

Nebraska Agriculture Rank and Agribusiness Facts

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Current Rank in U.S. Agriculture, Amount, and Percent of U.S. Total, Selected Commodities, Nebraska

Rank	Commodity and Date	Number	Unit	Percent of U.S. Total
1	Commercial livestock slaughter, live weight, 2002	11,971,343,000	<i>Pounds</i>	16.6
1	Commercial red meat production, 2002	7,598,900,000	<i>Pounds</i>	16.1
1	Commercial cattle slaughter, live weight, 2002	10,143,727,000	<i>Pounds</i>	22.7
1	Commercial cattle slaughter, number, 2002	7,861,900	<i>Head</i>	22.0
1	Great Northern bean production, 2002	1,286,000	<i>Cwt.</i>	83.2
1	Light red kidney bean production, 2002	315,000	<i>Cwt.</i>	26.3
2	Cash receipts from all meat animals, 2001	5,786,713,000	<i>Dollars</i>	10.9
2	Cash receipts from cattle and calves, 2001	5,066,786,000	<i>Dollars</i>	12.5
2	All cattle on feed, January 1, 2003	2,260,000	<i>Head</i>	17.5
2	Pinto beans production, 2002	1,709,000	<i>Cwt.</i>	13.3
3	All dry edible beans production, 2002	3,465,000	<i>Cwt.</i>	11.6
3	Cash receipts from all feed crops, 2001	2,150,092,000	<i>Dollars</i>	9.2
3	All cattle and calves, January 1, 2003	6,200,000	<i>Head</i>	6.5
3	Total value of all cattle and calves, January 1, 2003	4,464,000,000	<i>Dollars</i>	6.4
3	Fed cattle and calves marketed (1,000+ capacity lots), 2002	4,610,000	<i>Head</i>	19.5
3	Proso millet production, 2002	845,000	<i>Bushels</i>	30.7
3	Cash receipts from corn, 2001	1,950,635,000	<i>Dollars</i>	11.4
3	Cash receipts from sorghum grain, 2001	61,905,000	<i>Dollars</i>	6.8
3	Cash receipts from livestock and livestock products, 2001	6,086,231,000	<i>Dollars</i>	5.7
4	Corn for grain production, 2002	940,800,000	<i>Bushels</i>	10.4
4	Beef cows and heifers that have calved, January 1, 2003	1,934,000	<i>Head</i>	5.9
4	Land in farms and ranches, 2002	46,400,000	<i>Acres</i>	4.9
4	On-farm grain storage capacity, December 1, 2002	970,000,000	<i>Bushels</i>	8.7
4	Cash receipts from farm marketings, 2001	9,488,580,000	<i>Dollars</i>	4.7
4	Off-farm grain storage capacity, December 1, 2002	690,405,000	<i>Bushels</i>	8.1
5	Sorghum for grain production, 2002	15,000,000	<i>Bushels</i>	4.1
5	Soybean production, 2002	176,330,000	<i>Bushels</i>	6.5
5	Sorghum silage production, 2002	188,000	<i>Tons</i>	5.6
5	Cash receipts from hogs and pigs, 2001	711,323,000	<i>Dollars</i>	5.7
5	Commercial hog slaughter, live weight, 2002	1,827,457,000	<i>Pounds</i>	6.9
5	Cash receipts from soybeans, 2001	887,188,000	<i>Dollars</i>	6.9

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**Current Rank in U.S. Agriculture, Amount, and Percent of U.S. Total,
Selected Commodities, Nebraska (continued)**

Rank	Commodity and Date	Number	Unit	Percent of U.S. Total
5	Cash receipts from all oil crops, 2001	894,410,000	<i>Dollars</i>	6.2
5	All hogs and pigs, December 1, 2002	2,950,000	<i>Head</i>	5.0
6	Value of principal crops produced, 2002	4,086,920,000	<i>Dollars</i>	4.3
6	Alfalfa hay production, 2002	4,050,000	<i>Tons</i>	5.5
6	Commercial hog slaughter, number, 2002	6,944,700	<i>Head</i>	6.9
6	Calves born, 2002	1,820,000	<i>Head</i>	4.8
6	Value of all hogs and pigs on farms, December 1, 2002	217,500,000	<i>Dollars</i>	5.2
6	All hay production, 2002	5,950,000	<i>Tons</i>	3.9
7	Sunflower production, 2002	24,700,000	<i>Pounds</i>	1.0
7	Harvested acreage, principal crops, 2002	17,899,000	<i>Acres</i>	6.0
7	Winter wheat production, 2002	48,640,000	<i>Bushels</i>	4.3
7	Pigs saved, 2002	6,095,000	<i>Head</i>	6.0
7	Net farm income, 2001	1,610,282,000	<i>Dollars</i>	3.5
8	Corn silage production, 2002	4,513,000	<i>Tons</i>	4.3
8	Sugarbeet production, 2002	760,000	<i>Tons</i>	2.8
8	Cash receipts from crops, 2001	3,402,349,000	<i>Dollars</i>	3.5
8	Cash receipts from sugarbeets, 2001	24,528,000	<i>Dollars</i>	2.8
8	Table eggs produced, December 1, 2001-November 30, 2002	2,977,000,000	<i>Eggs</i>	4.0
10	All wheat production, 2002	48,640,000	<i>Bushels</i>	3.0
11	Cash receipts from wheat, 2001	164,324,000	<i>Dollars</i>	2.9
11	Other hay (excludes alfalfa) production, 2002	1,900,000	<i>Tons</i>	2.5
12	All potato production, 2002	8,611,000	<i>Cwt.</i>	1.9
12	All chickens, December 1, 2002	13,679,000	<i>Head</i>	3.1
13	Cash receipts from potatoes, 2001	51,457,000	<i>Dollars</i>	2.1
13	Cash receipts from all food grains, 2001	175,778,000	<i>Dollars</i>	2.7
13	Cash receipts from hay, 2001	135,499,000	<i>Dollars</i>	3.0
14	Value of all chickens on hand, December 1, 2002	24,622,000	<i>Dollars</i>	2.4
14	Cash receipts from chicken eggs, 2001	95,532,000	<i>Dollars</i>	2.1
14	Honey production, 2002	3,225,000	<i>Pounds</i>	1.9
16	Oats production, 2002	2,365,000	<i>Bushels</i>	2.0
16	Number of farms, 2002	52,000	<i>Farms</i>	2.4
16	Wool production, 2002	610,000	<i>Pounds</i>	1.5
16	Value of wool production, 2002	183,000	<i>Dollars</i>	0.8
18	All sheep and lambs, January 1, 2003	89,000	<i>Head</i>	1.4
26	Barley production, 2002	215,000	<i>Bushels</i>	0.1

Nebraska Agribusiness Facts

- ◆ Total assets (excluding operator households) in Nebraska farms and ranches totaled an estimated \$44.4 billion as of December 31, 2001, virtually unchanged from a year ago.
- ◆ Farm and ranch equity (excluding operator households) was estimated at nearly \$34.5 billion as of December 31, 2001. This represents a 1 percent decrease compared to \$34.8 billion in farm equity the previous year.
- ◆ Total farm debt (excluding operator households) increased to \$9.9 billion on December 31, 2001 from \$9.6 billion a year earlier.
- ◆ Farm and ranch real estate was valued at \$32.8 billion as of December 31, 2001, up from \$31.7 billion in 2000. Farm holdings of crops, livestock, and poultry (excludes horses, mules, and broilers) on December 31, 2001, were worth nearly \$6.6 billion.
- ◆ Farm and ranch machinery and motor vehicles were valued at \$3.3 billion as of December 31, 2001.
- ◆ Ranking fourth in the United States, Nebraska's total cash receipts from farm and ranch marketings amounted to nearly \$9.5 billion in 2001, a 6 percent increase from the \$9.0 billion reported in 2000. Receipts for livestock and livestock products totaled \$6.1 billion, and crops receipts totaled \$3.4 billion. Direct government payments were \$1.3 billion.
- ◆ Gross farm income in 2001 averaged \$219,148 per farm for farms and ranches in Nebraska.
- ◆ Ranking seventh in the United States, Nebraska's net farm income in 2001 totaled \$1.6 billion. Net farm income per operation was \$30,383 ranking fifteenth.
- ◆ Gross expenditures for farm production in 2001 amounted to \$10.0 billion.
- ◆ Farmers and ranchers in 2001 spent \$995 million for feed purchased, \$2.4 billion for livestock and poultry purchased, and \$411 million for seed purchased.
- ◆ Total outlays in 2001 for fertilizers, lime, and pesticides were \$845 million. Fuel, oil and electricity totaled \$521 million. Hired labor expenses totaled \$380 million. Expenditures for repairs and maintenance of capital items totaled \$457 million.
- ◆ In 2001, Nebraska farmers paid \$441 million for on farm and ranch property taxes and \$731 million in net rent to non-operator landlords. They also paid \$764 million in interest on farm real estate mortgage debt and on non real estate interest.
- ◆ Total depreciation and accidental damage to farm buildings and depreciation to motor vehicles and other farm machinery and equipment totaled \$661 million in 2001.
- ◆ Of every dollar spent on food in 1999, the farm value is 20 cents; 39 cents goes to labor used by manufactures, wholesalers, and retailers. The remaining 41 cents pays for marketing costs such as packaging, transportation, and advertising.

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Nebraska Agribusiness Facts (continued)

- ◆ Ranking sixth in the United States, Nebraska agriculture exports in fiscal year 2001 totaled \$2.9 billion. Nebraska ranked first in live animals and meat exports at \$894 million, third in feed grains and products at \$612 million, and seventh in soybeans and products at \$430 million.
- ◆ Every dollar in agricultural exports generates \$1.48 in economic activities such as transportation, financing, warehousing, and production. Nebraska's \$2.9 billion in agricultural exports translate into over \$4.3 billion in additional economic activity each year.
- ◆ Twenty-two percent of all Nebraskans are employed in farm or farm-related jobs.
- ◆ In 2002, Nebraska ranked third in the United States in ethanol production capacity of 370 million gallons. Approximately 135 million bushels of the State's corn crop went into production of ethanol.
- ◆ Nebraska is a water-rich State. Underneath over half of its 49-million-acre land surface is stored about 2 billion acre-feet of good quality groundwater. Currently, 84,061 registered wells and some 8,000 surface water rights supply water to about 8,175,000 acres of crop and pastureland.

Trends in Agriculture: Nebraska, Selected Years, 1975-2001

Item	1975	1980	1985	1990	1995	2000	2001
Value of farm real estate (mil.\$) ¹	13,508	30,290	18,571	22,930	26,235	31,749	32,836
Average size of farm (acres)	715	734	787	826	829	859	875
Acres harvested (000) acres	17,660	18,978	17,509	18,044	17,769	18,636	18,766
Index of crop yields per acre ²	85	90	120	118	107	116	134
Index of crop production ²	81	98	135	131	123	149	173
Index of livestock production ²	97	117	121	139	145	153	149
Index of total agricultural production ²	90	109	127	136	135	151	159
Real estate debt (mil.\$) ¹	1,537	3,041	3,767	2,726	3,197	4,092	4,304
Debt/asset, total, ratio ¹	19.8	19.2	32.1	19.1	21.4	21.6	22.3
Irrigation wells ³	44,454	63,821	70,767	72,852	77,301	82,478	84,061
Irrigated land (000) acres	5,400	7,200	7,900	8,000	8,100	8,150	8,175
Commercial fertilizer sold (000) tons ⁴	1,227	2,020	1,894	1,889	1,996	2,453	2,173
Final agricultural sector output (mil.\$)	4,156	6,560	7,784	9,782	9,082	9,491	10,317
Net farm income (mil.\$)	1,044	(91)	1,559	2,506	1,650	1,357	1,610

¹Beginning 1980, excluding operator households as of January 1.

²1977=100.

³Registered as of January 1.

⁴Year ending June 30.