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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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Farm Numbers Hold Steady

Nebraska's number of farms and ranches was unchanged during 2010. The number of farms and ranches in the state, at 47,200, was the same as 2009 but down 200 from 2008. Land in farms and ranches in Nebraska totaled 45.6 million acres, unchanged from last year. The average size of operation, at 966 acres, showed no change from 2009.

The number of farms and ranches in the United States in 2010 is estimated at 2.2 million, virtually unchanged from 2009. Total land in farms and ranches in the United States, at 920.0 million acres, increased 100 thousand acres from 2009. The average farm size 418 acres, unchanged from the previous year.

Number of Farms and Land in Farms: Nebraska and United States, 2000-2010¹

Year	Nebraska			United States		
	Farms	Land in Farms	Average Farm Size	Farms	Land in Farms	Average Farm Size
	<i>Number</i>	<i>1,000 acres</i>	<i>Acres</i>	<i>Number</i>	<i>1,000 acres</i>	<i>Acres</i>
2000	52,000	46,100	887	2,166,780	945,080	436
2001	50,000	46,000	920	2,148,630	942,070	438
2002	49,400	45,900	929	2,135,360	940,300	440
2003	48,500	45,900	946	2,126,860	936,750	440
2004	48,300	45,800	948	2,112,970	932,260	441
2005	48,000	45,700	952	2,098,690	927,940	442
2006	47,600	45,700	960	2,088,790	925,790	443
2007	47,700	45,600	956	2,204,950	921,460	418
2008	47,400	45,600	962	2,200,100	919,910	418
2009	47,200	45,600	966	2,200,210	919,890	418
2010	47,200	45,600	966	2,200,930	919,990	418

¹ A farm is any establishment from which \$1,000 or more of agricultural products were sold or would normally be sold during the year. Source: USDA NASS Farms, Land in Farms, and Livestock Operations 2010 Summary, February 11, 2011

Farms and Land in Farms by Economic Sales Class, Nebraska and United States, 2008-2010

Economic Sales Class	Number of Farms						Land in Farms					
	Nebraska			United States			Nebraska			United States		
	2008	2009	2010	2008	2009	2010	2008	2009	2010	2008	2009	2010
	<i>1,000</i>						<i>1,000 Acres</i>					
\$1,000-\$9,999	12.3	11.7	12.0	1,222.1	1,229.4	1,230.8	1.4	1.3	1.4	106.7	105.6	105.0
\$10,000-\$99,999	14.2	13.4	12.4	604.5	597.1	594.9	6.2	6.2	5.4	255.3	226.9	223.4
\$100,000-\$249,999	7.6	8.6	9.0	149.0	149.4	149.1	8.3	8.2	8.6	151.3	147.9	146.1
\$250,000-\$499,999	6.0	6.0	6.3	98.5	99.6	99.5	9.1	9.7	9.8	143.5	149.4	146.7
\$500,000 & Over	7.3	7.5	7.5	126.0	124.8	126.7	20.6	20.2	20.4	293.1	290.1	298.8

Source: USDA NASS Farms, Land in Farms, and Livestock Operations 2010 Summary, February 11, 2011

U.S. Grains Supply and Disappearance Outlook

Crop Year	Supply				Market Year Disappearance ¹					Market Year Ending Stocks	Average Market Price
	Beginning stocks	Pro-duction	Im-ports	Total	Domestic			Ex-ports	Total		
					Primary Use ²	Ethanol for Fuel	Other				
<i>Million Bushels</i>											<i>\$/Bu.</i>
Corn											
2008/09	1,624	12,092	14	13,729	5,182	3,709	1,316	1,849	12,056	1,673	4.06
2009/10 ³	1,673	13,092	8	14,774	5,140	4,568	1,371	1,987	13,066	1,708	3.55
2010/11 ⁴	1,708	12,447	20	14,175	5,200	4,950	1,400	1,950	13,500	675	5.05-5.75
Soybeans											
2008/09	205	2,967	13	3,185	1,662		106	1,279	3,047	138	9.97
2009/10 ³	138	3,359	15	3,512	1,752		108	1,501	3,361	151	9.59
2010/11 ⁴	151	3,329	15	3,495	1,655		110	1,590	3,355	140	11.20-12.20
Wheat											
2008/09	306	2,499	127	2,932	927		333	1,015	2,275	657	6.78
2009/10 ³	657	2,218	119	2,993	917		219	881	2,018	976	4.87
2010/11 ⁴	976	2,208	110	3,294	930		246	1,300	2,476	818	5.60-5.80
Sorghum											
2008/09	53	472	0	525	233		95	143	471	55	3.20
2009/10 ³	55	383	0	438	140		90	166	396	41	3.22
2010/11 ⁴	41	345	0	387	110		90	150	350	37	5.15-5.85

¹ Marketing year begins: Corn, Sorghum & Soybeans, September 1; Wheat, June 1. ² Primary uses: Corn & Sorghum = Feed; Soybeans = Crushing; Wheat = Food. ³ Estimate. ⁴ Projection.

Source: USDA's World Agricultural Supply and Demand Estimates, February 9, 2011

U.S. Meats Supply and Use

Item	Supply				Use			
	Beginning stocks	Produc-tion ¹	Imports	Total supply	Exports	Ending stocks	Disappearance	
							Total	Per capita ^{2,3}
<i>Million pounds⁴</i>								
Beef:								
2009	642	26,068	2,626	29,336	1,935	565	26,836	61.1
2010 Estimated	565	26,419	2,271	29,255	2,303	586	26,366	59.5
2011 Projected	586	26,017	2,385	28,988	2,345	515	26,128	58.5
Pork:								
2009	635	23,020	834	24,489	4,095	525	19,870	50.1
2010 Estimated	525	22,458	880	23,863	4,230	541	19,092	47.8
2011 Projected	541	22,551	920	24,012	4,675	500	18,837	46.7
Total red meat⁵:								
2009	1,307	49,412	3,631	54,350	6,046	1,114	47,191	112.6
2010 Estimated	1,114	49,189	3,312	53,615	6,550	1,146	45,919	108.6
2011 Projected	1,146	48,873	3,473	53,492	7,036	1,037	45,419	106.5
Broilers:								
2009	745	35,131	86	35,961	6,818	616	28,527	79.7
2010 Estimated	616	36,509	95	37,220	6,694	760	29,766	82.5
2011 Projected	760	36,901	96	37,757	6,650	670	30,437	83.6
Turkeys:								
2009	396	5,588	13	5,997	534	262	5,201	16.9
2010 Estimated	262	5,570	18	5,850	574	188	5,088	16.4
2011 Projected	188	5,551	16	5,755	560	225	4,970	15.9
Total poultry⁶:								
2009	1,144	41,219	104	42,467	7,452	880	34,135	97.9
2010 Estimated	880	42,583	115	43,578	7,347	952	35,279	100.2
2011 Projected	952	42,957	116	44,025	7,295	898	35,832	100.9

¹Total including farm production for red meats and, for poultry, federally inspected plus non-federally inspected, less condemnations. ²Pounds, retail-weight basis. ³Population source: Dept. of Commerce, Census Bureau. ⁴Carcass weight for red meats and certified ready-to-cook weight for poultry. ⁵Beef, pork, veal, lamb and mutton. ⁶Broilers, turkeys and mature chicken.

Source: USDA, World Agricultural Supply and Demand Estimates, February 9, 2011

**Livestock Slaughter: By Commodity,
Nebraska and United States,
January 2011 with Comparisons**

Item	Total ¹	Jan 2011 Percent of	
		Jan	Dec
		2010	2010
Nebraska	<i>1,000 Head</i>		
Cattle	563.9	103	96
Hogs	640.4	108	92
Red Meat, mil. lbs.	595.8	106	94
United States			
Cattle	2,735.2	101	94
Calves	71.8	87	92
Hogs	9,103.7	102	92
Sheep & Lambs	161.1	86	74
Red Meat, mil, lbs.	4,041.8	103	93

¹ Excludes animals slaughtered on farms.

Source: USDA NASS Livestock Slaughter, February 25, 2011

**Stocks in Cold Storage: By Commodity,
United States, January 2011 with Comparisons**

Commodity	Stocks	Jan 2011 Percent of	
		Jan 2010	Dec 2010
		<i>1,000 Lbs.</i>	
Total red meats	1,017,900	108	108
Beef	460,238	108	103
Pork	540,908	110	114
Poultry	1,036,268	111	104
Turkey	254,212	84	133
Chicken	778,259	123	97

Source: USDA NASS Cold Storage, February 22, 2011

**Poultry: Layers and Eggs, Nebraska and
United States, January 2011 with Comparisons**

Item	2010	2011	2011/2010
Number of Layers			
Nebraska	9.5	9.3	98
United States	340.6	342.0	100
Table Eggs Produced			
Nebraska	231	231	100
United States	6,637	6,745	102
Chickens Hatched, January			
United States			
Egg-type	38.8	41.4	107
Broiler	775.6	781.1	101

Source: USDA NASS Chicken and Eggs, February 28, 2011

Hard White Winter Wheat

Of the total hard white winter wheat acreage planted for 2011, the two most common varieties reported were NuGrain and Arrowsmith.

**Hard White Winter Wheat:
Percent of Planted Acreage, Nebraska, 2007-2011**

Variety	2007	2008	2009	2010	2010
All White Varieties	1.5	1.9	1.6	0.9	0.9

Source: USDA NASS

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

Commodity	Unit	Nebraska			United States		
		Feb	Jan	Feb 15,	Feb	Jan	Feb 15,
		2010 ¹	2011 ¹	2011 ²	2010 ¹	2011 ¹	2011 ²
Wheat, All	Bushels	\$ 4.35	\$ 6.27	\$ 6.80	\$ 4.73	\$ 6.71	\$ 8.56
Corn	Bushels	3.57	4.81	5.40	3.55	4.94	5.66
Oats	Bushels	(D)	3.01	3.00	2.30	3.11	3.38
Grain Sorghum	Cwt.	5.55	8.99	10.00	5.44	9.45	10.40
Soybeans	Bushels	9.21	11.40	12.40	9.41	11.60	12.10
Hay, All, Baled	Ton	80.00	76.00	76.00	104.00	112.00	116.00
Alfalfa, Baled	Ton	84.00	79.00	80.00	110.00	121.00	127.00
Other, Baled	Ton	68.00	63.00	65.00	93.00	95.30	93.90
Dry Edible Beans	Cwt.	30.00	25.30	29.20	30.40	25.70	28.20
Hogs	Cwt.	50.50	(NA)	(NA)	48.90	55.80 ³	61.50 ³
Barrows & Gilts	Cwt.	50.50	(NA)	(NA)	48.90	56.70 ³	62.60 ³
Sows	Cwt.	51.50	(NA)	(NA)	49.20	47.80 ³	50.90 ³
Beef Cattle	Cwt.	89.30	(NA)	(NA)	85.70	107.00 ³	106.00 ³
Steers & Heifers	Cwt.	90.40	(NA)	(NA)	90.50	110.00 ³	109.00 ³
Cows	Cwt.	54.70	(NA)	(NA)	51.70	65.00 ³	71.20 ³
Calves	Cwt.	121.00	(NA)	(NA)	113.00	136.00 ³	136.00 ³
Sheep	Cwt.	56.20	(NA)	(NA)	54.80	81.90 ³	(NA)
Lambs	Cwt.	106.00	(NA)	(NA)	106.00	149.00 ³	(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, February 28, 2011

Honey: Number of Colonies, Yield, Production, Stocks, Price and Value, Nebraska and United States 2009-2010¹

State and Year	Honey producing colonies ² <i>1,000</i>	Yield per colony <i>Pounds</i>	Production <i>1,000 Pounds</i>	Stocks Dec. 15 ³	Average price per pound ⁴ <i>Cents</i>	Value of production ⁵ <i>1,000 Dollars</i>
2009						
Nebraska	48	56.0	2,688	1,102	146.0	3,924
United States	2,498	58.6	146,416	37,516	147.3	215,671
2010						
Nebraska	44	55.0	2,420	1,041	149.0	3,606
United States	2,684	65.5	175,904	45,307	160.3	281,974

¹ For producers with 5 or more colonies. ² Honey producing colonies are the maximum number of colonies from which honey was taken during the year. It is possible to take honey from colonies which did not survive the entire year. ³ Stocks held by producers.

⁴ Average price per pound based on expanded sales. ⁵ Value of production is equal to production multiplied by average price per pound. Source: USDA NASS Honey, February 25, 2011

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