

Nebraska Agriculture

Fact Card

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Nebraska's Top National Rankings

- 1st Commercial red meat production, 2008 – 7,395,600,000 lbs. (3,354,587,156 kg)
Commercial cattle slaughter, 2008 – 7,116,700 head
Commercial cattle slaughter, 2008, live weight – 9,420,716,000 lbs. (4,273,164,165 kg)
Great Northern beans production, 2008 – 1,369,000 cwt. (62,096,785 kg)
Irrigated land, 2007 – 8,558,559 acres (3,463,540 ha)
Popcorn production, 2007 – 294,541,958 lbs. (133,601,962 kg)
- 2nd All cattle and calves, Jan. 1, 2009 – 6,350,000 head
All cattle on feed, Jan. 1, 2009 – 2,500,000 head
Pinto beans production, 2008 – 1,075,000 cwt. (48,768,171 kg)
Proso millet production, 2008 – 4,290,000 bushels (151,176 m³)
- 3rd Corn for grain production, 2008 – 1,393,650,000 bushels (49,110,936 M³)
Grain sorghum production, 2008 – 19,110,000 bushels (673,419 M³)
All dry edible beans production, 2008 – 2,885,000 cwt. (130,861,376 kg)
- 4th Cash receipts from all farm commodities, 2007 – \$14,555,820,000
Cash receipts from all livestock and products, 2007 – \$8,358,073,000
Land in farms and ranches, 2007 – 45,480,358 acres (18,405,321 ha)
On-farm grain storage capacity, Dec. 1, 2008 – 1,050,000,000 bushels (37,001,028 M³)
Off-farm commercial grain storage capacity, Dec. 1, 2008 – 778,100,000 bushels (27,419,524 M³)
- 5th Soybean production, 2008 – 225,990,000 bushels (7,963,678 M³)
Net farm income, 2007 – \$3,391,521,000
- 6th Cash receipts from all crops, 2007 – \$6,197,747,000
All hogs and pigs on farms, Dec. 1, 2008 – 3,350,000 head
Commercial hog slaughter, 2008 – 7,938,000 head
Commercial hog slaughter, 2008, live weight – 2,118,512,000 lbs. (960,940,714 kg)
Harvested acres of principal crops, 2008 – 18,444,000 acres (7,464,052 ha)
All hay production, 2008 – 6,232,000 tons (5,653,577 mt)
- 7th Alfalfa hay production, 2008 – 3,832,000 tons (3,476,333 mt)
- 8th Table egg layers (flocks of 30,000+), Dec. 2008 – 9,685,000 layers
- 9th Winter wheat production, 2008 – 73,480,000 bushels (2,589,367 M³)

Nebraska Ag Facts

- ❑ Cash receipts from farm marketings contributed over \$14 billion to Nebraska's economy in 2007 and 5 percent of the United States total.
- ❑ Nebraska's ten leading commodities (in order of importance) for cash receipts are cattle and calves, corn, soybeans, hogs, wheat, dairy products, chicken eggs, hay, grain sorghum, and dry beans. These represent 98 percent of the state's total cash receipts.
- ❑ Every dollar in agricultural exports generates \$1.65 in economic activities such as transportation, financing, warehousing, and production. Nebraska's \$4.0 billion in agricultural exports translate into \$6.7 billion in additional economic activity.
- ❑ Nebraska has 47,700 farms and ranches; the average operation consists of 953 acres (386 hectares); average net income per farm averaged \$60,737 during the 2003-2007 period.
- ❑ In 2008, Nebraska ranked second in ethanol production capacity, with 24 operating plants having production capacity of 1.7 billion gallons (6,435,198,872 liters). Over 40% of the State's 2007 corn crop was utilized in ethanol production.
- ❑ The Nebraska livestock industry accounted for 57% of the state's total agricultural cash receipts during 2007. Livestock or poultry operations were found on 50% of Nebraska farms.
- ❑ In 2005, Nebraska was ninth nationally in certified organic cropland acres (77,820) (31,493 hectares) and 10th in certified organic pasture acres (17,655) (7,145 hectares).

Nebraska's Natural Resources

- ❑ Nebraska's farms and ranches utilize 45.5 million acres (18,413,270 hectares) – 92% 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 (12 meters). The state has 91,919 registered, active irrigation wells supplying water to over 8.5 million acres (3,439,842 hectares) of harvested cropland and pasture. Of the total cropland harvested during 2007, 46 percent was irrigated.
- ❑ Nearly 24,000 miles (38,624 km) of rivers and streams add to Nebraska's bountiful natural resources.
- ❑ There are nearly 23 million acres (9,307,807 hectares) of rangeland and pastureland in Nebraska – half of which are in the Sandhills.

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