

Nebraska Agriculture

Fact Card

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Nebraska's Top National Rankings

- 1st Commercial red meat production, 2011 – 7,163,800,000 lbs. (3,243,194,052 kg)
Commercial cattle slaughter, 2011 – 6,869,200 head
Commercial cattle slaughter, 2011, live weight – 9,060,655,000 lbs. (4,109,843,975 kg)
Great Northern beans production, 2011 – 1,044,000 cwt. (1,060,752,972 kg)
Irrigated land harvested, 2007 – 8,558,559 acres (3,463,525 ha)
Popcorn production, 2007 – 294,541,958 lbs. (133,601,984 kg)
- 2nd All cattle on feed, Jan. 1, 2012 - 2,650,000 head
All cattle and calves, Jan. 1, 2012 - 6,450,000 head
Pinto beans production, 2011 – 793,000 cwt. (805,725,198 kg)
Proso millet production, 2011 – 1,679,000 bushels (59,166 m³)
- 3rd Corn for grain production, 2011 – 1,536,000,000 bushels (54,172,211 m³)
- 4th Cash receipts from all farm commodities, 2010 – \$17,282,579,000
Cash receipts from all livestock and products, 2010 – \$8,453,119,000
Net farm income, 2010 – \$3,951,373,000
Land in farms and ranches, 2010 – 45,600,000 acres (18,453,738 ha)
On-farm grain storage capacity, Dec. 1, 2011 – 1,110,000,000 bushels (39,115,372 m³)
Off-farm commercial grain storage capacity, Dec. 1, 2011 – 859,800,000 bushels (30,298,552 m³)
Soybean production, 2011 – 258,405,000 bushels (9,105,951 m³)
All hay production, 2011 – 5,624,000 tons (6,199,398 metric tons)
All dry edible beans production, 2011 – 2,100,000 cwt. (21,336,985,084 kg)
- 5th Cash receipts from all crops, 2010 – \$8,829,460,000
Harvested acres of principal crops, 2011 – 18,923,000 acres (7,657,866 ha)
Grain sorghum production, 2011 – 6,580,000 bushels (231,873 m³)
- 6th All hogs and pigs on farms, Dec. 1, 2011 – 3,150,000 head
- 7th Commercial hog slaughter, 2011 – 7,706,500 head
Commercial hog slaughter, 2011, live weight – 2,103,484,000 lbs. (954,124,292 kg)
Winter wheat production, 2011 – 65,250,000 bushels (2,299,349 m³)
- 8th Alfalfa hay production, 2011 – 3,159,000 tons (3,482,201 metric tons)
- 10th Table egg layers (flocks of 30,000+), Dec. 2011 – 9,013,000 layers

Nebraska Ag Facts

- Cash receipts from farm marketings contributed over \$17 billion to Nebraska's economy in 2010 and 5.5 percent of the U.S. total.
- Nebraska's ten leading commodities (in order of importance) for 2010 cash receipts are cattle and calves, corn, soybeans, hogs, wheat, dairy products, chicken eggs, hay, dry beans, and potatoes, which represent 98 percent of the state's total cash receipts.
- Every dollar in agricultural exports generates \$1.31 in economic activities, such as transportation, financing, warehousing, and production. Nebraska's \$5.3 billion in agricultural exports translate into \$7.0 billion in additional economic activity. The top three agricultural exports in value are soybeans and products, feed grains and products, and live animals and meat.
- Nebraska had 47,200 farms and ranches during 2010; the average operation consisted of 966 acres (390 ha); average net income per farm averaged \$68,523 during the 2006-2010 period.
- In 2011, Nebraska ranked second in ethanol production capacity, with 24 operating plants having production capacity of 2.2 billion gallons (83,279,059,600 L). Over 40% of the State's 2010 corn crop was utilized in ethanol production.
- The Nebraska livestock industry accounted for 49% of the state's total agricultural cash receipts during 2010. Livestock or poultry operations were found on 50% of Nebraska farms.
- The top five counties ranked by agricultural sales in 2007 were Cuming, Dawson, Custer, Phelps, and Lincoln.
- In 2008, Nebraska was eighth nationally in certified organic cropland acres (52,551 ha) and eighth in certified organic pasture acres (21,518 ha).

Nebraska's Natural Resources

- Nebraska's farms and ranches utilize 45.6 million acres – 93% of the state's total land area.
- Nebraska is fortunate to have aquifers below it. If poured over the surface of the state, the water in those aquifers would have a depth of 37.9 feet. The state has 92,685 registered, active irrigation wells supplying water to over 8.5 million acres (3,439,841 ha) of harvested cropland and pasture. Of the total cropland harvested during 2007, 46 percent was irrigated.
- Nearly 24,000 miles of rivers and streams add to Nebraska's bountiful natural resources.
- There are nearly 23 million acres (9,307,806 ha) of rangeland and pastureland in Nebraska – half of which are in the Sandhills.

Source: USDA, NASS, Nebraska Field Office
(More detailed list of rankings available from USDA, NASS,
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