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Sources of Grain Market Information

A list of various market information sources, each followed by a brief summary of distribution schedules and contents.

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This NebGuide lists widely used and readily available market information sources that contain information which may be useful to agricultural producers, lenders and agribusiness firms when making grain marketing decisions. Most of the available market information and statistical data comes from the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA).

Generally, there are two basic types of market information available to data users. The first type, Market News Service, is provided by the USDA's Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS) and concerns daily prices used to make short-run marketing decisions. The mass media provide coverage of these daily prices. However, because of time and space limitations, detailed background information and analysis are usually lacking.

The second type of information, provided by the USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) and the Economic Research Service (ERS), considers current supply and demand information and forecasts made from analysis of supply and demand interaction. Such information is vital to understanding price movements and trends, and is also helpful in making short-run, medium-run and long-run marketing decisions.

For more details about USDA market information, contact the agency responsible for distribution:

- **Market News**

Agricultural Marketing Services, LGMS
Livestock and Grain Market News
Room 2623, South Bldg.
USDA
Washington, D.C. 20250
(Telephone: 202/720-6231)

- **ERS reports**

Economic Research Service, Information Division
Room 228, USDA
1301 New York Ave., N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20005-4789
(Telephone: 202/219-0494)
(Fax: 202/219-0112)

- **NASS reports**

Agricultural Statistics Board
Room 5829 South Bldg.
USDA
Washington, D.C. 20250
(Telephone: 202/720-4020)
(Fax: 202/690-2090)

Electronic Information

ERS Situation and Outlook reports, NASS releases, and World Agricultural Outlook Board (WAOB) reports are available electronically through the USDA Computerized Information Delivery Service (CIDS). For details, call ERS (202) 720-5505 or NASS (202) 720-9579. For information on Internet call (202) 219-0012.

The CALL-ERS/NASS Bulletin Board is available nationwide. For information, call (202) 219-0012.

Buying Information

ERS, NASS, and WAOB publications, video tapes, and electronic products are available by subscription or individual copies. For prices and ordering information, call toll free: (U.S. and Canada) 1-800-999-6779 (8:30-5:00 ET weekdays). Other areas, call (703) 834-0125.

For a complete listing of available Nebraska and U.S. Agricultural Statistical Reports, Nebraska data users should contact:

Nebraska Agricultural Statistics Service
P.O. Box 81069
Lincoln, NE 68501-1069
(Telephone: 402/437-5541)
(Fax: 402/437-5547)

or visit the NASS office:

Room 273

100 Centennial Mall North
Lincoln, NE 68508

Data Reports, U.S.

- ***Weekly Weather and Crop Bulletin***

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration
(NOAA)/USDA Joint Agricultural Weather Facility
Room 5844 South Bldg.
USDA
Washington, D.C. 20250.

A weekly summary of the past week's weather and its impact on crops and forage progress for each state.

- ***Crop Production***

Agricultural Statistics Board
NASS, USDA
Washington, D.C. 20250

A monthly publication containing state and national estimates for crop production with related information on selected agricultural commodities. It also includes monthly forecasts and estimates on yield and production for corn, oats, barley, grain sorghum, wheat, soybeans and other crops based on crop surveys and growing conditions. Production, as compared to the estimates, are mainly affected by the weather from planting to harvest time.

- ***Prospective Plantings***

Agricultural Statistics Board
NASS, USDA
Washington, D.C. 20250.

Issued in late March, this report contains information on prospective planted acreage for corn, oats, grain sorghum, barley, wheat, soybeans and other crops based on producer surveys. Actual crop plantings and prospective plantings may or may not coincide, depending on what producers decide to do.

- ***Planted Acreage***

Agricultural Statistics Board
NASS, USDA
Washington, D.C. 20250.

Published in late June, it includes data on planted acreages of corn, wheat, grain sorghum, soybeans, barley, oats, dry beans, sugarbeets and other grains based on state and USDA surveys.

- ***Grain Stocks***

Agricultural Statistics Board
NASS, USDA
Washington, D.C. 20250.

Quarterly issues in late March, June, September and December. Stocks both on- and off-farm are

reported for selected grains, by state, for the first of the month of the release dates. Information is gathered from farmer and commercial elevator surveys.

- ***Grain and Feed Market News***

USDA, Agricultural Marketing Service
Livestock, Meat, Grain and Seed Division
Washington, D.C. 20250.

A weekly summary of important cash and futures grain and feed prices at various U.S. markets. It includes information on exports, outstanding export sales and useful price information with comparisons to the previous week and past year.

Market Analysis Reports

- ***Wheat -- Situation and Outlook***

ERS Information Division
Room 228, USDA
1301 New York Ave., N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20005-4789.

Issued in February, May, July, October and November. This publication analyzes supply, demand, price and outlook for wheat and rye. Current information on production, market movements, stocks, consumption, prices and foreign trade is presented in tables and charts. Special articles on subjects pertaining to the wheat market are often also included.

- ***Feed -- Situation and Outlook***

ERS Information Division
Room 228, USDA
1301 New York Ave., N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20005-4789.

Published in May, and October, with brief updates in other months. This publication examines the supply, demand, price and outlook for the major feed-grains (corn, grain sorghum, oats and barley). Current information on production, market movement, stocks, consumption prices and foreign trade is provided. Special articles related to the feed-grain market are also included.

- ***Oil Crops -- Situation and Outlook***

ERS Information Division
Room 228, USDA
1301 New York Ave., N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20005-4789.

Issued in January, July and October, with brief updates in other months. Supply, demand, price and outlook are analyzed for the major fats and oil commodities, including sunflowers. As in other "situation" reports, special articles and current data on foreign trade, prices, market movement, etc. are included.

- ***World Agricultural Supply and Demand Estimates***

ERS Information Division
Room 228, USDA

1301 New York Ave., N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20005-4789

Published monthly, this publication provides a brief analysis of the current supply and demand conditions for wheat, feed grains and oilseeds following the release of important NASS crop and grain stock reports.

General Economic Reports

The following sources of information contain data on all agricultural commodities, as well as information on other factors influencing marketing decisions.

- ***Agricultural Outlook***

USDA/ERS
P.O. Box 1608
Rockville, Maryland 20850.

Published monthly with the exception of the January-February combined issue. This publication gives the situation and outlook for food and agricultural sections pertaining to commodities, food, marketing, world agriculture and trade, and farm income. It also updates commodity, food and situation reports and features current information on farm income, prices, production and general economic indicators.

- ***Agricultural Resources & Environmental Indicators***

ERS Information Division
Room 228, USDA
1301 New York Ave., N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20005-4789.

Annual summary is published in June. More current semimonthly updates are issued featuring topics on agricultural resources, the environment, food safety and technology.

- ***Agricultural Prices***

Agricultural Statistics Board
NASS, USDA
Washington, D.C. 20250.

Issued monthly, it indicates prices paid and received by U.S. farmers for various commodities and also includes price indexes and parity prices.

Nebraska Statistics Reports

- ***Nebraska Agricultural Statistics Annual Report, Nebraska AGRI-FACTS, Nebraska Weekly Crop-Weather and Other Topic Specific Reports.***

These publications give a statistical summary of Nebraska's agriculture. The annual report, NEBRASKA AGRICULTURAL STATISTICS, provides data on crops, livestock, prices, farm income, farms, irrigation and fertilizer for Nebraska counties and crop reporting districts. This data, along with other statistical series for the state and nation are published in September. Preliminary county estimates for major crops are available upon request in May.

Nebraska AGRI-FACTS provides a summary of current agricultural statistics for Nebraska, other selected states and the nation, plus updates on exports and farm income. This 4-page release is published twice a month. The WEEKLY CROP-WEATHER covers crop progress, temperatures, precipitation, and soil moisture conditions. Other regular topic specific releases are available periodically.

These releases are available free to individuals and firms providing information on surveys made by the NASS office in Lincoln; others wishing to subscribe must pay a nominal fee. To obtain a checklist of available reports, write to:

Nebraska Agricultural Statistics Service
P.O. Box 81069
Lincoln, Nebraska 68501

or

Director, Nebraska Department of Agriculture
4th Floor, 301 Centennial Mall South
P.O. Box 94947
Lincoln, Nebraska 68509.

Other Statistical Reports

Agricultural Statistics for other states and the United States may be obtained through the Nebraska Agricultural Statistics Office in Lincoln.

Additional Information Sources

There are numerous periodicals--commodity, farm and trade magazines--that regularly contain grain and grain marketing information. Commercial market analysis and advisory services are also available. A subscription fee or service fee is usually charged for these services. A listing of these types of information sources is available from the Cooperative Extension Service office in your county.

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