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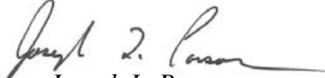
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Dear Nebraska Farmers, Ranchers and Agribusinesses:

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

## Prices Received By Farmers

The preliminary United States All Farm Products Index of Prices Received by Farmers in May, at 131 percent, based on 1990-92=100, increased 2 points (1.6 percent) from April. The Crop Index is up 2 points (1.3 percent) but the Livestock Index was unchanged. Producers received higher prices for broilers, soybeans, corn, and onions and lower prices for eggs, lettuce, tomatoes, and milk. In addition to prices, the overall index is also affected by the seasonal change based on a 3-year average mix of commodities producers sell. Increased

monthly marketings of sweet corn, broilers, grapes, and cantaloupes offset decreased marketings of cattle, milk, corn, and apples.

The preliminary All Farm Products Index is down 21 points (14 percent) from May 2008. The Food Commodities Index, at 128, increased 1 point (0.8 percent) from last month but decreased 20 points (14 percent) from May 2008.

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

Commodity	Unit	Nebraska			United States		
		May 2008 <sup>1</sup>	April 2009 <sup>1</sup>	May 15, 2009	May 2008 <sup>1</sup>	April 2009 <sup>1</sup>	May 15, 2009
<i>Dollars</i>							
Wheat, All	Bushel	8.89	5.20	5.75	8.87	5.74	6.02
Corn	Bushel	5.13	3.78	4.00	5.27	3.85	4.08
Oats	Bushel	4.24	2.88	2.80	3.63	2.37	2.16
Grain Sorghum	Cwt	9.23	5.62	6.20	9.32	5.57	6.14
Soybeans	Bushel	12.50	9.65	10.90	12.10	9.79	10.80
Hay, All, Baled	Ton	90.00	82.00	81.00	168.00	129.00	131.00
Alfalfa, Baled	Ton	92.00	85.00	83.00	180.00	133.00	138.00
Other, Baled	Ton	81.00	71.00	74.00	135.00	117.00	113.00
Dry Edible Beans	Cwt	36.90	37.20	26.60	35.60	31.70	30.00
Hogs	Cwt	58.10	44.60	44.10	55.30	44.10	44.20
Barrows & Gilts	Cwt	58.70	44.60	44.10	56.60	44.20	44.30
Sows	Cwt	28.00	44.80	45.30	25.30	41.90	42.80
Beef Cattle	Cwt	95.30	88.00	86.10	91.30	83.50	82.80
Steers & Heifers	Cwt	96.50	89.10	87.10	96.10	88.40	87.20
Cows	Cwt	58.00	51.60	52.60	54.10	48.00	49.20
Calves	Cwt	118.00	114.00	114.00	120.00	110.00	112.00
Sheep	Cwt	29.50	35.60		25.40	35.00	
Lambs	Cwt	95.00	86.10		101.00	102.00	

<sup>1</sup> Entire month average except hay.

Source: USDA NASS Agricultural Prices May 29, 2009

## Meat Animals Production, Disposition, and Income

### Production, Disposition, and Income: Cattle and Calves, Nebraska and United States, 2007-2008

Inventory, Supply, and Disposition <sup>1</sup>					Production and Income				
Item	Nebraska		United States		Item	Nebraska		United States	
	2007*	2008	2007*	2008		2007*	2008	2007*	2008
<i>Thousand Head</i>									
Inventory, January 1	6,650.0	6,450.0	96,573.0	96,034.5	Production <sup>4</sup>				
Calf Crop	1,760.0	1,730.0	36,758.7	36,112.5	Million lbs	4,697.1	4,621.6	41,437.0	40,679.3
Inshipments	4,180.0	4,095.0	21,103.9	19,535.4	Marketings <sup>5</sup>				
Marketings <sup>2</sup>					Million lbs	7,693.9	7,495.0	54,907.9	54,234.3
Cattle	5,853.0	5,658.0	45,007.6	44,034.1	Price per cwt.				
Calves	85.0	85.0	8,956.4	8,897.9	Cattle \$	93.90	94.20	89.90	89.10
Farm slaughter <sup>3</sup>	2.0	2.0	187.5	185.5	Calves \$	125.00	117.00	119.00	110.00
Deaths					Value of Production				
Cattle	110.0	100.0	1,855.8	1,759.5	Million \$	4,246.5	4,202.7	35,973.1	34,858.8
Calves	90.0	80.0	2,393.8	2,314.4	Cash Receipts <sup>6</sup>				
Inventory, End of Year	6,450.0	6,350.0	96,034.5	94,491.0	Million \$	7,236.1	7,068.7	49,843.3	48,189.2
					Gross Income <sup>7</sup>				
					Million \$	7,248.5	7,081.2	50,284.4	48,605.5

### Production, Disposition, and Income: Hogs and Pigs, Nebraska and United States, 2007-2008

Inventory, Supply, and Disposition <sup>1</sup>					Production and Income				
Item	Nebraska		United States		Item	Nebraska		United States	
	2007*	2008	2007*	2008		2007*	2008	2007*	2008
<i>Thousand Head</i>									
Inventory, December 1 Previous Year	3,050.0	3,350.0	62,515.8	68,176.8	Production <sup>4</sup>				
Pig Crop (Dec - Nov)	7,120.0	7,189.0	112,873.8	114,666.6	Million lbs	1,437.6	1,376.6	29,606.4	31,383.8
Inshipments	850.0	550.0	39,433.2	42,195.6	Marketings <sup>5</sup>				
Marketings <sup>2</sup>	7,349.0	7,498.0	137,519.0	149,078.2	Million lbs	1,441.8	1,391.2	30,221.9	32,688.4
Farm slaughter <sup>3</sup>	1.0	1.0	106.3	106.4	Average Price per cwt. \$	48.80	49.40	46.60	47.00
Deaths	320.0	290.0	9,020.6	9,086.4	Value of Production				
Inventory, December 1	3,350.0	3,300.0	68,176.8	66,768.1	Million \$ <sup>8</sup>	727.3	711.4	13,468.3	14,435.2
					Cash Receipts <sup>6,8</sup>				
					Million \$	749.8	728.7	14,750.5	16,077.4
					Gross Income <sup>7</sup>				
					Million \$	751.1	730.0	14,782.6	16,110.9

### Production, Disposition, and Income: Sheep and Lambs, Nebraska and United States, 2007-2008

Inventory, Supply, and Disposition <sup>1</sup>					Production and Income				
Item	Nebraska		United States		Item	Nebraska		United States	
	2007*	2008	2007*	2008		2007*	2008	2007*	2008
<i>Thousand Head</i>									
Inventory, January 1	90.0	80.0	6,120.0	5,950.0	Production <sup>4</sup>				
Lamb Crop	79.0	70.0	3,895.0	3,710.0	Million lbs	8.8	8.1	440.3	416.9
Inshipments	38.0	36.0	1,397.9	1,230.2	Marketings <sup>5</sup>				
Marketings <sup>2</sup>					Million lbs	12.9	11.9	559.1	525.7
Sheep	20.0	20.0	780.4	736.1	Price per cwt.				
Lambs	92.6	83.6	3,926.5	3,649.7	Sheep \$	31.20	29.70	31.00	27.20
Farm slaughter <sup>3</sup>	0.4	0.4	84.5	92.4	Lambs \$	94.20	102.00	98.50	99.60
Deaths					Value of Production				
Sheep	4.0	3.0	245.5	249.0	Million \$	7.5	7.3	362.9	350.2
Lambs	10.0	8.0	426.0	416.0	Cash Receipts <sup>6</sup>				
Inventory, End of Year	80.0	71.0	5,950.0	5,747.0	Million \$	10.4	10.1	474.7	450.8
					Gross Income <sup>7</sup>				
					Million \$	10.5	10.3	488.5	464.7

\* Revised. <sup>1</sup> Balance sheet estimates. <sup>2</sup> Includes custom slaughter for use on farms where produced and State outshipments, but excludes interfarm sales within the State. <sup>3</sup> Excludes custom slaughter for farmers at commercial establishments. <sup>4</sup> Adjustments made for changes in inventory and for inshipments. <sup>5</sup> Excludes custom slaughter for use on farms where produced and interfarm sales within the State. <sup>6</sup> Receipts from marketings and sale of farm slaughter. <sup>7</sup> Difference between gross income and cash receipts equals value of home consumption. <sup>8</sup> Includes allowance for higher average price of State inshipments and outshipments of feeder pigs.

Source: USDA NASS Meat Animals Production, Disposition, and Income 2008 Summary, May 2009

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

Item	2008	2009	2009/2008
	<i>Millions</i>		<i>Percent</i>
Number of Layers			
Nebraska	9.7	9.8	101
United States	340.8	339.6	100
Table Eggs Produced			
Nebraska	227	227	100
United States	6,256	6,408	102
Chickens Hatched, April			
United States			
Egg-type	42.3	40.6	96
Broiler	801.5	755.9	94
Hatched thru April			
Egg-type	163.1	155.7	95
Broiler	3,239.7	3,018.5	93

Source: USDA NASS Chicken and Eggs, May 22, 2009

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

Item	Total <sup>1</sup>	April 2009 Percent of	
		April 2008	March 2009
Nebraska	<i>1,000 Head</i>		
Cattle, head	548.1	90	100
Hogs, head	649.9	94	97
Red Meat, mil. lbs.	580.8	93	97
United States			
Cattle, head	2,772.1	94	102
Calves, head	68.0	93	85
Hogs, head	9,431.1	94	98
Sheep & Lambs, head	229.1	104	103
Red Meat, mil. lbs.	4,083.9	95	99

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

Source: USDA NASS Livestock Slaughter, May 22, 2009

**Farm Labor: Number and Wage Rates for Type of Workers and All Hired Workers, Selected Regions and United States, April 6-12, 2008 & April 12-18, 2009<sup>1</sup>**

Region <sup>2</sup>	Number of Workers		Wage Rates							
			All Hired Workers		Type of work					
					Field		Livestock		Field & Livestock	
	2008	2009	2008	2009	2008	2009	2008	2009	2008	2009
	<i>Thousands</i>		<i>Dollars per Hour</i>							
Lake	52	56	11.25	11.55	10.57	10.92	10.78	10.83	10.70	10.88
Cornbelt I	44	32	11.43	11.70	10.32	10.93	10.73	10.44	10.45	10.72
Cornbelt II	21	22	11.88	11.80	10.65	10.35	12.20	12.45	11.50	11.15
Northern Plains	30	26	11.00	10.80	10.73	10.78	10.20	10.08	10.40	10.35
Southern Plains	45	62	9.72	10.40	8.51	9.67	9.74	9.93	9.05	9.80
Mountain I	21	20	9.50	11.45	9.46	10.23	9.09	10.01	9.25	10.10
Mountain II	20	19	10.05	10.60	9.33	9.68	9.81	10.09	9.55	9.90
United States <sup>3</sup>	700	680	10.57	10.84	9.65	9.99	10.24	10.25	9.84	10.07

<sup>1</sup> Excludes agricultural service workers.

<sup>2</sup> Regions consist of the following: Lake: Michigan, Minnesota, Wisconsin; Cornbelt I: Illinois, Indiana, Ohio; Cornbelt II: Iowa, Missouri; Northern Plains: Kansas, Nebraska, North Dakota, South Dakota; Southern Plains: Oklahoma, Texas; Mountain I: Idaho, Montana, Wyoming; Mountain II: Colorado, Nevada, Utah. <sup>3</sup> Excludes AK.

Source: USDA NASS Farm Labor, May 22, 2009

**All Hired Workers: Wage Rates, by Economic Class of Farm by Region and 48 States, April 12-18, 2009<sup>1</sup>**

Region <sup>2</sup>	Less than \$50,000	\$50,000-\$99,999	\$100,000-\$249,999	\$250,000-\$499,999	\$500,000-\$999,999	1,000,000+	All Farms
	<i>Dollars per Hour</i>						
Northeast	9.86	8.62	9.91	10.06	10.01	12.05	11.14
Appalachian	11.73	10.22	8.79	10.36	9.30	11.13	10.62
Southeast	9.22	8.96	9.31	10.66	10.52	10.04	9.81
Lake	13.73	<sup>3</sup>	13.06	10.25	11.83	11.50	11.55
Cornbelt	11.13	<sup>3</sup>	11.63	10.07	11.33	12.15	11.74
Delta	9.13	9.12	9.13	11.84	8.07	10.07	9.60
No. Plains	<sup>3</sup>	<sup>3</sup>	11.02	10.29	11.88	10.95	10.80
So. Plains	10.35	10.76	12.41	10.54	8.85	10.22	10.40
Mountain	11.38	10.48	10.76	10.92	9.43	10.37	10.37
Pacific	12.11	10.51	11.85	11.20	10.97	11.16	11.20
48 States	10.89	9.99	10.60	10.74	10.41	11.05	10.81

<sup>1</sup> Excludes agricultural service workers. <sup>2</sup> Regions consist of: Northeast: CT, DE, MD, ME, MA, NH, NJ, NY, PA, RI, VT. Appalachian: KY, NC, TN, VA, WV. Southeast: AL, FL, GA, SC. Lake: MI, MN, WI. Cornbelt: IA, IL, IN, MO, OH. Delta: AR, LA, MS. Northern Plains: KS, NE, ND, SD. Southern Plains: OK, TX. Mountain: AZ, CO, ID, MT, NM, NV, UT, WY. Pacific: CA, OR, WA. 48 States: All States, excluding AK and HI. <sup>3</sup> Insufficient data.

Source: USDA NASS Farm Labor, May 22, 2009

**Price Reactions after USDA Crop Reports**

USDA Report and Price reaction	Corn			
	Day After Report		Week After Report	
	Number of Reports	Average Price Change	Number Reports	Average Price Change
	<i>Number</i>	<i>Cents Per Bu</i>	<i>Number</i>	<i>Cents Per Bu</i>
<b>Crop Production 1985-2008</b>				
Price Increases	48	6.2	60	9.8
No Price Change (NC)	17	NC	1	NC
Price Decreases	55	-6.1	59	-10.9
Total	120		120	
<b>Grain Stocks 1984-2008</b>				
Price Increases	43	5.4	47	10.4
No Price Change (NC)	7	NC	5	NC
Price Decreases	51	-6.8	49	-12.5
Total	101		101	

Source: USDA NASS Price Reactions After USDA Crop Reports, March 2009

### USDA-NASS Acreage & Hog Surveys

Acreage and hog inventories, as well as almost all other statistics from the USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS), are based on responses from commodity producers. These reports are the factual information all market participants use to make informed decisions in the buying/selling process.

The table above shows the corn price reaction after the *Crop Production* and *Grain Stocks* reports are released. This table confirms that prices remain unchanged or rise as often as they decline after the release of USDA-NASS reports. The real value in these reports is the concrete information the market has to work with, not rumors or speculation. The greatest benefit of these reports is reduced volatility in the market for both seller and buyer. This reduced volatility, as a result of the factual supply information, can translate into higher market prices for sellers since the buyer's risks are reduced.

Only you, as a producer, can ensure that the reports are as accurate as possible by participating in the surveys conducted by USDA-NASS. If called or visited, please take a few minutes to respond.

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