter, 60 Foot	5,430	5,500	6,780	Tractor, 2-Wheel Drive			
Feed Grinder-Mixer, Trailer Mtd., PTO	20,700	25,100	25,100	50-59 PTO horsepower	24,300	25,000	24,500
Field Cultivator, Mounted or Drawn				70-89 PTO horsepower	38,900	39,300	39,000
17-19 Foot	14,000	18,500	20,700	110-129 PTO horsepower	74,000	76,100	77,700
20-25 Foot, Flexible	22,100	23,600	27,800	140-159 PTO horsepower	100,000	104,000	111,000
Forage Harvester, P.T.O., Sheer Bar, Class II or III				190-220 PTO horsepower	138,000	144,000	157,000
With Pick-Up Attachment	36,700	38,100	39,900	Tractor, 4-Wheel Drive			
With Row Crop Unit, 2-Row	37,300	40,900	44,900	200-280 PTO horsepower	154,000	176,000	195,000
Front-End Loader, Hydraulic, Tractor Mount				Wagon, Gravity Unload, Box and Running			
1800-2500 Lb. Capacity, 60 Inch Bucket	5,770	6,000	6,380	Gear and Tires, Without Side Extensions			
Grain Drill, Most Common Spacing				200-400 Bushel Capacity	6,040	5,900	6,760
Plain, 15-17 Openers	18,500	21,600	22,200	Wagon, Running Gear, W/O Box, With Tires			
Press, 23-25 Openers	26,100	26,900	32,400	8-10 Ton Capacity	2,270	2,480	2,600
With Fertilizer Attachment, 20-24 Openers	23,500	22,700	28,800	Windrower, Self-Propelled, 14-16 Foot	78,700	83,500	93,300

¹ Drawn with hydraulic lift transport wheels, tires.

Source: USDA NASS Agricultural Prices, April 30, 2009

Field Seeds: Prices Paid, United States, April 2006-2009

Item	Unit	2006	2007	2008	2009
		<i>Dollars</i>			
Legumes					
Alfalfa					
Proprietary	Cwt.	286.00	292.00	342.00	379.00
Public and Common	Cwt.	181.00	201.00	246.00	262.00
Clover					
Ladino	Lb.	3.06	3.16	3.44	3.94
Red	Cwt.	177.00	202.00	241.00	289.00
Row Crops					
Corn, Hybrid Biotech ¹	²	137.00	154.00	184.00	235.00
Corn, Hybrid Non-Biotech	²	95.10	100.00	115.00	139.00
Grain Sorghum	Cwt.	116.00	120.00	142.00	161.00
Potatoes	Cwt.	11.80	12.00	13.10	15.60
Soybeans, All ¹	Bu.	28.90	34.80	38.80	48.30
Sunflower	Cwt.	520.00	616.00	718.00	749.00
Small Grains					
Barley, Spring	Bu.	6.58	7.18	10.10	9.78
Oats, Spring	Bu.	5.83	6.81	8.19	8.19
Wheat, Winter	Bu.	9.32	10.60	14.80	16.00

¹ Biotech varieties are made to be resistant to herbicides, insects, or both. A technology fees included within the price. ² 80,000 kernels.

Source: USDA NASS Agricultural Prices, April 30, 2009

Feed: Prices Paid by Farmers, Northern Plains and United States, 2007-2009

Item	Unit	Northern Plains ¹			United States		
		April 2007	April 2008	April 2009	April 2007	April 2008	April 2009
		<i>Dollars</i>			<i>Dollars</i>		
Alfalfa Meal	Cwt.	15.30	21.90	22.50	18.20	21.10	23.90
Alfalfa Pellets	Cwt.	16.50	19.00	21.90	18.70	21.30	24.00
Bran	Cwt.	17.20	19.50	24.40	17.40	19.10	23.20
Beef Cattle Concentrate							
32-36% protein	Ton	375.00	462.00	475.00	370.00	433.00	488.00
Corn Meal	Cwt.	10.10	11.30	9.21	12.30	13.70	13.40
Cottonseed Meal, 41%	Cwt.	17.90	21.00	22.60	20.00	23.00	25.60
Dairy Feed							
14% protein ²	Ton	246.00	269.00	298.00	239.00	301.00	285.00
16% protein ²	Ton	275.00	381.00	394.00	249.00	313.00	293.00
32-38% protein ²	Ton	369.00	562.00	504.00	378.00	469.00	458.00
Hog Feed							
14-18% protein ^{2,3}	Ton	331.00	376.00	352.00	305.00	345.00	328.00
38-42% protein Conc.	Ton	399.00	500.00	483.00	398.00	490.00	493.00
Molasses, Liquid	Cwt.	16.80	12.20	17.80	19.20	17.50	22.20
Poultry Feed ²							
Laying Feed	Ton	322.00	416.00	389.00	278.00	371.00	391.00
Turkey Grower	Ton	320.00	420.00	470.00	337.00	434.00	466.00
Soybean Meal, 44%	Cwt.	15.70	19.30	20.00	18.20	23.40	23.20
Stock Salt	50 Lb.	3.63	4.00	4.44	5.02	5.45	5.93
Trace Mineral Blocks	50 Lb.	5.18	5.59	6.06	6.15	6.60	7.09

¹ Northern Plains States: Kansas, Nebraska, North Dakota, South Dakota. ² Complete ration feed, fed without mixing or supplementation.

³ Excluding pig starter.

Source: USDA NASS Agricultural Prices, April 30, 2009

Fuels: Prices Paid by Farmers, Northern Plains and United States, 2007-2009

Item	Northern Plains			United States			
	April 2007	April 2008	April 2009	April 2007	April 2008	April 2009	
		<i>Dollars per Gallon</i>			<i>Dollars per Gallon</i>		
Gasoline ¹							
Service Station	2.65	3.28	1.93	2.63	3.28	1.94	
Bulk Delivery	2.65	3.27	1.96	2.64	3.33	1.97	
Diesel ² , Bulk Delivery	2.45	3.54	1.66	2.43	3.62	1.69	
L.P. Gas ² , Bulk Delivery	1.46	1.97	1.43	1.73	2.28	1.74	

¹ Includes federal, state and local per gallon taxes. ² Excludes federal and state excise tax.

Source: USDA NASS Agricultural Prices, April 30, 2009

Fertilizer: Prices Paid by Farmers, Northern Plains and United States, 2007-2009

Item	Northern Plains			United States			
	April 2007	April 2008	April 2009	April 2007	April 2008	April 2009	
		<i>Dollars per Ton</i>			<i>Dollars per Ton</i>		
8-32-16	373.00	694.00	653.00	380.00	746.00	675.00	
10-34-0	348.00	681.00	745.00	358.00	650.00	787.00	
11-52-0	431.00	891.00	575.00	445.00	902.00	645.00	
18-46-0 (DAP)	435.00	876.00	561.00	442.00	850.00	638.00	
Ammonium Nitrate	356.00	458.00	400.00	382.00	509.00	438.00	
Anhydrous Ammonia	500.00	731.00	640.00	523.00	755.00	680.00	
Muriate of Potash - 60-62% K ₂ O	272.00	526.00	828.00	280.00	561.00	853.00	
Nitrogen Solutions - 28% N	272.00	370.00	323.00	276.00	376.00	357.00	
Superphosphate - 44-46% P ₂ O ₅	463.00	837.00		418.00	800.00	639.00	
Urea - 44-46%	445.00	537.00	450.00	453.00	552.00	486.00	

Source: USDA NASS Agricultural Prices, April 30, 2009

NASS PUBLISHES 2008 COUNTY-LEVEL CASH RENT DATA

For the first time, U.S. Department of Agriculture's National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) has published county-level data on cash rental rates for agricultural land.

The information, available online, includes average rental rates for non-irrigated cropland, irrigated cropland, and pastureland during the 2008 calendar year.

The 2008 county-level cash rental rates data are available online at www.nass.usda.gov through Quick Stats, NASS's agricultural statistics database. Nebraska maps of county cash rents are available at:

http://www.nass.usda.gov/Statistics_by_State/Nebraska/Charts_and_Maps/index.asp

June Agricultural Surveys

The mid-year acreage, grain stocks, and hog inventory surveys will be conducted between May 30 – June 13. These surveys are the basis for the official statistics released by USDA's Agricultural Statistics Board.

USDA RELEASE DATES

*Jun 26, 2:00 pm CDT Quarterly Hogs & Pigs
Jun 30 7:30 am CDT Acreage
Jun 30, 7:30 am CDT Grain Stocks*

*Survey results will be available on the Internet at
<http://www.nass.usda.gov> within minutes after
the release.*

If contacted, please take a few minutes to respond by either mail, internet, or phone. Your assistance ensures accurate survey results.

Thanks,

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