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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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March Prospective Plantings

As of March 1, Nebraska producers expect to increase acreage planted to corn, soybeans, dry edible beans, and sunflowers decreasing acreage devoted to hay, sorghum, sugarbeets, and wheat (sown last fall), while leaving oat acreage unchanged from a year ago. Nebraska corn growers expect to plant 9.2 million acres for all purposes in 2010, up 1 percent from 2009. Soybean growers intend to plant 4.9 million acres, up 2 percent from last year. Last fall, winter wheat was sown on 1.6 million acres, down 6 percent from a year earlier and 9 percent below the 2008 crop. This would be the smallest winter wheat planted acreage since records began in 1909.

Sorghum growers expect to plant 210,000 acres, down 25,000 acres or 11 percent from last year and the smallest acreage since 1931. Hay acreage for harvest, at 2.65 million, would be down 2 percent from last year. Dry edible bean producers intend to plant 160,000 acres, up 30,000 acres from 2009. Oat planting intentions, at 100,000 acres, are unchanged from 2009. Sunflower planting intentions, at 70,000 acres, are up 18,000 acres from last year. Sugarbeet plantings of 46,000 acres would be down 7,000 acres from a year ago.

Crop Summary: Acres Planted, Nebraska and United States, 2008-2010

Crop	Nebraska				United States			
	2008	2009	Inten- tions 2010 ¹	<u>2010</u> 2009	2008	2009	Inten- tions 2010 ¹	<u>2010</u> 2008
	<i>1,000 Acres</i>			<i>Percent</i>				
Corn	8,800	9,150	9,200	101	85,982	86,482	88,798	103
Soybeans	4,900	4,800	4,900	102	75,718	77,451	78,098	101
Sorghum	300	235	210	89	8,284	6,633	6,360	96
Oats	95	100	100	100	3,247	3,404	3,364	99
Dry Beans	135	130	160	123	1,495.0	1,537.5	1,766.6	115
Sugar Beets	45.2	53.0	46.0	87	1,090.7	1,183.2	1,174.2	99
All Hay	2,570	2,700	2,650	98	60,152	59,755	60,460	101
All Wheat	1,750	1,700	1,600	94	63,193	59,133	53,827	91
Winter Wheat	1,750	1,700	1,600	94	46,307	43,311	37,698	87
Sunflower - Oil	45	27	30	111	2,163	1,698	1,714	101
- Non-oil	19	25	40	160	354	332	467	141
- All	64	52	70	135	2,517	2,030	2,181	107

¹Intended plantings as indicated by reports from farmers
Source: USDA NASS Prospective Plantings, March 31, 2010

Grain Stocks

Nebraska corn stocks in all positions on March 1, 2010, totaled 906 million bushels, up 12 percent from March 1, 2009. Soybeans stored in all positions totaled 91 million bushels, down 8 percent from last year. Wheat stored in all positions on March 1, 2010, totaled 42.8 million bushels, up 43 percent from a year ago.

U.S. corn stocks in all positions on March 1, 2010, totaled 7.69 billion bushels, up 11 percent from March 1, 2009. Soybeans stored in all positions totaled 1.27 billion bushels, down 2 percent from last year. All wheat stored in all positions on March 1, 2010, totaled 1.35 billion bushels, up 30 percent from a year ago.

Grain Stocks: By Commodity, Nebraska and United States, 2008-2010

Grain and Position	Nebraska				United States			
	March 1, 2008	March 1, 2009	March 1, 2010	2010 2009	March 1, 2008	March 1, 2009	March 1, 2010	2010 2009
	<i>1,000 Bushels</i>				<i>Percent</i>			
Corn								
On Farms	430,000	490,000	530,000	108	3,780,000	4,085,000	4,548,000	111
Off Farms ¹	336,772	318,288	376,390	118	3,078,722	2,869,145	3,145,940	110
Total	766,772	808,288	906,390	112	6,858,722	6,954,145	7,693,940	111
All Wheat								
On Farms	1,100	2,900	4,400	152	91,990	280,400	348,200	124
Off Farms ¹	28,263	26,950	38,354	142	617,280	759,664	1,004,133	132
Total	29,363	29,850	42,754	143	709,270	1,040,064	1,352,333	130
Soybeans								
On Farms	34,000	41,000	31,000	76	593,000	656,500	609,200	93
Off Farms ¹	84,880	58,063	60,086	103	840,982	645,289	660,806	102
Total	118,880	99,063	91,086	92	1,433,982	1,301,789	1,270,006	98
Sorghum								
On Farms	2,700	2,400	2,400	100	26,100	32,200	23,680	74
Off Farms ¹	11,245	12,399	8,364	67	159,808	173,650	151,581	87
Total	13,945	14,799	10,764	73	185,908	205,850	175,261	85
Oats								
On Farms	500	500	600	120	31,000	30,200	30,900	102
Off Farms ¹	2	2	2		47,988	65,250	67,126	103
Total	2	2	2		78,988	95,450	98,026	103

¹Includes stocks at mills, elevators, warehouses, terminals, and processors. ²Not published to avoid disclosure of individual operations.
Source: USDA NASS Grain Stocks, March 31, 2010

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

Commodity	Unit	Nebraska			United States		
		Mar 2009 ¹	Feb 2010 ¹	Mar 15, 2010	Mar 2009 ¹	Feb 2010 ¹	Mar 15, 2010
All wheat	Bushels	\$ 5.18	\$ 4.35	\$ 4.25	\$ 5.71	\$ 4.73	\$ 4.63
Corn	Bushels	3.90	3.57	3.60	3.85	3.55	3.49
Oats	Bushels	2.73	2	2	2.77	2.28	2.12
Grain Sorghum	Cwt.	5.37	5.55	5.55	5.37	5.44	5.34
Soybeans	Bushels	8.85	9.21	9.20	9.12	9.41	9.16
Hay, All, Baled	Ton	87.00	81.00	80.00	129.00	107.00	108.00
Alfalfa, Baled	Ton	89.00	84.00	83.00	138.00	111.00	111.00
Other, Baled	Ton	74.00	68.00	62.00	110.00	97.10	98.60
Dry Edible Beans	Cwt.	35.20	30.00	30.00	32.50	30.30	30.80
Hogs	Cwt.	44.40	50.50	54.10	43.90	48.80	52.80
Barrows & Gilts	Cwt.	44.40	50.50	54.10	44.00	48.80	52.80
Sows	Cwt.	44.80	51.50	53.50	41.90	48.90	51.30
Beef Cattle	Cwt.	83.30	89.30	91.60	79.10	85.50	88.80
Steers & Heifers	Cwt.	84.40	90.40	92.70	84.00	90.50	93.90
Cows	Cwt.	49.30	54.70	55.60	44.40	51.60	52.40
Calves	Cwt.	111.00	121.00	123.00	106.00	112.00	113.00
Sheep	Cwt.	31.80	56.20		32.10	55.00	
Lambs	Cwt.	92.00	106.00		100.00	106.00	

¹Entire month average except hay. ²Price not published to avoid disclosure of individual farms.
Source: USDA NASS Agricultural Prices, March 30, 2010

Hogs and Pigs

Nebraska inventory of all hogs and pigs on March 1, 2010, was 3.00 million head. This was down 6 percent from March 1, 2009 and down 3 percent from December 1, 2009. Breeding inventory, at 365,000 head, was down 5 percent from March 1, 2009 and down 1 percent from last quarter. Market hog inventory, at 2.64 million head, was down 6 percent from last year and down 3 percent from last quarter.

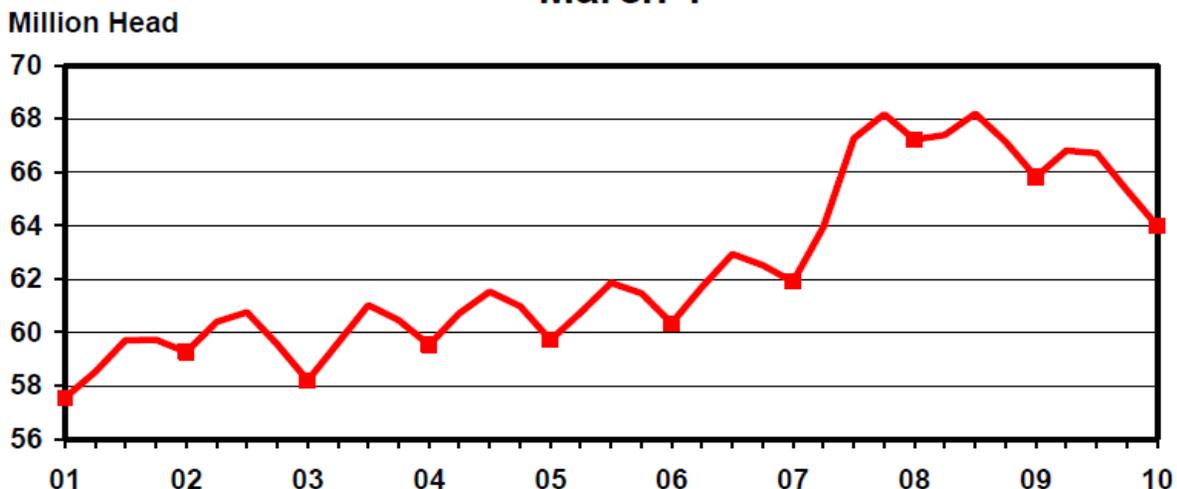
Inventory of all hogs and pigs in the United States on March 1, 2010 was 64.0 million head. This was down 3 percent from March 1, 2009 and down 2 percent from December 1, 2009. Breeding inventory, at 5.76 million head, was down 4 percent from last year and down 2 percent from the previous quarter. Market hog inventory, at 58.2 million head, was down 3 percent from last year and down 2 percent from last quarter.

Hogs and Pigs: March 1 Inventory, Sows Farrowing and Pig Crop, Nebraska and United States 2009-2010¹

Item	Nebraska			United States		
	2009	2010	2010/2009	2009	2010	2010/2009
	<i>1,000 Head</i>		<i>Percent</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>		<i>Percent</i>
March 1 Inventory						
All hogs and pigs	3,200	3,000	94	65,819	63,988	97
Breeding	385	365	95	5,992	5,760	96
Market	2,815	2,635	94	59,828	58,228	97
Market Hogs & Pigs						
Under 50 pounds	960	900	94	19,809	19,017	96
50-119 pounds	820	800	98	16,426	15,993	97
120-179 pounds	610	560	92	12,732	12,477	98
180 pounds and over	425	375	88	10,862	10,742	99
Sows Farrowing						
December-February ²	185	175	95	3,011	2,901	96
March-May ³	190	180	95	3,018	2,898	96
December-May ^{2,4}	375	355	95	6,029	5,799	96
June-August ³	185	175	95	2,959	2,887	98
September-November	180			2,974		
June-November	365			5,933		
Pig Crop						
December-February ²	1,804	1,750	97	28,552	27,873	98
March-May	1,881			29,012		
December-May ²	3,685			57,564		
June-August	1,859			28,718		
September-November	1,800			28,833		
June-November	3,659			57,551		

¹ May not add due to rounding. ² December preceding year. ³ Intentions for 2010. ⁴ Actual farrowings for December 2009–February 2010 plus intentions for March-May 2010. Source: USDA NASS Quarterly Hog and Pigs, March 26, 2010

U.S. Quarterly Hogs and Pigs Inventory March 1



Commercial Livestock Slaughter

February 2010 number slaughtered and changes from last year and last month are shown below. February 2009 contained 20 weekdays (including one holiday) and four Saturdays. February 2010 contained 20 weekdays (including one holiday) and four Saturdays.

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

Item	Total ¹	Feb 2010 Percent of	
		Feb 2009	Jan 2010
Nebraska			
	<i>1,000 Head</i>		
Cattle, head	514.4	103	94
Hogs, head	578.9	95	98
Red Meat, mil. lbs.	528.7	98	94
United States			
Cattle, head	2,547.6	101	94
Calves, head	74.0	100	89
Hogs, head	8,691.2	97	98
Sheep & Lambs, head	178.4	99	96
Red Meat, mil, lbs.	3,736.1	98	95

¹ Excludes animals slaughtered on farms.

Source: USDA NASS Livestock Slaughter, March 26, 2010

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

Commodity	Stocks	Feb 2010 Percent of	
		Feb 2009	Jan 2010
	<i>1,000 Lbs</i>		
Total red meats	939,825	87	100
Beef	401,601	92	94
Pork	516,801	83	105
Poultry	974,083	87	104
Turkey	345,810	75	114
Chicken	624,323	96	99

Source: USDA NASS Cold Storage, March 22, 2010

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

Item	2009	2010	2010/2009
Number of Layers			
Nebraska	9.7	9.4	97
United States	341.1	338.7	99
Table Eggs Produced			
Nebraska	209	205	98
United States	5,917	5,919	100
Chickens Hatched, February			
United States			
Egg-type	36.9	40.1	109
Broiler	700.9	699.8	100

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

2009 Cropland Data Layer Available

The Cropland Data Layer for Nebraska depicting distribution of 2009 crops is now available on CD Rom. Order it at <http://www.nass.usda.gov/research/Cropland/sarsexample3.html> or call 1-800-727-9540.

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