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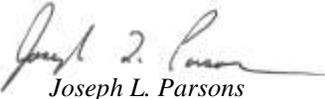
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Dear Nebraska Farmers, Ranchers and Agribusinesses:

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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Prices Received By Farmers

The preliminary United States All Farm Products Index of Prices Received by Farmers in May, at 141 percent, based on 1990-92=100, increased 3 points (2.2 percent) from April. The Crop Index is up 1 point (0.7 percent) and the Livestock Index increased 4 points (3.1 percent). Producers received higher prices for lettuce, broilers, hogs and strawberries and lower prices for onions, eggs, sweet corn, and tomatoes. In addition to prices, the overall index is also affected by the seasonal change based on a 3-year average mix of commodities

producers sell. Increased monthly marketings of sweet corn, broilers, grapes, and wheat offset decreased marketings of cattle, milk, apples, and corn.

The preliminary All Farm Products Index is up 11 points (8.5 percent) from May 2009. The Food Commodities Index, at 142, increased 3 points (2.2 percent) from last month and increased 16 points (13 percent) from May 2009.

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

Commodity	Unit	Nebraska			United States		
		May 2009 ¹	April 2010 ¹	May 15, 2010	May 2009 ¹	April 2010 ¹	May 15, 2010
<i>Dollars</i>							
Wheat, All	Bushel	5.57	3.87	3.96	5.84	4.42	4.39
Corn	Bushel	3.86	3.44	3.50	3.96	3.41	3.41
Oats	Bushel	2.52	2.52	2.50	2.64	2.25	2.04
Grain Sorghum	Cwt	5.98	5.36	5.40	5.98	5.39	5.31
Soybeans	Bushel	10.50	9.33	9.25	10.70	9.47	9.28
Hay, All, Baled	Ton	81.00	77.00	74.00	130.00	109.00	116.00
Alfalfa, Baled	Ton	83.00	81.00	78.00	137.00	113.00	121.00
Other, Baled	Ton	74.00	62.00	62.00	112.00	99.30	99.70
Dry Edible Beans	Cwt	26.50	29.80	29.20	27.60	30.80	30.00
Hogs	Cwt	45.20	58.30	65.00	44.60	56.50	62.30
Barrows & Gilts	Cwt	45.20	58.30	65.10	44.60	56.60	62.50
Sows	Cwt	45.90	56.10	61.30	43.30	53.20	58.80
Beef Cattle	Cwt	86.60	99.80	101.00	83.20	95.70	96.50
Steers & Heifers	Cwt	87.60	101.00	102.00	87.70	101.00	101.00
Cows	Cwt	52.90	60.30	63.00	48.80	57.50	59.50
Calves	Cwt	115.00	134.00	137.00	111.00	122.00	123.00
Sheep	Cwt	32.30	53.10		31.70	48.70	
Lambs	Cwt	94.80	116.00		102.00	119.00	

¹ Entire month average except hay.

Source: USDA NASS Agricultural Prices May 28, 2010

Meat Animals Production, Disposition, and Income

Production, Disposition, and Income: Cattle and Calves, Nebraska and United States, 2008-2009

Inventory, Supply, and Disposition ¹					Production and Income				
Item	Nebraska		United States		Item	Nebraska		United States	
	2008*	2009	2008*	2009		2008*	2009	2008*	2009
<i>Thousand Head</i>									
Inventory, January 1	6,450.0	6,350.0	96,034.5	94,521.0	Production ⁴				
Calf Crop	1,730.0	1,680.0	36,152.5	35,819.0	Million lbs	4,621.6	4,597.7	41,594.4	40,919.3
Inshipments	4,095.0	3,980.0	19,761.4	19,790.0	Marketings ⁵				
Marketings ²					Million lbs	7,495.0	7,390.3	54,696.0	54,146.1
Cattle	5,658.0	5,478.0	44,365.1	43,701.0	Value of Production				
Calves	85.0	85.0	8,802.9	8,478.5	Million \$	4,202.7	3,733.3	35,608.4	31,769.1
Farm slaughter ³	2.0	2.0	185.5	185.4	Cash Receipts ⁶				
Deaths					Million \$	7,068.7	6,239.6	48,517.8	43,776.6
Cattle	100.0	110.0	1,759.5	1,741.2	Value of Home Consumption				
Calves	80.0	85.0	2,314.4	2,322.7	Million \$	12.6	11.2	415.9	386.3
Inventory, End of Year	6,350.0	6,250.0	94,521.0	93,701.2	Gross Income				
					Million \$	7,081.2	6,250.8	48,933.7	44,162.9

Production, Disposition, and Income: Hogs and Pigs, Nebraska and United States, 2008-2009

Inventory, Supply, and Disposition ¹					Production and Income				
Item	Nebraska		United States		Item	Nebraska		United States	
	2008*	2009	2008*	2009		2008*	2009	2008*	2009
<i>Thousand Head</i>									
Inventory, December 1 Previous Year	3,350.0	3,350.0	68,176.8	67,148.3	Production ⁴				
Pig Crop (Dec - Nov)	7,189.0	7,344.0	115,029.8	115,115.0	Million lbs	1,384.5	1,368.5	31,410.8	31,131.4
Inshipments	600.0	420.0	42,120.6	41,034.5	Marketings ⁵				
Marketings ²	7,498.0	7,742.0	148,986.1	149,065.4	Million lbs	1,391.2	1,411.7	32,609.8	32,693.2
Farm slaughter ³	1.0	2.0	106.4	115.7	Value of Production				
Deaths	290.0	270.0	9,086.4	8,789.5	Million \$ ⁷	714.6	629.8	14,457.0	12,762.1
Inventory, December 1	3,350.0	3,100.0	67,148.3	65,327.2	Cash Receipts ^{7,8}				
					Million \$	728.7	656.8	16,050.5	14,395.1
					Value of Home Consumption				
					Million \$	1.3	1.3	33.5	31.6
					Gross Income				
					Million \$	730.0	658.0	16,084.0	14,426.8

Production, Disposition, and Income: Sheep and Lambs, Nebraska and United States, 2008-2009

Inventory, Supply, and Disposition ¹					Production and Income				
Item	Nebraska		United States		Item	Nebraska		United States	
	2008*	2009	2008*	2009		2008*	2009	2008*	2009
<i>Thousand Head</i>									
Inventory, January 1	80.0	71.0	5,950.0	5,747.0	Production ⁴				
Lamb Crop	70.0	68.0	3,710.0	3,690.0	Million lbs	8.1	7.8	417.0	413.1
Inshipments	36.0	34.0	1,232.2	1,045.2	Marketings ⁵				
Marketings ²					Million lbs	11.9	10.0	526.1	493.8
Sheep	20.0	11.0	736.6	615.3	Value of Production				
Lambs	83.6	77.6	3,651.7	3,507.1	Million \$	7.3	7.0	351.3	356.7
Farm slaughter ³	0.4	0.4	91.9	95.3	Cash Receipts ⁶				
Deaths					Million \$	10.1	9.0	451.1	436.3
Sheep	3.0	3.0	249.0	234.5	Value of Home Consumption				
Lambs	8.0	7.0	416.0	400.0	Million \$.1	.1	13.9	15.2
Inventory, End of Year	71.0	74.0	5,747.0	5,630.0	Gross Income				
					Million \$	10.3	9.1	465.0	451.5

* Revised. ¹ Balance sheet estimates. ² Includes custom slaughter for use on farms where produced and State outshipments, but excludes interfarm sales within the State. ³ Excludes custom slaughter for farmers at commercial establishments. ⁴ Adjustments made for changes in inventory and for inshipments. ⁵ Excludes custom slaughter for use on farms where produced and interfarm sales within the State. ⁶ Receipts from marketings and sale of farm slaughter. ⁷ Includes allowance for higher average price of State inshipments and outshipments of feeder pigs.

Source: USDA NASS Meat Animals Production, Disposition, and Income 2009 Summary, April 2010

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

Item	2009	2010	2010/2009
	<i>Millions</i>		<i>Percent</i>
Number of Layers			
Nebraska	9.8	9.4	96
United States	340.2	339.9	100
Table Eggs Produced			
Nebraska	227	225	99
United States	6,419	6,472	101
Chickens Hatched, April			
United States			
Egg-type	42.8	47.5	111
Broiler	758.7	767.2	101
Hatched thru April			
Egg-type	159.1	171.6	108
Broiler	3,029.0	3,029.6	100

Source: USDA NASS Chicken and Eggs, May 21, 2010

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

Item	Total ¹	April 2010 Percent of	
		April 2009	March 2010
Nebraska	<i>1,000 Head</i>		
Cattle, head	573.9	105	99
Hogs, head	621.7	96	92
Red Meat, mil. lbs.	577.8	100	97
United States			
Cattle, head	2,847.1	103	98
Calves, head	68.5	101	87
Hogs, head	9,054.1	96	90
Sheep & Lambs, head	190.7	83	73
Red Meat, mil. lbs.	4,012.9	98	94

¹ Excludes animals slaughtered on farms.

Source: USDA NASS Livestock Slaughter, May 21, 2010

Farm Labor: Number and Wage Rates for Type of Workers and All Hired Workers, Selected Regions and United States, April 12-18, 2009 & April 11-17, 2010¹

Region ²	Number of Workers		Wage Rates							
			All Hired Workers		Type of work					
					Field		Livestock		Field & Livestock	
2009	2010	2009	2010	2009	2010	2009	2010	2009	2010	
	<i>Thousands</i>		<i>Dollars per Hour</i>							
Lake	56	62	11.55	11.18	10.92	10.95	10.83	10.18	10.88	10.55
Cornbelt I	32	45	11.70	11.25	10.93	11.11	10.44	9.75	10.72	10.70
Cornbelt II	22	27	11.80	10.87	10.35	10.47	12.45	11.23	11.15	10.75
Northern Plains	26	28	10.80	11.83	10.78	11.84	10.08	10.92	10.35	11.40
Southern Plains	62	55	10.40	10.30	9.67	9.56	9.93	10.25	9.80	9.90
Mountain I	20	25	10.45	10.14	10.23	9.63	10.01	9.56	10.10	9.60
Mountain II	19	21	10.60	11.93	9.68	10.90	10.09	11.15	9.90	11.00
United States ³	680	737	10.84	10.83	9.99	10.04	10.25	10.31	10.07	10.13

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. ³ Excludes AK.

Source: USDA NASS Farm Labor, May 20, 2010

All Hired Workers: Wage Rates, by Economic Class of Farm by Region and 48 States, April 11-17, 2010¹

Region ²	Less than \$50,000	\$50,000- \$99,999	\$100,000- \$249,999	\$250,000- \$499,999	\$500,000- \$999,999	1,000,000+	All Farms
	<i>Dollars per Hour</i>						
Northeast	10.30	8.59	10.69	10.19	9.95	11.09	10.74
Appalachian	8.70	9.47	10.40	11.09	10.00	10.90	10.46
Southeast	10.13	11.93	9.11	9.71	10.32	9.90	9.93
Lake	³	³	10.44	9.87	10.52	11.52	11.18
Cornbelt	9.72	10.41	10.20	11.20	10.88	11.84	11.10
Delta	7.95	8.89	8.93	10.55	10.86	9.61	9.85
No. Plains	9.64	³	10.69	13.29	11.82	12.26	11.83
So. Plains	11.18	9.96	10.20	11.98	9.05	9.93	10.30
Mountain	11.87	10.18	8.86	9.41	8.98	11.75	10.98
Pacific	11.42	10.42	12.78	11.21	11.23	11.07	11.14
48 States	10.25	10.60	10.58	10.80	10.56	10.99	10.80

¹ Excludes agricultural service workers. ² Regions consist of: Northeast: CT, DE, MD, ME, MA, NH, NJ, NY, PA, RI, VT. Appalachian: KY, NC, TN, VA, WV. Southeast: AL, FL, GA, SC. Lake: MI, MN, WI. Cornbelt: IA, IL, IN, MO, OH. Delta: AR, LA, MS. Northern Plains: KS, NE, ND, SD. Southern Plains: OK, TX. Mountain: AZ, CO, ID, MT, NM, NV, UT, WY. Pacific: CA, OR, WA. 48 States: All States, excluding AK and HI. ³ Insufficient data.

Source: USDA NASS Farm Labor, May 20, 2010

Price Reactions after USDA Crop Reports

USDA Report and Price reaction	Corn			
	Day After Report		Week After Report	
	Number of Reports	Average Price Change	Number Reports	Average Price Change
	<i>Number</i>	<i>Cents Per Bu</i>	<i>Number</i>	<i>Cents Per Bu</i>
Crop Production 1985-2009				
Price Increases	50	6.3	63	10.3
No Price Change (NC)	18	NC	1	NC
Price Decreases	57	-6.4	61	-11.7
Total	125		125	
Grain Stocks 1984-2009				
Price Increases	44	5.7	49	10.7
No Price Change (NC)	7	NC	5	NC
Price Decreases	54	-7.5	51	-13.8
Total	105		105	

Source: USDA NASS Price Reactions After USDA Crop Reports, March 2010

USDA-NASS Acreage & Hog Surveys

Acreage and hog inventories, as well as almost all other statistics from the USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS), are based on responses from commodity producers. These reports are the factual information all market participants use to make informed decisions in the buying/selling process.

The table above shows the corn price reaction after the *Crop Production* and *Grain Stocks* reports are released. This table confirms that prices remain unchanged or rise as often as they decline after the release of USDA-NASS reports. The real value in these reports is the concrete information the market has to work with, not rumors or speculation. The greatest benefit of these reports is reduced volatility in the market for both seller and buyer. This reduced volatility, as a result of the factual supply information, can translate into higher market prices for sellers since the buyer's risks are reduced.

Only you, as a producer, can ensure that the reports are as accurate as possible by participating in the surveys conducted by USDA-NASS. If called or visited, please take a few minutes to respond.

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