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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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Farm Numbers Continue Decline

Nebraska's number of farms and ranches declined during 2009. The number of farms and ranches in the state is 47,200, down 200 or less than 1 percent from 2008. Land in farms and ranches in Nebraska totaled 45.6 million acres unchanged from last year. The average size of operation increased to 966 acres, up 4 acres from 2008.

The number of farms and ranches in the United States in 2009 is estimated at 2.2 million, virtually unchanged from 2008. Total land in farms and ranches in the United States, at 919.8 million acres, decreased 110 thousand acres from 2008. The average size of operation is 418 acres, unchanged from the previous year.

Number of Farms and Land in Farms: Nebraska and United States, 2000-2009¹

Year	Nebraska			United States		
	Farms	Land in Farms	Average Farm Size	Farms	Land in Farms	Average Farm Size
	<i>Number</i>	<i>1,000 acres</i>	<i>Acres</i>	<i>Number</i>	<i>1,000 acres</i>	<i>Acres</i>
2000	52,000	46,100	887	2,166,780	945,080	436
2001	50,000	46,000	920	2,148,630	942,070	438
2002	49,400	45,900	929	2,135,360	940,300	440
2003	48,500	45,900	946	2,126,860	936,750	440
2004	48,300	45,800	948	2,112,970	932,260	441
2005	48,000	45,700	952	2,098,690	927,940	442
2006	47,600	45,700	960	2,088,790	925,790	443
2007	47,700	45,600	956	2,204,950	921,460	418
2008 ²	47,400	45,600	962	2,200,100	919,910	418
2009	47,200	45,600	966	2,200,010	919,800	418

¹ A farm is any establishment from which \$1,000 or more of agricultural products were sold or would normally be sold during the year.

² Revised. Source: USDA NASS Farms, Land in Farms, and Livestock Operations 2009 Summary, February 2010

Farms and Land in Farms by Economic Sales Class, Nebraska and United States, 2007-2009

Economic Sales Class	Number of Farms						Land in Farms					
	Nebraska			United States			Nebraska			United States		
	2007	2008	2009	2007	2008	2009	2007	2008	2009	2007	2008	2009
	<i>1,000</i>						<i>1,000 Acres</i>					
\$1,000-\$9,999	13.0	12.3	11.7	1,228.6	1,222.1	1,228.2	1.4	1.4	1.3	107.9	106.7	105.5
\$10,000-\$99,999	14.7	14.2	13.4	608.7	604.5	598.0	6.4	6.2	6.2	228.2	255.3	226.9
\$100,000-\$249,999	8.0	7.6	8.6	150.3	149.0	149.5	8.6	8.3	8.2	153.4	151.3	148.0
\$250,000-\$499,999	5.8	6.0	6.0	97.2	98.5	99.6	10.2	9.1	9.7	145.7	143.5	149.4
\$500,000 & Over	6.2	7.3	7.5	120.2	126.0	124.7	19.0	20.6	20.2	286.2	293.1	290.0

Source: USDA NASS Farms, Land in Farms, and Livestock Operations 2009 Summary, February 2010

U.S. Grains Supply and Disappearance Outlook

Crop Year	Supply				Market Year Disappearance ¹				Market Year Ending Stocks	Average Market Price
	Beginning stocks	Production	Imports	Total	Domestic		Exports	Total		
					Primary Use ²	Other				
<i>Million Bushels</i>										
<i>\$/bu.</i>										
Corn										
2007/08	1,304	13,038	20	14,362	5,913	4,387	2,437	12,737	1,624	4.20
2008/09	1,624	12,092	14	13,729	5,246	4,953	1,858	12,056	1,673	4.06
2009/10 ³	1,673	13,151	10	14,834	5,550	5,565	2,000	13,115	1,719	3.45-3.95
Soybeans										
2007/08	574	2,677	10	3,261	1,803	93	1,159	3,056	205	10.10
2008/09	205	2,967	13	3,185	1,662	101	1,283	3,047	138	9.97
2009/10 ³	138	3,361	8	3,507	1,720	177	1,400	3,297	210	8.70-10.20
Wheat										
2007/08	456	2,051	113	2,620	948	104	1,263	2,314	306	6.48
2008/09	306	2,499	127	2,932	927	333	1,015	2,275	657	6.78
2009/10 ³	657	2,216	115	2,988	940	242	825	2,007	981	4.75-4.95
Sorghum										
2007/08	32	497	0	530	165	35	277	477	53	4.08
2008/09	53	472	0	525	232	95	143	471	55	3.20
2009/10 ³	55	383	0	438	150	90	150	390	48	3.10-3.50

¹ Marketing year begins: Corn, Sorghum & Soybeans, September 1; Wheat, June 1.

² Primary uses: Corn & Sorghum = Feed; Soybeans = Crushing; Wheat = Food.

³ Projection. Source: USDA's World Agricultural Supply and Demand Estimates, February 9, 2010

U.S. Meats Supply and Use

Item	Supply				Use			
	Beginning stocks	Production ¹	Imports	Total supply	Exports	Ending stocks	Consumption	
							Total	Per capita ^{2,3}
<i>Million pounds⁴</i>								
Beef:								
2008	630	26,663	2,538	29,831	1,887	642	27,302	62.7
2009 Est. Feb.	642	26,065	2,643	29,350	1,871	564	26,915	61.3
2010 Proj. Feb.	564	25,752	2,775	29,091	2,040	460	26,591	59.9
Pork:								
2008	519	23,367	832	24,717	4,667	635	19,415	49.4
2009 Est. Feb.	635	23,013	841	24,489	4,151	530	19,808	50.0
2010 Proj. Feb.	530	22,540	900	23,970	4,500	525	18,945	47.3
Total red meat⁵:								
2008	1,169	50,361	3,553	55,083	6,566	1,307	47,210	113.5
2009 Est. Feb.	1,307	49,400	3,654	54,361	6,039	1,117	47,205	112.6
2010 Proj. Feb.	1,117	48,613	3,862	53,592	6,556	1,005	46,031	108.7
Broilers:								
2008	719	36,511	79	37,309	6,961	745	29,603	83.4
2009 Est. Feb.	745	35,109	82	35,936	6,802	614	28,520	79.7
2010 Proj. Feb.	614	35,516	80	36,210	5,825	705	29,680	82.1
Turkeys:								
2008	261	6,165	8	6,434	676	396	5,361	17.6
2009 Est. Feb.	396	5,589	13	5,998	536	250	5,212	17.0
2010 Proj. Feb.	250	5,502	12	5,764	545	290	4,929	15.9
Total poultry⁶:								
2008	982	43,235	92	44,309	7,785	1,144	35,379	102.4
2009 Est. Feb.	1,144	41,199	100	42,443	7,452	866	34,125	97.9
2010 Proj. Feb.	866	41,522	100	42,488	6,510	998	34,980	99.2

¹Total including farm production for red meats and, for poultry, federally inspected plus non-federally inspected, less condemnations. ²Pounds, retail-weight basis. ³Population source: Dept. of Commerce, Census Bureau. ⁴Carcass weight for red meats and certified ready-to-cook weight for poultry. ⁵Beef, pork, veal, lamb and mutton. ⁶Broilers, turkeys and mature chicken.

Source: USDA, World Agricultural Supply and Demand Estimates, February 9, 2010

**Livestock Slaughter: By Commodity,
Nebraska and United States,
January 2010 with Comparisons**

Item	Total ¹	Jan 2010 Percent of	
		Jan 2009	Dec 2009
Nebraska	<i>1,000 Head</i>		
Cattle	548.6	101	100
Hogs	591.6	89	91
Red Meat, mil. lbs.	560.3	96	96
United States			
Cattle	2,707.2	100	98
Calves	82.8	98	90
Hogs	8,903.2	90	91
Sheep & Lambs	186.6	98	79
Red Meat, mil, lbs.	3,916.4	94	94

¹ Excludes animals slaughtered on farms.

Source: USDA NASS Livestock Slaughter, February 26, 2010

**Stocks in Cold Storage: By Commodity,
United States, January 2010 with Comparisons**

Commodity	Stocks	Jan 2010 Percent of	
		Jan 2009	Dec 2009
	<i>1,000 Lbs.</i>		
Total red meats	950,373	87	103
Beef	432,816	94	101
Pork	495,610	82	105
Poultry	927,939	81	103
Turkey	299,884	67	115
Chicken	625,258	90	99

Source: USDA NASS Cold Storage, February 22, 2010

**Poultry: Layers and Eggs, Nebraska and
United States, January 2010 with Comparisons**

Item	2009	2010	2010/2009
	<i>Millions</i>		<i>Percent</i>
Number of Layers			
Nebraska	9.7	9.5	98
United States	341.4	339.2	99
Table Eggs Produced			
Nebraska	233	231	99
United States	6,603	6,610	100
Chickens Hatched, January			
United States			
Egg-type	38.1	38.8	102
Broiler	778.4	775.6	100

Source: USDA NASS Chicken and Eggs, February 26, 2010

Hard White Winter Wheat

Of the total hard white winter wheat acreage reported for 2010, the two most common varieties planted were NuGrain and Aspen.

**Hard White Winter Wheat:
Percent of Planted Acreage, Nebraska, 2006-2010**

Variety	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010
	<i>Percent</i>				
All White Varieties	1.0	1.5	1.9	1.6	0.9

Source: USDA NASS

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

Commodity	Unit	Nebraska			United States		
		Feb 2009 ¹	Jan 2010 ¹	Feb 15, 2010	Feb 2009 ¹	Jan 2010 ¹	Feb 15, 2010
Wheat, All	Bushels	\$ 5.08	\$ 4.56	\$ 4.25	\$ 5.79	\$ 4.92	\$ 4.67
Corn	Bushels	3.96	3.70	3.45	3.87	3.66	3.45
Oats	Bushels	2.52	²	2.20	2.69	2.18	2.13
Grain Sorghum	Cwt.	4.93	5.74	5.15	5.04	5.84	5.42
Soybeans	Bushels	9.27	9.73	9.15	9.54	9.79	9.40
Hay, All, Baled	Ton	88.00	79.00	81.00	131.00	109.00	107.00
Alfalfa, Baled	Ton	91.00	82.00	84.00	141.00	113.00	111.00
Other, Baled	Ton	78.00	67.00	68.00	108.00	99.60	97.10
Dry Edible Beans	Cwt.	29.40	30.60	30.20	30.10	30.70	33.80
Hogs	Cwt.	44.70	50.80	50.10	43.80	48.40	48.10
Barrows & Gilts	Cwt.	44.70	51.00	50.10	43.80	48.90	48.20
Sows	Cwt.	47.00	40.20	48.30	43.30	38.50	45.30
Beef Cattle	Cwt.	83.00	87.10	88.20	78.90	82.10	84.40
Steers & Heifers	Cwt.	84.10	88.20	89.30	83.80	87.50	89.40
Cows	Cwt.	48.30	51.10	53.70	43.60	47.90	50.50
Calves	Cwt.	112.00	117.00	120.00	104.00	109.00	111.00
Sheep	Cwt.	29.50	47.70		31.40	52.40	
Lambs	Cwt.	96.80	101.00		100.00	102.00	

¹ Entire month average except hay. ² Price not published to avoid disclosure of individual farms.

Source: USDA NASS Agricultural Prices, February 26, 2010

Honey: Number of Colonies, Yield, Production, Stocks, Price and Value, Nebraska and United States 2008-2009¹

State and Year	Number of Colonies	Yield per colony	Production	Stocks Dec. 15 ²	Average Price Per Pound ³	Value of Production ⁴
	<i>1,000</i>	<i>Pounds</i>	<i>1,000 Pounds</i>		<i>Cents</i>	<i>1,000 Dollars</i>
2008						
Nebraska	36	67.0	2,412	1,254	145.0	3,497
United States	2,342	69.9	163,789	51,159	142.1	232,744
2009						
Nebraska	48	56.0	2,688	1,102	144.0	3,871
United States	2,462	58.5	144,108	37,153	144.5	208,236

¹ For producers with 5 or more colonies. ² Stocks held by producers. ³ Average price per pound based on expanded sales. ⁴ Value of production is equal to production multiplied by average price per pound.

Source: USDA NASS Honey, February 26, 2010

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