



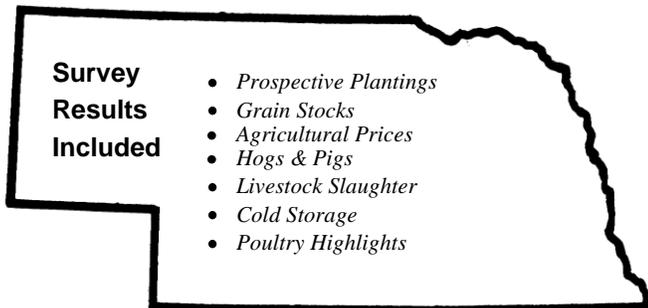
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Dear Nebraska Farmers, Ranchers and Agribusinesses:

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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March Prospective Plantings

As of March 1, Nebraska producers expect to increase acreage planted to corn, sugarbeets, and sunflowers, while decreasing acreage devoted to soybeans, hay, sorghum, dry edible beans, oats, and wheat (sown last fall). Nebraska corn growers expect to plant 9.5 million acres for all purposes in 2011, up 4 percent from 2010 and the largest since 1933. Soybean growers intend to plant 5.05 million acres, down 2 percent from 2010 but second largest only to last year's record high. Last fall, winter wheat was sown on 1.5 million acres, down 6 percent from a year earlier. This is the smallest winter wheat acreage planted in Nebraska since records began in 1909.

Sorghum growers expect to plant 135,000 acres, down 20,000 acres or 13 percent from last year and the smallest acreage since 1930. Hay acreage for harvest, at 2.6 million, is expected to be down 3 percent from last year. Dry edible bean producers intend to plant 125,000 acres, down 26 percent from 2010. Oat planting intentions, at 85,000 acres, are down 5,000 acres from 2010 and the lowest in over 100 years. Sunflower planting intentions, at 64,000 acres, are up 2,000 acres from last year and sugarbeet plantings, at 55,000 acres, are up 10 percent from a year ago.

Crop Summary: Acres Planted, Nebraska and United States, 2009-2011

| Crop | Nebraska | | | | United States | | | |
|----------------------|--------------------|-------|--------------------------------------|----------------------------|--------------------|---------|--------------------------------------|----------------------------|
| | 2009 | 2010 | Inten- tions 2011 ¹ | <u>2011</u> <u>2010</u> | 2009 | 2010 | Inten- tions 2011 ¹ | <u>2011</u> <u>2010</u> |
| | <i>1,000 Acres</i> | | | <i>Percent</i> | <i>1,000 Acres</i> | | | <i>Percent</i> |
| Corn | 9,150 | 9,150 | 9,500 | 104 | 86,382 | 88,192 | 92,178 | 105 |
| Soybeans | 4,800 | 5,150 | 5,050 | 98 | 77,451 | 77,404 | 76,609 | 99 |
| Sorghum | 235 | 155 | 135 | 87 | 6,633 | 5,404 | 5,645 | 104 |
| Oats | 100 | 90 | 85 | 94 | 3,404 | 3,138 | 2,839 | 90 |
| Dry Beans | 130 | 170 | 125 | 74 | 1,540.0 | 1,911.4 | 1,303.5 | 68 |
| Sugar Beets | 53.0 | 50.0 | 55.0 | 110 | 1,185.8 | 1,171.4 | 1,187.1 | 101 |
| All Hay ² | 2,700 | 2,690 | 2,600 | 97 | 59,775 | 59,862 | 58,973 | 99 |
| All Wheat | 1,700 | 1,600 | 1,500 | 94 | 59,168 | 53,603 | 58,021 | 108 |
| Winter Wheat | 1,700 | 1,600 | 1,500 | 94 | 43,346 | 37,335 | 41,229 | 110 |
| Sunflower - Oil | 27 | 25 | 30 | 120 | 1,698.0 | 1,463.0 | 1,400.0 | 96 |
| - Non-oil | 25 | 37 | 34 | 92 | 332.0 | 488.5 | 405.0 | 83 |
| - All | 52 | 62 | 64 | 103 | 2,030.0 | 1,951.5 | 1,805.0 | 92 |

¹Intended plantings in 2011 as indicated by reports from farmers. ²Area harvested.

Source: USDA NASS Prospective Plantings, March 31, 2011

Grain Stocks

Nebraska corn stocks in all positions on March 1, 2011, totaled 766 million bushels, down 16 percent from March 1, 2010. Soybeans stored in all positions totaled 89 million bushels, down 2 percent from last year. Wheat stored in all positions on March 1, 2011, totaled 54.8 million bushels, up 19 percent from a year ago.

U.S. corn stocks in all positions on March 1, 2011, totaled 6.52 billion bushels, down 15 percent from March 1, 2010. Soybeans stored in all positions totaled 1.25 billion bushels, down 2 percent from last year. All wheat stored in all positions on March 1, 2011, totaled 1.42 billion bushels, up 5 percent from a year ago.

Grain Stocks: By Commodity, Nebraska and United States, 2009-2011

| Grain and Position | Nebraska | | | | United States | | | |
|------------------------|----------------------|---------------|---------------|--------------|----------------------|---------------|---------------|--------------|
| | March 1, 2009 | March 1, 2010 | March 1, 2011 | 2011 2010 | March 1, 2009 | March 1, 2010 | March 1, 2011 | 2011 2010 |
| | <i>1,000 Bushels</i> | | | | <i>Percent</i> | | | |
| Corn | | | | | <i>1,000 Bushels</i> | | | |
| On Farms | 490,000 | 530,000 | 380,000 | 72 | 4,085,000 | 4,548,000 | 3,384,000 | 74 |
| Off Farms ¹ | 318,288 | 376,390 | 385,814 | 103 | 2,869,145 | 3,145,787 | 3,138,804 | 100 |
| Total | 808,288 | 906,390 | 765,814 | 84 | 6,954,145 | 7,693,787 | 6,522,804 | 85 |
| All Wheat | | | | | <i>Percent</i> | | | |
| On Farms | 2,900 | 4,400 | 2,900 | 66 | 280,400 | 348,250 | 288,010 | 83 |
| Off Farms ¹ | 26,950 | 41,767 | 51,862 | 124 | 759,664 | 1,008,107 | 1,136,548 | 113 |
| Total | 29,850 | 46,167 | 54,762 | 119 | 1,040,064 | 1,356,357 | 1,424,558 | 105 |
| Soybeans | | | | | | | | |
| On Farms | 41,000 | 31,000 | 25,000 | 81 | 656,500 | 609,200 | 505,000 | 83 |
| Off Farms ¹ | 58,063 | 60,086 | 64,076 | 107 | 645,289 | 660,868 | 743,885 | 113 |
| Total | 99,063 | 91,086 | 89,076 | 98 | 1,301,789 | 1,270,068 | 1,248,885 | 98 |
| Sorghum | | | | | | | | |
| On Farms | 2,400 | 2,400 | 1,300 | 54 | 32,200 | 23,680 | 13,020 | 55 |
| Off Farms ¹ | 12,399 | 8,364 | 5,482 | 66 | 173,650 | 151,873 | 157,802 | 104 |
| Total | 14,799 | 10,764 | 6,782 | 63 | 205,850 | 175,553 | 170,822 | 97 |
| Oats | | | | | | | | |
| On Farms | 500 | 600 | 400 | 67 | 30,200 | 30,900 | 26,950 | 87 |
| Off Farms ¹ | (D) | (D) | (D) | | 65,250 | 67,091 | 59,395 | 89 |
| Total | (D) | (D) | (D) | | 95,450 | 97,991 | 86,345 | 88 |

¹Includes stocks at mills, elevators, warehouses, terminals, and processors. (D) Withheld to avoid disclosing data for individual operations.

Source: USDA NASS Grain Stocks, March 31, 2011

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

| Commodity | Unit | Nebraska | | | United States | | |
|------------------|---------|-----------------------|-----------------------|---------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|---------------------------|
| | | Mar 2010 ¹ | Feb 2011 ¹ | Mar 15, 2011 ² | Mar 2010 ¹ | Feb 2011 ¹ | Mar 15, 2011 ² |
| All wheat | Bushels | \$ 4.07 | \$ 7.24 | \$ 6.30 | \$ 4.70 | \$ 7.43 | \$ 7.63 |
| Corn | Bushels | 3.60 | 5.49 | 5.30 | 3.55 | 5.64 | 5.46 |
| Oats | Bushels | (D) | 3.16 | 3.15 | 2.29 | 3.27 | 3.12 |
| Grain Sorghum | Cwt. | 5.66 | 10.60 | 10.10 | 5.68 | 10.90 | 10.10 |
| Soybeans | Bushels | 9.22 | 12.40 | 12.00 | 9.39 | 12.70 | 12.10 |
| Hay, All, Baled | Ton | 77.00 | 76.00 | 76.00 | 107.00 | 116.00 | 124.00 |
| Alfalfa, Baled | Ton | 83.00 | 80.00 | 80.00 | 113.00 | 127.00 | 136.00 |
| Other, Baled | Ton | 62.00 | 65.00 | 65.00 | 95.30 | 93.90 | 97.30 |
| Dry Edible Beans | Cwt. | 30.80 | 29.30 | 32.70 | 29.70 | 28.60 | 30.30 |
| Hogs | Cwt. | 53.80 | (NA) | (NA) | 52.10 | 61.60 ³ | 62.70 ³ |
| Barrows & Gilts | Cwt. | 53.90 | (NA) | (NA) | 52.30 | 62.60 ³ | 63.50 ³ |
| Sows | Cwt. | 51.30 | (NA) | (NA) | 48.80 | 53.30 ³ | 56.20 ³ |
| Beef Cattle | Cwt. | 93.90 | (NA) | (NA) | 90.40 | 108.00 ³ | 113.00 ³ |
| Steers & Heifers | Cwt. | 95.00 | (NA) | (NA) | 95.70 | 111.00 ³ | 116.00 ³ |
| Cows | Cwt. | 57.00 | (NA) | (NA) | 53.50 | 72.50 ³ | 73.40 ³ |
| Calves | Cwt. | 126.00 | (NA) | (NA) | 117.00 | 139.00 ³ | 148.00 ³ |
| Sheep | Cwt. | 52.70 | (NA) | (NA) | 51.30 | 76.00 ³ | (NA) |
| Lambs | Cwt. | 111.00 | (NA) | (NA) | 115.00 | 155.00 ³ | (NA) |

¹Entire month average except hay. ²Preliminary. ³Price 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, March 30, 2011

Hogs and Pigs

Nebraska inventory of all hogs and pigs on March 1, 2011, was 3.10 million head. This was up 5 percent from March 1, 2010 but down 2 percent from December 1, 2010. Breeding inventory, at 370,000 head, was up 1 percent from March 1, 2010 but down 1 percent from last quarter. Market hog inventory, at 2.73 million head, was up 6 percent from last year but down 2 percent from last quarter.

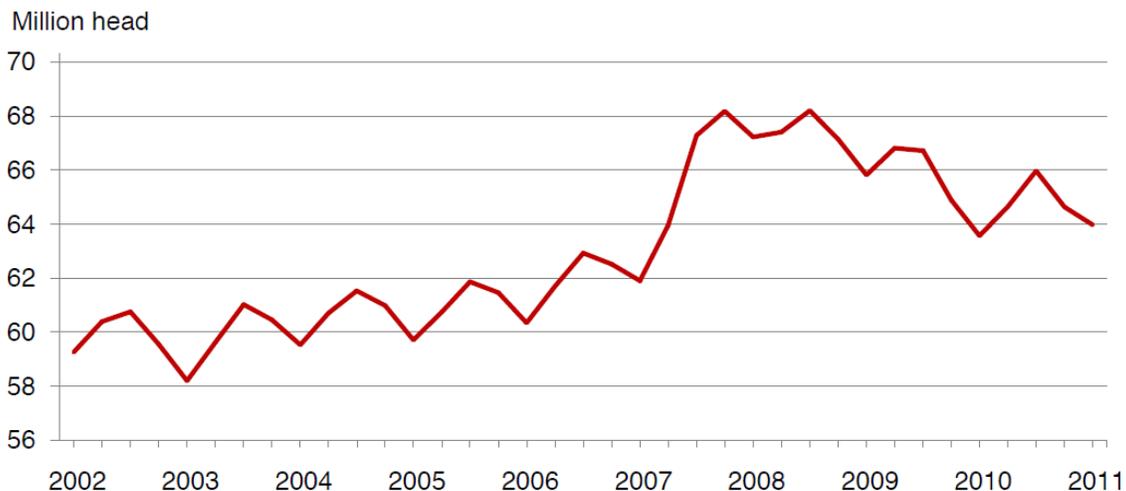
Inventory of all hogs and pigs in the United States on March 1, 2011 was 64.0 million head. This was up 1 percent from March 1, 2010 but down 1 percent from December 1, 2010. Breeding inventory, at 5.79 million head, was up slightly from last year and up slightly from the previous quarter. Market hog inventory, at 58.2 million head, was up 1 percent from last year but down 1 percent from last quarter.

Hogs and Pigs: March 1 Inventory, Sows Farrowing and Pig Crop, Nebraska and United States 2010-2011¹

| Item | Nebraska | | | United States | | |
|--------------------------------|-------------------|-------|----------------|-------------------|--------|----------------|
| | 2010 | 2011 | 2011/2010 | 2010 | 2011 | 2011/2010 |
| | <i>1,000 Head</i> | | <i>Percent</i> | <i>1,000 Head</i> | | <i>Percent</i> |
| March 1 Inventory | | | | | | |
| All hogs and pigs | 2,950 | 3,100 | 105 | 63,568 | 63,964 | 101 |
| Breeding | 365 | 370 | 101 | 5,760 | 5,788 | 100 |
| Market | 2,585 | 2,730 | 106 | 57,808 | 58,176 | 101 |
| Market Hogs & Pigs | | | | | | |
| Under 50 pounds | 860 | 910 | 106 | 18,767 | 18,898 | 101 |
| 50-119 pounds | 800 | 820 | 103 | 15,993 | 16,225 | 101 |
| 120-179 pounds | 550 | 575 | 105 | 12,307 | 12,309 | 100 |
| 180 pounds and over | 375 | 425 | 113 | 10,742 | 10,744 | 100 |
| Sows Farrowing | | | | | | |
| December-February ² | 170 | 175 | 103 | 2,872 | 2,856 | 99 |
| March-May ³ | 180 | 175 | 97 | 2,929 | 2,854 | 97 |
| December-May ^{2,4} | 350 | 350 | 100 | 5,801 | 5,710 | 98 |
| June-August ³ | 175 | 175 | 100 | 2,944 | 2,867 | 97 |
| September-November | 175 | | | 2,847 | | |
| June-November | 350 | | | 5,790 | | |
| Pig Crop | | | | | | |
| December-February ² | 1,700 | 1,768 | 104 | 27,597 | 27,986 | 101 |
| March-May | 1,827 | | | 28,730 | | |
| December-May ² | 3,527 | | | 56,327 | | |
| June-August | 1,803 | | | 28,871 | | |
| September-November | 1,768 | | | 28,151 | | |
| June-November | 3,571 | | | 57,021 | | |

¹May not add due to rounding. ²December preceding year. ³Intentions for 2011. ⁴Actual farrowings for December 2010–February 2011 plus intentions for March-May 2011. Source: USDA NASS Quarterly Hog and Pigs, March 25, 2011

Quarterly Hogs and Pigs Inventory – United States: March 1



Commercial Livestock Slaughter

February 2011 number slaughtered and changes from last year and last month are shown below. February 2010 contained 20 weekdays (including one holiday) and four Saturdays. February 2011 contained 20 weekdays (including one holiday) and four Saturdays.

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

| Item | Total ¹ | Feb 2011 Percent of | |
|----------------------------|--------------------|---------------------|----------|
| | | Feb 2010 | Jan 2011 |
| Nebraska <i>1,000 Head</i> | | | |
| Cattle, head | 531.1 | 103 | 94 |
| Hogs, head | 580.5 | 100 | 91 |
| Red Meat, mil. lbs. | 549.6 | 104 | 92 |
| United States | | | |
| Cattle, head | 2,622.3 | 103 | 96 |
| Calves, head | 68.8 | 93 | 96 |
| Hogs, head | 8,508.6 | 98 | 93 |
| Sheep & Lambs, head | 155.1 | 87 | 96 |
| Red Meat, mil, lbs. | 3,811.3 | 102 | 94 |

¹Excludes animals slaughtered on farms.

Source: USDA NASS Livestock Slaughter, March 25, 2011

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

| Commodity | Stocks | Feb 2011 Percent of | |
|------------------|-----------|---------------------|----------|
| | | Feb 2010 | Jan 2011 |
| <i>1,000 Lbs</i> | | | |
| Total red meat | 1,062,361 | 113 | 104 |
| Beef | 467,681 | 116 | 101 |
| Pork | 578,064 | 112 | 107 |
| Poultry | 1,016,602 | 104 | 99 |
| Turkey | 296,396 | 87 | 117 |
| Chicken | 715,405 | 114 | 93 |

Source: USDA NASS Cold Storage, March 22, 2011

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

| Item | 2010 | 2011 | 2011/2010 |
|----------------------------|-------|-------|-----------|
| | | | |
| Number of Layers | | | |
| Nebraska | 9.4 | 9.4 | 100 |
| United States | 340.5 | 339.3 | 100 |
| Table Eggs Produced | | | |
| Nebraska | 205 | 210 | 102 |
| United States | 5,950 | 6,030 | 101 |
| Chickens Hatched, February | | | |
| United States | | | |
| Egg-type | 40.1 | 37.3 | 93 |
| Broiler | 699.8 | 708.7 | 101 |

Source: USDA NASS Chicken and Eggs, March 22, 2011

2010 Cropland Data Layer Available

The Cropland Data Layer for Nebraska depicting distribution of 2010 crops is now available on CD Rom. Order it at <http://www.nass.usda.gov/research/Cropland/SARS1a.htm> or call 1-800-727-9540.

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