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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, 2012, in Nebraska totaled 6.45 million head, up 4 percent from a year ago.

All cows on hand January 1, at 1.94 million head, were 6 percent above last year. The 2011 calf crop was estimated at 1.69 million head, up 2 percent from 2010.

Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter in all Nebraska feedlots on January 1, 2012, totaled 2.65 million head, up 4 percent from last year.

All cattle and calves in the United States as of January 1, 2012, totaled 90.8 million head, 2 percent below a year ago and the lowest since the 88.1 million on hand in 1952.

All cows and heifers that calved, at 39.1 million, were down 2 percent from a year ago. The 2011 calf crop, at 35.3 million head, was 1 percent below 2010 and the smallest since 1950.

Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter in all feedlots on January 1 were 14.1 million head, up 1 percent.

Cattle Inventory by Class and Calf Crop -- Nebraska and United States, January 1, 2010-2012

Class	Nebraska				United States			
	2010	2011	2012	2012/2011	2010	2011	2012	2012/2011
	1,000 Head			Percent	1,000 Head			Percent
Cattle and calves	6,300.0	6,200.0	6,450.0	104	93,881.2	92,682.4	90,768.5	98
Cows and heifers that have calved	1,840.0	1,830.0	1,940.0	106	40,456.4	39,999.2	39,112.4	98
Beef cows	1,781.0	1,772.0	1,884.0	106	31,370.9	30,849.6	29,882.9	97
Milk cows	59.0	58.0	56.0	97	9,085.5	9,149.6	9,229.5	101
Heifers 500 pounds and over	1,790.0	1,700.0	1,820.0	107	19,745.8	19,575.8	19,387.8	99
For beef cow replacement	320.0	300.0	355.0	118	5,451.0	5,138.6	5,211.6	101
For milk cow replacement	20.0	20.0	15.0	75	4,526.2	4,568.2	4,527.0	99
Other heifers	1,450.0	1,380.0	1,450.0	105	9,768.6	9,869.0	9,649.2	98
Steers 500 pounds and over	2,270.0	2,320.0	2,280.0	98	16,510.4	16,397.0	16,071.5	98
Bulls 500 pounds and over	95.0	85.0	100.0	118	2,190.1	2,155.1	2,052.0	95
Calves under 500 pounds	305.0	265.0	310.0	117	14,978.5	14,555.3	14,144.8	97
	2009	2010	2011	2011/2010	2009	2010	2011	2011/2010
Calves born	1,690.0	1,660.0	1,690.0	102	35,939.0	35,694.8	35,313.2	99

Source: USDA NASS Cattle, January 27, 2012

**Number of Cattle on Feed, Placements, Marketings and Other Disappearance on
1,000+ Capacity Feedlots by Month -- States and United States: 2010-2012**

State	January 1 Number on Feed ¹			December Placements			December Marketings			December Other Disappearance ²		
	2011	2012	<u>2012</u> 2011	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	258	279	108	36	26	72	26	36	138	1	1	100
California	470	510	109	61	61	100	57	52	91	4	4	100
Colorado	1,080	1,150	106	160	170	106	165	170	103	5	10	200
Idaho	240	230	96	42	36	86	35	40	114	2	1	50
Iowa	640	620	97	93	77	83	80	63	79	3	4	133
Kansas	2,280	2,250	99	410	350	85	480	445	93	10	15	150
Nebraska	2,430	2,550	105	380	380	100	400	380	95	10	10	100
Oklahoma	375	375	100	55	45	82	58	52	90	2	3	150
South Dakota	260	260	100	45	37	82	39	37	95	1	5	500
Texas	2,840	2,940	104	420	400	95	400	430	108	20	30	150
Washington	209	232	111	36	44	122	39	45	115	2	3	150
Other States	432	465	108	51	57	112	51	46	90	5	5	100
United States	11,514	11,861	103	1,789	1,683	94	1,830	1,796	98	65	91	140

¹Cattle 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 loss, movement from feedlots to pasture, and shipments to other feedlots for further feeding.

Source: USDA NASS Cattle on Feed, January 20, 2012

Milk Cows and Production: By Quarter, Nebraska, 23 States and United States, 2010-2011

Item and Quarter	Nebraska		23 States		United States	
	2010	2011	2010	2011	2010	2011
	<i>1,000 Head</i>		<i>1,000 Head</i>		<i>1,000 Head</i>	
Milk cows ¹						
July-September	58	57	8,372	8,471	9,126	9,208
October-December	58	57	8,377	8,480	9,130	9,216
	<i>Million Pounds</i>		<i>Million Pounds</i>		<i>Million Pounds</i>	
Milk production ²						
July-September	290	288	44,795	45,497	48,070	48,713
October-December	288	296	44,242	45,326	47,548	48,650

¹ Includes dry cows, excludes heifers not yet fresh.

² Excludes milk sucked by calves.

Source: USDA NASS Milk Production, January 23, 2012

**Sheep and Lamb Inventory by Class -- January 1, 2011-2012 and
Lamb Crop, Nebraska and United States, 2010-2011**

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	
	2011	2012	2011	2012	2011	2012	2010	2011	2010	2011	2010	2011
	<i>1,000 Head</i>						<i>1,000 Head</i>		<i>Percent</i>		<i>1,000 Head</i>	
Nebraska	57	62	17	15	74	77	47	46	143	152	67	70
United States	4,080	3,975	1,400	1,370	5,480	5,345	3,335	3,225	107	109	3,570	3,510

Source: USDA NASS Sheep and Goats, January 27, 2012

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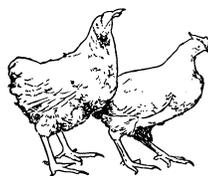
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Poultry

During December 2011, layers in Nebraska totaled 9.1 million birds, a decrease of 3 percent from the previous year. The number of layers in the United States during December 2011 totaled 338.2 million, down 1 percent from December 2010.

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

Item	2010	2011	2011/2010
	Millions		Percent
Number of Layers			
Nebraska	9.4	9.1	97
United States	342.7	338.2	99
Table Eggs Produced			
Nebraska	232	235	101
United States	6,850	6,888	101
Chickens Hatched			
United States			
Egg-type	37.8	38.9	103
Broiler	786.4	760.2	97
Hatched thru December			
United States			
Egg-type	489.2	482.2	99
Broiler	9,277.1	9,072.5	98

Source: USDA NASS Chicken and Eggs, January 23, 2012

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 \$15.97 billion in 2010, up 4 percent from 2009.
- **Financial Ratio:** The debt-to-asset ratio for Nebraska farms in 2010 was 11.0 percent compared to 8.5 percent at the national level.
- **Farm Income:** Average gross cash income per Nebraska farm was \$323,439. Of the total, 37 percent came from livestock sales, 51 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 2011 output and changes from last year and last month are shown below. December 2010 contained 23 weekdays (including two holidays) and four Saturdays. December 2011 contained 22 weekdays (including one holiday) and five Saturdays.

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

Item	Total ¹	Dec. 2011 percent of	
		Dec. 2010	Nov. 2011
Nebraska			
	<i>1,000 Head</i>		
Cattle, head	555.7	94	98
Hogs, head	711.8	103	105
Red Meat, mil. lbs.	606.6	96	99
United States			
Cattle, head	2,754.8	94	99
Calves, head	72.9	94	100
Hogs, head	9,943.6	100	99
Sheep & Lambs, head	180.7	84	97
Red Meat, mil. lbs.	4,216.4	97	99

¹ Excludes animals slaughtered on farms.

Source: USDA NASS Livestock Slaughter, January 20, 2012

**Goat Inventory by Class -- Nebraska
and United States, January 1, 2011-2012¹**

Class	Nebraska		United States	
	2011	2012	2011	2012
	<i>Head</i>	<i>Head</i>	<i>Head</i>	<i>Head</i>
Angora Goats			172,000	146,000
Milk Goats	2,900	3,100	360,000	360,000
Meat and Other Goats	22,000	20,000	2,464,000	2,356,000
Total Goats			2,996,000	2,862,000

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

Source: USDA NASS Sheep and Goats, January 27, 2012

Prices Received: By Commodity, Nebraska and United States, Preliminary January 2012 with Comparisons

Commodity	Unit	Nebraska			United States		
		January 2011 ¹	December 2011 ¹	January 2012 ²	January 2011 ¹	December 2011 ¹	January 2012 ²
		<i>Dollars</i>			<i>Dollars</i>		
Wheat, All	Bushel	6.27	6.20	6.20	6.69	7.19	6.86
Corn	Bushel	4.81	5.80	5.90	4.94	5.86	5.90
Oats	Bushel	3.01	3.80	3.90	3.13	3.57	3.62
Grain Sorghum	Cwt	8.99	9.74	10.20	9.49	10.50	10.40
Soybeans	Bushel	11.40	11.20	11.50	11.60	11.50	11.70
Hay, All, Baled	Ton	76.00	121.00	128.00	112.00	177.00	172.00
Alfalfa, Baled	Ton	79.00	131.00	137.00	121.00	199.00	192.00
Other, Baled	Ton	63.00	94.00	93.00	97.30	126.00	127.00
Dry Edible Beans	Cwt	25.30	43.00	43.40	26.20	41.80	45.80
Hogs	Cwt	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	55.80 ³	63.50 ³	62.40 ³
Barrows & Gilts	Cwt	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	56.70 ³	63.70 ³	62.60 ³
Sows	Cwt	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	47.80 ³	55.90 ³	55.00 ³
Beef Cattle	Cwt	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	107.00 ³	120.00 ³	124.00 ³
Steers & Heifers	Cwt	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	110.00 ³	126.00 ³	129.00 ³
Cows	Cwt	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	65.00 ³	70.50 ³	73.80 ³
Calves	Cwt	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	136.00 ³	157.00 ³	166.00 ³

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

(NA) Not Available – State prices discontinued.

Source: USDA NASS Agricultural Prices, January 31, 2012

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