



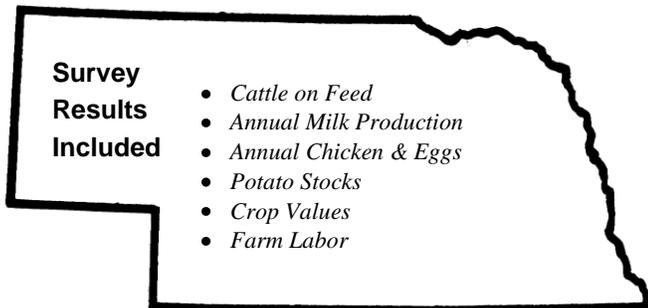
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Dear Nebraska Farmers, Ranchers and Agribusinesses:

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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Director

## Nebraska Cattle on Feed Up 4 Percent

Nebraska feedlots, with capacities of 1,000 or more head, contained 2.46 million cattle on feed on February 1, up 4 percent from last year. Placements of cattle into feedlots during January totaled 430,000 head, up 5 percent from 2010. Fed cattle marketings for the month of January totaled 385,000 head, up 1 percent from last year. Other disappearance during January totaled 15,000 head, compared to 20,000 head last year.

## U.S. Cattle on Feed Up 6 Percent

Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter market in the United States for feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head totaled 11.6 million head on February 1, 2011, 6 percent above 2010. Placements in feedlots during January totaled 1.90 million, 4 percent above 2010. Marketings of fed cattle during January totaled 1.78 million, slightly above 2010. Other disappearance totaled 56,000 during January, 20 percent below 2010 and lowest for the month since the series began in 1996.

**Number of Cattle on Feed, Placements, Marketings and Other Disappearance on 1,000+ Capacity Feedlots, by Month, State, and United States, 2010-2011**

State	February 1 Number on Feed <sup>1</sup>			January Placements			January Marketings			January Other Disappearance <sup>2</sup>		
	2010	2011	<u>2011</u> 2010	2010	2011	<u>2011</u> 2010	2010	2011	<u>2011</u> 2010	2010	2011	<u>2011</u> 2010
	<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	290	261	90	28	34	121	24	30	125	1	1	100
California	430	470	109	54	54	100	57	51	89	7	3	43
Colorado	960	1,070	111	130	185	142	170	190	112	10	5	50
Idaho	200	230	115	27	31	115	41	40	98	1	1	100
Iowa	600	660	110	95	93	98	62	69	111	3	4	133
Kansas	2,240	2,270	101	475	435	92	475	435	92	10	10	100
Nebraska	2,370	2,460	104	410	430	105	380	385	101	20	15	75
Oklahoma	365	375	103	60	66	110	58	64	110	2	2	100
South Dakota	235	270	115	35	51	146	34	40	118	1	1	100
Texas	2,700	2,880	107	420	440	105	390	390	100	10	10	100
Washington	166	209	126	29	31	107	28	30	107	1	1	100
Other States	403	423	105	59	47	80	57	53	93	4	3	75
United States	10,959	11,578	106	1,822	1,897	104	1,776	1,777	100	70	56	80

<sup>1</sup> 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. <sup>2</sup> Includes death losses, movement from feedlots to pastures and shipments to other feedlots for further feeding. Source: USDA NASS Cattle on Feed, February 18, 2011

**Milk Cows: Licensed Dairy Herds, Number, and Milk Produced by Quarter,  
Nebraska and United States, 2009-2010**

State and Month	Licensed Dairy Herds <sup>1</sup>		Milk Cows		Production per Cow		Production	
	2009	2010	2009	2010	2009	2010	2009	2010
	<i>Number</i>		<i>1,000 Head</i>		<i>Pounds</i>		<i>Million Pounds</i>	
Nebraska								
January – March			61	59			294	290
April – June			62	59			306	300
July - September			61	58			302	290
October - December			60	58			298	288
Annual	285	260	61	59	19,672	19,797	1,200	1,168
United States - Annual	54,932	53,127	9,203	9,117	20,573	21,149	189,334	192,819

<sup>1</sup> Average number of dairy farms licensed to sell milk, based on counts collected from State and other regulatory agencies.  
Source: USDA NASS Milk Production, February 18, 2011

**Chickens: Inventory By Type, Nebraska and United States, December 1, 2009-2010**

Item	Nebraska			United States		
	2009	2010	2010/2009	2009	2010	2010/2009
	<i>Thousands</i>		<i>Percent</i>	<i>Thousands</i>		<i>Percent</i>
All Chickens	11,773	11,592	98	451,793	454,506	101
Total Layers	9,388	9,376	100	341,005	342,451	100
Total pullets	2,385	2,216	93	102,301	104,665	102
Other chickens	0	0		8,487	7,390	87

Source: USDA NASS Chickens and Eggs 2010 Summary, February 2011

**Eggs: Production, Average Number and Eggs per Layer, Nebraska and United States 2009-2010**

Item	Nebraska		United States	
	2009	2010	2009	2010
Eggs Produced ( <i>million</i> )	2,749	2,751	90,484	91,398
Average Number of Layers ( <i>thousand</i> )	9,620	9,419	337,848	339,961
Eggs per Layer ( <i>number</i> )	286	292	268	269

Source: USDA NASS Chickens and Eggs 2010 Summary, February 2011

**Fall Potatoes: 2010 Production and  
February 1, 2011 Stocks<sup>1</sup>**

State	Crop of 2010	
	Production	Total Stocks Feb. 1, 2011
	<i>1,000 Cwt.</i>	<i>1,000 Cwt.</i>
California	2,280	1,200
Colorado	21,528	11,400
Idaho	114,440	64,000
Maine	15,892	9,300
Michigan	15,660	5,900
Minnesota	17,010	8,400
Montana	3,673	3,400
Nebraska	7,719	3,400
New York	5,120	1,200
North Dakota	22,000	10,300
Oregon	20,058	12,700
Washington	81,740	33,800
Wisconsin	24,293	10,700
Total 13 States	351,413	175,700

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

Source: USDA NASS Potato Stocks, February 15, 2011

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**Crop Summary: Marketing Year Average Price and Value of Production, Nebraska and United States, 2008-2010**

Crop	Prod. Unit	Price			Value of Production		
		2008	2009	2010	2008	2009	2010
<b>Nebraska</b>		<i>Dollars</i>	<i>Dollars</i>	<i>Dollars</i>	<i>1,000 Dollars</i>	<i>1,000 Dollars</i>	<i>1,000 Dollars</i>
Corn for Grain	Bushels	4.05	3.58	5.35	5,644,283	5,639,574	7,859,685
Soybeans	Bushels	9.79	9.48	11.30	2,212,442	2,459,302	3,025,575
All Hay (baled)	Ton	88.50	75.00	75.00	537,344	450,565	457,422
Alfalfa Hay (baled)	Ton	92.00	79.00	78.00	352,544	285,190	284,622
All Other Hay (baled)	Ton	77.00	63.00	64.00	184,800	165,375	172,800
Winter Wheat	Bushels	6.68	4.73	5.40	490,846	363,264	345,978
All Potatoes	Cwt.	10.00	8.95	9.35	82,450	78,366	72,173
Sorghum for Grain	Cwt.	5.80	5.62	9.60	62,069	40,977	36,288
Dry Edible Beans	Cwt.	35.70	30.10	24.00	102,995	74,076	76,632
Sugar Beets <sup>2</sup>	Ton	50.80	54.60		42,824	70,652	
Proso Millet	Bushels	3.10	3.20	3.95	13,299	4,320	10,428
Sunflower (all)	Cwt.	21.60	19.90	26.30	17,873	12,460	21,942
Sunflower (oil)	Cwt.	17.00	15.40	20.50	9,503	4,805	6,642
Sunflower (non-oil)	Cwt.	31.00	24.30	30.00	8,370	7,655	15,300
Oats	Bushels	3.46	2.27	2.85	8,477	4,699	4,845
Barley <sup>1</sup>	Bushels						
<b>United States</b>							
Corn for Grain	Bushels	4.06	3.55	5.40	49,312,615	46,734,066	66,650,160
Soybeans	Bushels	9.97	9.59	11.70	29,458,225	32,145,207	38,915,328
All Hay (baled)	Ton	152.00	108.00	112.00	18,638,748	14,715,559	14,401,284
Alfalfa Hay (baled)	Ton	165.00	113.00	118.00	10,747,161	7,941,539	7,519,469
All Other Hay (baled)	Ton	118.00	97.30	96.00	7,891,587	6,774,020	6,881,815
All Wheat	Bushels	6.78	4.87	5.70	16,625,759	10,654,115	12,992,156
Winter Wheat	Bushels	6.57	4.71	5.55	11,936,139	7,081,778	8,223,804
All Potatoes	Cwt.	9.09	8.19	8.79	3,770,462	3,521,219	3,488,642
Sugar Beets <sup>2</sup>	Ton	48.10	50.40		1,294,144	1,499,676	
Sorghum for Grain	Cwt.	5.72	5.75	9.80	1,631,065	1,207,111	1,743,035
Dry Edible Beans	Cwt.	34.60	30.00	26.00	910,200	790,250	838,466
Barley	Bushels	5.37	4.66	3.90	1,259,357	972,173	691,131
Sunflower (all)	Cwt.	21.80	15.10	21.40	704,105	458,959	582,448
Sunflower (oil)	Cwt.	19.50	13.80	19.70	572,979	359,331	406,871
Sunflower (non-oil)	Cwt.	31.30	22.10	27.90	131,126	99,628	175,577
Oats	Bushels	3.15	2.02	2.40	269,763	208,473	213,570
Proso Millet	Bushels	3.23	2.87	4.21	48,017	25,460	48,587

<sup>1</sup> Estimates discontinued in 2005. <sup>2</sup> The 2010 United States price and value will be published in *Agricultural Prices* released July 29, 2011. State prices and values for 2010 will be published in *Crop Values* released February 2012.

Note: All prices in this report are marketing year average prices which do not include allowances or adjustments for commodities under government loan at the end of the marketing year, commodities forfeited to the Commodity Credit Corporation, loan deficiency payments, direct and counter cyclical payments, or disaster payments.

Source: USDA NASS Crop Values 2010 Summary, February 2011

**2010 county data for corn, oats, sorghum, soybeans, sunflowers, and wheat are now available at:**  
[http://www.nass.usda.gov/Data\\_and\\_Statistics/Quick\\_Stats/index.asp](http://www.nass.usda.gov/Data_and_Statistics/Quick_Stats/index.asp)

## U.S. Hired Farm Workers Total 807 Thousand, U.S. Wage at \$11.29

There were 807,000 hired workers on the Nation's farms and ranches the week of January 9-15, 2011, up 1 percent from a year ago. Of these hired workers, 602,000 were hired directly by farm operators. Agricultural service employees on farms and ranches made up the remaining 205,000 workers.

up 21 cents from a year earlier. Field workers received an average of \$10.23 per hour, up 13 cents from last January, while livestock workers earned \$10.52 per hour compared with \$10.31 a year earlier. The field and livestock worker combined wage rate, at \$10.35 per hour, was up 17 cents from last year.

Farm operators paid their hired workers an average wage of \$11.29 per hour during the January 2011 reference week,

The number of hours worked averaged 38.9 hours for hired workers during the survey week, up 5 percent from a year ago.

**Farm Labor: Number and Wage Rates for Type of Workers and All Hired Workers,  
Selected Regions and United States, January 9-15, 2011<sup>1</sup>**

Region <sup>2</sup>	Hired Workers	Wage Rates			
		All Hired Workers	Type of work		
			Field	Livestock	Field & Livestock
<i>Thousands</i>		<i>Dollars Per Hour</i>			
Lake	45	11.85	11.76	10.45	10.90
Cornbelt I	26	13.00	11.67	11.72	11.70
Cornbelt II	17	11.40	11.29	10.86	11.00
Northern Plains	36	12.60	12.42	11.69	12.00
Southern Plains	50	10.30	9.34	9.91	9.70
Mountain I	20	11.45	10.79	10.81	10.80
Mountain II	15	12.00	10.89	10.56	10.70
United States	602	11.29	10.23	10.52	10.35

<sup>1</sup> Excludes agricultural service workers.

<sup>2</sup> 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.

Source: USDA NASS Farm Labor, February 17, 2011

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