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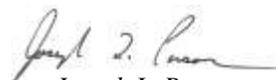
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Dear Nebraska Farmers, Ranchers and Agribusinesses:

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.


Joseph L. Parsons
Director

Cattle Inventory

All cattle and calves on hand January 1, 2010, in Nebraska totaled 6.25 million head, down 2 percent from 2009.

All cows on hand January 1, at 1.84 million head, were 4 percent below last year. The 2009 calf crop totaled 1.68 million head, down 3 percent from 2008.

Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter in all Nebraska feedlots on January 1 totaled a record 2.5 million head, the same as last year.

All cattle and calves in the United States as of January 1, 2010, totaled 93.7 million head, 1 percent below a year ago.

All cows and heifers that calved, at 40.5 million, were down 1 percent from the 41.0 million on January 1, 2009. The 2009 calf crop was estimated at 35.8 million head, down 1 percent from 2008.

Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter in all feedlots on January 1 were 13.6 million head, down 2 percent.

Cattle and Calves: Number by Class and Calf Crop, Nebraska and United States, January 1, 2008-2010

Class	Nebraska				United States ¹					
	2008	2009	2010	2010/2009	2008	2009	2010	2010/2009		
	<i>1,000 Head</i>			<i>Percent</i>			<i>1,000 Head</i>		<i>Percent</i>	
Cattle and calves	6,450	6,350	6,250	98	96,035	94,521	93,701	99		
Cows and heifers that have calved	1,940	1,910	1,840	96	41,692	41,045	40,456	99		
Beef cows	1,883	1,851	1,781	96	32,435	31,712	31,376	99		
Milk cows	57	59	59	100	9,257	9,333	9,081	97		
Heifers 500 pounds and over	1,790	1,790	1,770	99	19,855	19,576	19,666	100		
For beef cow replacement	300	320	310	97	5,647	5,531	5,436	98		
For milk cow replacement	20	20	20	100	4,415	4,410	4,516	102		
Other heifers	1,470	1,450	1,440	99	9,793	9,635	9,714	101		
Steers 500 pounds and over	2,370	2,270	2,240	99	17,163	16,769	16,440	98		
Bulls 500 pounds and over	90	95	95	100	2,207	2,184	2,190	100		
Calves under 500 pounds	260	285	305	107	15,118	14,948	14,949	100		
	2007	2008	2009	2009/2008	2007	2008	2009	2009/2008		
Calves born	1,760	1,730	1,680	97	36,759	36,153	35,819	99		

¹ Totals may not add due to rounding.

Source: USDA NASS Cattle, January 29, 2010

**Cattle on Feed: Number on Feed, Placements, Marketings and Other Disappearance,
1,000+ Capacity Feedlots, by Month, State, and United States, 2008-2010**

State	January 1 Number on Feed ¹			December Placements			December Marketings			December Other Disappearance ²		
	2009	2010	<u>2010</u> 2009	2008	2009	<u>2009</u> 2008	2008	2009	<u>2009</u> 2008	2008	2009	<u>2009</u> 2008
	<i>1,000 Head</i>		<i>Percent</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>		<i>Percent</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>		<i>Percent</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>		<i>Percent</i>
Arizona	358	288	80	29	32	110	29	25	86	1	1	100
California	490	465	95	59	63	107	60	59	98	4	4	100
Colorado	1,000	1,010	101	150	110	73	155	155	100	5	5	100
Idaho	220	215	98	36	41	114	39	35	90	2	1	50
Iowa	500	570	114	66	85	129	64	73	114	2	2	100
Kansas	2,270	2,250	99	380	375	99	405	445	110	15	10	67
Nebraska	2,370	2,360	100	345	320	93	340	350	103	15	20	133
New Mexico	164	³	³	16	³	³	18	³	³	2	³	³
Oklahoma	335	365	109	49	50	102	46	58	126	3	2	67
South Dakota	220	235	107	38	38	100	37	36	97	1	2	200
Texas	2,790	2,680	96	405	350	86	405	410	101	20	20	100
Washington	157	166	106	28	29	104	38	34	89	2	1	50
Other States	360	405	⁴	46	53	⁴	47	62	⁴	4	4	⁴
U.S.	11,234	11,009	98	1,647	1,546	94	1,683	1,742	104	76	72	95

¹ Cattle 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. ² Includes death losses, movement from feedlots to pastures and shipments to other feedlots for further feeding. ³ New Mexico unpublished to avoid disclosure of individual operations, included in other states. ⁴ Comparison to 2008 is not applicable. Source: USDA NASS Cattle on Feed, January 22, 2010

Milk Cows and Production: By Quarter, Nebraska, 23 States and United States, 2008-2009

Item and Quarter	Nebraska		23 States		United States	
	2008	2009	2008	2009	2008	2009
	<i>1,000 Head</i>		<i>1,000 Head</i>		<i>1,000 Head</i>	
Milk cows ¹						
July-September	59	61	8,513	8,371	9,330	9,159
October-December	59	60	8,517	8,314	9,330	9,087
	<i>Million Pounds</i>		<i>Million Pounds</i>		<i>Million Pounds</i>	
Milk production ²						
July-September	272	306	43,515	43,427	46,881	46,782
October-December	278	305	43,286	42,894	46,727	46,240

¹ Includes dry cows, excludes heifers not yet fresh.

² Excludes milk sucked by calves.

Source: USDA NASS Milk Production, January 19, 2010

**Sheep and Lambs: Number by Class, January 1, 2009-2010 and
Lamb Crop, Nebraska and United States, 2008-2009**

State	Total Breeding Sheep & Lambs		Total Market Sheep & Lambs		All Sheep & Lambs		Breeding Ewes 1 Year & Older Jan 1		Lambs per 100 Ewes 1+ Jan 1		Lamb Crop	
	2009	2010	2009	2010	2009	2010	2008	2009	2008	2009	2008	2009
	<i>1,000 Head</i>						<i>1,000 Head</i>		<i>Percent</i>		<i>1,000 Head</i>	
Nebraska	57	58	14	16	71	74	52	46	135	148	70	68
United States	4,247	4,190	1,500	1,440	5,747	5,630	3,540	3,405	105	108	3,710	3,690

Source: USDA NASS Sheep and Goats, January 29, 2010

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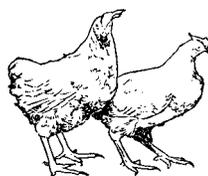
The Agricultural Resource Management Survey (ARMS) provided the facts policymakers used to craft the Farm Bill.

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Poultry

During December 2009, layers in Nebraska totaled 9.5 million birds, a decrease of 2 percent from the previous year. The number of layers in the United States during December 2009 totaled 340 million, down slightly from December 2008.

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

Item	2008	2009	2009/2008
	<i>Millions</i>		<i>Percent</i>
Number of Layers			
Nebraska	9.7	9.5	98
United States	340.3	340.0	100
Table Eggs Produced			
Nebraska	234	232	99
United States	6,701	6,763	101
Chickens Hatched			
United States			
Egg-type	37.1	40.0	107
Broiler	779.3	778.4	100
Hatched thru December			
United States			
Egg-type	467.2	462.3	99
Broiler	9,456.0	9,086.1	96

Source: USDA NASS Chicken and Eggs, January 22, 2010

What Does ARMS Tell Us?

Several examples of the facts revealed in ARMS demonstrate the broad range of information it generates. The data also can be used to demonstrate the diversity within the farm sector, by farm size, geographic region, household characteristics, and commodities produced.

- **Production Expenses:** ARMS collects data on the costs of fertilizer, fuel, rent, seed, labor, custom applications, pesticides, and other production inputs for selected crops. Nebraska farm cash production expenses totalled \$16.6 billion in 2008, up 4.6 percent from 2007.
- **Financial Ratio:** The debt-to-asset ratio for Nebraska farms in 2008 was 12.8 percent compared to 8.3 percent at the national level.
- **Contracting:** Marketing and production contracts (advance agreements) between farmers and commodity buyers accounted for 39 percent of the value of U.S. agriculture production in 2008.
- **Farm Household Income Sources:** Farm households, like many other households, draw livelihoods from a variety of work, savings, and investments. The relative importance of the different components of farm household income varies by farm type, but off-farm income is most important for a majority of farm households.

Commercial Livestock Slaughter

December 2009 output and changes from last year and last month are shown below. December 2008 contained 23 weekdays (including one holiday) and four Saturdays. December 2009 contained 23 weekdays (including one holiday) and four Saturdays.

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

Item	Total ¹	Dec. 2009 percent of	
		Dec. 2008	Nov. 2009
Nebraska			
	<i>1,000 Head</i>		
Cattle, head	549.2	101	102
Hogs, head	647.0	93	101
Red Meat, mil. lbs.	581.4	98	100
United States			
Cattle, head	2,752.8	103	106
Calves, head	92.3	98	114
Hogs, head	9,832.9	97	104
Sheep & Lambs, head	235.3	102	107
Red Meat, mil. lbs.	4,147.5	100	105

¹ Excludes animals slaughtered on farms.

Source: USDA NASS Livestock Slaughter, January 22, 2010

**Goats: Number by Class,
Nebraska and United States, January 1, 2009-2010¹**

Class	Nebraska		United States	
	2009	2010	2009	2010
	<i>Head</i>	<i>Head</i>	<i>Head</i>	<i>Head</i>
Angora Goats			185,000	150,000
Milk Goats	1,900	3,100	335,000	355,000
Meat and Other Goats	27,000	20,000	2,549,000	2,538,000
Total Goats			3,069,000	3,043,000

¹ Missing data included in U.S. totals to avoid disclosure of individual operations.

Source: USDA NASS Sheep and Goats, January 29, 2010

Prices Received: By Commodity, Nebraska and United States, Preliminary January 2010 with Comparisons

Commodity	Unit	Nebraska			United States		
		Jan 2009 ¹	Dec 2009 ¹	Jan 15, 2010	Jan 2009 ¹	Dec 2009 ¹	Jan 15, 2010
		<i>Dollars</i>					
Wheat, All	Bushel	6.13	4.38	4.30	6.20	4.85	4.79
Corn	Bushel	4.28	3.64	3.60	4.36	3.59	3.45
Oats	Bushel	3.04	2.11	2.20	2.77	2.23	2.19
Grain Sorghum	Cwt	6.20	5.68	5.65	5.68	5.71	5.53
Soybeans	Bushel	9.54	9.82	9.50	9.97	9.80	9.49
Hay, All, Baled	Ton	89.00	76.00	79.00	135.00	107.00	109.00
Alfalfa, Baled	Ton	93.00	78.00	82.00	148.00	110.00	113.00
Other, Baled	Ton	76.00	61.00	67.00	110.00	98.90	99.60
Dry Edible Beans	Cwt	33.40	31.30	30.90	35.00	31.20	33.30
Hogs	Cwt	43.50	47.40	50.20	42.80	45.00	47.30
Barrows & Gilts	Cwt	43.40	47.70	50.40	42.80	45.50	47.80
Sows	Cwt	47.50	33.70	39.00	43.80	32.10	37.30
Beef Cattle	Cwt	85.90	83.10	87.30	80.10	78.60	81.90
Steers & Heifers	Cwt	87.10	84.20	88.40	85.80	83.80	87.00
Cows	Cwt	45.90	46.80	50.90	42.30	43.50	47.10
Calves	Cwt	113.00	113.00	116.00	106.00	105.00	109.00
Sheep	Cwt	31.10	43.30		31.40	45.20	
Lambs	Cwt	99.00	100.00		101.00	98.10	

¹ Entire month average except hay.

Source: USDA NASS Agricultural Prices, January 29, 2010

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