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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 Farm Products Index of Prices Received by Farmers in December, at 136 based on 1990-92=100, unchanged from November. The Crop Index is down 2 points (1.3 percent) but the Livestock Index increased 3 points (2.6 percent). Producers received higher prices for milk, soybeans, grapes and strawberries and lower prices for oranges, cattle, corn, and broccoli. Increased monthly

marketings of wheat, milk, oranges, and lettuce offset decreased marketings of soybeans, corn, cattle, and grapes.

The preliminary All Farm Products Index is up 1 point (0.7 percent) from December 2008. The Food Commodities Index, at 138, increased 2 points (1.5 percent) from last month and increased 5 points (3.8 percent) from December 2008.

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

Commodity	Unit	Nebraska			United States		
		Dec 2008 ¹	Nov 2009 ¹	Dec 15, 2009	Dec 2008 ¹	Nov 2009 ¹	Dec 15, 2009
<i>Dollars</i>							
Wheat, All	Bushel	5.47	4.50	4.45	5.95	4.79	4.81
Corn	Bushel	4.04	3.71	3.60	4.11	3.65	3.59
Oats	Bushel	2.12	2.28	2.30	3.12	2.02	2.07
Grain Sorghum	Cwt	5.05	5.72	5.75	5.13	5.67	5.86
Soybeans	Bushel	8.85	9.59	9.85	9.24	9.53	9.96
Hay, All, Baled	Ton	89.00	72.00	76.00	138.00	107.00	107.00
Alfalfa, Baled	Ton	93.00	75.00	78.00	152.00	110.00	110.00
Other, Baled	Ton	74.00	59.00	61.00	109.00	99.10	98.90
Dry Edible Beans	Cwt	39.10	30.90	30.70	34.20	30.10	31.80
Hogs	Cwt	42.60	41.80	46.10	41.90	40.20	43.70
Barrows & Gilts	Cwt	42.50	41.90	46.30	41.90	40.30	44.20
Sows	Cwt	46.90	38.40	34.40	43.40	36.60	33.00
Beef Cattle	Cwt	86.00	83.90	81.90	79.70	79.60	78.20
Steers & Heifers	Cwt	87.30	85.10	83.00	85.70	85.40	83.50
Cows	Cwt	43.70	44.40	45.60	40.20	41.70	42.90
Calves	Cwt	106.00	109.00	112.00	98.90	105.00	105.00
Sheep	Cwt	30.70	39.90		32.90	36.80	
Lambs	Cwt	101.00	101.00		101.00	98.00	

¹ Entire month average except hay.

Source: USDA NASS Agricultural Prices December 30, 2009

Hogs and Pigs

Nebraska inventory of all hogs and pigs on December 1, 2009, was 3.15 million head. This was down 6 percent from December 1, 2008, and down 6 percent from September 1, 2009. Breeding inventory, at 370,000 head, was down 3 percent from December 1, 2008 and down 3 percent from last quarter. Market hog inventory, at 2.78 million head, was down 6 percent from last year and down 6 percent from last quarter.

U.S. inventory of all hogs and pigs on December 1, 2009 was 65.8 million head. This was down 2 percent from December 1, 2008 and down 2 percent from September 1, 2009. Breeding inventory, at 5.85 million head, was down 3 percent from last year and down slightly from the previous quarter. Market hog inventory, at 60.0 million head, was down 2 percent from both last year and last quarter.

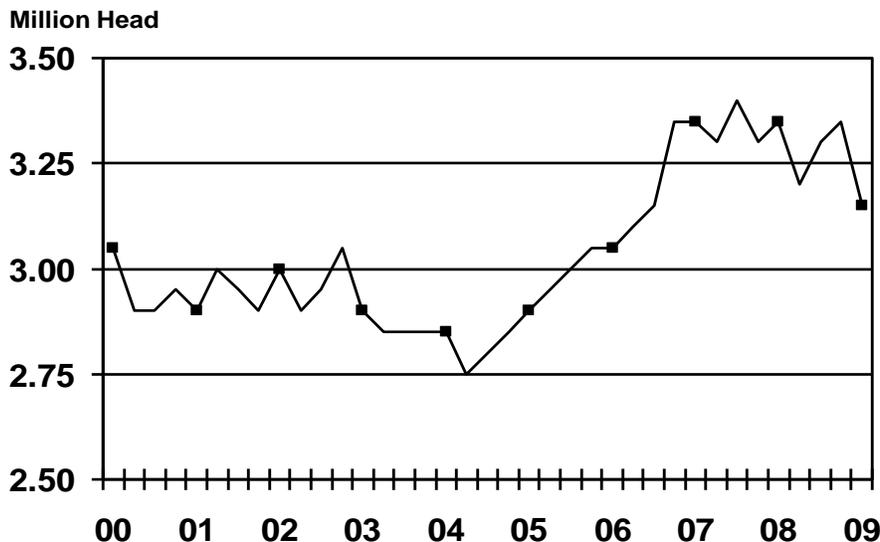
Hogs and Pigs: December 1 Inventory, Sows Farrowing and Pig Crop, Nebraska and United States 2008-2009¹

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>
December 1 Inventory						
All hogs and pigs	3,350	3,150	94	67,148	65,807	98
Breeding	380	370	97	6,062	5,850	97
Market	2,970	2,780	94	61,087	59,957	98
Market Hogs & Pigs						
Under 60 pounds	1,010	930	92	19,428	19,085	98
60-119 pounds	880	850	97	17,396	17,062	98
120-179 pounds	630	590	94	12,731	12,529	98
180 pounds and over	450	410	91	11,533	11,282	98
Sows Farrowing						
December-February ²	190	185	97	3,071	3,011	98
March-May	185	190	103	3,052	3,018	99
December-May ²	375	375	100	6,123	6,029	98
June-August	185	185	100	3,075	2,965	96
September-November	185	180	97	3,028	2,974	98
June-November	370	365	99	6,103	5,939	97
Pig Crop						
December-February ²	1,805	1,804	100	28,388	28,552	101
March-May	1,776	1,881	106	28,631	29,012	101
December-May ²	3,581	3,685	103	57,019	57,564	101
June-August	1,795	1,859	104	29,240	28,777	98
September-November	1,813	1,800	99	28,771	28,833	100
June-November	3,608	3,659	101	58,011	57,610	99

¹ May not add due to rounding ² December preceding year.

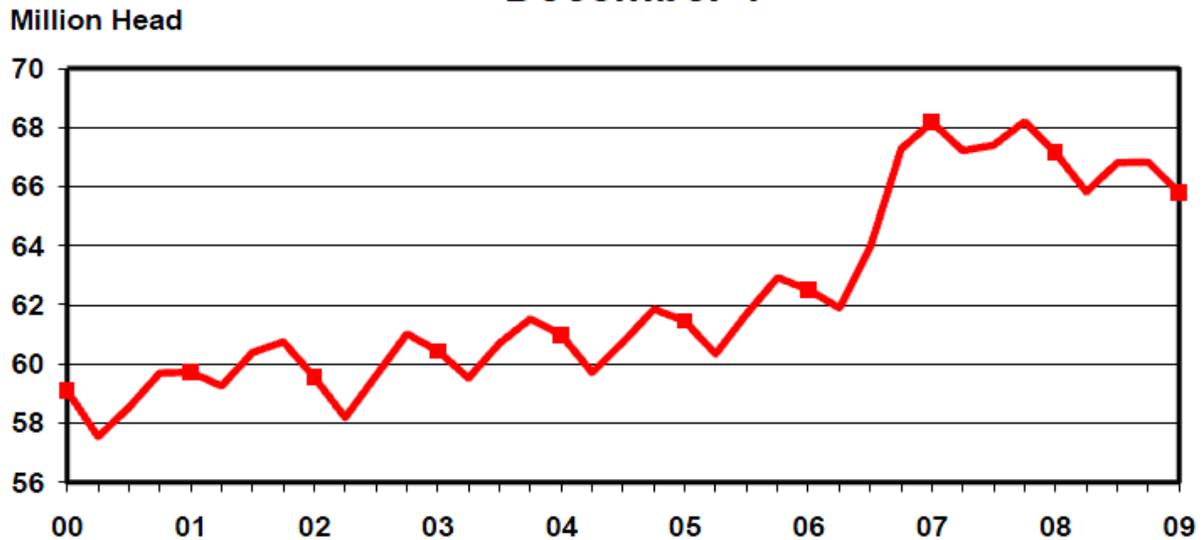
Source: USDA NASS Quarterly Hog and Pigs, December 30, 2009

Nebraska Quarterly Hogs and Pigs December 1



Source: USDA NASS Nebraska Field Office

U.S. Quarterly Hogs and Pigs Inventory December 1



Source: USDA NASS Quarterly Hogs and Pigs December 30, 2009

Commercial Livestock Slaughter

November 2009 number slaughtered and changes from last year and last month are shown below. November 2008 contained 20 weekdays (including two holidays) and five Saturdays. November 2009 contained 21 weekdays (including two holidays) and four Saturdays.

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

Item	Total ¹	Nov 2009 Percent of	
		Nov 2008	Oct 2009
Nebraska			
	<i>1,000 Head</i>		
Cattle, head	540.6	102	89
Hogs, head	639.9	100	91
Red Meat, mil. lbs.	579.1	101	88
United States			
Cattle, head	2,599.3	103	90
Calves, head	81.2	100	97
Hogs, head	9,460.5	101	92
Sheep & Lambs, head	219.2	114	100
Red Meat, mil. lbs.	3,962.8	102	90

¹ Excludes animals slaughtered on farms.

Source: USDA NASS Livestock Slaughter, December 24, 2009

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

Commodity	Stocks	Nov 2009 Percent of	
		Nov 2008	Oct 2009
	<i>1,000 Lbs.</i>		
Total red meats	941,070	91	97
Beef	430,761	89	101
Pork	487,202	93	94
Poultry	893,163	76	78
Turkey	227,668	63	45
Chicken	660,988	81	104

Source: USDA NASS Cold Storage, December 22, 2009

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

Item	2008		2009/2008
	<i>Millions</i>	<i>Percent</i>	
Number of Layers			
Nebraska	9.6	9.4	98
United States	338.0	337.3	100
Table Eggs Produced			
Nebraska	221	223	101
United States	6,446	6,521	101
Chickens Hatched, Nov			
United States			
Egg-type	34.2	34.9	102
Broiler	705.3	704.2	100

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

Farm Marketings: Percent of Sales, by Crop and Month, Nebraska, 2005-2009¹

Crop Year	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug
<i>Percent</i>												
Corn												
2005-06	5	14	11	9	12	9	8	7	6	5	7	7
2006-07	5	13	18	10	13	7	9	5	4	6	6	4
2007-08	4	15	14	12	13	8	8	6	3	7	6	4
2008-09	3	7	13	12	12	7	11	7	9	7	6	6
Sorghum Grain												
2005-06	3	19	16	14	14	11	4	6	5	3	3	2
2006-07	4	23	35	10	10	5	3	1	2	2	1	4
2007-08	2	19	25	15	13	6	6	7	3	3	1	
2008-09	2	1	18	11	19	8	15	8	9	5	2	2
Crop Year	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug
<i>Percent</i>												
Soybeans												
2005-06	9	32	6	10	10	5	5	5	5	4	4	5
2006-07	6	30	15	9	11	5	4	5	4	4	3	4
2007-08	6	27	11	13	15	8	5	3	1	5	4	2
2008-09	4	24	7	9	15	7	9	9	7	4	3	2
Dry Edible Beans												
2005-06	31	16	5	8	13	5	4	3	4	4	2	5
2006-07	25	27	5	4	11	2	6	7	3	3	2	5
2007-08	44	15	8	5	11	4	2	5	3	1	1	1
2008-09	42	15	3	1	7	6	5	4	7	4	1	5
Crop Year	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun
<i>Percent</i>												
Wheat												
2005-06	36	21	9	4	1	5	6	3	2	1	2	10
2006-07	37	8	5	10	12	3	3	3	2	5	3	9
2007-08	53	20	7	2	1	5	5	3	1	1	1	1
2008-09	45	18	4	2	1	4	7	2	4	3	7	3
Oats												
2005-06	22	19	21	4	1	8	2	12	1	6	3	1
2006-07	46	28	5	2	3	1	6	2	2	1	2	2
2007-08	18	10	22	4	13	7	2	3	6	4	4	7
2008-09	64	12	8	2	3	1		2	1	1	1	5
Crop Year	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May
<i>Percent</i>												
Hay												
2005-06	5	6	5	8	10	13	11	10	10	10	7	5
2006-07	5	6	5	8	10	13	11	10	10	10	7	5
2007-08	5	6	8	8	10	12	12	11	10	10	5	3
2008-09	5	6	6	8	10	14	12	10	10	9	6	4

¹ Monthly farm marketings, based on a sample survey, as a percent of total used for calculating marketing year average prices.
Source: USDA NASS Agricultural Prices, August 31, 2009, September 29, 2009, November 30, 2009