



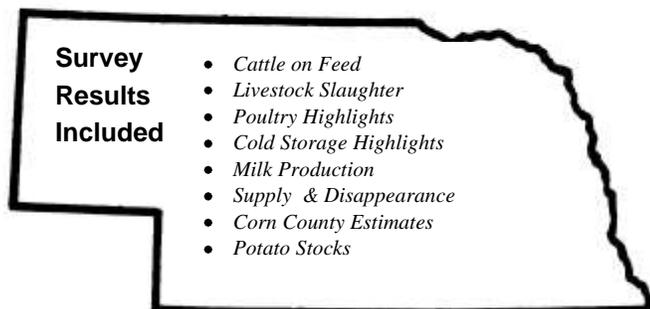
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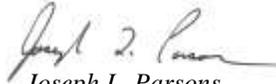
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Dear Nebraska Farmers, Ranchers and Agribusinesses:

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.


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Nebraska Cattle on Feed Down 1 Percent

Nebraska feedlots with capacities of 1,000 or more head contained 2.29 million cattle on feed on April 1, down 1 percent from last year. Placements of cattle into feedlots during March totaled 380,000 head, up 6 percent from 2009. Fed cattle marketings for the month of March totaled 430,000 head, up 18 percent from last year. This is the largest number of head marketed in March since the data series began in 1994. Other disappearance during March totaled 10,000 compared with 5,000 during March 2009.

U.S. Cattle on Down 4 Percent

Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter market in the United States for feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head totaled 10.8 million head on April 1, 2010. The inventory was 4 percent below April 1, 2009. Placements in feedlots during March totaled 1.86 million, 3 percent above 2009. Marketings of fed cattle during March totaled 1.90 million, 4 percent above 2009. Other disappearance totaled 60,000 during March, 20 percent above 2009, but still the second lowest other disappearance for the month of March since the series began in 1996.

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

State	April 1 Number on Feed ¹			March Placements			March Marketings			March 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	330	278	84	24	20	83	35	27	77	1	1	100
California	445	440	99	48	47	98	60	51	85	3	6	200
Colorado	1,040	930	89	165	185	112	155	190	123	10	5	50
Idaho	210	205	98	26	34	131	30	23	77	1	1	100
Iowa	530	600	113	77	77	100	66	84	127	1	3	300
Kansas	2,280	2,240	98	395	440	111	395	410	104	10	10	100
Nebraska	2,320	2,290	99	360	380	106	365	430	118	5	10	200
New Mexico	137	³	³	10	³	³	19	³	³	2	³	³
Oklahoma	330	340	103	68	64	94	66	77	117	2	2	100
South Dakota	225	235	104	46	42	91	44	45	102	2	2	100
Texas	2,810	2,640	94	510	490	96	510	485	95	10	15	150
Washington	160	171	107	35	32	91	27	28	104	1	1	100
Other States ⁴	345	400	⁵	44	46	⁵	52	52	⁵	2	4	⁵
United States	11,162	10,769	96	1,808	1,857	103	1,824	1,902	104	50	60	120

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 Beginning in July 2009, New Mexico is included in Other State total. ⁵ Comparison to 2009 is not applicable. Source: USDA NASS Cattle on Feed, March 23, 2010

Commercial Livestock Slaughter

March 2010 number slaughtered and changes from last year and last month are shown below. March 2009 contained 22 weekdays (including no holidays) and four Saturdays. March 2010 contained 23 weekdays (including no holidays) and four Saturdays.

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

Item	Total ¹	March 2010 Percent of	
		Mar 2009	Feb 2010
Nebraska	<i>1,000 Head</i>		
Cattle, head	579.5	106	113
Hogs, head	677.4	101	117
Red Meat, mil. lbs.	596.9	100	113
United States			
Cattle, head	2,912.7	107	114
Calves, head	79.8	100	108
Hogs, head	10,030.5	104	115
Sheep & Lambs, head	262.3	118	147
Red Meat, mil. lbs.	4,281.7	103	115

¹ Excludes animals slaughtered on farms.

Source: USDA NASS Livestock Slaughter, April 23, 2010

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

Item	2009	2010	2010/2009
	<i>Millions</i>		<i>Percent</i>
Number of Layers			
Nebraska	9.7	9.4	97
United States	340.9	340.9	100
Table Eggs Produced			
Nebraska	230	230	100
United States	6,645	6,711	101
Chickens Hatched, March			
United States			
Egg-type	41.7	45.2	108
Broiler	785.9	787.0	100

Source: USDA NASS Chicken and Eggs, April 23, 2010

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

Commodity	Stocks	March 2010 Percent of	
		Mar 2009	Feb 2010
	<i>1,000 Lbs.</i>		
Total red meats	925,111	89	98
Beef	390,524	92	97
Pork	510,482	86	99
Poultry	1,002,657	87	103
Turkey	379,135	74	111
Chicken	619,850	98	99

Source: USDA NASS Cold Storage, April 22, 2010

Milk Cows and Production: By Quarter, Nebraska, 23 Selected States and United States, 2009-2010

Item and Quarter	Nebraska		23 States		United States	
	2009	2010	2009	2010	2009	2010
Milk Cows ¹	<i>1,000 Head</i>		<i>1,000 Head</i>		<i>1,000 Head</i>	
January-March	61	59	8,491	8,318	9,295	9,089
Milk Production ²	<i>Million Pounds</i>		<i>Million Pounds</i>		<i>Million Pounds</i>	
January-March	294	295	43,748	43,846	47,374	47,331

¹ Includes dry cows, excludes heifers not yet fresh. ² Excludes milk sucked by calves.

Source: USDA NASS Milk Production, April 19, 2010

U.S. Grains Supply and Disappearance Outlook

Crop Year	Supply				Market Year Disappearance ¹				Market Year Ending Stocks	Average Market Price
	Begin-ning stocks	Pro-duction	Im-ports	Total	Domestic		Ex-ports	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	13,131	10	14,814	5,450	5,565	1,900	12,915	1,899	3.50-3.70
Soybeans										
2007/08	574	2,677	10	3,261	1,803	94	1,159	3,056	205	10.10
2008/09	205	2,967	13	3,185	1,662	102	1,283	3,047	138	9.97
2009/10 ³	138	3,359	15	3,512	1,730	148	1,445	3,323	190	9.20-9.20
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	920	253	865	2,038	950	4.85-4.95
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	140	100	150	390	48	3.10-3.30

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, April 9, 2010

**Corn: Harvested, Yield and Production
by County and District, Nebraska, 2009¹**

County and District	Harvested for Grain	Yield per Harvested Acre		Total Production	County and District	Harvested for Grain	Yield per Harvested Acre		Total Production
		Irrigated	Dryland				Irrigated	Dryland	
	<i>Acres</i>	<i>Bushels</i>	<i>Bushels</i>	<i>Bushels</i>		<i>Acres</i>	<i>Bushels</i>	<i>Bushels</i>	<i>Bushels</i>
Banner					Butler	147,500	213.0	162.0	27,771,000
Box Butte	44,800	158.0	69.0	6,829,200	Cass	121,500	210.0	175.0	21,332,500
Cheyenne					Colfax	112,500	208.0	177.0	21,400,500
Dawes					Dodge	144,000	207.0	188.0	28,364,000
Deuel	19,400	178.0	77.0	2,756,300	Douglas	30,500	208.0	188.0	5,884,000
Garden	23,100	175.0	84.0	3,578,400	Hamilton	192,500	211.0	137.0	39,396,500
Kimball	17,100			1,946,600	Lancaster	127,500	208.0	152.0	19,884,000
Morrill	58,900	157.0	80.0	9,178,000	Merrick	128,500	191.0	116.0	23,981,000
Scotts Bluff	79,800			12,946,800	Nance	82,000	201.0	145.0	14,522,000
Sheridan	29,100	176.0	63.0	4,658,300	Platte	195,500	210.0	170.0	38,515,000
Sioux	13,500	157.0		2,120,000	Polk	130,000	211.0	157.0	26,080,000
NORTHWEST	322,000	162.0	66.0	48,618,000	Sarpy	35,500	207.0	178.0	6,435,000
Arthur					Saunders	173,000	214.0	167.0	31,607,500
Blaine					Seward	135,000	204.0	150.0	24,246,000
Boyd	28,300	200.0	134.0	3,997,700	Washington	82,000	202.0	182.0	15,114,000
Brown	41,200			7,523,000	York	202,500	213.0	158.0	41,867,000
Cherry	17,100			3,070,000	EAST	2,040,000	208.0	167.0	386,400,000
Garfield	11,500	191.0	129.0	2,103,500	Chase	148,300	159.0	91.0	22,165,800
Grant					Dundy	93,000	158.0	81.0	13,077,000
Holt	176,000	189.0	110.0	32,417,000	Frontier	88,200	197.0	124.0	13,856,800
Hooker					Hayes	63,400	186.0	101.0	9,718,400
Keya Paha	11,400	180.0	76.0	1,854,400	Hitchcock	50,000	202.0	100.0	6,734,000
Logan	21,000	185.0	101.0	3,297,000	Keith	90,000	186.0	92.0	14,531,000
Loup					Lincoln	201,300	188.0	86.0	34,776,800
McPherson					Perkins	167,800	176.0	84.0	22,953,200
Rock	21,400			3,954,400	Red Willow	78,000	214.0	124.0	12,327,000
Thomas					SOUTHWEST	980,000	179.0	100.0	150,140,000
Wheeler	35,300	173.0	120.0	5,985,000	Adams	172,500	203.0	112.0	32,652,000
NORTH	380,000	185.0	121.0	67,094,000	Franklin	80,000	210.0	142.0	15,304,000
Antelope	192,000	209.0	127.0	37,214,000	Furnas	89,500	218.0	130.0	14,512,000
Boone	164,000	201.0	150.0	30,414,000	Gosper	81,000	213.0	126.0	15,209,000
Burt	124,000	210.0	184.0	23,622,000	Harlan	91,500	207.0	135.0	16,205,000
Cedar	173,500	194.0	155.0	29,622,500	Kearney	157,500	211.0	146.0	31,900,000
Cuming	156,500	217.0	186.0	30,148,000	Phelps	164,000	216.0	139.0	34,570,000
Dakota	63,500			11,660,000	Webster	79,000	202.0	122.0	12,598,000
Dixon	111,500			19,248,000	SOUTH	915,000	210.0	130.0	172,950,000
Knox	130,000	211.0	150.0	21,971,000	Clay	162,000	201.0	108.0	29,640,000
Madison	136,500	211.0	155.0	24,770,000	Fillmore	178,500	210.0	117.0	33,532,500
Pierce	136,000	205.0	140.0	24,175,000	Gage	154,500	180.0	137.0	22,693,000
Stanton	93,500	210.0	170.0	16,795,000	Jefferson	93,000	203.0	135.0	15,513,500
Thurston	95,500			17,563,000	Johnson	48,500	198.0	143.0	7,430,500
Wayne	121,500	215.0	164.0	21,322,500	Nemaha	82,000	212.0	166.0	13,804,000
NORTHEAST	1,698,000	207.0	165.0	308,525,000	Nuckolls	103,500	207.0	127.0	16,424,500
Buffalo	202,900	200.0	133.0	38,643,700	Otoe	119,500	210.0	165.0	19,830,000
Custer	249,000	186.0	131.0	42,783,800	Pawnee	41,000	197.0	129.0	5,357,000
Dawson	201,300	201.0	126.0	39,672,800	Richardson	104,500	219.0	163.0	17,230,000
Greeley	75,300	200.0	132.0	14,019,600	Saline	131,000	202.0	126.0	21,218,000
Hall	178,800	189.0	113.0	32,896,400	Thayer	132,000	207.0	130.0	24,090,000
Howard	104,400	193.0	121.0	19,112,400	SOUTHEAST	1,350,000	204.0	143.0	226,763,000
Sherman	78,600	194.0	143.0	14,248,800	NEBRASKA	8,850,000	198.0	149.0	1,575,300,000
Valley	74,700	190.0	125.0	13,432,500					
CENTRAL	1,165,000	194.0	130.0	214,810,000					

¹Missing data included in district and state totals.

Note: County estimates for other Nebraska crops are available at http://www.nass.usda.gov/Statistics_by_State/Nebraska/index.asp

Source: USDA NASS Nebraska Field Office

Potato Stocks

Fall Potatoes: 2009 Production and April 1, 2010 Stocks¹

State	Crop of 2009	
	Production <i>1,000 Cwt</i>	Total Stocks April 1, 2009 <i>1,000 Cwt</i>
California	4,158	900
Colorado	22,080	8,100
Idaho	131,000	51,000
Maine	15,263	6,000
Michigan	15,660	1,200
Minnesota	20,700	7,300
Montana	3,347	2,000
Nebraska	8,756	2,200
New York	4,950	500
North Dakota	19,125	5,000
Oregon	21,460	8,000
Washington	88,450	28,300
Wisconsin	28,980	8,600
Total 13 States	383,929	129,100

¹ Stocks include processor holdings and most of the seed to plant following year's crop.

Source: USDA NASS Potato Stocks, April 15, 2010

On-Farm Energy Production Survey

USDA is conducting the first-ever On-Farm Energy Production Survey. This survey gives farmers and ranchers the opportunity to highlight their renewable energy practices using wind turbines, solar panels, anaerobic digesters, and other alternative energy sources.

This is a chance to show the nation your continued commitment to the environment. Look for the survey in May 2010. As with the Census of Agriculture, this survey is your voice, your future and your responsibility.

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