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Nebraska’s economy is starting to add jobs.
Housing appears to have bottomed. But, how sustainable is the recovery?

Single Family Building Permits

Percent change from previous year (3-month moving average)

Source: U.S. Census Bureau
After contracting in 2008, could manufactured exports improve further in 2009?

Manufactured Exports

Billion dollars

- U.S. (Left Scale)
- Nebraska (Right Scale)

Source: WISERTrade
Consumer spending has fallen sharply.

General Sales and Use Taxes

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Nebraska Department of Revenue
2009 data are through July
Will consumers spend this holiday season?

U.S. Monthly Retail and Food Sales

Billion dollars

Source: U.S. Census Bureau
Food sales decline, especially at restaurants.

U.S. Food Sales

Percent change from previous year

Source: USDA
2009 data are year-to-date through September
Will agricultural exports rebound in 2010?

U.S. Agricultural Exports

Billion dollars

Source: USDA, Fiscal year data, October-September

U.S. Agricultural Exports - 2009

Billion dollars

April Forecast
June Forecast
September Forecast
Will agricultural exports rebound in 2010?

U.S. Agricultural Exports

Billion dollars

Source: USDA, fiscal years
What will drive farmland values?

Nebraska Nonirrigated Farmland Values

Dollars per acre

2,500
2,000
1,500
1,000
500
0


Source: Federal Reserve Bank of Kansas City
What is the “Letter” of Recovery?

U.S. Real GDP Growth

Source: Bureau of Economic Analysis and Federal Reserve projection
With the Fed Funds Rate at the zero bound, the Fed has expanded its balance sheet.
The recovery has started in Nebraska.
Will the farm sector rebound in 2010?
The outlook hinges on consumer spending.
As the recovery strengthens, questions will switch from growth to inflation.
Will the recovery lift the Nebraska economy in 2010?
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