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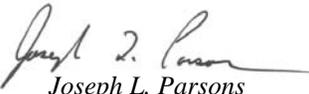
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Dear Nebraska Farmers, Ranchers and Agribusinesses:

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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Mid-Year Acreage Highlights

Nebraska corn growers planted 9.4 million acres in 2009, up 7 percent from last year. Biotechnology varieties accounted for 91 percent of the planted acreage, up from 86 percent a year ago. Nebraska soybean producers planted 4.5 million acres, down 8 percent from the previous year. Biotechnology varieties resistant to herbicides accounted for 96 percent of the planted acreage, compared with 97 percent last year. Last fall, winter wheat was sown on 1.7 million acres, down 3 percent from 2008. Area for harvest, at 1.63 million, is down 2 percent from a year ago.

Sorghum growers planted 270,000 acres, 10 percent less than 2008 and the lowest since 1932. Alfalfa hay acreage for harvest, at 970 thousand, is unchanged from last year. Other types of hay, at 1.7 million acres, are up 6 percent from a year earlier. Proso Millet plantings, at 85,000 acres, are down 39 percent from 2008. Oat seedings, at 100,000 acres, are up 5 percent from a year ago. Dry edible bean producers planted 115,000 acres, down 15 percent from a year earlier. Sunflower acres of 50,000 are down 22 percent from 2008. Sugarbeet plantings of 53,000 acres are up 17 percent from last year.

Crop Summary: Acres Planted and Harvested, Nebraska and United States, 2007-2009

Crop	Nebraska				United States			
	2007	2008	2009	<u>2009</u> <u>2008</u>	2007	2008	2009	<u>2009</u> <u>2008</u>
	1,000 Acres			Percent	1,000 Acres			Percent
	Planted Acreage							
Corn	9,400	8,800	9,400	107	93,527	85,982	87,035	101
Soybeans	3,870	4,900	4,500	92	64,741	75,718	77,483	102
Sorghum	350	300	270	90	7,712	8,284	6,960	84
Oats	120	95	100	105	3,763	3,217	3,158	98
Proso Millet	145	140	85	61	570	520	405	78
Dry Beans	110	135	115	85	1,527	1,495	1,459	98
Sugar Beets	47.5	45.2	53.0	117	1,269	1,091	1,173	108
Winter Wheat	2,050	1,750	1,700	97	45,012	46,281	43,448	94
Sunflower - Oil	35	45	25	56	1,766	2,163	1,784	82
- Non-oil	14	19	25	132	305	354	314	89
- All	49	64	50	78	2,070	2,517	2,098	83
	Acres for Harvest ¹							
Corn	9,200	8,550	9,150	107	86,520	78,640	80,107	102
Soybeans	3,850	4,860	4,450	92	64,146	74,641	76,547	103
Sorghum	240	210	165	79	6,792	7,271	5,968	82
Oats	35	35	25	71	1,504	1,395	1,426	102
Proso Millet	130	130	²		520	460	²	
Dry Beans	107	126	105	83	1,479	1,445	1,397	97
Sugar Beets	44.3	37.3	50.0	134	1,247	1,005	1,131	113
All Hay	2,650	2,570	2,670	104	61,006	60,062	60,177	100
Winter Wheat	1,960	1,670	1,630	98	35,938	39,614	34,787	88
Sunflower - Oil	33	43	24	56	1,719	2,062	1,702	83
- Non-oil	13	18	24	133	293	334	295	88
- All	46	61	48	79	2,012	2,396	1,997	83

¹Forecasted. ²Estimates to be released January 2010 in Annual Crop Production Summary.

Source: USDA NASS Acreage June 30, 2009

Grain Stocks

Nebraska corn stocks in all positions on June 1, 2009 totaled 486 million bushels, up 23 percent from June 1, 2008. Soybeans stored in all positions totaled 44.5 million bushels, down 19 percent from last year. Wheat stored in all positions on June 1, 2009 totaled 17.1 million bushels, up 73 percent from a year ago.

U.S. corn stocks in all positions on June 1, 2009 totaled 4.27 billion bushels, up 6 percent from June 1, 2008. Soybeans stored in all positions totaled 597 million bushels, down 12 percent from last year. All wheat stored in all positions on June 1, 2009 totaled 667 million bushels, up 118 percent from a year ago.

Grain Stocks: By Commodity, Nebraska and United States, 2007-2009

Grain and Position	Nebraska				United States			
	June 1, 2007	June 1, 2008	June 1, 2009	2009 2008	June 1, 2007	June 1, 2008	June 1, 2009	2009 2008
	<i>1,000 Bushels</i>				<i>Percent</i>			
Corn								
On Farms	180,000	180,000	250,000	139	1,826,600	1,970,900	2,205,400	112
Off Farms ¹	188,516	215,182	236,033	110	1,706,843	2,057,117	2,060,153	100
Total	368,516	395,182	486,033	123	3,533,443	4,028,017	4,265,553	106
All Wheat								
On Farms	700	200	1,400	700	73,190	25,635	140,745	549
Off Farms ¹	12,864	9,687	15,729	162	382,963	280,183	526,299	188
Total	13,564	9,887	17,129	173	456,153	305,818	667,044	218
Soybeans								
On Farms	37,000	12,000	10,500	88	500,000	226,600	226,300	100
Off Farms ¹	69,895	43,112	33,960	79	592,185	449,543	370,744	82
Total	106,895	55,112	44,460	81	1,092,185	676,143	597,044	88
Sorghum								
On Farms	1,100	1,100	900	82	5,380	7,000	11,800	169
Off Farms ¹	7,532	8,256	6,138	74	69,490	94,019	89,064	95
Total	8,632	9,356	7,038	75	74,870	101,019	100,864	100
Oats								
On Farms	350	200	300	150	18,400	16,100	17,480	109
Off Farms ¹	2	2	2		32,198	50,674	66,656	132
Total	2	2	2		50,598	66,774	84,136	126

¹Includes stocks at mills, elevators, warehouses, terminals, and processors.

²Not published to avoid disclosure of individual operations.

Source: USDA NASS Grain Stocks, June 30, 2009

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

Commodity	Unit	Nebraska			United States		
		Jun 2008 ¹	May 2009 ¹	Jun 15, 2009	Jun 2008 ¹	May 2009 ¹	Jun 15, 2009
Wheat, All	Bushels	\$8.77	\$ 5.57	\$ 5.75	\$ 7.62	\$ 5.84	\$ 5.69
Corn	Bushels	5.40	3.86	3.95	5.47	3.97	3.93
Oats	Bushels	3.81	2.52	2.50	3.56	2.64	2.23
Grain Sorghum	Cwt.	10.40	5.98	6.40	10.10	5.98	6.08
Soybeans	Bushels	12.90	10.50	11.50	13.10	10.70	11.60
Hay, All, Baled	Ton	92.00	81.00	81.00	161.00	131.00	123.00
Alfalfa, Baled	Ton	93.00	83.00	82.00	172.00	138.00	128.00
Other, Baled	Ton	81.00	74.00	70.00	130.00	113.00	107.00
Dry Edible Beans	Cwt.	39.60	26.50	26.30	33.50	31.40	32.20
Hogs	Cwt.	56.20	45.20	44.20	53.40	44.50	43.90
Barrows & Gilts	Cwt.	56.70	45.20	44.30	54.60	44.60	44.10
Sows	Cwt.	29.70	45.90	39.30	26.50	43.20	36.50
Beef Cattle	Cwt.	95.10	86.60	84.50	91.90	83.20	80.80
Steers & Heifers	Cwt.	96.20	87.60	85.50	96.50	87.80	85.40
Cows	Cwt.	58.30	52.90	50.80	54.40	49.10	45.50
Calves	Cwt.	118.00	115.00	116.00	118.00	112.00	111.00
Sheep	Cwt.	28.00	32.30		24.50	31.90	
Lambs	Cwt.	110.00	94.80		102.00	101.00	

¹Entire month average except hay.

²Parity price based on data for June 2009.

Source: USDA NASS Agricultural Prices, June 29, 2009

Hogs and Pigs

Nebraska inventory of all hogs and pigs on June 1, 2009, was 3.25 million head. This was down 4 percent from June 1, 2008 but up 3 percent from March 1, 2009. Breeding inventory, at 390,000 head, was up 3 percent from June 1, 2008 and up 1 percent from last quarter. Market hog inventory, at 2.86 million head, was down 5 percent from last year but up 3 percent from last quarter.

Inventory of all hogs and pigs in the United States was 66.1 million head on June 1, 2009. This was down 2 percent from June 1, 2008 but up 1 percent from March 1, 2009. Breeding inventory, at 5.97 million head, was down 3 percent from last year and down slightly from the previous quarter. Market hog inventory, at 60.1 million head, was down 2 percent from last year but up 1 percent from last quarter.

Hogs and Pigs: June 1 Inventory, Sows Farrowing and Pig Crop, Nebraska and United States 2008-2009¹

Item	Nebraska			United States		
	2008	2009	2009/2008	2008	2009	2009/2008
	<i>1,000 Head</i>		<i>Percent</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>		<i>Percent</i>
June 1 Inventory						
All hogs and pigs	3,400	3,250	96	67,400	66,079	98
Breeding	380	390	103	6,131	5,967	97
Market	3,020	2,860	95	61,269	60,112	98
Market Hogs & Pigs						
Under 60 pounds	1,120	1,060	95	22,197	21,673	98
60-119 pounds	810	750	93	15,321	15,008	98
120-179 pounds	650	630	97	12,892	12,584	98
180 pounds and over	440	420	95	10,860	10,847	100
Sows Farrowing						
December-February ²	190	180	95	3,071	2,978	97
March-May	185	185	100	3,052	2,971	97
December-May ²	375	365	97	6,123	5,949	97
June-August ³	185	185	100	3,075	2,974	97
September-November ³	185	185	100	3,028	2,962	98
June-November ³	370	370	100	6,103	5,936	97
Pig Crop						
December-February ²	1,805	1,755	97	28,387	28,230	99
March-May	1,776	1,832	103	28,630	28,547	100
December-May ²	3,581	3,587	100	57,017	56,777	100
June-August	1,795			29,240		
September-November	1,813			28,770		
June-November	3,608			58,010		

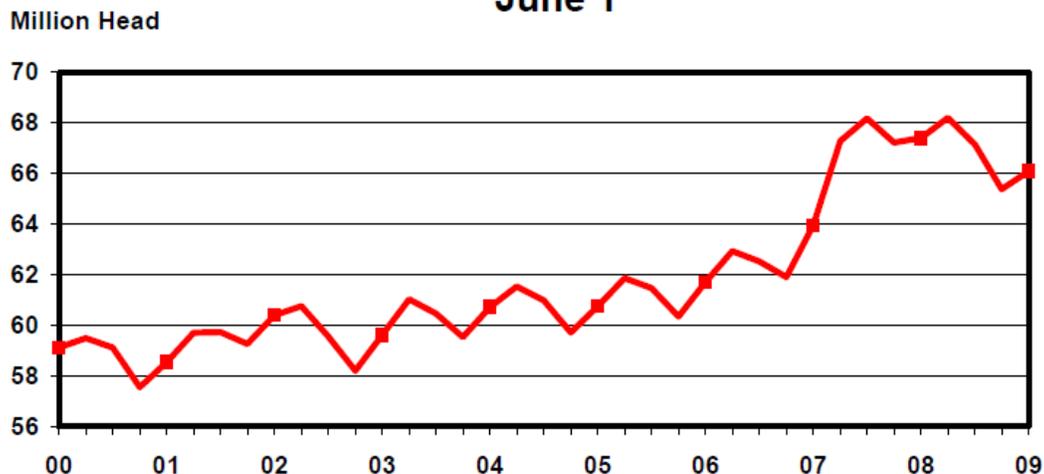
¹May not add due to rounding.

²December preceding year.

³Intentions for 2009.

Source: USDA NASS Quarterly Hog and Pigs, June 26, 2009

U.S. Quarterly Hogs and Pigs Inventory June 1



Commercial Livestock Slaughter

May 2009 number slaughtered and changes from last year and last month are shown below. May 2008 contained 22 weekdays (including one holiday) and five Saturdays. May 2009 contained 21 weekdays (including one holiday) and five Saturdays.

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

Item	Total ¹	May 2009 Percent of	
		May 2008	Apr 2009
<i>1,000 Head</i>			
Nebraska			
Cattle, head	579.4	89	106
Hogs, head	589.8	101	91
Red Meat, mil. lbs.	587.5	93	101
United States			
Cattle, head	2,849.6	91	103
Calves, head	65.1	92	96
Hogs, head	8,451.0	93	90
Sheep & Lambs, head	184.7	89	81
Red Meat, mil. lbs.	3,919.3	93	96

¹Excludes animals slaughtered on farms.

Source: USDA NASS Livestock Slaughter June 26, 2009

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

Commodity	Stocks	May 2009 Percent of	
		May 2008	Apr 2009
<i>1,000 Lbs.</i>			
Total red meats	1,025,339	100	98
Beef	414,259	99	101
Pork	584,136	101	95
Poultry	1,232,079	96	100
Turkey	585,661	112	102
Chicken	641,456	85	97

Source: USDA NASS Cold Storage June 22, 2009

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

Item	2008	2009	2009/2008
<i>Millions</i>			
<i>Percent</i>			
Number of Layers			
Nebraska	9.6	9.6	100
United States	340.1	336.7	99
Table Eggs Produced			
Nebraska	236	236	100
United States	6,409	6,505	101
Chickens Hatched, May			
United States			
Egg-type	41.8	37.8	90
Broiler	825.3	786.5	95

Source: USDA NASS Chicken and Eggs June 22, 2009

Thanks!

Thank you to the many Nebraska farmers and ranchers who participated in the USDA NASS midyear surveys. This publication highlights the results of those efforts. This basic supply data on crop acreage, grain stocks, and hog inventories is a significant piece of the information grain and livestock buyers and sellers utilize to ensure fair, efficient markets, reducing overall price volatility.

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