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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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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 May 1. The inventory was up 4 percent from last year and is the highest May inventory since the data series began in 1994. Placements in feedlots during April totaled 370,000 head, equal to last year. Marketings of fed cattle during April totaled 420,000 head, up 14 percent from last year. Other disappearance during April totaled 20,000 head, compared to 10,000 head in 2011.

U.S. Cattle on Feed Down 1 Percent

Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter market in the United States for feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head totaled 11.1 million head on May 1, 2012. The inventory was 1 percent below May 1, 2011. Placements in feedlots during April totaled 1.52 million, 15 percent below 2011. Marketings of fed cattle during April totaled 1.82 million, slightly above 2011. Other disappearance totaled 78,000 during April, 30 percent above 2011.

Cattle on Feed: Number on Feed, Placements, Marketings and Other Disappearance, 1,000+ Capacity Feedlots, by Month, State, and United States, 2011-2012

State	May 1 Number on Feed ¹			April Placements			April Marketings			April Other Disappearance ²		
	2011	2012	<u>2012</u> 2011	2011	2012	<u>2012</u> 2011	2011	2012	<u>2012</u> 2011	2011	2012	<u>2012</u> 2011
	1,000 Head	Percent		1,000 Head	Percent		1,000 Head	Percent		1,000 Head	Percent	
Arizona	282	276	98	25	26	104	18	27	150	1	1	100
California	450	475	106	57	45	79	55	58	105	2	2	100
Colorado	1,100	1,030	94	165	120	73	150	150	100	5	10	200
Idaho	230	215	93	34	28	82	23	36	157	1	2	200
Iowa	640	650	102	69	55	80	76	72	95	3	3	100
Kansas	2,170	2,080	96	380	300	79	385	380	99	15	10	67
Nebraska	2,370	2,460	104	370	370	100	370	420	114	10	20	200
Oklahoma	355	295	83	76	47	62	74	70	95	2	2	100
So. Dakota	255	245	96	31	32	103	39	40	103	2	2	100
Texas	2,730	2,710	99	500	410	82	530	465	88	10	15	150
Washington	200	224	112	28	28	100	33	34	103	2	3	150
Other States	393	450	115	50	60	120	54	63	117	7	8	114
United States	11,175	11,110	99	1,785	1,521	85	1,807	1,815	100	60	78	130

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. ²Includes death losses, movement from feedlots to pastures and shipments to other feedlots for further feeding.

Source: USDA NASS Cattle on Feed, May 18, 2012

2012 Wheat Production Forecast

Based on May 1 conditions, Nebraska's 2012 winter wheat crop is forecast at 59.7 million bushels, down 9 percent from last year's crop and the smallest since 1954 due to fewer acres planted. Average yield is forecast at 47 bushels per acre, up 2 bushels from last year and 6 bushels above the ten-year average. Acreage to be harvested for grain is estimated at 1.27 million acres, down 180,000 acres or 12 percent from last year and the smallest since 1917. This would be 94 percent of

the planted acres, below last year but equal to the ten-year average. The April 29 wheat condition was rated 70 percent good to excellent, above both last year and average. Crop development was about 2 weeks ahead of normal with heads starting to show.

May 1 Hay Stocks

May 1 hay stocks of 1.1 million tons are down 20 percent from last year and 6 percent below the ten-year average.

Winter Wheat and Hay Stocks: Comparative Data, Nebraska and United States, 2010-2012

Classification	Nebraska			United States			
	2010	2011	2012 ¹	2010	2011	2012 ¹	
Winter Wheat							
Harvested for Grain ²	Percent	93.1	95.4	94.1	85.0	79.5	85.3
For harvest	1,000 Acres	1,490	1,450	1,270	31,741	32,314	35,580
Yield	Bushels	43.0	45.0	47.0	46.8	46.2	47.6
Production	1,000 Bushels	64,070	65,250	59,690	1,484,861	1,493,677	1,693,710
All Hay Farm Stocks	1,000 Tons	1,000	1,335	1,070	20,931	22,217	21,381

¹ Winter wheat forecasted May 1, 2012. ² Percent of seeded acreage.

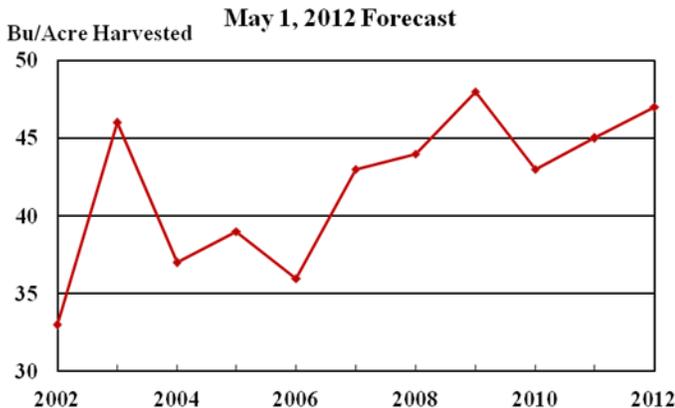
Source: USDA NASS Crop Production, May 10, 2012

Winter Wheat Area Harvested, Yield and Production -- Selected States and United States: 2011 and Forecasted May 1, 2012

State	Area harvested		Yield per acre		Production	
	2011	2012	2011	2012	2011	2012
	<i>1,000 Acres</i>		<i>Bushels</i>		<i>1,000 Bushels</i>	
Colorado	2,000	2,250	39.0	41.0	78,000	92,250
Kansas	7,900	9,000	35.0	43.0	276,500	387,000
Missouri	680	700	50.0	51.0	34,000	35,700
Montana	2,190	2,120	41.0	40.0	89,790	84,800
Nebraska	1,450	1,270	45.0	47.0	65,250	59,690
Oklahoma	3,200	4,300	22.0	36.0	70,400	154,800
South Dakota	1,590	1,300	42.0	44.0	66,780	57,200
Texas	1,900	3,350	26.0	31.0	49,400	103,850
Washington	1,730	1,670	75.0	69.0	129,750	115,230
United States	32,314	35,580	46.2	47.6	1,493,677	1,693,710

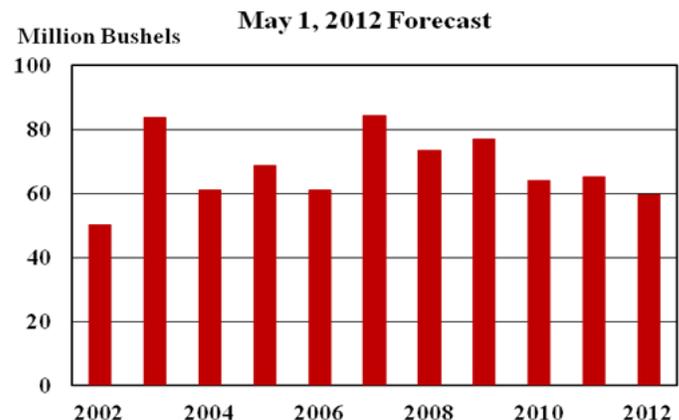
Source: USDA NASS Crop Production, May 10, 2012

Nebraska Wheat Yield



Source: USDA NASS Nebraska Field Office, May 10, 2012

Nebraska Wheat Production



Source: USDA NASS Nebraska Field Office, May 10, 2012

U.S. Grains Supply and Disappearance Outlook

Crop Year	Supply				Market Year Disappearance ¹					Market Year Ending Stocks	Average Market Price
	Beginning stocks	Production	Imports	Total	Domestic			Exports	Total		
					Primary Use ²	Ethanol & By-products ³	Other				
<i>Million Bushels</i>											<i>\$/Bu.</i>
Corn											
2010/11	1,708	12,447	28	14,182	4,793	5,021	1,406	1,835	13,055	1,128	5.18
2011/12 ⁴	1,128	12,358	20	13,506	4,550	5,000	1,405	1,700	12,655	851	5.95-6.25
2012/13 ⁵	851	14,790	15	15,656	5,450	5,000	1,425	1,900	13,775	1,881	4.20-5.00
Soybeans											
2010/11	151	3,329	14	3,495	1,648		130	1,501	3,280	215	11.30
2011/12 ⁴	215	3,056	15	3,286	1,645		116	1,315	3,076	210	12.35
2012/13 ⁵	210	3,205	15	3,430	1,655		125	1,505	3,285	145	12.00-14.00
Wheat											
2010/11	976	2,207	97	3,279	926		203	1,289	2,417	862	5.70
2011/12 ⁴	862	1,999	120	2,982	930		259	1,025	2,214	768	7.25
2012/13 ⁵	768	2,245	120	3,133	945		303	1,150	2,398	735	5.50-6.70
Sorghum											
2010/11	41	346	0	387	124		85	150	359	27	5.02
2011/12 ⁴	27	214	0	242	65		90	60	215	27	5.85-6.15
2012/13 ⁵	27	335	0	362	90		90	140	320	42	3.85-4.65

¹ Marketing year begins: Corn, Sorghum & Soybeans, September 1; Wheat, June 1. ² Primary uses: Corn & Sorghum = Feed; Soybeans = Crashing; Wheat = Food. ³ Corn used to produce ethanol and by-products including distillers' grains, corn gluten feed, corn gluten meal, and corn oil.

⁴ Estimate. ⁵ Projection. Source: USDA's World Agricultural Supply and Demand Estimates, May 10, 2012

All Eggs Production and Value – Nebraska and United States: 2010 and 2011

State	2010	2011
<i>Million eggs</i>		
Eggs Produced		
Nebraska	2,751	2,697
United States	91,482	91,855
<i>1,000 dollars</i>		
Value of production		
Nebraska	152,857	171,382
United States	6,534,699	7,365,303

Annual estimates cover the period December 1 previous year through November 30. Includes hatching and market (table) eggs.

Source: Poultry - Production and Value 2011 Summary, April 2012

Stocks in Cold Storage: By Commodity, United States, April 30, 2012 with Comparisons

Commodity	Stocks 1,000 lbs.	Percent of	
		April 30, 2011	March 31, 2012
Total red meat	1,200,312	119	105
Beef	517,528	117	103
Pork	659,532	120	108
Poultry	1,048,361	94	110
Turkey	438,507	120	117
Chicken	606,583	82	106

Source: USDA NASS Cold Storage, May 22, 2012

2012 Midyear Surveys

Interviewers will begin visiting and telephoning producers May 29. These midyear surveys are the basis for the official USDA statistics on planted area, grain and oilseeds stored, and hog inventories.

If contacted, please take a few minutes to respond by mail, internet or phone. Your response ensures accurate official USDA statistics. Individual information is kept strictly confidential, by law.

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USDA RELEASE DATES

June 29, 7:30 am CDT Acreage
June 29, 7:30 am CDT Grain Stocks
June 29, 2:00 pm CDT Quarterly Hogs & Pigs

Survey results will be available on the Internet at
<http://www.nass.usda.gov> within minutes after the release.



Number of Workers, Hours Worked and Wage Rates by Type of Worker--Regions & United States: April 8-14, 2012

[Excludes agricultural service workers and Alaska]

Region ¹	Number of workers	Number of hours worked	Wage Rates			
			All hired workers	Type of worker		
				Field	Livestock	Field and livestock combined
	(1,000)	(hours per week)	(dollars per hour)			
Lake	57	35.6	12.55	11.71	11.59	11.66
Cornbelt I	44	37.3	12.54	11.81	12.59	12.10
Cornbelt II	24	32.6	12.21	11.94	11.60	11.80
Northern Plains	33	41.1	12.83	12.29	11.18	11.90
Southern Plains	58	40.9	10.05	9.40	10.00	9.55
Mountain I	29	38.4	11.23	10.74	10.60	10.65
Mountain II	19	42.4	10.97	9.60	9.82	9.67
United States	748	39.2	11.41	10.50	10.95	10.62

¹Regions 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, May 17, 2012

Milk Cows and Production: By Month, 23 Selected States, 2011-2012

Month	Milk Cows ¹		Milk per Cow ²		Milk Production ²		
	2011	2012	2011	2012	2011	2012	Change from 2011
	1,000 head	1,000 head	Pounds	Pounds	Million pounds	Million pounds	Percent
January	8,405	8,502	1,811	1,859	15,219	15,806	3.9
February	8,408	8,510	1,665	1,780	13,997	15,149	8.2
March	8,425	8,521	1,872	1,930	15,773	16,447	4.3
April	8,431	8,525	1,835	1,875	15,475	15,983	3.3
May	8,447		1,902		16,069		
June	8,450		1,820		15,382		
July	8,459		1,820		15,395		
August	8,463		1,813		15,342		
September	8,466		1,742		14,744		
October	8,475		1,790		15,170		
November	8,475		1,739		14,742		
December	8,485		1,818		15,426		
Annual	8,449		21,627		182,734		

¹Includes dry cows, excludes heifers not yet fresh. ²Excludes milk sucked by calves.

Source: USDA NASS Milk Production, May 18, 2012

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