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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.

Dean C. Groskurth
Director

Cattle Inventory

All cattle and calves on hand January 1, 2011, in Nebraska totaled 6.2 million head, down 2 percent from 2010.

All cows on hand January 1, at 1.83 million head, were 1 percent below last year. The 2010 calf crop totaled 1.66 million head, down 2 percent from 2009.

Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter in all Nebraska feedlots on January 1 totaled 2.55 million head, up 2 percent from last year.

All cattle and calves in the United States as of January 1, 2011, totaled 92.6 million head, 1 percent below a year ago.

All cows and heifers that calved, at 40.0 million, were down 1 percent from the 40.5 million on January 1, 2010. The 2010 calf crop was estimated at 35.7 million head, down 1 percent from 2009.

Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter in all feedlots on January 1 were 14.0 million head, up 3 percent.

Cattle and Calves: Number by Class and Calf Crop, Nebraska and United States, January 1, 2009-2011

Class	Nebraska				United States ¹			
	2009	2010	2011	2011/2010	2009	2010	2011	2011/2010
	1,000 Head		Percent		1,000 Head		Percent	
Cattle and calves	6,350	6,300	6,200	98	94,521	93,881	92,582	99
Cows and heifers that have calved	1,910	1,840	1,830	99	41,045	40,456	40,014	99
Beef cows	1,851	1,781	1,772	99	31,712	31,371	30,865	98
Milk cows	59	59	58	98	9,333	9,086	9,150	101
Heifers 500 pounds and over	1,790	1,790	1,700	95	19,576	19,746	19,533	99
For beef cow replacement	320	320	300	94	5,531	5,451	5,158	95
For milk cow replacement	20	20	20	100	4,410	4,526	4,557	101
Other heifers	1,450	1,450	1,380	95	9,635	9,769	9,818	101
Steers 500 pounds and over	2,270	2,270	2,320	102	16,769	16,510	16,382	99
Bulls 500 pounds and over	95	95	85	89	2,184	2,190	2,153	98
Calves under 500 pounds	285	305	265	87	14,948	14,979	14,500	97
	2008	2009	2010	2010/2009	2008	2009	2010	2010/2009
Calves born	1,730	1,690	1,660	98	36,153	35,939	35,685	99

¹ Totals may not add due to rounding.

Source: USDA NASS Cattle, January 28, 2011

**Cattle on Feed: Number on Feed, Placements, Marketings and Other Disappearance,
1,000+ Capacity Feedlots, by Month, State, and United States, 2009-2011**

State	January 1 Number on Feed ¹			December Placements			December Marketings			December Other Disappearance ²		
	2010	2011	<u>2011</u> 2010	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	287	258	90	32	36	113	26	26	100	1	1	100
California	465	470	101	63	61	97	59	57	97	4	4	100
Colorado	1,010	1,080	107	110	160	145	155	165	106	5	5	100
Idaho	215	240	112	41	42	102	35	35	100	1	2	200
Iowa	570	640	112	85	93	109	73	80	110	2	3	150
Kansas	2,250	2,280	101	375	410	109	445	480	108	10	10	100
Nebraska	2,360	2,430	103	320	380	119	350	400	114	20	10	50
Oklahoma	365	375	103	50	55	110	58	58	100	2	2	100
South Dakota	235	260	111	38	45	118	36	39	108	2	1	50
Texas	2,680	2,840	106	350	420	120	410	400	98	20	20	100
Washington	166	212	128	29	42	145	34	36	106	1	2	200
Other States	405	432	107	53	51	96	62	51	82	4	5	125
U.S.	11,008	11,517	105	1,546	1,795	116	1,743	1,827	105	72	65	90

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.

Source: USDA NASS Cattle on Feed, January 21, 2011

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

Item and Quarter	Nebraska		23 States		United States	
	2009	2010	2009	2010	2009	2010
	<i>1,000 Head</i>		<i>1,000 Head</i>		<i>1,000 Head</i>	
Milk cows ¹						
July-September	61	58	8,368	8,367	9,155	9,122
October-December	60	58	8,314	8,375	9,090	9,126
	<i>Million Pounds</i>		<i>Million Pounds</i>		<i>Million Pounds</i>	
Milk production ²						
July-September	302	290	43,430	44,789	46,793	48,078
October-December	301	288	42,917	44,245	46,265	47,543

¹ Includes dry cows, excludes heifers not yet fresh.

² Excludes milk sucked by calves.

Source: USDA NASS Milk Production, January 19, 2011

**Sheep and Lambs: Number by Class, January 1, 2010-2011 and
Lamb Crop, Nebraska and United States, 2009-2010**

State	Total Breeding Sheep & Lambs		Total Market Sheep & Lambs		All Sheep & Lambs		Breeding Ewes 1 Year & Older Jan 1		Lambs per 100 Ewes 1+ Jan 1		Lamb Crop	
	2010	2011	2010	2011	2010	2011	2009	2010	2009	2010	2009	2010
	<i>1,000 Head</i>						<i>1,000 Head</i>		<i>Percent</i>		<i>1,000 Head</i>	
Nebraska	58	57	16	17	74	74	46	47	148	143	68	67
United States	4,185	4,115	1,435	1,415	5,620	5,530	3,405	3,335	108	108	3,690	3,600

Source: USDA NASS Sheep and Goats, January 28, 2011

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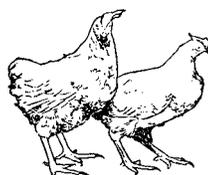
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Poultry

During December 2010, layers in Nebraska totaled 9.4 million birds, a decrease of 1 percent from the previous year. The number of layers in the United States during December 2010 totaled 341 million, up 1 percent from December 2009.

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

Item	2009	2010	2010/2009
	Millions		Percent
Number of Layers			
Nebraska	9.5	9.4	99
United States	339.7	341.5	101
Table Eggs Produced			
Nebraska	232	232	100
United States	6,758	6,830	101
Chickens Hatched			
United States			
Egg-type	39.6	37.8	96
Broiler	779.5	785.6	101
Hatched thru December			
United States			
Egg-type	468.2	490.7	105
Broiler	9,116.3	9,268.3	102

Source: USDA NASS Chicken and Eggs, January 21, 2011

What Does ARMS Tell Us?

Several examples of the facts revealed in ARMS demonstrate the broad range of information it generates. The data also can be used to demonstrate the diversity within the farm sector, by farm size, geographic region, household characteristics, and commodities produced.

- **Production Expenses:** ARMS collects data on the costs of fertilizer, fuel, rent, seed, labor, custom applications, pesticides, and other production inputs for selected crops. Nebraska farm cash production expenses totalled \$15.2 billion in 2009, down 9 percent from 2008.
- **Financial Ratio:** The debt-to-asset ratio for Nebraska farms in 2009 was 13.8 percent compared to 8.8 percent at the national level.
- **Farm Income:** Average gross cash income per Nebraska farm was \$299,430. Of the total, 36 percent came from livestock sales, 52 percent from crop sales, 3 percent from government payments, and 9 percent from other farm related income such as custom work and machine hire.
- **Farm Household Income Sources:** Farm households, like many other households, draw livelihoods from a variety of work, savings, and investments. The relative importance of the different components of farm household income varies by farm type, but off-farm income is most important for a majority of farm households.

Commercial Livestock Slaughter

December 2010 output and changes from last year and last month are shown below. December 2009 contained 23 weekdays (including one holiday) and four Saturdays. December 2010 contained 23 weekdays (including two holidays) and four Saturdays.

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

Item	Total ¹	Dec. 2010 percent of	
		Dec. 2009	Nov. 2010
Nebraska			
<i>1,000 Head</i>			
Cattle, head	589.5	107	99
Hogs, head	694.0	107	101
Red Meat, mil. lbs.	630.7	109	99
United States			
Cattle, head	2,918.0	106	101
Calves, head	77.7	84	107
Hogs, head	9,925.4	101	100
Sheep & Lambs, head	217.3	92	100
Red Meat, mil. lbs.	4,355.2	105	101

¹ Excludes animals slaughtered on farms.

Source: USDA NASS Livestock Slaughter, January 21, 2011

**Goats: Number by Class,
Nebraska and United States, January 1, 2010-2011¹**

Class	Nebraska		United States	
	2010	2011	2010	2011
	<i>Head</i>	<i>Head</i>	<i>Head</i>	<i>Head</i>
Angora Goats			161,000	172,000
Milk Goats	3,100	2,900	356,000	360,000
Meat and Other Goats	20,000	22,000	2,521,000	2,468,000
Total Goats			3,038,000	3,000,000

¹ Missing data included in U.S. totals to avoid disclosure of individual operations.

Source: USDA NASS Sheep and Goats, January 28, 2011

Prices Received: By Commodity, Nebraska and United States, Preliminary January 2011 with Comparisons

Commodity	Unit	Nebraska			United States		
		Jan. 2010 ¹	Dec. 2010 ¹	Jan. 2011 ²	Jan. 2010 ¹	Dec. 2010 ¹	Jan. 2011 ²
		<i>Dollars</i>					
Wheat, All	Bushel	4.60	6.33	6.90	4.90	6.45	7.40
Corn	Bushel	3.71	4.83	5.25	3.66	4.82	5.37
Oats	Bushel	(D)	3.40	3.30	2.19	2.96	3.04
Grain Sorghum	Cwt	5.74	8.86	9.40	5.84	8.79	9.89
Soybeans	Bushel	9.73	11.80	12.60	9.79	11.60	12.60
Hay, All, Baled	Ton	79.00	74.00	76.00	106.00	112.00	112.00
Alfalfa, Baled	Ton	82.00	77.00	79.00	111.00	121.00	121.00
Other, Baled	Ton	67.00	64.00	63.00	97.70	94.60	95.30
Dry Edible Beans	Cwt	30.60	23.50	23.60	31.10	24.30	24.10
Hogs	Cwt	50.80	(NA)	(NA)	48.40	52.30	54.60 ³
Barrows & Gilts	Cwt	51.00	(NA)	(NA)	48.90	52.70	55.40 ³
Sows	Cwt	40.20	(NA)	(NA)	38.50	48.60	47.90 ³
Beef Cattle	Cwt	87.10	104.00	(NA)	82.10	98.10	106.00 ³
Steers & Heifers	Cwt	88.20	105.00	(NA)	87.50	104.00	110.00 ³
Cows	Cwt	51.10	59.10	(NA)	47.90	55.20	63.00 ³
Calves	Cwt	117.00	143.00	(NA)	109.00	128.00	135.00 ³
Sheep	Cwt	47.70	67.00		52.40	65.70	(NA)
Lambs	Cwt	101.00	146.00		102.00	146.00	(NA)

¹ Entire month average except hay. ² Preliminary. ³ Price data source is USDA's Agricultural Marketing Service.

(D) Withheld to avoid disclosing data for individual operations. (NA) Not Available – State prices discontinued.

Source: USDA NASS Agricultural Prices, January 31, 2011

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