



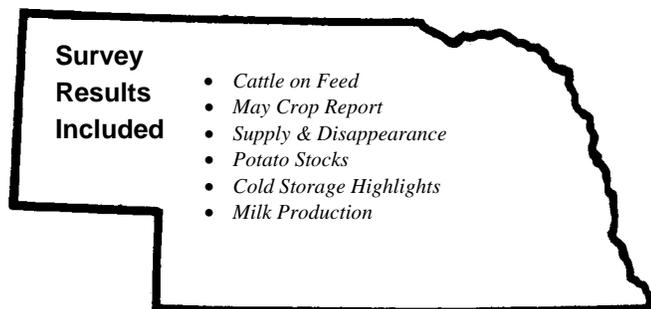
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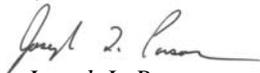
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Dear Nebraska Farmers, Ranchers and Agribusinesses:

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.


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Director

Nebraska Cattle on Feed Down 5 Percent

Nebraska feedlots with capacities of 1,000 or more head contained 2.27 million cattle on feed on May 1, down 5 percent from last year. Placements of cattle into feedlots during April totaled 350,000 head, up 3 percent from 2008. This equals the April 1992 record, the same year the data series began. Marketings of fed cattle during April totaled 395,000 head, down 1 percent from last year. Other disappearance during April totaled 5,000 head, compared to 10,000 head in 2008.

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 10.8 million head on May 1, 2009. The inventory was 3 percent below May 1, 2008. Placements in feedlots during April totaled 1.60 million, 4 percent above 2008. Marketings of fed cattle during April totaled 1.87 million, 7 percent below 2008. Other disappearance totaled 69,000 during April, 8 percent below 2008. This is the second lowest other disappearance for the month of April since the series began in 1996.

Cattle on Feed: Number on Feed, Placements, Marketings and Other Disappearance, 1,000+ Capacity Feedlots, by Month, State, and United States, 2008-2009

State	May 1 Number on Feed ¹			April Placements			April Marketings			April Other Disappearance ²		
	2008	2009	<u>2009</u> 2008	2008	2009	<u>2009</u> 2008	2008	2009	<u>2009</u> 2008	2008	2009	<u>2009</u> 2008
	1,000 Head		Percent	1,000 Head		Percent	1,000 Head		Percent	1,000 Head		Percent
Arizona	370	311	84	34	21	62	37	38	103	1	2	200
California	520	450	87	64	68	106	70	61	87	4	2	50
Colorado	950	1,010	106	115	150	130	165	165	100	20	15	75
Idaho	225	210	93	28	30	107	32	29	91	1	1	100
Iowa	530	540	102	59	79	134	77	68	88	2	1	50
Kansas	2,290	2,180	95	360	330	92	470	410	87	20	20	100
Nebraska	2,380	2,270	95	340	350	103	400	395	99	10	5	50
New Mexico	150	120	80	9	11	122	16	25	156	1	3	300
Oklahoma	305	315	103	40	52	130	74	66	89	1	1	100
So. Dakota	220	230	105	33	39	118	37	33	89	1	1	100
Texas	2,690	2,680	100	360	395	110	540	510	94	10	15	150
Washington	155	161	104	33	26	79	29	24	83	1	1	100
Other States	350	345	99	61	49	80	63	47	75	3	2	67
United States	11,135	10,822	97	1,536	1,600	104	2,010	1,871	93	75	69	92

¹Cattle 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. ²Includes death losses, movement from feedlots to pastures and shipments to other feedlots for further feeding. Source: USDA NASS Cattle on Feed, May 22, 2009

2009 Wheat Production Down 9 Percent from Last Year

Based on May 1 conditions, Nebraska's 2009 winter wheat crop is forecast at 67.2 million bushels, down 9 percent from last year's crop. Average yield is forecast at 42 bushels per acre, down 2 bushels from last year but 2 bushels above the ten-year average.

Acreage to be harvested for grain is estimated at 1.60 million acres, down 70,000 acres or 4 percent from last year.

This would be 94 percent of the planted acres, compared to 95 percent harvested last year and the ten-year average of 93 percent. As of May 3, subsoil moisture supplies were slightly above last year and well above the 5-year average.

May 1 Hay Stocks Down from Last Year

May 1 hay stocks of 935 thousand tons are down 6 percent from last year and 18 percent below the ten-year average.

Winter Wheat and Hay Stocks: Comparative Data, Nebraska and United States, 2007-2009

Classification	Nebraska			United States			
	2007	2008	2009 ¹	2007	2008	2009 ¹	
Winter Wheat							
Harvested for Grain ²	Percent	95.6	95.4	94.1	79.8	85.6	79.3
For harvest	1,000 Acres	1,960	1,670	1,600	35,938	39,614	33,995
Yield	Bushels	43.0	44.0	42.0	41.7	47.2	44.2
Production	1,000 Bushels	84,280	73,480	67,200	1,499,241	1,867,903	1,502,074
All Hay Farm Stocks	1,000 Tons	840	990	935	14,990	21,585	22,065

¹ Winter wheat forecasted May 1, 2009. ² Percent of seeded acreage.

Source: USDA NASS Crop Production, May 12, 2009

Winter Wheat: Area Harvested, Yield and Production, Selected States and United States, 2008-2009

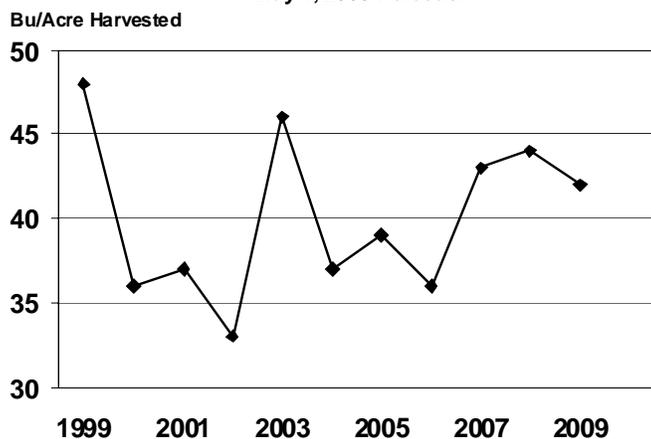
State	Acres Harvested		Yield		Production	
	2008	2009 ¹	2008	2009 ¹	2008	2009 ¹
	<i>1,000 Acres</i>		<i>Bushels</i>		<i>1,000 Bushels</i>	
Colorado	1,900	2,300	30.0	32.0	57,000	73,600
Kansas	8,900	8,500	40.0	40.0	356,000	340,000
Missouri	1,160	750	48.0	51.0	55,680	38,250
Montana	2,420	2,400	39.0	39.0	94,380	93,600
Nebraska	1,670	1,600	44.0	42.0	73,480	67,200
Oklahoma	4,500	3,500	37.0	23.0	166,500	80,500
South Dakota	1,890	1,550	55.0	49.0	103,950	75,950
Texas	3,300	2,400	30.0	27.0	99,000	64,800
Washington	1,720	1,700	56.0	60.0	96,320	102,000
United States	39,614	33,995	47.2	44.2	1,867,903	1,502,074

¹ Forecasted May 1, 2009.

Source: USDA NASS Crop Production, May 12, 2009

Nebraska Wheat Yield

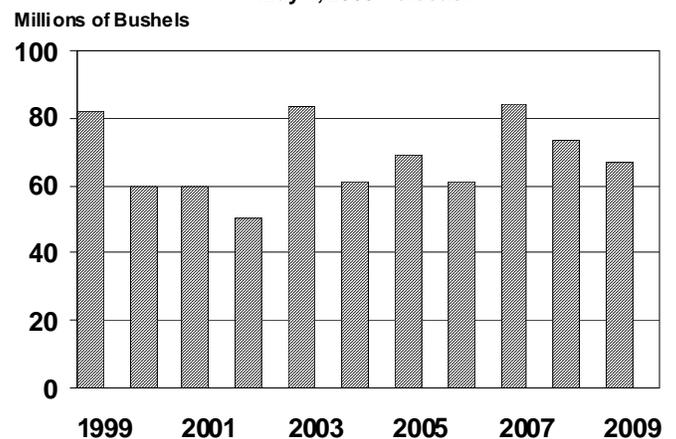
May 1, 2009 Forecast



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

Nebraska Wheat Production

May 1, 2009 Forecast



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

U.S. Grains Supply and Disappearance Outlook

Crop Year	Supply				Market Year Disappearance ¹				Market Year Ending Stocks	Average Market Price
	Beginning stocks	Production	Imports	Total	Domestic		Exports	Total		
					Primary Use ²	Other				
<i>Million Bushels</i>										
<i>\$/Bu.</i>										
Corn										
2007/08	1,304	13,038	20	14,362	5,938	4,363	2,436	12,737	1,624	4.20
2008/09	1,624	12,101	15	13,740	5,350	5,040	1,750	12,140	1,600	4.10-4.30
2009/10 ³	1,600	12,090	15	13,705	5,250	5,410	1,900	12,560	1,145	3.70-4.50
Soybeans										
2007/08	574	2,677	10	3,261	1,801	93	1,161	3,056	205	10.10
2008/09	205	2,959	12	3,176	1,640	167	1,240	3,046	130	9.85
2009/10 ³	130	3,195	12	3,337	1,675	171	1,260	3,107	230	8.45-10.45
Wheat										
2007/08	456	2,051	113	2,620	947	103	1,264	2,314	306	6.48
2008/09	306	2,500	125	2,930	922	329	1,010	2,261	669	6.85
2009/10 ³	669	2,026	115	2,810	955	318	900	2,173	637	4.70-5.70
Sorghum										
2007/08	32	497	0	530	164	35	278	477	53	4.08
2008/09	53	472	0	525	220	110	130	460	65	3.20-3.40
2009/10 ³	65	380	0	445	160	90	140	390	55	3.15-3.85

¹ Marketing year begins: Corn, Sorghum & Soybeans, September 1; Wheat, June 1. ² Primary uses: Corn & Sorghum = Feed; Soybeans = Crushing; Wheat = Food. ³ Projection. Source: USDA's World Agricultural Supply and Demand Estimates, May 12, 2009

Fall Potatoes: 2008 Production and May 1, 2009 Stocks¹

State	Crop of 2008	
	Production	Total Stocks May 1, 2009 ²
	<i>1,000 Cwt.</i>	<i>1,000 Cwt</i>
California	3,939	500
Colorado	21,338	5,300
Idaho	114,805	30,000
Maine	14,769	3,700
Michigan	14,875	700
Minnesota	20,400	4,400
Montana	3,465	
Nebraska	8,342	1,100
New York	5,696	
North Dakota	22,680	3,500
Oregon	18,676	5,300
Washington	93,000	16,500
Wisconsin	25,730	3,600
Other States		800
Total 13 States	367,715	75,400

¹ Stocks include processor holdings and most of the seed to plant following year's crops. ² Missing stocks combined into "Other States".

Source: USDA NASS Potato Stocks, May 15, 2009

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

Commodity	Stocks 1,000 lbs.	Percent of	
		April 2008	March 2009
Total red meats	1,053,173	95	101
Beef	410,899	99	96
Pork	614,666	93	103
Poultry	1,246,125	100	108
Turkey	577,316	118	112

Source: USDA NASS Cold Storage, May 22, 2009

2009 Midyear Surveys

Interviewers will begin visiting and telephoning producers May 29. These midyear surveys are the basis for the official USDA statistics on planted area, grain and oilseeds stored, and hog inventories.

If contacted, please take a few minutes to respond by mail, internet or phone. Your response ensures accurate official USDA statistics. Individual information is kept strictly confidential, by law.

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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.

Milk Cows and Production: By Month, 23 Selected States, 2008-2009¹

Month	Milk Cows ²		Milk per Cow ³		Milk Production ³		
	2008	2009	2008	2009	2008	2009	2009 as % of 2008
	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>Pounds</i>	<i>Pounds</i>	<i>Million pounds</i>	<i>Million pounds</i>	<i>Percent</i>
January	8,445	8,504	1,747	1,753	14,750	14,907	101
February	8,457	8,486	1,656	1,606	14,007	13,627	97
March	8,467	8,481	1,794	1,794	15,191	15,211	100
April	8,482	8,479	1,757	1,758	14,901	14,906	100
May	8,496		1,819		15,451		
June	8,500		1,736		14,760		
July	8,515		1,744		14,848		
August	8,515		1,718		14,626		
September	8,510		1,650		14,041		
October	8,512		1,700		14,469		
November	8,519		1,654		13,089		
December	8,519		1,729		14,728		
Annual	8,495		20,704		175,861		

¹ 2009 previous month revised. ² Includes dry cows, excludes heifers not yet fresh. ³ Excludes milk sucked by calves.

Source: USDA NASS Milk Production, May 18, 2009

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