



Nebraska Ag Rank and Ag Business 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 red meat production, 2006	7,226,800,000	<i>Pounds</i>	15.2
1	Great Northern bean production, 2006	1,030,000	<i>Cwt.</i>	86.6
2	Commercial cattle slaughter, live weight, 2006	9,287,561,000	<i>Pounds</i>	21.7
2	Commercial cattle slaughter, number, 2006	7,068,500	<i>Head</i>	21.0
2	All cattle and calves, January 1, 2007	6,650,000	<i>Head</i>	6.9
2	All cattle on feed, January 1, 2007	2,700,000	<i>Head</i>	18.9
2	Cash receipts from all meat animals, 2005	7,238,692,000	<i>Dollars</i>	11.2
2	Cash receipts from cattle and calves, 2006	6,628,903,000	<i>Dollars</i>	13.5
2	Proso millet production, 2006	2,420,000	<i>Bushels</i>	23.7
2	Light red kidney bean production, 2006	175,000	<i>Cwt.</i>	23.6
2	Pinto beans production, 2006	1,363,000	<i>Cwt.</i>	14.2
3	Total value of all cattle and calves, January 1, 2007	5,918,500,000	<i>Dollars</i>	6.6
3	Fed cattle marketed (1,000+ capacity lots), 2006	4,635,000	<i>Head</i>	20.6
3	All dry edible beans production, 2006	2,728,000	<i>Cwt.</i>	11.3
3	Cash receipts from all feed crops, 2005	2,258,640,000	<i>Dollars</i>	8.9
3	Cash receipts from corn, 2005	2,085,894,000	<i>Dollars</i>	10.9
3	Cash receipts from sorghum grain, 2005	42,640,000	<i>Dollars</i>	6.0
3	Corn for grain production, 2006	1,178,000,000	<i>Bushels</i>	11.2
3	Sorghum for grain production, 2006	19,200,000	<i>Bushels</i>	6.9
4	Cash receipts from all commodities, 2005	11,470,159,000	<i>Dollars</i>	4.8
4	Cash receipts from livestock and products, 2005	7,545,285,000	<i>Dollars</i>	6.0
4	On-farm grain storage capacity, December 1, 2006	1,070,000,000	<i>Bushels</i>	9.2
4	Off-farm grain storage capacity, December 1, 2006	739,753,000	<i>Bushels</i>	8.4
4	Beef cows and heifers that have calved, January 1, 2007	1,940,000	<i>Head</i>	5.9
4	Land in farms and ranches, 2006	45,700,000	<i>Acres</i>	4.9
5	Soybean production, 2006	250,500,000	<i>Bushels</i>	7.9
5	Cash receipts from soybeans, 2005	1,213,207,000	<i>Dollars</i>	7.2
5	Cash receipts from all oil crops, 2005	1,228,184,000	<i>Dollars</i>	6.7
5	Calf crop, 2006	1,820,000	<i>Head</i>	4.8
5	Value of principal crops produced, 2006	6,217,068,000	<i>Dollars</i>	5.1
5	Sorghum silage production, 2006	330,000	<i>Tons</i>	7.1

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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 hogs and pigs, 2006	728,060,000	<i>Dollars</i>	5.2
6	Commercial hog slaughter, live weight, 2006	1,943,013,000	<i>Pounds</i>	6.9
6	Commercial hog slaughter, number, 2006	7,216,100	<i>Head</i>	6.9
6	Pig crop, 2006	6,514,000	<i>Head</i>	6.2
6	Value of all hogs and pigs on farms, December 1, 2006	288,000,000	<i>Dollars</i>	5.2
6	All hogs and pigs, December 1, 2006	3,000,000	<i>Head</i>	4.8
6	Alfalfa hay production, 2006	4,125,000	<i>Tons</i>	5.8
6	Winter wheat production, 2006	61,200,000	<i>Bushels</i>	4.7
6	Sunflower production, 2006	62,400,000	<i>Pounds</i>	2.9
6	Harvested acreage, principal crops, 2006	18,225,000	<i>Acres</i>	6.2
7	Net farm income, 2005	2,699,540,000	<i>Dollars</i>	3.7
7	Sugarbeet production, 2006	1,274,000	<i>Tons</i>	3.8
7	Cash receipts from sugarbeets, 2005	41,895,000	<i>Dollars</i>	3.8
7	Table eggs produced, 2006	3,129,000,000	<i>Eggs</i>	4.0
8	Cash receipts from crops, 2005	3,924,874,000	<i>Dollars</i>	3.4
8	All hay production, 2006	5,675,000	<i>Tons</i>	4.0
9	Corn silage production, 2006	3,920,000	<i>Tons</i>	3.7
10	All wheat production, 2006	61,200,000	<i>Bushels</i>	3.4
10	Cash receipts from wheat, 2005	205,815,000	<i>Dollars</i>	3.0
11	All potato production, 2006	8,633,000	<i>Cwt.</i>	2.0
12	Oats production, 2006	2,255,000	<i>Bushels</i>	2.4
13	All chickens, December 1, 2006	13,165,000	<i>Head</i>	2.9
13	Cash receipts from all food grains, 2005	206,787,000	<i>Dollars</i>	2.5
13	Cash receipts from potatoes, 2005	42,484,000	<i>Dollars</i>	1.8
13	Honey production, 2006	3,431,000	<i>Pounds</i>	2.2
14	Cash receipts from chicken eggs, 2005	82,989,000	<i>Dollars</i>	2.1
15	Other hay (excludes alfalfa) production, 2006	1,550,000	<i>Tons</i>	2.2
15	Wool production, 2006	600,000	<i>Pounds</i>	1.7
15	Value of wool production, 2006	216,000	<i>Dollars</i>	0.9
16	Total value of all chickens, December 1, 2006	23,697,000	<i>Dollars</i>	2.0
17	Cash receipts from hay, 2005	115,576,000	<i>Dollars</i>	2.4
18	All sheep and lambs, January 1, 2007	95,000	<i>Head</i>	1.5
18	Number of farms, 2006	47,600	<i>Farms</i>	2.3

Nebraska Agribusiness Facts

- ◆ Ranking fourth in the United States, Nebraska's total cash receipts from farm and ranch marketings amounted to nearly \$11.5 billion in 2005, a 2 percent increase from the \$11.2 billion reported in 2004. Receipts for livestock and livestock products totaled \$7.5 billion, and crops receipts totaled \$3.9 billion. Direct government payments were \$1.41 billion.
- ◆ Ranking fourth in the United States, Nebraska's value of production per operation averaged \$270,168 in 2005.
- ◆ Ranking seventh in the United States, Nebraska's net farm income in 2005 totaled \$2.7 billion. Net farm income per operation was \$56,240 ranking eighth.
- ◆ Gross expenditures for farm production in 2005 amounted to \$10.3 billion.
- ◆ Farmers and ranchers in 2005 spent \$1.3 billion for feed purchased, \$2.9 billion for livestock and poultry purchased, and \$500 million for seed purchased.
- ◆ Total outlays in 2005 for fertilizers, lime, and pesticides were \$1.03 billion. Fuel, oil, and electricity totaled \$678 million. Hired and contract labor expenses totaled \$500 million. Expenditures for repair and maintenance of capital items totaled \$527 million.
- ◆ In 2005, Nebraska farmers paid \$470 million for on farm and ranch property taxes and \$687 million in net rent to non-operator landlords. They also paid \$769 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 \$737 million in 2005.
- ◆ 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.
- ◆ Ranking sixth in the United States, Nebraska agriculture exports in fiscal year 2005 totaled \$2.8 billion. Nebraska ranked second in live animals and meat exports at \$498 million, third in feed grains and products at \$773 million, and fifth in soybeans and products at \$674 million. Measured as exports divided by farm cash receipts, the state's reliance on agricultural exports was 25 percent in 2005.
- ◆ Every dollar in agricultural exports generates \$1.64 in economic activities such as transportation, financing, warehousing, and production. Nebraska's \$2.8 billion in agricultural exports translate into \$4.6 billion in additional economic activity.
- ◆ In 2005, Nebraska was ninth nationally in certified organic cropland acres (77,820) and tenth in certified organic pasture acres (17,655).
- ◆ In 2006, Nebraska ranked third in the United States in ethanol production capacity of 678 million gallons. There were 12 operating plants that produced over half a billion gallons of ethanol. Nearly 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, 90,534 registered wells and 8,552 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, 1985-2006

Item	1985	1990	1995	2000	2004	2005	2006
Total farms	60,000	57,000	56,000	52,000	48,300	48,000	47,600
Land in farms (000) acres	47,200	47,100	46,400	46,100	45,800	45,700	45,700
Average size of farm (acres)	787	826	829	887	948	952	960
Area harvested (000) acres	17,509	18,044	17,769	18,536	18,240	18,508	18,225
Farm real estate value/acre ¹	485	524	580	710	825	940	1,090
Cropland value per acre ²				1,130	1,290	1,470	1,690
Irrigated cropland value per acre ²				1,580	1,750	1,940	2,150
Dryland cropland value per acre ²				890	1,050	1,230	1,450
Pasture value per acre ²				230	275	320	360
Final agricultural sector output (mil.\$) ²	7,784	9,784	9,078	9,543	13,400	12,968	
Net farm income (mil.\$) ²	1,550	2,510	1,662	1,440	3,568	2,700	
Commercial fertilizer sold (000) tons ³	1,894	1,889	1,996	2,453	2,760	2,698	2,662
Index of crop yields per acre ⁴	120	118	107	116	144	142	135
Index of crop production ⁴	135	131	123	149	185	187	179
Index of livestock production ⁴	121	139	145	153	149	151	160
Index of total agricultural production ⁴	127	136	135	151	165	167	168

¹ Includes farmstead and operator dwelling.

² Missing data not available.

³ Year ending June 30.

⁴ 1977=100.