



# Nebraska Agri-Facts

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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

## Prices Received By Farmers

The preliminary United States All Farm Products Index of Prices Received by Farmers in December, at 176 percent, based on 1990-1992=100, decreased 8 points (4.3 percent) from November. The Crop Index is down 15 points (7.3 percent) but the Livestock Index increased 1 point (0.6 percent). Producers received lower prices for corn, soybeans, wheat, and lettuce and higher prices for eggs, broilers, cattle, and broccoli. Increased monthly movement of

wheat, milk, broilers, and hay offset decreased marketing of corn, soybeans, cattle, and grapes.

The preliminary All Farm Products Index is up 23 points (15 percent) from December 2010. The Food Commodities Index, at 168, decreased 4 points (2.3 percent) from last month but increased 20 points (14 percent) from December 2010.

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

Commodity	Unit	Nebraska			United States		
		December 2010 <sup>1</sup>	November 2011 <sup>1</sup>	December 15, 2011 <sup>2</sup>	December 2010 <sup>1</sup>	November 2011 <sup>1</sup>	December 15, 2011 <sup>2</sup>
		<i>Dollars</i>			<i>Dollars</i>		
Wheat, All	Bushel	6.33	6.18	6.00	6.44	7.26	6.45
Corn	Bushel	4.83	5.77	5.40	4.82	5.84	5.44
Oats	Bushel	3.40	3.72	3.60	2.94	3.36	3.31
Grain Sorghum	Cwt	8.86	10.40	9.90	8.79	10.70	10.10
Soybeans	Bushel	11.80	11.50	11.00	11.60	11.70	11.10
Hay, All, Baled	Ton	74.00	125.00	121.00	111.00	176.00	177.00
Alfalfa, Baled	Ton	77.00	135.00	131.00	121.00	198.00	199.00
Other, Baled	Ton	64.00	94.00	94.00	96.00	122.00	126.00
Dry Edible Beans	Cwt	23.50	42.20	43.30	24.60	39.90	45.30
Hogs	Cwt	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	52.30 <sup>3</sup>	64.40 <sup>3</sup>	64.00 <sup>3</sup>
Barrows & Gilts	Cwt	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	52.70 <sup>3</sup>	64.50 <sup>3</sup>	64.30 <sup>3</sup>
Sows	Cwt	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	48.60 <sup>3</sup>	60.80 <sup>3</sup>	56.70 <sup>3</sup>
Beef Cattle	Cwt	104.00	(NA)	(NA)	98.10	120.00 <sup>3</sup>	121.00 <sup>3</sup>
Steers & Heifers	Cwt	105.00	(NA)	(NA)	104.00	126.00 <sup>3</sup>	128.00 <sup>3</sup>
Cows	Cwt	59.10	(NA)	(NA)	55.10	66.00 <sup>3</sup>	69.00 <sup>3</sup>
Calves	Cwt	143.00	(NA)	(NA)	130.00	153.00 <sup>3</sup>	158.00 <sup>3</sup>
Sheep	Cwt	67.00	(NA)	(NA)	66.20	(NA)	(NA)
Lambs	Cwt	146.00	(NA)	(NA)	146.00	(NA)	(NA)

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

(NA) Not Available – State prices discontinued. U.S. sheep and lamb prices discontinued.

Source: USDA NASS Agricultural Prices, December 30, 2011

## Hogs and Pigs

Nebraska inventory of all hogs and pigs on December 1, 2011, was 3.15 million head. This was unchanged from December 1, 2010, but down 3 percent from September 1, 2011. Breeding hogs, at 385,000 head, were up 3 percent from December 1, 2010, and up 1 percent from last quarter. Market hog inventory, at 2.77 million head, was down slightly from last year and down 4 percent from last quarter.

U.S. inventory of all hogs and pigs on December 1, 2011 was 65.9 million head. This was up 2 percent from December 1, 2010, but down 1 percent from September 1, 2011. Breeding inventory, at 5.80 million head, was up slightly from last year but down slightly from the previous quarter. Market hog inventory, at 60.1 million head, was up 2 percent from last year, but down 1 percent from last quarter.

### Hogs and Pigs: December 1 Inventory, Sows Farrowing and Pig Crop, Nebraska and United States 2010-2011<sup>1</sup>

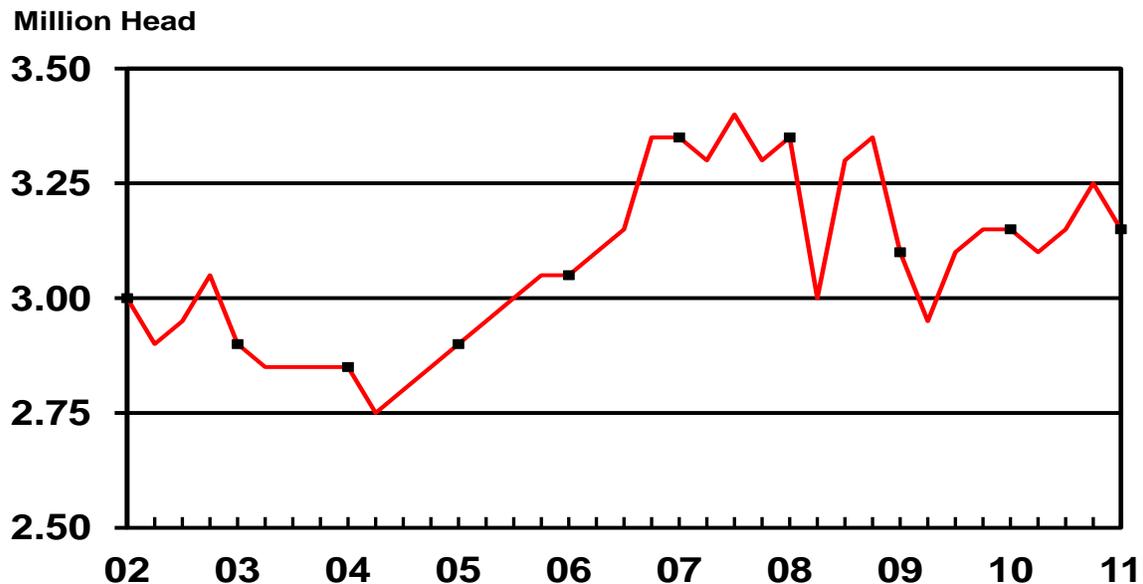
Item	Nebraska			United States		
	2010	2011	2011/2010	2010	2011	2011/2010
	<i>1,000 Head</i>		<i>Percent</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>		<i>Percent</i>
December 1 Inventory						
All hogs and pigs	3,150	3,150	100	64,925	65,931	102
Breeding	375	385	103	5,778	5,803	100
Market	2,775	2,765	100	59,147	60,128	102
Market Hogs & Pigs						
Under 50 pounds	910	880	97	18,864	19,271	102
50-119 pounds	830	820	99	16,519	16,895	102
120-179 pounds	595	595	100	12,233	12,472	102
180 pounds and over	440	470	107	11,531	11,490	100
Sows Farrowing						
December-February <sup>2</sup>	170	175	103	2,872	2,843	99
March-May	180	185	103	2,929	2,917	100
December-May <sup>2</sup>	350	360	103	5,801	5,760	99
June-August	175	175	100	2,944	2,900	99
September-November	180	180	100	2,881	2,894	100
June-November	355	355	100	5,824	5,795	99
Pig Crop						
December-February <sup>2</sup>	1,700	1,768	104	27,596	27,866	101
March-May	1,827	1,906	104	28,730	29,252	102
December-May <sup>2</sup>	3,527	3,674	104	56,326	57,118	101
June-August	1,803	1,838	102	28,871	29,084	101
September-November	1,818	1,872	103	28,488	29,014	102
June-November	3,621	3,710	102	57,359	58,098	101

<sup>1</sup> May not add due to rounding; <sup>2</sup> December preceding year.

Source: USDA NASS Quarterly Hog and Pigs, December 23, 2011

## Nebraska Quarterly Hogs and Pigs

December 1



Source: USDA NASS Nebraska Field Office

# Quarterly Hogs and Pigs Inventory – United States: December 1

Million head



Source: USDA NASS Quarterly Hogs and Pigs December 23, 2011

## Commercial Livestock Slaughter

November 2011 number slaughtered and changes from last year and last month are shown below. November 2010 contained 22 weekdays (including two holidays) and four Saturdays. November 2011 contained 22 weekdays (including two holidays) and four Saturdays.

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

Item	Total <sup>1</sup>	Nov 2011 Percent of	
		Nov 2010	Oct 2011
<b>Nebraska</b>			
	<i>1,000 Head</i>		
Cattle, head	567.1	96	96
Hogs, head	677.6	99	95
Red Meat, mil. lbs.	612.5	97	95
<b>United States</b>			
Cattle, head	2,785.6	97	98
Calves, head	73.0	100	101
Hogs, head	10,043.0	101	101
Sheep & Lambs, head	186.7	85	107
Red Meat, mil. lbs.	4,259.7	98	100

<sup>1</sup> Excludes animals slaughtered on farms.

Source: USDA NASS Livestock Slaughter, December 23, 2011

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

Commodity	Stocks	Nov 2011 Percent of	
		Nov 2010	Oct 2011
	<i>1,000 Lbs.</i>		
Total red meats	954,700	103	103
Beef	437,563	101	106
Pork	494,880	106	101
Poultry	854,634	91	77
Turkey	192,993	111	47
Chicken	659,035	86	95

Source: USDA NASS Cold Storage, December 22, 2011

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

Item	2010		2011/2010
	Millions	Percent	
<b>Number of Layers</b>			
Nebraska	9.4	9.1	96
United States	339.4	337.9	100
<b>Table Eggs Produced</b>			
Nebraska	228	222	97
United States	6,538	6,615	101
<b>Chickens Hatched, Nov</b>			
United States			
Egg-type	38.8	37.5	97
Broiler	741.1	704.1	95

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

## Farm Marketings: Percent of Sales, by Crop and Month, Nebraska, 2007-2011<sup>1</sup>

Crop Year	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug
<i>Percent</i>												
<b>Corn</b>												
2007-08	4	15	14	12	13	8	8	6	3	7	6	4
2008-09	3	7	13	12	12	7	11	7	9	7	6	6
2009-10	6	6	14	14	10	7	8	7	6	6	9	7
2010-11	7	18	9	9	16	8	8	6	4	5	5	5
<b>Sorghum Grain</b>												
2007-08	2	19	25	15	13	6	6	7	3	3	1	
2008-09	2	1	18	11	19	8	15	8	9	5	2	2
2009-10	3	3	29	17	10	5	8	5	4	5	6	5
2010-11	4	31	21	10	16	3	3	4	3	3	1	1
Crop Year	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug
<i>Percent</i>												
<b>Soybeans</b>												
2007-08	6	27	11	13	15	8	5	3	1	5	4	2
2008-09	4	24	7	9	15	7	9	9	7	4	3	2
2009-10	5	33	18	12	10	5	5	3	1	3	3	2
2010-11	9	33	8	7	24	5	3	2	2	2	2	3
<b>Dry Edible Beans</b>												
2007-08	44	15	8	5	11	4	2	5	3	1	1	1
2008-09	42	15	3	1	7	6	5	4	7	4	1	5
2009-10	39	9	4	6	14	5	8	1	3	3	2	6
2010-11	28	11	5	8	11	5	5	3	5	3	11	5
Crop Year	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun
<i>Percent</i>												
<b>Wheat</b>												
2007-08	53	20	7	2	1	5	5	3	1	1	1	1
2008-09	45	18	4	2	1	4	7	2	4	3	7	3
2009-10	29	16	10	12	5	3	5	3	2	8	3	4
2010-11	41	23	7	3	2	4	5	2	8	2	2	1
<b>Oats</b>												
2007-08	18	10	22	4	13	7	2	3	6	4	4	7
2008-09	64	12	8	2	3	1		2	1	1	1	5
2009-10	30	49	6	5	3	1				1		5
2010-11	19	18	18	5	2	4	11	6	3	9	2	3
Crop Year	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May
<i>Percent</i>												
<b>Hay</b>												
2007-08	5	6	8	8	10	12	12	11	10	10	5	3
2008-09	5	6	6	8	10	14	12	10	10	9	6	4
2009-10	4	5	7	10	11	15	11	13	8	8	5	3
2010-11	4	5	7	10	11	15	11	13	8	8	5	3

<sup>1</sup> Monthly farm marketings, based on a sample survey, as a percent of total used for calculating marketing year average prices.  
Source: USDA NASS Agricultural Prices, August 31, 2011, September 29, 2011, November 30, 2011