

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, 2004	10,668,004,000	<i>Pounds</i>	15.5
1	Commercial red meat production, 2004	6,800,000,000	<i>Pounds</i>	15.0
1	Commercial cattle slaughter, live weight, 2004	8,822,089,000	<i>Pounds</i>	21.7
1	Great Northern bean production, 2004	827,000	<i>Cwt.</i>	87.0
2	Commercial cattle slaughter, number, 2004	6,902,600	<i>Head</i>	21.1
2	Light red kidney bean production, 2004	174,000	<i>Cwt.</i>	21.5
2	Cash receipts from all meat animals, 2003	6,526,691,000	<i>Dollars</i>	11.6
2	Cash receipts from cattle and calves, 2003	5,903,957,000	<i>Dollars</i>	13.1
2	Pinto beans production, 2004	1,196,000	<i>Cwt.</i>	15.3
2	All cattle on feed, January 1, 2005	2,470,000	<i>Head</i>	18.0
3	Total value of all cattle and calves, January 1, 2005	5,778,500,000	<i>Dollars</i>	6.6
3	All dry edible beans production, 2004	2,376,000	<i>Cwt.</i>	13.3
3	Proso millet production, 2004	3,375,000	<i>Bushels</i>	22.4
3	Cash receipts from all feed crops, 2003	2,211,529,000	<i>Dollars</i>	9.1
3	Cash receipts from corn, 2003	2,040,658,000	<i>Dollars</i>	11.1
3	Cash receipts from sorghum grain, 2003	48,277,000	<i>Dollars</i>	5.7
3	Cash receipts from livestock and livestock products, 2003	6,867,368,000	<i>Dollars</i>	6.5
3	Net farm income, 2003	3,227,861,000	<i>Dollars</i>	5.4
3	All cattle and calves, January 1, 2005	6,350,000	<i>Head</i>	6.6
3	Fed cattle marketed (1,000+ capacity lots), 2004	4,480,000	<i>Head</i>	20.1
3	Corn for grain production, 2004	1,319,700,000	<i>Bushels</i>	11.2
3	Sorghum for grain production, 2004	33,615,000	<i>Bushels</i>	7.4
4	Cash receipts from farm marketings, 2003	10,621,275,000	<i>Dollars</i>	5.0
4	Beef cows and heifers that have calved, January 1, 2005	1,909,000	<i>Head</i>	5.8
4	Land in farms and ranches, 2004	45,900,000	<i>Acres</i>	4.9
4	On-farm grain storage capacity, December 1, 2004	1,020,000,000	<i>Bushels</i>	9.1
4	Off-farm grain storage capacity, December 1, 2004	698,838,000	<i>Bushels</i>	8.2
5	Cash receipts from soybeans, 2003	1,089,591,000	<i>Dollars</i>	6.8
5	Cash receipts from all oil crops, 2003	1,095,798,000	<i>Dollars</i>	6.3
5	Calf crop, 2004	1,800,000	<i>Head</i>	4.8
6	Cash receipts from hogs and pigs, 2003	611,988,000	<i>Dollars</i>	5.8

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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
6	Alfalfa hay production, 2004	4,438,000	<i>Tons</i>	5.9
6	Value of principal crops produced, 2004	4,425,553,000	<i>Dollars</i>	4.3
6	Soybean production, 2004	220,875,000	<i>Bushels</i>	7.0
6	Pig crop, 2004	6,204,000	<i>Head</i>	6.1
6	Commercial hog slaughter, live weight, 2004	1,845,711,000	<i>Pounds</i>	6.7
6	Commercial hog slaughter, number, 2004	6,953,300	<i>Head</i>	6.7
6	Value of all hogs and pigs on farms, December 1, 2004	313,500,000	<i>Dollars</i>	5.1
7	All hay production, 2004	6,143,000	<i>Tons</i>	3.9
7	Winter wheat production, 2004	61,050,000	<i>Bushels</i>	4.1
7	All hogs and pigs, December 1, 2004	2,850,000	<i>Head</i>	4.7
7	Table eggs produced, 2004	3,174,000,000	<i>Eggs</i>	4.2
7	Sunflower production, 2004	52,150,000	<i>Pounds</i>	2.5
7	Harvested acreage, principal crops, 2004	18,261,000	<i>Acres</i>	6.0
7	Sugarbeet production, 2004	1,050,000	<i>Tons</i>	3.5
8	Sorghum silage production, 2004	225,000	<i>Tons</i>	4.7
8	Cash receipts from crops, 2003	3,753,907,000	<i>Dollars</i>	3.5
8	Cash receipts from sugarbeets, 2003	30,400,000	<i>Dollars</i>	2.8
9	Oats production, 2004	3,740,000	<i>Bushels</i>	3.2
10	Corn silage production, 2004	3,795,000	<i>Tons</i>	3.5
10	All wheat production, 2004	61,050,000	<i>Bushels</i>	2.8
10	Cash receipts from wheat, 2003	224,846,000	<i>Dollars</i>	3.3
10	Honey production, 2004	4,539,000	<i>Pounds</i>	2.5
11	All potato production, 2004	9,288,000	<i>Cwt.</i>	2.0
12	Cash receipts from all food grains, 2003	233,764,000	<i>Dollars</i>	2.9
12	All chickens, December 1, 2004	13,972,000	<i>Head</i>	3.1
13	Cash receipts from hay, 2003	118,499,000	<i>Dollars</i>	2.7
14	Cash receipts from potatoes, 2003	47,885,000	<i>Dollars</i>	1.9
14	Cash receipts from chicken eggs, 2003	139,368,000	<i>Dollars</i>	2.6
14	Value of all chickens on hand, December 1, 2004	26,547,000	<i>Dollars</i>	2.4
15	Other hay (excludes alfalfa) production, 2004	1,705,000	<i>Tons</i>	2.1
15	Wool production, 2004	600,000	<i>Pounds</i>	1.6
18	All sheep and lambs, January 1, 2005	97,000	<i>Head</i>	1.6
18	Value of wool production, 2004	258,000	<i>Dollars</i>	0.9
18	Number of farms, 2004	48,300	<i>Farms</i>	2.3
26	Barley production, 2004	162,000	<i>Bushels</i>	0.1

Nebraska Agribusiness Facts

- ◆ Total assets (excluding operator households) in Nebraska farms and ranches totaled an estimated \$47.9 billion as of December 31, 2003, up 5 percent from a year ago.
- ◆ Farm and ranch equity (excluding operator households) was estimated at \$37.8 billion as of December 31, 2003. This represents a 6 percent increase compared to \$35.6 billion in farm equity the previous year.
- ◆ Total farm debt (excluding operator households) increased to \$10.1 billion on December 31, 2003 from \$9.9 billion a year earlier.
- ◆ Farm and ranch real estate was valued at \$36.6 billion as of December 31, 2003, up from \$34.4 billion in 2002. Farm holdings of crops, livestock, and poultry (excludes horses, mules, and broilers) on December 31, 2003, were worth \$6.1 billion.
- ◆ Farm and ranch machinery and motor vehicles were valued at \$3.4 billion as of December 31, 2003.
- ◆ Ranking fourth in the United States, Nebraska's total cash receipts from farm and ranch marketings amounted to over \$10.6 billion in 2003, a 13 percent increase from the \$9.4 billion reported in 2002. Receipts for livestock and livestock products totaled \$6.9 billion, and crops receipts totaled \$3.8 billion. Direct government payments were \$726 million.
- ◆ Ranking fourth in the United States, Nebraska's value of production per operation averaged \$246,606 in 2003.
- ◆ Ranking third in the United States, Nebraska's net farm income in 2003 totaled \$3.2 billion. Net farm income per operation was \$66,554 ranking fourth.
- ◆ Gross expenditures for farm production in 2003 amounted to nearly \$9.5 billion.
- ◆ Farmers and ranchers in 2003 spent \$878 million for feed purchased, \$2.7 billion for livestock and poultry purchased, and \$431 million for seed purchased.
- ◆ Total outlays in 2003 for fertilizers, lime, and pesticides were \$865 million. Fuel, oil and electricity totaled \$420 million. Hired labor expenses totaled \$423 million. Expenditures for repairs and maintenance of capital items totaled \$474 million.
- ◆ In 2003, Nebraska farmers paid \$376 million for on farm and ranch property taxes and \$517 million in net rent to non-operator landlords. They also paid \$664 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 \$646 million in 2003.
- ◆ Of every dollar spent on U.S. grown food in 2002, 19 cents goes to the farmer for the raw food inputs; 38 cents pays for labor used by manufacturers, wholesalers, and retailers. The remaining 43 cents pays for marketing costs such as packaging, transportation, and advertising.

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Nebraska Agribusiness Facts (continued)

- ◆ Ranking fifth in the United States, Nebraska agriculture exports in fiscal year 2003 totaled \$3.0 billion. Nebraska ranked first in live animals and meat exports at \$1.0 billion, fourth in feed grains and products at \$672 million, and fifth in soybeans and products at \$530 million.
- ◆ Every dollar in agricultural exports generates \$1.54 in economic activities such as transportation, financing, warehousing, and production. Nebraska's \$3.0 billion in agricultural exports translate into nearly \$4.7 billion in additional economic activity.
- ◆ Twenty-one percent of all Nebraskans are employed in farm or farm-related jobs.
- ◆ As of January 2005, Nebraska ranked fourth in the United States in ethanol production capacity of 523 million gallons. There were 11 operating plants that produced almost half a billion gallons of ethanol. Over 20 percent of the State's corn crop goes 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, 89,304 registered wells and 8,389 surface water rights supply water to 7.6 million acres of harvested cropland and pasture. Of the total cropland harvested during 2002, 43 percent was irrigated.

Trends in Agriculture: Nebraska, Selected Years, 1980-2003

Item	1980	1985	1990	1995	2000	2002	2003
Value of farm real estate (mil.\$) ¹	33,252	18,577	22,930	26,235	31,396	34,406	36,626
Real estate debt (mil.\$) ¹	3,385	3,652	2,467	2,892	3,805	4,286	4,478
Debt/asset, total, ratio ¹	17.4	28.5	18.3	20.5	21.1	21.8	21.0
Average size of farm (acres)	734	787	826	829	887	929	946
Acres harvested (000) acres	18,978	17,509	18,044	17,769	18,536	17,724	18,570
Index of crop yields per acre ²	90	120	118	107	116	113	132
Index of crop production ²	98	135	131	123	149	140	164
Index of livestock production ²	117	121	139	145	153	155	151
Index of total agricultural production ²	109	127	136	135	151	148	157
Irrigation wells ³	63,821	70,767	72,852	77,301	82,478	86,101	89,304
Final agricultural sector output (mil.\$)	6,560	7,784	9,784	9,078	9,492	9,727	11,960
Net farm income (mil.\$)	(91)	1,550	2,512	1,646	1,374	822	3,228
Net farm income/assets, total, ratio	-.0	5.7	7.5	4.6	3.1	1.8	6.7
Commercial fertilizer sold (000) tons ⁴	2,020	1,894	1,889	1,996	2,453	2,587	2,460
Real estate value/acre ⁵	na	na	524	580	695	755	765

na = Not available

¹Beginning 1980, excluding operator households as of January 1

²1977=100

³Registered as of January 1

⁴Year ending June 30

⁵Includes farmstead and operator dwelling