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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

Cattle Inventory

All cattle and calves on hand January 1, 2013, in Nebraska totaled 6.30 million head, down 2 percent from a year ago.

All cows on hand January 1, at 1.86 million head, were 4 percent below last year. The 2012 calf crop was estimated at 1.72 million head, up 2 percent from 2011.

Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter in all Nebraska feedlots on January 1, 2013, totaled 2.55 million head, down 4 percent from last year.

All cattle and calves in the United States as of January 1, 2013, totaled 89.3 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 38.5 million, were down 2 percent from a year ago. The 2012 calf crop, at 34.3 million head, was 3 percent below 2011 and the smallest since 1949.

Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter in all feedlots on January 1 were 13.4 million head, down 5 percent.

Cattle Inventory by Class and Calf Crop -- Nebraska and United States, January 1, 2011-2013

Class	Nebraska				United States			
	2011	2012	2013	2013/2012	2011	2012	2013	2013/2012
	1,000 Head			Percent	1,000 Head			Percent
Cattle and calves	6,200.0	6,450.0	6,300.0	98	92,682.4	90,768.5	89,299.6	98
Cows and heifers that have calved	1,830.0	1,940.0	1,860.0	96	39,999.2	39,387.4	38,515.2	98
Beef cows	1,772.0	1,884.0	1,805.0	96	30,849.6	30,157.9	29,295.3	97
Milk cows	58.0	56.0	55.0	98	9,149.6	9,229.5	9,219.9	100
Heifers 500 pounds and over	1,700.0	1,820.0	1,750.0	96	19,575.8	19,337.8	19,128.9	99
For beef cow replacement	300.0	385.0	350.0	91	5,138.6	5,261.6	5,360.6	102
For milk cow replacement	20.0	15.0	20.0	133	4,568.2	4,622.0	4,550.7	98
Other heifers	1,380.0	1,420.0	1,380.0	97	9,869.0	9,454.2	9,217.6	97
Steers 500 pounds and over	2,320.0	2,280.0	2,250.0	99	16,397.0	15,832.5	15,812.7	100
Bulls 500 pounds and over	85.0	100.0	100.0	100	2,155.1	2,096.0	2,055.8	98
Calves under 500 pounds	265.0	310.0	340.0	110	14,555.3	14,114.8	13,787.0	98
	2010	2011	2012	2012/2011	2010	2011	2012	2012/2011
Calves born	1,660.0	1,690.0	1,720.0	102	35,694.8	35,313.2	34,279.0	97

Source: USDA NASS Cattle, February 1, 2013

**Number of Cattle on Feed, Placements, Marketings and Other Disappearance on
1,000+ Capacity Feedlots by Month - States and United States: 2011-2013**

State	January 1 Number on Feed ¹			December Placements			December Marketings			December Other Disappearance ²		
	2012	2013	<u>2013</u> 2012	2011	2012	<u>2012</u> 2011	2011	2012	<u>2012</u> 2011	2011	2012	<u>2012</u> 2011
	<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	279	272	97	26	29	112	36	23	64	1	1	100
California	510	480	94	61	50	82	52	55	106	4	5	125
Colorado	1,150	1,000	87	160	140	88	160	155	97	10	5	50
Idaho	230	230	100	36	26	72	40	40	100	1	1	100
Iowa	620	620	100	77	82	106	63	68	108	4	4	100
Kansas	2,250	2,110	94	350	365	104	445	425	96	15	20	133
Nebraska	2,550	2,480	97	380	390	103	380	425	112	10	15	150
Oklahoma	375	345	92	45	52	116	52	49	94	3	3	100
South Dakota	260	230	88	37	34	92	37	33	89	5	1	20
Texas	2,940	2,720	93	400	415	104	420	380	90	30	15	50
Washington	232	247	106	44	25	57	45	38	84	3	1	33
Other States	465	459	99	57	56	98	46	54	117	5	3	60
United States	11,861	11,193	94	1,673	1,664	99	1,776	1,745	98	91	74	81

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 25, 2013

Milk Cows and Production By Quarter -- Nebraska, 23 States and United States, 2011-2012

Item and Quarter	Nebraska		23 States		United States	
	2011	2012	2011	2012	2011	2012
	<i>1,000 Head</i>		<i>1,000 Head</i>		<i>1,000 Head</i>	
Milk cows ¹						
July-September	57	56	8,463	8,489	9,200	9,214
October-December	57	55	8,478	8,476	9,216	9,199
	<i>Million Pounds</i>		<i>Million Pounds</i>		<i>Million Pounds</i>	
Milk production ²						
July-September	288	289	45,481	45,486	48,684	48,690
October-December	294	296	45,338	45,788	48,654	49,093

¹ Includes dry cows, excludes heifers not yet fresh.

² Excludes milk sucked by calves.

Source: USDA NASS Milk Production, January 23, 2013

**Sheep and Lamb Inventory by Class -- January 1, 2012-2013 and
Lamb Crop, Nebraska and United States, 2011-2012**

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	
	2012	2013	2012	2013	2012	2013	2011	2012	2011	2012	2011	2012
	<i>1,000 Head</i>						<i>1,000 Head</i>		<i>Percent</i>		<i>1,000 Head</i>	
Nebraska	62	66	15	14	77	80	46	51	152	143	70	73
United States	3,995	3,975	1,370	1,360	5,365	5,335	3,225	3,165	109	109	3,510	3,455

Source: USDA NASS Sheep and Goats, February 1, 2013

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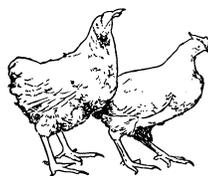
The Agricultural Resource Management Survey (ARMS) provided the facts policymakers used to craft the Farm Bill.

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Poultry

During December 2012, layers in Nebraska totaled 9.3 million birds, an increase of 3 percent from the previous year. The number of layers in the United States during December 2012 totaled 344.1 million, up 2 percent from December 2011.

Poultry: Layers and Eggs, Nebraska and United States, December 2012 with Comparisons

Item	2011	2012	2012/2011
	Millions		Percent
Number of Layers			
Nebraska	9.1	9.3	102
United States	338.2	344.1	102
Table Eggs Produced			
Nebraska	235	233	99
United States	6,894	7,034	102
Chickens Hatched			
United States			
Egg-type	39.1	37.1	95
Broiler	758.4	762.7	101
Hatched thru December			
United States			
Egg-type	478.9	467.4	98
Broiler	9,056.0	8,924.9	99

Source: USDA NASS Chicken and Eggs, January 22, 2013

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 totaled \$17.32 billion in 2011, up 10 percent from 2010.
- Financial Ratio:** The debt-to-asset ratio for Nebraska farms in 2011 was 9.7 percent compared to 8.1 percent at the national level.
- Farm Income:** Average gross cash income per Nebraska farm in 2011 was \$365,937. Of the total, 32 percent came from livestock sales, 56 percent from crop sales, 2 percent from government payments, and 10 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 2012 output and changes from last year and last month are shown below. December 2011 contained 22 weekdays (including one holiday) and five Saturdays. December 2012 contained 21 weekdays (including one holiday) and five Saturdays.

Livestock Slaughter: By Commodity, Nebraska and United States, December 2012 with Comparisons

Item	Total ¹	Dec. 2012 percent of	
		Dec. 2011	Nov. 2012
Nebraska			
<i>1,000 Head</i>			
Cattle, head	520.5	94	91
Hogs, head	656.3	92	100
Red Meat, mil. lbs.	577.5	95	93
United States			
Cattle, head	2,543.5	92	91
Calves, head	65.4	90	93
Hogs, head	9,465.2	95	94
Sheep & Lambs, head	189.7	105	104
Red Meat, mil. lbs.	3,996.5	95	93

¹ Excludes animals slaughtered on farms.

Source: USDA NASS Livestock Slaughter, January 24, 2013

**Goat Inventory by Class -- Nebraska
and United States, January 1, 2012-2013¹**

Class	Nebraska		United States	
	2012	2013	2012	2013
	<i>Head</i>	<i>Head</i>	<i>Head</i>	<i>Head</i>
Angora Goats			146,000	136,000
Milk Goats	3,100	2,800	360,000	360,000
Meat and Other Goats	20,000	17,000	2,356,000	2,315,000
Total Goats			2,862,000	2,811,000

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

Source: USDA NASS Sheep and Goats, February 1, 2013

Prices Received: By Commodity, Nebraska and United States, January 2013 with Comparisons

Commodity	Unit	Nebraska			United States		
		January 2012 ¹	December 2012 ¹	January 2013 ²	January 2012 ¹	December 2012 ¹	January 2013 ²
		<i>Dollars</i>			<i>Dollars</i>		
Wheat, All	Bushel	6.56	8.16	7.90	7.05	8.29	8.10
Corn	Bushel	6.02	6.80	6.80	6.07	6.87	6.98
Oats	Bushel	3.59	(D)	(D)	3.56	3.94	3.93
Grain Sorghum	Cwt	10.20	11.70	11.50	10.80	12.20	12.10
Soybeans	Bushel	11.40	14.20	13.80	11.90	14.30	14.10
Hay, All, Baled	Ton	126.00	211.00	221.00	172.00	192.00	191.00
Alfalfa, Baled	Ton	137.00	232.00	234.00	193.00	217.00	217.00
Other, Baled	Ton	93.00	159.00	181.00	132.00	142.00	144.00
Dry Edible Beans	Cwt	45.00	37.30	38.20	42.10	38.00	35.10
Hogs	Cwt	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	63.50 ³	62.40 ³	62.90 ³
Barrows & Gilts	Cwt	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	63.70 ³	62.70 ³	63.30 ³
Sows	Cwt	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	56.60 ³	54.80 ³	51.20 ³
Beef Cattle	Cwt	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	125.00 ³	124.00 ³	128.00 ³
Steers & Heifers	Cwt	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	130.00 ³	128.00 ³	132.00 ³
Cows	Cwt	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	74.60 ³	77.30 ³	79.50 ³
Calves	Cwt	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	169.00 ³	163.00 ³	169.00 ³

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, January 31, 2013

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