

Nebraska Agriculture

Fact Card

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Nebraska's Top National Rankings

- 1st Commercial red meat production, 2013 – 7,353,100,000 lbs. (3,335,310,055 kg.)
Commercial cattle slaughter, 2013 – 6,869,800 head
Commercial cattle slaughter, 2013, live weight – 9,389,940,000 lbs. (4,259,205,138 kg.)
All cattle on feed, Jan 1, 2014 – 2,450,000 head
Great Northern beans production, 2013 – 1,243,000 cwt. (563,815,315 kg.)
Irrigated land harvested, 2007 - 8,558,559 acres
Popcorn production, 2007 – 294,541,958 lbs. (133,601,984 kg.)
- 2nd All cattle and calves, Jan. 1, 2014 – 6,150,000 head
Pinto beans production, 2013 – 1,174,000 cwt. (53,251,744 kg.)
Beef and veal exports, 2012 – \$840,000,000
- 3rd Corn for grain production, 2013 – 1,623,500,000 bushels (57,210,630 m³)
Corn Exports, 2012 – \$1,149,600,000
All dry edible beans production, 2013 – 2,750,000 cwt. (124,737,901 kg.)
Cash receipts from all farm commodities, 2012 – \$24,465,882,000
Proso millet production, 2013 – 4,576,000 bushels (161,253 m³)
- 4th Cash receipts from all livestock and products, 2012 – \$11,771,253,000
Net farm income, 2012 – \$5,952,230,000
Land in farms and ranches, 2012 – 45,500,000 acres (18,413,196 ha.)
On-farm grain storage capacity, Dec. 1, 2013 – 1,150,000,000 bushels (40,524,930 m³)
Off-farm commercial grain storage capacity, Dec. 1, 2013 – 1,150,000,000 bushels (40,524,930 m³)
- 5th Agricultural exports, 2012 – \$7,285,500,000
Soybean production, 2013 – 252,280,000 bushels (8,890,112 m³)
Soybean exports, 2012 - \$1,829,400,000
Cash receipts from all crops, 2012 – \$12,694,629,000
- 6th Harvested acres of principal crops, 2013 – 18,756,000 acres (7,590,283 ha.)
All hogs and pigs on farms, Dec. 1, 2013 – 3,100,000 head
- 7th Commercial hog slaughter, 2013 – 7,595,900 head
Commercial hog slaughter, 2013, live weight – 2,076,018,000 lbs. (941,665,848 kg.)
Grain sorghum production, 2013 – 9,380,000 bushels (330,542 m³)
- 8th Alfalfa hay production, 2013 – 2,415,000 tons (2,190,851,147 kg.)
- 10th Table egg layers (flocks of 30,000+), Dec. 2013 – 9,257,000 layers

Nebraska Ag Facts

- ❑ Cash receipts from farm marketings contributed over \$24 billion to Nebraska's economy in 2012 and 6.2 percent of the U.S. total.
- ❑ Nebraska's ten leading commodities (in order of importance) for 2012 cash receipts are cattle and calves, corn, soybeans, hogs, wheat, dairy products, hay, chicken eggs, dry beans, and sugar beets, which represent 98 percent of the State's total cash receipts.
- ❑ Every dollar in agricultural exports generates \$1.29 in economic activities such as transportation, financing, warehousing, and production. Nebraska's \$7.3 billion in agricultural exports in 2012 translate into \$9.4 billion in additional economic activity. Nebraska's top five agricultural exports in 2012 were soybeans, corn, beef and veal, feeds and fodder, and grain products.
- ❑ Nebraska had 49,969 farms and ranches during 2012; the average operation consisted of 907 acres (367 ha.); average net income per farm averaged \$119,002 during the 2008-2012 period.
- ❑ In 2013, Nebraska ranked second in ethanol production capacity, with 23 operating plants having production capacity of 1.96 billion gallons (741,940,709 dal). Over 40% of the State's 2012 corn crop was utilized in ethanol production.
- ❑ 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 2011, Nebraska was eighth nationally in certified organic cropland acres (129,858) (52,551 ha.) and eighth in certified organic pasture acres (53,174) (21,518 ha.).

Nebraska's Natural Resources

- ❑ Nebraska's farms and ranches utilize 45.5 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 95,170 registered, active irrigation wells supplying water to over 8.5 million acres 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, Lincoln, NE
(More detailed list of rankings available from USDA NASS,
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