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## 2015 FARM PRODUCTION EXPENDITURES UP 3 PERCENT

LINCOLN, NE, August 4, 2016 -- Farm and Ranch Production Expenditures for Nebraska totaled \$22.7 billion in 2015, up 3 percent from a year earlier, according to USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. Livestock expenses, the largest expenditure category, at \$6.77 billion, increased 17 percent from 2014. Feed, the next largest expense category, at \$2.65 billion, increased 22 percent from 2014. Rent, the third largest total expense category at \$2.59 billion, decreased 1 percent from 2014.

Livestock expenses accounted for 30 percent of Nebraska's total production expenditures. Feed accounted for 12, Rent 11, and Farm Services 8 percent.

The total expenditures per farm or ranch in Nebraska averaged \$466,940 in 2015, up from \$451,527, an increase of 3 percent. The Livestock expense category was the leading expenditure, at \$139,014 per operation, more than 6 times the national average. Feed expenditures, at \$54,415 per operation, were nearly 2 times the national average. The average Rent expenditure, at \$53,183, was over 3.5 times the national average. Farm Services expenditures per operation, at \$39,220, were nearly 2 times the national average.

These results are based on data from Nebraska farmers and ranchers who participated in the Agricultural Resource Management Study conducted by USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. Producers were contacted in January through April to collect 2015 farm and ranch expenses. This is the eleventh year of state level information published for Nebraska from the Agricultural Resource Management Study.

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