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# CORNHUSKER ECONOMICS

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Market Report	Yr Ago	4 Wks Ago	8/27/10
<b><u>Livestock and Products,</u></b>			
<b><u>Weekly Average</u></b>			
Nebraska Slaughter Steers, 35-65% Choice, Live Weight.....	\$83.49	\$92.91	\$99.17
Nebraska Feeder Steers, Med. & Large Frame, 550-600 lb....	115.93	126.28	133.87
Nebraska Feeder Steers, Med. & Large Frame 750-800 lb....	102.15	116.38	118.45
Choice Boxed Beef, 600-750 lb. Carcass.....	143.67	154.01	163.79
Western Corn Belt Base Hog Price Carcass, Negotiated.....	49.52	82.04	79.14
Feeder Pigs, National Direct 50 lbs, FOB.....	40.00	*	*
Pork Carcass Cutout, 185 lb. Carcass, 51-52% Lean.....	57.01	89.21	94.99
Slaughter Lambs, Ch. & Pr., Heavy, Woolled, South Dakota, Direct.....	91.87	136.00	140.00
National Carcass Lamb Cutout, FOB.....	244.68	303.88	304.41
<b><u>Crops,</u></b>			
<b><u>Daily Spot Prices</u></b>			
Wheat, No. 1, H.W. Imperial, bu.....	3.94	5.25	5.40
Corn, No. 2, Yellow Omaha, bu.....	3.13	3.55	3.81
Soybeans, No. 1, Yellow Omaha, bu.....	11.73	10.28	10.13
Grain Sorghum, No. 2, Yellow Dorchester, cwt.....	5.02	6.09	6.75
Oats, No. 2, Heavy Minneapolis, MN, bu.....	2.01	2.79	2.64
<b><u>Feed</u></b>			
Alfalfa, Large Square Bales, Good to Premium, RFV 160-185 Northeast Nebraska, ton.....	*	150.00	135.00
Alfalfa, Large Rounds, Good Platte Valley, ton.....	82.50	77.50	75.00
Grass Hay, Large Rounds, Premium Nebraska, ton.....	*	82.50	95.00
Dried Distillers Grains, 10% Moisture, Nebraska Average.....	80.00	90.50	105.00
Wet Distillers Grains, 65-70% Moisture, Nebraska Average.....	32.50	28.00	38.00
<b>*No Market</b>			

According to population estimates released by the Bureau of the Census, Nebraska's population under 18 years of age grew between the years 2000 and 2009, but at a rate much below that of the general population and in a geographically very uneven fashion.

Overall, it is estimated that Nebraska's population under 18 years of age grew by 0.31 percent between 2000 and 2009 (from 450,242 to 451,641), while the total population grew by 4.98 percent. However, young Nebraskans increased in number in only ten of the state's 93 counties. Of the 83 counties that saw their youth decline in number, 70 are estimated to have experienced declines in excess of ten percent, with 33 counties seeing declines of over 20 percent.

Among the 50 most rural Nebraska counties (those with no population center of 2,500 or more), the average population decline among residents under 18 years of age was 22 percent. Led by Grant County, it saw its population of youth decline by a staggering 45.9 percent.

Declines in the population of rural youth are not surprising. The age structure of rural Nebraska has resulted in a decline in the number of residents of childbearing age. Nebraska's median age is currently estimated to be 37.3 years, up from 36.6 years at the time of the 2000 Census. The state's median age is exceeded in 80 of Nebraska's 93 counties, led by Garden County with a median age of 52.6 years, an increase of seven years over the median age found in 2000. Grant County, noted earlier for the size of the decline in its young population, is estimated to have a median age of 44.4 years, placing half of its population near or beyond typical childbearing age, and representing an increase of 4.5 years over the median age found by the 2000 Census.

According to census estimates, in only ten Nebraska counties has the median age decreased since the year 2000.





