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## Nebraska Agriculture

This report highlights the importance of agriculture to Nebraska. In 2005, the State's 48,000 farms and ranches utilized 45.7 million acres or about 93 percent of the State's total land area. Agriculture is Nebraska's primary source of wealth and its dominant industry. Approximately one-fifth of Nebraska workers depend on agriculture and the many related industries involved in all phases of the food and fiber chain from production to marketing for their employment.

USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service, Nebraska Field Office, compiled this report as a service to the public, foreign interests looking to buy Nebraska products, and the many farmers, ranchers and agricultural service firms who voluntarily provide survey data to make these reliable agricultural estimates possible. Crop and livestock reports date back to the beginning of this country. The National agency issued the first official monthly crop report in 1863. These statistics reports continue to inform both buyers and sellers, helping to keep agricultural markets updated, stable and efficient, and help to maintain a "level playing field" for all.

We hope this report will be useful and answer many questions about Nebraska agriculture. If more information is needed, please contact us at the address shown above.

**Nebraska Farms and Ranches and Land in Farms**

| Year | Number of Farms | Land in Farms | Average Size of Farms |
|---|---|---|---|
| | *Number* | *1,000 Acres* | *Acres* |
| 1960 | 93,000 | 48,200 | 518 |
| 1970 | 73,000 | 48,100 | 659 |
| 1980 | 65,000 | 47,700 | 734 |
| 1990 | 57,000 | 47,100 | 826 |
| 2000 | 52,000 | 46,100 | 887 |
| 2004 | 48,300 | 45,800 | 948 |
| 2005 | 48,000 | 45,700 | 952 |

### Agro Climatic Resources

Nebraska is located in the mid-section of the United States (latitude 40°N-43°N; longitude 96°W-104°W). Hot summers and cold winters, variability in rainfall distribution, fluctuating length of growing season, and frequent winds typify Nebraska's climate and each has affected agricultural production decisions and resource distribution over the years. Average "precipitation" during the last decade ranged from slightly under 30 inches in the southeast to slightly over 17 inches in the west. About 75 percent of the precipitation falls as rain during April - September, the crop growing season. Average growing season ranges from 170 days in the southeast to 120 days in the extreme northwest. The southeast is about 1,000 feet above sea level, while the Panhandle has elevations of 4,000 - 5,400 feet. "Irrigation" is used by 36 percent of farms, covering 7.6 million acres of harvested cropland, pastureland, and other land, providing a buffer against drought, a serious recurrent problem for the Great Plains. A careful selection of adaptable crops, improved varieties, use of no till, minimum till, strip and contour cropping, stubble mulching, deferred grazing, and other proven practices enable Nebraska farmers to cope with climatic uncertainty and supply domestic and international markets with top quality products.

### Water Resources

Nebraska is a water-rich State. Underneath over half of its 49-million-acre land surface, in porous rock beds called aquifers, is stored about 2 billion acre-feet of good quality groundwater, most of which is readily accessible. Add to that an average of 80 to 100 million acre-feet of annual precipitation and an annual surface-water inflow of roughly 2 million acre-feet to obtain a measure of available water. In terms of surface water, approximately 7 to 8 million acre-feet flows on to other States, making Nebraska a donor of approximately 5 to 6 million acre-feet more than flows into its borders. Groundwater irrigation began in the 1920's. At the beginning of 1975, nearly 46,000 registered irrigation wells and about 5,000 surface water rights supplied 4 million acres. Currently, 90,086 registered wells and some 8,422 surface water rights supply water to over 7.6 million acres of harvested cropland, pastureland, and other land.

### Soil Resources

Nebraska soils are a product of interaction of climate and biological organisms on parent materials as modified by local topography, drainage, and exposure to weathering. Two types of geologic deposits are parent materials for the vast majority of soils in the State. Wind-blown sand is the parent material in the Sandhills grazing region that occupies much of the north-central part of the State. Elsewhere, most soils have formed in wind-blown silt and clay or loess. Topography and subsequent soil drainage have greatly influenced development of soil properties in local areas.

### Land Uses

Nebraska's 45.7 million acres in farms and ranches is divided between cropland and other land used primarily for pastures and rangeland to support the State's livestock industry. In 2005, the area planted to crops and used for hay totaled 18.9 million acres. Active participation in government acreage reduction programs has reduced planted acreages in some years. Comparable area planted estimates for 2001, 2002, 2003, and 2004 were 19.2, 18.9, 19.1 and 18.8 million acres, respectively.

Corn, soybeans, winter wheat and sorghum are the State's leading crops, utilizing 15.4 million acres of cropland in 2005. Corn and winter wheat are grown essentially statewide, while most soybeans are produced in the eastern one-half of Nebraska. Primary sorghum producing counties lie in the southeastern and south central portions of the State. The specialty crops of dry edible beans and sugarbeets are produced in western irrigated fields. Sandhill pastures of north central Nebraska produce much of the State's wild hay production and maintain many cow/calf operations.

# Nebraska Crop Summary, Selected Years and 2005, Domestic Units

| Year | Planted [1] | Harvested | Yield | Production |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Corn for Grain** | | | | |
| | *1,000 Acres* | | *Bushels* | *1,000 Bushels* |
| 1980 | 7,800 | 7,100 | 85.0 | 603,500 |
| 1985 | 7,800 | 7,450 | 128.0 | 953,600 |
| 1990 | 7,700 | 7,300 | 128.0 | 934,400 |
| 1995 | 8,000 | 7,700 | 111.0 | 854,700 |
| 2000 | 8,500 | 8,050 | 126.0 | 1,014,300 |
| 2003 | 8,100 | 7,700 | 146.0 | 1,124,200 |
| 2004 | 8,250 | 7,950 | *166.0 | *1,319,700 |
| 2005 | 8,500 | 8,250 | 154.0 | 1,270,500 |
| **Soybeans** | | | | |
| | *1,000 Acres* | | *Bushels* | *1,000 Bushels* |
| 1980 | 1,830 | 1,770 | 30.0 | 53,100 |
| 1985 | 2,400 | 2,360 | 36.0 | 84,960 |
| 1990 | 2,400 | 2,360 | 34.5 | 81,420 |
| 1995 | 3,100 | 3,060 | 33.0 | 100,980 |
| 2000 | 4,650 | 4,575 | 38.0 | 173,850 |
| 2003 | 4,550 | 4,500 | 40.5 | 182,250 |
| 2004 | 4,800 | 4,750 | 46.0 | 218,500 |
| 2005 | 4,700 | 4,660 | *50.5 | *235,330 |
| **All Wheat** | | | | |
| | *1,000 Acres* | | *Bushels* | *1,000 Bushels* |
| 1980 | 3,000 | 2,850 | 38.0 | 108,300 |
| 1985 | 2,600 | 2,300 | 39.0 | 89,700 |
| 1990 | 2,450 | 2,250 | 38.0 | 85,500 |
| 1995 | 2,150 | 2,100 | 41.0 | 86,100 |
| 2000 | 1,750 | 1,650 | 36.0 | 59,400 |
| 2003 | 1,900 | 1,820 | 46.0 | 83,720 |
| 2004 | 1,850 | 1,650 | 37.0 | 61,050 |
| 2005 | 1,850 | 1,760 | 39.0 | 68,640 |
| **Sorghum for Grain** | | | | |
| | *1,000 Acres* | | *Bushels* | *1,000 Bushels* |
| 1980 | 2,200 | 2,030 | 60.0 | 121,800 |
| 1985 | 2,100 | 1,930 | 80.0 | 154,400 |
| 1990 | 1,600 | 1,410 | 77.0 | 108,570 |
| 1995 | 1,250 | 980 | 58.0 | 56,840 |
| 2000 | 600 | 500 | 70.0 | 35,000 |
| 2003 | 660 | 500 | 62.0 | 31,000 |
| 2004 | 550 | 415 | 78.0 | 32,370 |
| 2005 | 340 | 250 | 87.0 | 21,750 |
| **Oats** | | | | |
| | *1,000 Acres* | | *Bushels* | *1,000 Bushels* |
| 1980 | 525 | 380 | 41.0 | 15,580 |
| 1985 | 550 | 420 | 61.0 | 25,620 |
| 1990 | 450 | 280 | 48.0 | 13,440 |
| 1995 | 155 | 90 | 50.0 | 4,500 |
| 2000 | 130 | 45 | 42.0 | 1,890 |
| 2003 | 220 | 90 | *73.0 | 6,570 |
| 2004 | 140 | 50 | 68.0 | 3,400 |
| 2005 | 150 | 60 | *73.0 | 4,380 |
| **All Hay** | | | | |
| | *1,000 Acres* | | *Tons* | *1,000 Tons* |
| 1980 | | 3,700 | 1.91 | 7,083 |
| 1985 | | 3,300 | 2.05 | 6,755 |
| 1990 | | 3,650 | 1.97 | 7,205 |
| 1995 | | 3,150 | 2.29 | 7,200 |
| 2000 | | 2,950 | 2.02 | 5,945 |
| 2003 | | 3,150 | 2.41 | 7,600 |
| 2004 | | 2,800 | 2.29 | 6,423 |
| 2005 | | 2,850 | *2.44 | 6,945 |
| **Alfalfa Hay** | | | | |
| | *1,000 Acres* | | *Tons* | *1,000 Tons* |
| 1980 | | 1,650 | 3.05 | 5,033 |
| 1985 | | 1,400 | 3.40 | 4,760 |
| 1990 | | 1,450 | 3.30 | 4,785 |
| 1995 | | 1,350 | 3.60 | 4,860 |
| 2000 | | 1,350 | 3.10 | 4,185 |
| 2003 | | 1,450 | 3.60 | 5,220 |
| 2004 | | 1,250 | 3.65 | 4,563 |
| 2005 | | 1,250 | 3.70 | 4,625 |

[1] Planted for all purposes. * Record high.

| Year | Planted [1] | Harvested | Yield | Production |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Irrigated Corn for Grain** | | | | |
| | *1,000 Acres* | | *Bushels* | *1,000 Bushels* |
| 1980 | | 4,950 | 101.0 | 499,950 |
| 1985 | | 5,050 | 141.5 | 714,800 |
| 1990 | | 5,050 | 145.5 | 734,775 |
| 1995 | 5,283 | 5,125 | 130.1 | 666,725 |
| 2000 | 4,975 | 4,800 | 154.4 | 741,300 |
| 2003 | 4,885 | 4,765 | 185.5 | 883,670 |
| 2004 | 5,020 | 4,885 | *186.1 | 908,990 |
| 2005 | 5,040 | 4,925 | 184.7 | *909,750 |
| **Dry Edible Beans** | | | | |
| | *1,000 Acres* | | *Pounds* | *1,000 Cwt.* |
| 1980 | 160 | 150 | 1,820 | 2,730 |
| 1985 | 165 | 151 | 1,850 | 2,794 |
| 1990 | *260 | *254 | 1,970 | *5,004 |
| 1995 | 225 | 205 | 1,750 | 3,588 |
| 2000 | 165 | 156 | 2,070 | 3,230 |
| 2003 | 155 | 148 | 2,130 | 3,151 |
| 2004 | 120 | 110 | 2,160 | 2,376 |
| 2005 | 175 | 172 | *2,250 | 3,870 |
| **Sugarbeets** | | | | |
| | *1,000 Acres* | | *Tons* | *1,000 Tons* |
| 1980 | 87.0 | 85.0 | 20.9 | 1,777 |
| 1985 | 59.1 | 53.2 | 23.1 | 1,229 |
| 1990 | 75.1 | 71.0 | 21.0 | 1,491 |
| 1995 | 75.9 | 72.3 | 16.4 | 1,186 |
| 2000 | 78.2 | 54.8 | 20.3 | 1,112 |
| 2003 | 45.3 | 42.4 | 20.3 | 861 |
| 2004 | 49.8 | 47.5 | 22.1 | 1,050 |
| 2005 | 48.4 | 45.3 | 20.4 | 924 |

[1] Planted for all purposes. * Record high.

## Crops Record Highs Through 2005

| Crops | | Year | Record High | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Corn | Harvested | 1932 | 10,005,000 | Acres |
| for | Yield | 2004 | 166.0 | Bushels |
| Grain | Production | 2004 | 1,319,700,000 | Bushels |
| Soybeans | Harvested | 2001 | 4,900,000 | Acres |
| | Yield | 2005 | 50.5 | Bushels |
| | Production | 2005 | 235,330,000 | Bushels |
| All Wheat | Harvested | 1938 | 4,691,000 | Acres |
| | Yield | 1999 | 48.0 | Bushels |
| | Production | 1958 | 113,488,000 | Bushels |
| Sorghum | Harvested | 1965 | 2,271,000 | Acres |
| for | Yield | 1994 | 98.0 | Bushels |
| Grain | Production | 1981 | 164,800,000 | Bushels |
| All Hay | Harvested | 1954 | 5,595,000 | Acres |
| | Yield | 2005 | 2.44 | Tons |
| | Production | 1982 | 7,855,000 | Tons |

## Nebraska's Rank Among States in 2005

| Rank | Commodity | Number | Unit |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | Great northern bean production | 1,382,000 | Cwt. |
| 2 | Pinto beans production | 1,982,000 | Cwt. |
| 3 | Corn for grain production | 1,270,500,000 | Bushels |
| 3 | Sorghum for grain production | 21,750,000 | Bushels |
| 4 | On-farm grain storage capacity | 1,050,000,000 | Bushels |
| 4 | Off-farm grain storage capacity | 691,186,000 | Bushels |
| 4 | All hay production | 6,945,000 | Tons |
| 5 | Soybean production | 235,330,000 | Bushels |
| 6 | Alfalfa hay production | 4,625,000 | Tons |
| 6 | Winter wheat production | 68,640,000 | Bushels |
| 7 | Sugarbeet production | 924,000 | Tons |
| 7 | Cash receipts from crops, 2004 | 4,441,545,000 | Dollars |

# Nebraska Crop Summary, Selected Years and 2005, Metric Units

| Year | Planted [1] | Harvested | Yield | Production |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Corn for Grain** | | | | |
| | *1,000 Hectares* | | *Metric Tons* | *1,000 Metric Tons* |
| 1980 | 3,157 | 2,873 | 5.34 | 15,330 |
| 1985 | 3,157 | 3,015 | 8.03 | 24,222 |
| 1990 | 3,116 | 2,954 | 8.03 | 23,735 |
| 1995 | 3,238 | 3,116 | 6.97 | 21,710 |
| 2000 | 3,440 | 3,258 | 7.91 | 25,764 |
| 2003 | 3,278 | 3,116 | 9.16 | 28,556 |
| 2004 | 3,339 | 3,217 | *10.42 | *33,522 |
| 2005 | 3,440 | 3,339 | 9.67 | 32,272 |
| **Soybeans** | | | | |
| | *1,000 Hectares* | | *Metric Tons* | *1,000 Metric Tons* |
| 1980 | 741 | 716 | 2.02 | 1,445 |
| 1985 | 971 | 955 | 2.42 | 2,312 |
| 1990 | 971 | 955 | 2.32 | 2,216 |
| 1995 | 1,255 | 1,238 | 2.22 | 2,748 |
| 2000 | 1,882 | 1,851 | 2.56 | 4,732 |
| 2003 | 1,841 | 1,821 | 2.72 | 4,960 |
| 2004 | 1,943 | 1,922 | 3.09 | 5,947 |
| 2005 | 1,902 | 1,886 | *3.40 | *6,405 |
| **All Wheat** | | | | |
| | *1,000 Hectares* | | *Metric Tons* | *1,000 Metric Tons* |
| 1980 | 1,214 | 1,153 | 2.56 | 2,947 |
| 1985 | 1,052 | 931 | 2.62 | 2,441 |
| 1990 | 992 | 911 | 2.56 | 2,327 |
| 1995 | 870 | 850 | 2.76 | 2,343 |
| 2000 | 708 | 668 | 2.42 | 1,617 |
| 2003 | 769 | 737 | 3.09 | 2,279 |
| 2004 | 749 | 668 | 2.49 | 1,662 |
| 2005 | 749 | 712 | 2.62 | 1,868 |
| **Sorghum for Grain** | | | | |
| | *1,000 Hectares* | | *Metric Tons* | *1,000 Metric Tons* |
| 1980 | 890 | 822 | 3.77 | 3,094 |
| 1985 | 850 | 781 | 5.02 | 3,922 |
| 1990 | 648 | 571 | 4.83 | 2,758 |
| 1995 | 506 | 397 | 3.64 | 1,444 |
| 2000 | 243 | 202 | 4.39 | 889 |
| 2003 | 267 | 202 | 3.89 | 787 |
| 2004 | 223 | 168 | 4.90 | 822 |
| 2005 | 138 | 101 | 5.46 | 552 |
| **Oats** | | | | |
| | *1,000 Hectares* | | *Metric Tons* | *1,000 Metric Tons* |
| 1980 | 212 | 154 | 1.47 | 226 |
| 1985 | 223 | 170 | 2.19 | 372 |
| 1990 | 182 | 113 | 1.72 | 195 |
| 1995 | 63 | 36 | 1.79 | 65 |
| 2000 | 53 | 18 | 1.51 | 27 |
| 2003 | 89 | 36 | *2.62 | 95 |
| 2004 | 57 | 20 | 2.44 | 49 |
| 2005 | 61 | 24 | *2.62 | 64 |
| **All Hay** | | | | |
| | *1,000 Hectares* | | *Metric Tons* | *1,000 Metric Tons* |
| 1980 | | 1,497 | 4.29 | 6,426 |
| 1985 | | 1,335 | 4.59 | 6,128 |
| 1990 | | 1,477 | 4.42 | 6,536 |
| 1995 | | 1,275 | 5.12 | 6,532 |
| 2000 | | 1,194 | 4.52 | 5,393 |
| 2003 | | 1,275 | 5.41 | 6,895 |
| 2004 | | 1,133 | 5.14 | 5,827 |
| 2005 | | 1,153 | *5.46 | 6,300 |
| **Alfalfa Hay** | | | | |
| | *1,000 Hectares* | | *Metric Tons* | *1,000 Metric Tons* |
| 1980 | | 668 | 6.84 | 4,566 |
| 1985 | | 567 | 7.62 | 4,318 |
| 1990 | | 587 | 7.40 | 4,341 |
| 1995 | | 546 | 8.07 | 4,409 |
| 2000 | | 546 | 6.95 | 3,797 |
| 2003 | | 587 | 8.07 | 4,736 |
| 2004 | | 506 | 8.18 | 4,139 |
| 2005 | | 506 | 8.29 | 4,196 |

[1] Planted for all purposes. * Record high.

| Year | Planted [1] | Harvested | Yield | Production |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Irrigated Corn for Grain** | | | | |
| | *1,000 Hectares* | | *Metric Tons* | *1,000 Metric Tons* |
| 1980 | | 2,003 | 6.34 | 12,699 |
| 1985 | | 2,044 | 8.88 | 18,157 |
| 1990 | | 2,044 | 9.13 | 18,664 |
| 1995 | 2,138 | 2,074 | 8.17 | 16,935 |
| 2000 | 2,013 | 1,943 | 9.69 | 18,830 |
| 2003 | 1,977 | 1,928 | 11.64 | 22,446 |
| 2004 | 2,032 | 1,977 | *11.68 | 23,089 |
| 2005 | 2,040 | 1,993 | 11.59 | *23,109 |
| **Dry Edible Beans** | | | | |
| | *1,000 Hectares* | | *Metric Tons* | *1,000 Metric Tons* |
| 1980 | 65 | 61 | 2.04 | 124 |
| 1985 | 67 | 61 | 2.08 | 127 |
| 1990 | *105 | *103 | 2.21 | *227 |
| 1995 | 91 | 83 | 1.96 | 163 |
| 2000 | 67 | 63 | 2.32 | 147 |
| 2003 | 63 | 60 | 2.39 | 143 |
| 2004 | 49 | 45 | 2.42 | 108 |
| 2005 | 71 | 70 | *2.52 | 176 |
| **Sugarbeets** | | | | |
| | *1,000 Hectares* | | *Metric Tons* | *1,000 Metric Tons* |
| 1980 | 35.2 | 34.4 | 46.86 | 1,612 |
| 1985 | 23.9 | 21.5 | 51.79 | 1,115 |
| 1990 | 30.4 | 28.7 | 47.07 | 1,353 |
| 1995 | 30.7 | 29.3 | 36.77 | 1,076 |
| 2000 | 31.6 | 22.2 | 45.49 | 1,009 |
| 2003 | 18.3 | 17.2 | 45.52 | 781 |
| 2004 | 20.2 | 19.2 | 49.55 | 953 |
| 2005 | 19.6 | 18.3 | 45.72 | 838 |

[1] Planted for all purposes. * Record high.

## Crops Record Highs Through 2005

| Crops | | Year | Record High | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Corn for Grain | Harvested | 1932 | 4,049,000 | Hectares |
| | Yield | 2004 | 10.42 | Metric Tons |
| | Production | 2004 | 33,522,000 | Metric Tons |
| Soybeans | Harvested | 2001 | 1,983,000 | Hectares |
| | Yield | 2005 | 3.40 | Metric Tons |
| | Production | 2005 | 6,405,000 | Metric Tons |
| All Wheat | Harvested | 1938 | 1,898,000 | Hectares |
| | Yield | 1999 | 3.23 | Metric Tons |
| | Production | 1958 | 3,087,000 | Metric Tons |
| Sorghum for Grain | Harvested | 1965 | 919,000 | Hectares |
| | Yield | 1994 | 6.15 | Metric Tons |
| | Production | 1981 | 4,186,000 | Metric Tons |
| All Hay | Harvested | 1954 | 2,264,000 | Hectares |
| | Yield | 2005 | 5.46 | Metric Tons |
| | Production | 1982 | 7,126,000 | Metric Tons |

## Nebraska's Rank Among States in 2005

| Rank | Commodity | Number | Unit |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | Great northern bean production | 63,000 | Metric Tons |
| 2 | Pinto beans production | 90,000 | Metric Tons |
| 3 | Corn for grain production | 32,272,000 | Metric Tons |
| 3 | Sorghum for grain production | 552,000 | Metric Tons |
| 4 | On-farm grain storage capacity | 26,671,000 | Metric Tons |
| 4 | Off-farm grain storage capacity | 17,557,000 | Metric Tons |
| 4 | All hay production | 6,300,000 | Metric Tons |
| 5 | Soybean production | 6,405,000 | Metric Tons |
| 6 | Alfalfa hay production | 4,196,000 | Metric Tons |
| 6 | Winter wheat production | 1,868,000 | Metric Tons |
| 7 | Sugarbeet production | 838,000 | Metric Tons |
| 7 | Cash receipts from crops, 2004 | 4,441,545,000 | Dollars |

# Nebraska Livestock and Poultry Summary

## Highlights

- Over half of Nebraska farms have sales of livestock, diary, poultry, and products.
- Cash receipts from livestock, dairy, poultry, and products accounted for about 62% of total cash receipts in 2004.
- National rank among States (Number and Date):

1st - Commercial red meat production (7.0 billion lbs. 2005)
2nd - Commercial cattle slaughter (7.0 million - 2005)
2nd - Cattle on feed (2.60 million - 1/06)
3rd - Cattle & calves (6.55 million - 1/06)
3rd - Fed cattle marketed, 1000+ lots (4.4 million – 2005)
3rd - Livestock cash receipts ($7.3 billion - 2004)
4th - Beef cows (1.93 million - 1/06)
5th - Calves born (1.80 million - 2005)
5th - Commercial Hog slaughter (7.2 million - 2005)
6h - Hogs & pigs (2.85 million - 12/05)
12th - All Chickens (13.8 million lbs. – 12/05)
15th - Honey production (2.72 million lbs. - 2005)
15th - Sheep & lambs (106,000 - 1/06)

## Livestock Record Highs to Date

| Commodity | Number | Mo./Yr. |
|---|---|---|
| All Cattle & Calves | 7.41 million head | 1/74 |
| All Cattle on Feed | 2.60 million head | 1/06 |
| Fed Cattle Marketed | 5.18 million head | 2000 |
| Milk Cows | 820 thousand head | 1/34 |
| Hogs & Pigs | 5.98 million head | 1/24 |
| Sheep & Lambs | 1.26 million head | 1/43 |
| Chickens | 19.9 million head | 1/44 |

## Livestock Inventories, Selected Years

| Year | All Cattle Jan. 1 | Beef Cows Jan. 1 | Milk Cows Jan. 1 | Hogs & Pigs Dec. 1 | All Sheep Jan. 1 | All Chickens Dec. 1 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | | *1,000 Head* | | | |
| 1970 | 6,330 | 1,915 | 175 | 3,691 | 377 | 5,230 |
| 1980 | 6,400 | 1,950 | 120 | 3,900 | 210 | 4,000 |
| 1990 | 5,700 | 1,760 | 100 | 4,300 | 177 | 6,200 |
| 2000 | 6,650 | 1,974 | 76 | 3,050 | 102 | 13,895 |
| 2002 | 6,400 | 1,932 | 68 | 3,000 | 101 | 13,747 |
| 2003 | 6,200 | 1,934 | 66 | 2,900 | 97 | 14,223 |
| 2004 | 6,250 | 1,848 | 62 | 2,850 | 102 | 13,972 |
| 2005 | 6,350 | 1,909 | 61 | 2,850 | 97 | 13,813 |
| 2006 | 6,550 | 1,930 | 60 | | 106 | |

## Commercial Cattle & Hog Slaughter, Selected Years

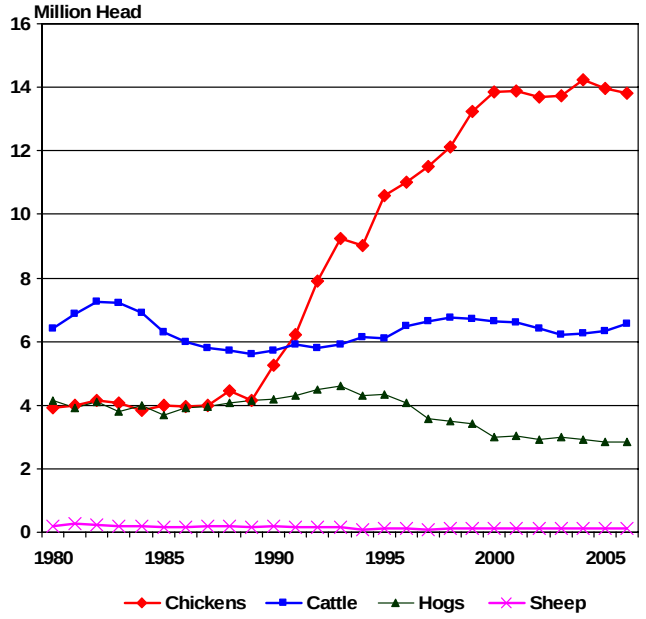
| Year | Coml. Cattle Slaughter | | Coml. Hog Slaughter | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 1,000 Head | NE % of U.S. | 1,000 Head | NE % of U.S. |
| 1970 | 4,338 | 12.4 | 2,566 | 3.0 |
| 1980 | 5,612 | 16.6 | 4,581 | 4.8 |
| 1990 | 5,882 | 17.7 | 5,401 | 6.3 |
| 2000 | 7,617 | 21.0 | 6,270 | 6.4 |
| 2001 | 7,694 | 21.8 | 6,681 | 6.8 |
| 2002 | 7,862 | 22.0 | 6,945 | 6.9 |
| 2003 | 7,661 | 21.5 | 6,874 | 6.8 |
| 2004 | 6,903 | 21.1 | 6,953 | 6.7 |
| 2005 | 7,029 | 21.7 | 7,186 | 6.9 |

## Number of Operations with Livestock, 1996-2005

| Year | Cattle | Beef Cows [1] | Milk Cows [1] | Hogs | Sheep | Cattle Feedlots [1] | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | | | | | All | 1000+ |
| | | | *Number* | | | | |
| 1996 | 28,000 | 23,000 | 1,600 | 8,500 | 1,700 | 5,400 | 670 |
| 1997 | 28,000 | 23,000 | 1,500 | 6,500 | 1,700 | 5,100 | 665 |
| 1998 | 28,000 | 23,000 | 1,400 | 5,900 | 1,700 | 5,000 | 665 |
| 1999 | 27,000 | 23,000 | 1,300 | 5,000 | 1,700 | 5,020 | 685 |
| 2000 | 26,000 | 23,000 | 1,200 | 4,000 | 1,700 | 5,200 | 695 |
| 2001 | 25,000 | 22,000 | 1,100 | 3,400 | 1,600 | 5,100 | 720 |
| 2002 | 25,000 | 21,000 | 1,000 | 3,200 | 1,500 | 5,000 | 740 |
| 2003 | 25,000 | 21,000 | 900 | 3,000 | 1,500 | 4,900 | 760 |
| 2004 | 24,000 | 20,000 | 830 | 2,600 | 1,500 | 4,560 | 760 |
| 2005 | 24,000 | 20,000 | 770 | 2,600 | 1,500 | 3,800 | 770 |

[1] Included in number of cattle operations.

## Trends in Livestock and Poultry Inventories




## Number of Livestock Slaughter Plants, F.I. Cattle & Hog Slaughter, Selected Years

| Year | Slaughtering Plants | | | Cattle | | Hogs | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | F.I. [1] | Other | Total | Plants | Head | Plants | Head |
| | | *Number* | | *Number* | *1,000* | *Number* | *1,000* |
| 1970 | 34 | 231 | 265 | | | | |
| 1980 | 72 | 159 | 231 | 67 | 5,607 | 46 | 4,532 |
| 1990 | 49 | 140 | 189 | 47 | 5,834 | 36 | 5,348 |
| 2000 | 33 | 81 | 114 | 32 | 7,592 | 22 | 6,252 |
| 2002 | 35 | 76 | 111 | 31 | 7,808 | 22 | 6,900 |
| 2003 | 34 | 69 | 103 | 31 | 7,715 | 21 | 6,957 |
| 2004 | 35 | 66 | 101 | 35 | 6,856 | 25 | 6,895 |
| 2005 | 35 | 66 | 101 | 33 | 7,004 | 23 | 7,170 |
| 2006 | 35 | 78 | 113 | | | | |

[1] F.I. - Federally Inspected.

## Cattle in Nebraska

- In 2004, cash receipts totaled $6.2 billion, or 53% of the State's total agricultural receipts.
- Account for about 6.7% of the Nation's cattle herd, 5.8% of the Nation's beef cow herd, and 18.4% of the Nation's cattle on feed.
- Feeding more cattle in fewer feedlots:
  In 1962, operators of 24,303 lots marketed 1.8 million fed cattle.
  In 2005, only 4,570 lots marketed 4.7 million.
- Commercial cattle slaughter totaled about 7.0 million head in 2005 and 21.7% of U.S. total cattle slaughter.

### Cattle Statistics, Selected Years

| Year | All Cattle & Calves | All Cows | Calf Crop | All Cattle on Feed |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | *1,000 Head* | | |
| 1960 | 5,072 | 1,855 | 1,689 | |
| 1970 | 6,330 | 2,090 | 2,006 | 1,477 |
| 1980 | 6,400 | 2,070 | 1,970 | 1.680 |
| 1990 | 5,700 | 1,860 | 1,730 | 2,060 |
| 2000 | 6,650 | 2,050 | 1,840 | 2,450 |
| 2002 | 6,400 | 2,000 | 1,820 | 2,400 |
| 2003 | 6,200 | 2,000 | 1,770 | 2,300 |
| 2004 | 6,250 | 1,910 | 1,800 | 2,450 |
| 2005 | 6,350 | 1,970 | 1,800 | 2,470 |
| 2006 | 6,550 | 1,990 | | 2,600 |

### Percent of Fed Cattle Marketed by Capacity of Feedlots, Selected Years

| Feedlot Capacity | 1980 | 1985 | 1990 | 1995 | 2000 | 2001 | 2002 | 2003 | 2004 | 2005 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Under 1,000 head | 35.3 | 30.2 | 22.1 | 9.3 | 5.6 | 5.8 | 6.1 | 6.2 | 6.5 | 6.2 |
| 1,000-3,999 head | 19.2 | 17.6 | 19.0 | 18.0 | 17.2 | 18.3 | 17.9 | 18.9 | 18.4 | 17.8 |
| 4,000-15,999 head | 26.1 | 29.8 | 36.1 | 41.2 | 41.1 | 39.5 | 40.5 | 38.8 | 37.3 | 37.5 |
| 16,000-31,999 head | 11.8 | 12.2 | 16.2 | 20.5 | 23.8 | 23.7 | 22.4 | 23.0 | 23.0 | 23.4 |
| 32,000+ head | 7.6 | 10.2 | 6.6 | 11.0 | 12.3 | 12.7 | 13.1 | 13.1 | 14.8 | 15.1 |
| Total Marketed All Lots (000) | 3,825 | 4,600 | 4,990 | 4,730 | 5,175 | 4,855 | 4,910 | 4,865 | 4,790 | 4,710 |

## Hogs and Pigs in Nebraska

- December 1, 2005 hog numbers totaled 2.85 million head, unchanged from December 1, 2004.
- Cash receipts in 2004 totaled $762 million or about 6.5% of the State's total agricultural receipts.
- Account for about 4.7% of the Nation's hog herd.
- Commercial hog slaughter, at 7.2 million head in 2005 was 6.9% of U.S. total hog slaughter.

### Hogs and Pigs Statistics, Selected Years

| Year | December 1 Inventory | Annual Sows Farrowed[1] | Litter Rate[1] | Annual Pig Crop[1] |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| | *1,000 Head* | | *Number* | *1,000 Head* |
| 1960 | 2,527 | 565 | 7.03 | 3,972 |
| 1970 | 3,691 | 815 | 7.19 | 5,862 |
| 1980 | 3,900 | 853 | 7.36 | 6,290 |
| 1990 | 4,300 | 865 | 7.98 | 6,900 |
| 2000 | 3,050 | 625 | 8.84 | 5,525 |
| 2001 | 2,900 | 620 | 8.75 | 5,425 |
| 2002 | 3,000 | 720 | 8.96 | 6,453 |
| 2003 | 2,900 | 735 | 8.86 | 6,515 |
| 2004 | 2,850 | 695 | 8.93 | 6,204 |
| 2005 | 2,850 | 700 | 9.04 | 6,327 |

[1] December previous year - November current year.

## Poultry in Nebraska

- Chicken inventory totaled 13.8 million head on December 1, 2005, down 1% from December 1, 2004.
- In 2004, cash receipts for chicken eggs were $139 million, 1.2% of the State's total agricultural receipts.
- Nebraska ranked 9th in 2005 for table egg production.
- Broiler production increased to 4.3 million head in 2004.

### Poultry Statistics, Selected Years

| Year | Eggs Prod. | Chickens Dec. 1 [1] | Broiler Prod. [2] | Chickens Sold [2] |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| | *Million* | *1,000* | *1,000* | *1,000* |
| 1960 | 1,843 | 10,425 | 2,175 | 4,798 |
| 1970 | 858 | 5,230 | 1,371 | 2,398 |
| 1980 | 847 | 4,000 | 2,000 | 1,600 |
| 1990 | 1,202 | 6,200 | 2,950 | 1,345 |
| 2000 | 2,999 | 13,895 | 3,400 | 6,193 |
| 2001 | 3,001 | 13,704 | 3,400 | 4,830 |
| 2002 | 2,977 | 13,747 | 3,700 | 5,161 |
| 2003 | 3,126 | 14,223 | 4,000 | 5,440 |
| 2004 | 3,174 | 13,972 | 4,300 | 5,035 |
| 2005 | 3,217 | 13,813 | | |

[1] Excludes commercial broilers. [2] December previous year - November current year.

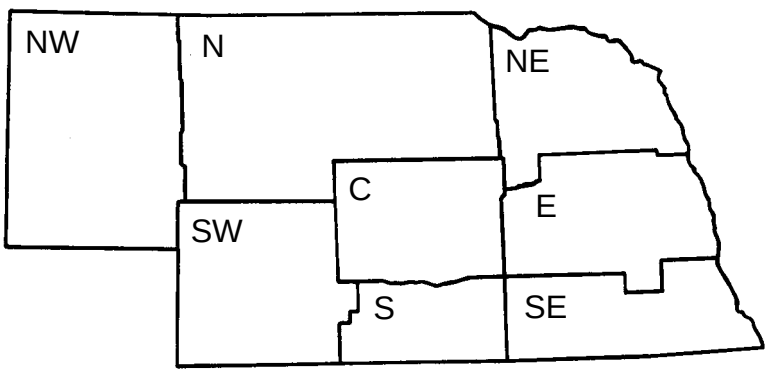
## Nebraska's Top Ten Producing Counties, Selected Commodities, 2005

| Rank | Corn for Grain | | Soybeans | | Winter Wheat | | Sorghum for Grain | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | District | County | District | County | District | County | District | County |
| 1 | E | Hamilton | E | Saunders | NW | Cheyenne | SE | Gage |
| 2 | E | York | SE | Fillmore | NW | Box Butte | SE | Nuckolls |
| 3 | C | Dawson | SE | Gage | SW | Perkins | SE | Jefferson |
| 4 | C | Custer | E | York | SW | Red Willow | SE | Saline |
| 5 | C | Hall | NE | Antelope | S | Furnas | SE | Thayer |
| 6 | S | Phelps | E | Platte | SW | Hitchcock | SW | Red Willow |
| 7 | C | Buffalo | NE | Cuming | NW | Kimball | SE | Fillmore |
| 8 | E | Platte | E | Hamilton | SW | Frontier | SW | Hitchcock |
| 9 | SW | Lincoln | E | Cass | SW | Chase | S | Webster |
| 10 | S | Adams | S | Phelps | NW | Deuel | S | Furnas |

| Rank | Oats for Grain | | Sunflowers | | All Cattle and Calves January 1, 2005 | | Beef Cows January 1, 2005 | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | District | County | District | County | District | County | District | County |
| 1 | NE | Knox | NW | Kimball | N | Cherry | N | Cherry |
| 2 | NE | Cedar | NW | Box Butte | C | Custer | N | Holt |
| 3 | N | Boyd | NW | Banner | NE | Cuming | C | Custer |
| 4 | NE | Thurston | NW | Cheyenne | SW | Lincoln | SW | Lincoln |
| 5 | N | Holt | SW | Perkins | N | Holt | NW | Sheridan |
| 6 | NE | Dixon | NW | Scotts Bluff | C | Dawson | NE | Knox |
| 7 | E | Colfax | SW | Red Willow | S | Phelps | C | Buffalo |
| 8 | SW | Frontier | NW | Sheridan | NW | Morrill | C | Dawson[1] |
| 9 | NW | Sheridan | NW | Deuel | NE | Knox | NW | Morrill[1] |
| 10 | NE | Pierce | SW | Chase | NW | Sheridan | N | Rock |

[1] Tied for 8th.

### Nebraska's Agricultural Statistics Districts




### Nebraska's Usual Planting and Harvesting Dates, Selected Crops [1]

| Crop | Usual Planting Dates | | | Usual Harvesting Dates | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Begin | Most Active | End | Begin | Most Active | End |
| Barley, Spring | Mar 20 | Mar 25 - Apr | Apr 18 | Jul 18 | Jul 20 - Jul 25 | Jul 30 |
| Beans, Dry | May 26 | Jun 9 - Jun 16 | Jun 23 | Sep 8 | Sep 15 - Sep 29 | Oct 13 |
| Corn, for Grain | Apr 21 | May 3 - May | Jun 1 | Sep 21 | Oct 11 - Nov 6 | Dec 1 |
| Corn, for Silage | Apr 21 | May 3 - May | Jun 1 | Aug 25 | Sep 5 - Sep 25 | Oct 10 |
| Hay, Alfalfa | | | | May 10 | | Oct 5 |
| Hay, Other | | | | Jun 5 | | Sep 20 |
| Oats, Spring | Mar 24 | Apr 2 - Apr 27 | May 9 | Jul 4 | Jul 15 - Aug 2 | Aug 12 |
| Rye | Aug 30 | Sep 12 - Sep 26 | Oct 6 | Jun 30 | Jul 12 - Jul 30 | Aug 8 |
| Sorghum, for | May 11 | May 20 - Jun 8 | Jun 19 | Sep 19 | Oct 8 - Oct 30 | Nov 17 |
| Sorghum, for | May 11 | May 20 - Jun 8 | Jun 19 | Aug 25 | Sep 10 - Sep 30 | Oct 10 |
| Soybeans | May 9 | May 18 - Jun 4 | Jun 17 | Sep 19 | Sep 30 - Oct 15 | Oct 27 |
| Sugarbeets | Apr 1 | Apr 10 - Apr 30 | May 5 | Oct 5 | Oct 10 - Oct 30 | Nov 5 |
| Wheat, Winter | Aug 30 | Sep 12 - Sep 26 | Oct 6 | Jun 26 | Jul 7 - Jul 26 | Aug 8 |

[1] Source: USDA's Usual Planting and Harvesting Dates for U.S. Field Crops, December 1997.

## Nebraska Precipitation Data by Agricultural Statistics Districts, 1985-2004 [1]

| Year | Agricultural Statistics Districts | | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Northwest | North | Northeast | Central | East | Southwest | South | Southeast |
| | *Inches* | | | | | | | |
| 1985 | 14.65 | 21.03 | 26.35 | 27.73 | 29.88 | 18.87 | 26.07 | 30.26 |
| 1986 | 20.11 | 27.12 | 32.72 | 25.02 | 38.34 | 17.91 | 22.46 | 38.63 |
| 1987 | 18.09 | 24.06 | 26.40 | 28.26 | 32.59 | 22.32 | 29.23 | 37.80 |
| 1988 | 16.92 | 23.41 | 20.70 | 22.13 | 20.15 | 20.32 | 20.53 | 18.38 |
| 1989 | 11.92 | 13.44 | 17.20 | 20.38 | 22.26 | 16.17 | 20.93 | 24.49 |
| 1990 | 16.59 | 21.11 | 25.60 | 22.79 | 27.31 | 17.13 | 23.17 | 26.57 |
| 1991 | 16.70 | 21.41 | 26.24 | 23.03 | 30.32 | 21.19 | 21.57 | 26.61 |
| 1992 | 17.11 | 24.34 | 33.76 | 24.94 | 31.87 | 22.10 | 24.70 | 37.17 |
| 1993 | 21.80 | 28.72 | 35.72 | 34.02 | 39.71 | 27.05 | 38.64 | 48.25 |
| 1994 | 14.07 | 22.79 | 27.12 | 23.24 | 26.83 | 19.24 | 23.47 | 26.32 |
| 1995 | 20.48 | 28.78 | 32.24 | 24.33 | 24.87 | 20.31 | 23.36 | 29.21 |
| 1996 | 18.61 | 23.13 | 27.61 | 26.31 | 30.79 | 24.86 | 32.02 | 34.91 |
| 1997 | 18.00 | 21.47 | 22.17 | 23.39 | 25.45 | 19.00 | 22.78 | 30.59 |
| 1998 | 19.56 | 26.73 | 33.52 | 25.29 | 34.31 | 18.65 | 23.68 | 34.36 |
| 1999 | 18.53 | 21.24 | 27.63 | 25.27 | 30.48 | 21.77 | 25.00 | 27.16 |
| 2000 | 17.37 | 19.47 | 23.31 | 20.36 | 23.83 | 17.43 | 22.76 | 24.76 |
| 2001 | 16.67 | 25.44 | 31.93 | 23.63 | 28.07 | 20.06 | 25.95 | 38.86 |
| 2002 | 9.95 | 14.74 | 20.74 | 15.77 | 23.33 | 11.64 | 15.79 | 23.28 |
| 2003 | 15.45 | 17.49 | 24.79 | 20.47 | 25.48 | 16.78 | 19.89 | 28.52 |
| 2004 | 16.69 | 22.46 | 27.86 | 25.19 | 27.09 | 23.17 | 24.58 | 27.24 |

[1] Source: NOAA/National Climatic Data Center.

## Number of Days Temperature 95 Degrees Fahrenheit or Above by Agricultural Statistics Districts, Selected Reporting Stations, May-September, 1986-2005 [1]

| Year | Agricultural Statistics Districts, Reporting Station | | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Northwest (Alliance) | North (Atkinson) | Northeast (Hartington) | Central (Broken Bow) | East (David City) | Southwest (Culbertson) | South (Franklin) | Southeast (Pawnee City) |
| | *Number of Days* | | | | | | | |
| 1986 | 8 | 10 | 2 | 14 | 6 | 19 | 16 | 16 |
| 1987 | 19 | 13 | 14 | 16 | 19 | 27 | 11 | 20 |
| 1988 | 23 | 25 | 23 | 14 | 25 | 28 | 28 | 35 |
| 1989 | 18 | 11 | 14 | 6 | 11 | 20 | 9 | 19 |
| 1990 | 14 | 15 | 12 | 15 | 10 | 35 | 13 | 27 |
| 1991 | 14 | 22 | 15 | 13 | 14 | 21 | 19 | 30 |
| 1992 | 3 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 |
| 1993 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 6 | 2 | 9 |
| 1994 | 18 | 1 | 1 | 3 | 2 | 23 | 12 | 17 |
| 1995 | 26 | 17 | 14 | 7 | 13 | 33 | 23 | 19 |
| 1996 | 6 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 9 | 5 | 7 |
| 1997 | 18 | 12 | 2 | 5 | 5 | 24 | 20 | 13 |
| 1998 | 10 | 9 | 1 | 6 | 2 | 25 | 22 | 5 |
| 1999 | 17 | 11 | 4 | 2 | 3 | 20 | 15 | 25 |
| 2000 | 25 | 22 | 8 | 15 | 12 | 51 | 46 | 18 |
| 2001 | 17 | 11 | 2 | 6 | 15 | 46 | 25 | 11 |
| 2002 | 18 | 29 | 13 | 19 | 13 | 51 | 39 | 28 |
| 2003 | 24 | 14 | 3 | 10 | 15 | 39 | 24 | 22 |
| 2004 | 9 | 7 | 0 | 5 | 2 | 23 | 12 | 3 |
| 2005 | 19 | 10 | 1 | 12 | 11 | 39 | 28 | 15 |

[1] Source: High Plains Climate Center, Institute of Agriculture and Natural Resources, University of Nebraska-Lincoln.

# Nebraska Agriculture Economics

## Nebraska All Land Average Value per Acre by Statistical District, Selected Years

| District | Selected Years | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 1995 | 1997 | 1999 | 2001 | 2003 | 2004 | 2005 |
| | *Dollars* | | | | | | |
| Northwest | 250 | 269 | 275 | 274 | 276 | 302 | 325 |
| North | 251 | 275 | 285 | 312 | 308 | 343 | 379 |
| Northeast | 860 | 962 | 1,052 | 1,107 | 1,266 | 1,388 | 1,537 |
| Central | 744 | 833 | 859 | 854 | 939 | 1,005 | 1,110 |
| East | 1,378 | 1,600 | 1,718 | 1,747 | 1,850 | 1,999 | 2,268 |
| Southwest | 384 | 417 | 439 | 471 | 467 | 500 | 542 |
| South | 944 | 1,066 | 1,099 | 1,060 | 1,102 | 1,188 | 1,268 |
| Southeast | 925 | 1,057 | 1,111 | 1,143 | 1,204 | 1,354 | 1,609 |
| State | 582 | 654 | 690 | 709 | 757 | 827 | 924 |

Source: Nebraska Farm Real Estate Market Developments 2004-2005, Department of Agricultural Economics, UNL.

## Nebraska Selected Land Average Cash Rental Rates per Acre by Statistical District, 2004-2005

| District | Dryland Cropland | | Gravity Irrigated Cropland | | Center Pivot Irrigated Cropland | | Pastureland | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 2004 | 2005 | 2004 | 2005 | 2004 | 2005 | 2004 | 2005 |
| | *Dollars* | | *Dollars* | | *Dollars* | | *Dollars* | |
| Northwest | 22 | 24 | 88 | 94 | 97 | 107 | 8 | 8 |
| North | 35 | 37 | 105 | 104 | 114 | 119 | 13 | 13 |
| Northeast | 91 | 92 | 129 | 133 | 144 | 142 | 36 | 37 |
| Central | 60 | 62 | 134 | 134 | 139 | 139 | 24 | 25 |
| East | 94 | 99 | 138 | 142 | 151 | 155 | 32 | 32 |
| Southwest | 33 | 33 | 101 | 105 | 117 | 121 | 13 | 12 |
| South | 55 | 56 | 128 | 130 | 139 | 143 | 22 | 23 |
| Southeast | 75 | 79 | 131 | 134 | 143 | 147 | 27 | 27 |

Source: Nebraska Farm Real Estate Market Developments 2004-2005
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## Prices Received by Nebraska Farmers, Selected Years [1]

| Commodity | 1970 | 1980 | 1990 | 2000 | 2004 | 2005[2] |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | *Dollars* | | | | | |
| Corn, Bu. | 1.25 | 3.08 | 2.28 | 1.90 | 2.02 | 1.85 |
| Soybeans, Bu. | 2.78 | 7.25 | 5.59 | 4.44 | 5.54 | 5.50 |
| Sorghum, Cwt. | 1.93 | 5.09 | 3.66 | 3.28 | 3.08 | 2.85 |
| All Wheat, Bu. | 1.22 | 3.82 | 2.53 | 2.61 | 3.23 | 3.25 |
| Oats, Bu. | .65 | 1.85 | 1.19 | 1.42 | 1.51 | 1.60 |
| All Hay, Ton | 21.00 | 55.00 | 58.00 | 69.50 | 50.50 | 47.50 |
| Sugarbeets, Ton | 14.80 | 47.00 | 40.10 | 29.20 | 39.90 | |
| Dry Beans, Cwt. | 8.00 | 26.90 | 16.90 | 15.80 | 22.80 | 17.40 |
| Steers & Heifers, Cwt. | 29.10 | 66.70 | 80.00 | 70.00 | 89.90 | 93.40 |
| Cows, Cwt. | 20.50 | 45.80 | 52.00 | 38.40 | 52.60 | 54.80 |
| Calves, Cwt. | 35.30 | 78.70 | 100.00 | 106.00 | 129.00 | 142.00 |
| Hogs, Cwt. | 22.30 | 38.10 | 54.80 | 44.30 | 50.80 | 51.80 |
| Sheep, Cwt. | 7.30 | 24.50 | 21.90 | 34.60 | 37.60 | 43.70 |
| Lambs, Cwt. | 27.50 | 64.30 | 54.00 | 76.20 | 98.30 | 104.00 |
| Milk Cows [3] | 298 | 1,130 | 1,130 | 1,290 | 1,600 | 1,720 |

[1]Crops prices for 1980 are season average prices; beginning 1985 prices are marketing year average prices received. [2]Preliminary. [3]Calendar year average, dollars per head.

## Nebraska Total Farm Income, 2000-2004

| Year | Gross Income [1] | Farm Production Expenses | Net Farm Income | Net Farm Income Per Farm |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| | *Million Dollars* | | | *Dollars* |
| 2000 | 10,909.9 | 9,511.5 | 1,398.4 | 26,892 |
| 2001 | 11,632.0 | 9,781.3 | 1,850.7 | 37,014 |
| 2002 | 10,251.8 | 9,437.8 | 814.0 | 16,478 |
| 2003 | 12,843.2 | 10,035.8 | 2,807.3 | 57,883 |
| 2004 | 14,106.1 | 10,647.0 | 3,459.1 | 71,616 |

[1] See table below for detailed breakdown, including inventory adjustment.

## Nebraska Gross Farm Income, 2000-2004

| Year | Cash Receipts | Govern-ment Payments | Non-Cash Income | Farm-Related Income | Value of Inventory Adjustment |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | *Million Dollars* | | | | |
| 2000 | 8,956.4 | 1,407.0 | 232.3 | 596.5 | -282.2 |
| 2001 | 9,230.6 | 1,297.6 | 244.8 | 661.8 | 197.2 |
| 2002 | 9,422.2 | 539.3 | 236.4 | 649.4 | -595.5 |
| 2003 | 11,027.9 | 725.8 | 251.0 | 848.1 | -9.7 |
| 2004 | 11,779.7 | 728.3 | 257.2 | 955.2 | 385.7 |

## Value of Nebraska Agricultural Exports, 2000-2004

| Commodity | 2000 | 2001 | 2002 | 2003 | 2004 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | *Million Dollars* | | | | |
| Feed Grains & Products | 772.5 | 644.6 | 785.5 | 671.5 | 876.6 |
| Soybeans & Products | 452.5 | 429.3 | 565.5 | 529.1 | 671.1 |
| Wheat & Products | 153.9 | 121.8 | 143.0 | 162.8 | 227.2 |
| Feeds & Fodders | 168.7 | 210.8 | 181.6 | 166.2 | 182.3 |
| Seeds | 9.4 | 6.6 | 11.1 | 8.8 | 11.5 |
| Vegetables & Preparations | 37.3 | 37.5 | 40.7 | 31.2 | 35.0 |
| Live Animals & Meat | 1,008.5 | 955.5 | 929.9 | 1,046.7 | 520.8 |
| Hides & Skins | 268.6 | 377.7 | 350.9 | 371.4 | 350.4 |
| Fats, Oils & Greases | 80.3 | 63.3 | 89.0 | 115.7 | 114.4 |
| Dairy Products | 7.5 | 7.9 | 7.1 | 6.8 | 8.1 |
| Other | 18.0 | 16.5 | 17.2 | 12.4 | 17.0 |
| Total | 2,977.2 | 2,871.6 | 3,121.7 | 3,122.6 | 3,015.0 |

## A Bit of Agricultural Statistics History

The Nebraska Field Office is a Federal-State cooperative effort of the USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service and the Nebraska Department of Agriculture. A Federal statistics program dates back to 1862 when USDA was founded. This Nebraska cooperative office has been in existence since 1918. It is located in Room 298 of the Federal Building in Lincoln at 100 Centennial Mall North. The office has had four different names: State-Federal Division of Agricultural Statistics (1918-1976), Nebraska Crop and Livestock Reporting Service (1976-1986), Nebraska Agricultural Statistics Service (1986 to 2005) and the USDA National Agricultural Statistics, Nebraska Field Office (2005 to date). While the office name has changed and survey procedures improved upon, the objective of providing the most accurate and reliable agricultural forecasts and estimates possible has remained unchanged throughout the years. "Voluntary" reporting each year by many thousands of farmers, ranchers, and agri-business firms make these estimates possible in a timely manner.