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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 1 Percent

Nebraska feedlots, with capacities of 1,000 or more head, contained 2.37 million cattle on feed on February 1, down 1 percent from last year. Placements of cattle into feedlots during January totaled 410,000 head, up 3 percent from 2009. Fed cattle marketings for the month of January totaled 380,000 head, up 6 percent from last year. Other disappearance during January totaled 20,000 head, compared to 10,000 head last year.

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 11.0 million head on February 1, 2010. The inventory was 3 percent below February 1, 2009. Placements in feedlots during January totaled 1.83 million, 2 percent below 2009. Marketings of fed cattle during January totaled 1.77 million, 2 percent above 2009. This is the third lowest fed cattle marketings for month of January since the series began in 1996. Other disappearance totaled 70,000 during January, 4 percent above 2009.

Cattle on Feed: Number on Feed, Placements, Marketings and Other Disappearance, 1,000+ Capacity Feedlots, by Month, State, and United States, 2009-2010

State	February 1 Number on Feed ¹			January Placements			January Marketings			January Other Disappearance ²		
	2009	2010	<u>2010</u> 2009	2009	2010	<u>2010</u> 2009	2009	2010	<u>2010</u> 2009	2009	2010	<u>2010</u> 2009
	<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	349	290	83	27	28	104	35	24	69	1	1	100
California	480	455	95	51	54	106	59	57	97	2	7	350
Colorado	1,020	960	94	200	130	65	170	170	100	10	10	100
Idaho	215	205	95	37	30	81	41	39	95	1	1	100
Iowa	520	600	115	81	95	117	59	62	105	2	3	150
Kansas	2,260	2,240	99	435	475	109	430	475	110	15	10	67
Nebraska	2,400	2,370	99	400	410	103	360	380	106	10	20	200
New Mexico	158	³	³	9	³	³	13	³	³	2	³	³
Oklahoma	330	365	111	54	60	111	57	58	102	2	2	100
South Dakota	225	235	104	43	35	81	35	34	97	3	1	33
Texas	2,810	2,700	96	440	420	95	405	390	96	15	10	67
Washington	151	166	110	30	29	97	35	28	80	1	1	100
Other States	370	403	⁴	51	59	⁴	38	57	⁴	3	4	⁴
United States	11,288	10,989	97	1,858	1,825	98	1,737	1,774	102	67	70	104

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 Withheld to avoid disclosing data for individual operations. ⁴ Comparison to 2009 is not applicable.

Source: USDA NASS Cattle on Feed, February 19, 2010

**Milk Cows: Licensed Dairy Herds, Number, and Milk Produced by Quarter,
Nebraska and United States, 2008-2009**

State and Month	Licensed Dairy Herds ¹		Milk Cows		Production per Cow		Production	
	2008	2009	2008	2009	2008	2009	2008	2009
	<i>Number</i>		<i>1,000 Head</i>		<i>Pounds</i>		<i>Million Pounds</i>	
Nebraska								
January – March			57	61			265	294
April – June			57	62			268	306
July - September			59	61			272	302
October - December			59	60			278	301
Annual	320	285	58	61	18,672	19,721	1,083	1,203
United States - Annual	57,127	54,942	9,315	9,201	20,395	20,576	189,982	189,320

¹ Average number of dairy farms licensed to sell milk, based on counts collected from State and other regulatory agencies.
Source: USDA NASS Milk Production, February 19, 2010

Chickens: Inventory By Type, Nebraska and United States, December 1, 2008-2009

Item	Nebraska			United States		
	2008	2009	2009/2008	2008	2009	2009/2008
	<i>Thousands</i>		<i>Percent</i>	<i>Thousands</i>		<i>Percent</i>
All Chickens	11,505	11,773	102	446,906	449,610	101
Total Layers	9,752	9,388	96	339,859	339,526	100
Total pullets	1,753	2,385	136	99,458	101,588	102
Other chickens	0	0		7,589	8,496	112

Source: USDA NASS Chickens and Eggs 2009 Summary, February 2010

Eggs: Production, Average Number and Eggs per Layer, Nebraska and United States 2008-2009

Item	Nebraska		United States	
	2008	2009	2008	2009
Eggs Produced (<i>million</i>)	2,777	2,749	90,040	90,359
Average Number of Layers (<i>thousand</i>)	9,731	9,620	339,131	337,376
Eggs per Layer (<i>number</i>)	285	286	266	268

Source: USDA NASS Chickens and Eggs 2009 Summary, February 2010

**Fall Potatoes: 2009 Production and
February 1, 2010 Stocks¹**

State	Crop of 2009	
	Production	Total Stocks Feb. 1, 2010 ²
	<i>1,000 Cwt.</i>	<i>1,000 Cwt.</i>
California	4,158	1,200
Colorado	22,080	12,200
Idaho	131,000	76,500
Maine	15,263	9,400
Michigan	15,660	5,200
Minnesota	20,700	
Montana	3,347	3,100
Nebraska	8,756	4,200
New York	4,950	
North Dakota	19,125	9,000
Oregon	21,460	12,900
Washington	88,450	43,300
Wisconsin	28,980	14,900
Other States		11,500
Total 13 States	383,929	203,400

¹Stocks 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, February 17, 2010

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Crop Summary: Marketing Year Average Price and Value of Production, Nebraska and United States, 2007-2009

Crop	Prod. Unit	Price			Value of Production		
		2007	2008	2009	2007	2008	2009
Nebraska		<i>Dollars</i>	<i>Dollars</i>	<i>Dollars</i>	<i>1,000 Dollars</i>	<i>1,000 Dollars</i>	<i>1,000 Dollars</i>
Corn for Grain	Bushels	4.14	4.05	3.70	6,094,080	5,644,283	5,828,610
Soybeans	Bushels	9.92	9.79	9.40	1,947,792	2,212,442	2,438,548
All Hay (baled)	Ton	88.50	88.50	75.00	532,455	537,344	445,150
Alfalfa Hay (baled)	Ton	91.00	92.00	77.50	365,365	352,544	279,775
All Other Hay (baled)	Ton	77.00	77.00	63.00	167,090	184,800	165,375
Winter Wheat	Bushels	5.82	6.68	4.90	490,510	490,846	376,320
All Potatoes	Cwt.	7.85	10.00	9.00	64,503	82,450	78,804
Sorghum for Grain	Cwt.	7.10	5.80	5.85	89,699	62,069	42,654
Dry Edible Beans	Cwt.	29.90	35.70	30.70	72,298	102,995	75,553
Sugar Beets ²	Ton	40.40	50.80		42,056	42,824	
Proso Millet	Bushels	4.90	3.10	2.95	21,021	13,299	6,903
Sunflower (all)	Cwt.	20.80	21.60	19.90	12,174	17,873	12,460
Sunflower (oil)	Cwt.	20.10	17.00	15.40	8,225	9,503	4,805
Sunflower (non-oil)	Cwt.	22.50	31.00	24.30	3,949	8,370	7,655
Oats	Bushels	3.14	3.46	2.35	6,704	8,477	4,865
Barley ¹	Bushels						
United States							
Corn for Grain	Bushels	4.20	4.06	3.70	54,666,959	49,312,615	48,588,665
Soybeans	Bushels	10.10	9.97	9.45	26,974,406	29,458,225	31,760,452
All Hay (baled)	Ton	128.00	152.00	111.00	16,842,233	18,638,748	14,990,083
Alfalfa Hay (baled)	Ton	138.00	165.00	115.00	8,855,044	10,747,161	7,997,221
All Other Hay (baled)	Ton	110.00	118.00	101.00	7,987,189	7,891,587	6,992,862
All Wheat	Bushels	6.48	6.78	4.85	13,289,326	16,625,759	10,626,176
Winter Wheat	Bushels	6.13	6.57	4.70	9,077,574	11,936,139	7,060,386
All Potatoes	Cwt.	7.51	8.42	8.00	3,339,710	3,770,462	3,452,276
Sugar Beets ²	Ton	42.00	48.00		1,337,173	1,289,621	
Sorghum for Grain	Cwt.	7.28	5.72	5.90	1,925,312	1,631,065	1,242,196
Dry Edible Beans	Cwt.	28.80	34.60	30.90	748,680	910,200	793,722
Barley	Bushels	4.02	5.37	4.40	834,954	1,259,357	917,500
Sunflower (all)	Cwt.	21.70	21.80	14.50	614,736	704,105	444,795
Sunflower (oil)	Cwt.	21.40	19.50	13.20	527,925	572,979	345,950
Sunflower (non-oil)	Cwt.	22.90	31.30	22.00	86,811	131,126	98,845
Oats	Bushels	2.63	3.15	2.10	247,644	269,763	216,566
Proso Millet	Bushels	4.67	3.23	2.84	78,975	48,017	28,043

¹ Estimates discontinued in 2005. ² State prices and values for 2009 will be published in Agricultural Prices, July 31, 2010. State prices and values for 2009 will be published in Crop Values, February 2011.

Note: All prices in this report are marketing year average prices which do not include allowances or adjustments for commodities under government loan at the end of the marketing year, commodities forfeited to the Commodity Credit Corporation, loan deficiency payments, direct and counter cyclical payments or disaster payments.

Source: USDA NASS Crop Values 2009 Summary, February 2010

2009 county data for corn, oats, sorghum, soybeans, sunflowers, and wheat are now available at:
http://www.nass.usda.gov/Data_and_Statistics/Quick_Stats/index.asp

U.S. Hired Farm Workers Total 767 Thousand, U.S. Wage at \$11.06

There were 767,000 hired workers on the Nation's farms and ranches the week of January 10-16, 2010, down 2 percent from a year ago. Of these hired workers, 587,000 workers were hired directly by farm operators. Agricultural service employees working on farms and ranches made up the remaining 180,000 workers.

Farm operators paid their hired workers an average wage of \$11.06 per hour during the January 2010 reference week, up 13 cents from a year earlier.

Field workers received an average of \$10.14 per hour, up 18 cents from last January, while livestock workers earned \$10.26 per hour compared with \$10.27 a year earlier. The field and livestock worker combined wage rate, at \$10.19 per hour, was up 11 cents from last year.

The number of hours worked averaged 37.3 hours for hired workers during the survey week, down 3 percent from a year ago.

**Farm Labor: Number and Wage Rates for Type of Workers and All Hired Workers,
Selected Regions and United States, January 10-16, 2010¹**

Region ²	Hired Workers	Wage Rates			
		All Hired Workers	Type of work		
			Field	Livestock	Field & Livestock
<i>Thousands</i>		<i>Dollars Per Hour</i>			
Lake	46	11.22	11.12	9.97	10.30
Cornbelt I	32	11.95	11.81	10.35	11.00
Cornbelt II	23	10.98	11.40	10.77	11.00
Northern Plains	21	11.71	12.32	10.14	11.35
Southern Plains	55	10.00	9.01	10.21	9.66
Mountain I	16	11.24	11.53	10.55	10.82
Mountain II	15	11.73	10.74	11.30	11.04
United States	587	11.06	10.14	10.26	10.19

¹ Excludes agricultural service workers.

² 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.

Source: USDA NASS Farm Labor, February 18, 2010

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