



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, 2008	7,392,800,000	<i>Pounds</i>	14.7
1	Commercial cattle slaughter, live weight, 2008	9,415,367,000	<i>Pounds</i>	21.4
1	Commercial cattle slaughter, number, 2008	7,112,500	<i>Head</i>	20.7
1	Cash receipts from all meat animals, 2007	7,903,057,000	<i>Dollars</i>	12.2
1	Great Northern bean production, 2008	1,369,000	<i>Cwt.</i>	85.7
1	Light red kidney bean production, 2008	297,000	<i>Cwt.</i>	29.0
2	All cattle on feed, January 1, 2009	2,500,000	<i>Head</i>	18.0
2	All cattle and calves, January 1, 2009	6,350,000	<i>Head</i>	6.7
2	Total value of all cattle and calves, January 1, 2009	5,524,500,000	<i>Dollars</i>	6.7
2	Pinto beans production, 2008	1,075,000	<i>Cwt.</i>	10.5
2	Proso millet production, 2008	4,290,000	<i>Bushels</i>	28.8
2	Cash receipts from cattle and calves, 2007	7,137,669,000	<i>Dollars</i>	14.4
3	Corn for grain production, 2008	1,393,650,000	<i>Bushels</i>	11.5
3	Sorghum for grain production, 2008	19,110,000	<i>Bushels</i>	4.0
3	All dry edible beans production, 2008	2,885,000	<i>Cwt.</i>	11.3
3	Cash receipts from all feed crops, 2007	3,899,563,000	<i>Dollars</i>	9.2
3	Cash receipts from corn, 2007	3,682,231,000	<i>Dollars</i>	10.9
3	Cash receipts from sorghum grain, 2007	71,309,000	<i>Dollars</i>	5.0
4	Cash receipts from livestock and products, 2007	8,358,073,000	<i>Dollars</i>	6.1
4	Cash receipts from all commodities, 2007	14,555,820,000	<i>Dollars</i>	5.1
4	On-farm grain storage capacity, December 1, 2008	1,050,000,000	<i>Bushels</i>	8.7
4	Off-farm grain storage capacity, December 1, 2008	778,100,000	<i>Bushels</i>	8.3
4	Beef cows and heifers that have calved, January 1, 2009	1,851,000	<i>Head</i>	5.8
4	Land in farms and ranches, 2008	45,600,000	<i>Acres</i>	5.0
5	Value of principal crops produced, 2008	8,928,452,000	<i>Dollars</i>	5.4
5	Cash receipts from soybeans, 2007	1,597,084,000	<i>Dollars</i>	7.6
5	Cash receipts from all oil crops, 2007	1,606,565,000	<i>Dollars</i>	7.1
5	Net farm income, 2007	3,391,521,000	<i>Dollars</i>	3.9
5	Calf crop, 2008	1,730,000	<i>Head</i>	4.8
5	Soybean production, 2008	225,990,000	<i>Bushels</i>	7.6
6	Cash receipts from crops, 2007	6,197,747,000	<i>Dollars</i>	4.2

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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	Commercial hog slaughter, number, 2008	7,950,600	<i>Head</i>	6.8
6	Pig crop, 2008	7,189,000	<i>Head</i>	6.3
6	Value of all hogs and pigs on farms, December 1, 2008	311,550,000	<i>Dollars</i>	5.3
6	All hogs and pigs, December 1, 2008	3,300,000	<i>Head</i>	4.9
6	Sugarbeet production, 2008	843,000	<i>Tons</i>	3.1
6	All hay production, 2008	6,232,000	<i>Tons</i>	4.3
6	Harvested acreage, principal crops, 2008	18,444,000	<i>Acres</i>	6.0
7	Sunflower production, 2008	82,900,000	<i>Pounds</i>	2.4
7	Alfalfa hay production, 2008	3,832,000	<i>Tons</i>	5.5
7	Commercial hog slaughter, live weight, 2008	2,121,754,000	<i>Pounds</i>	6.8
7	Table eggs produced, 2008	2,777,000,000	<i>Eggs</i>	3.6
7	Cash receipts from hogs and pigs, 2007	755,129,000	<i>Dollars</i>	5.1
7	Cash receipts from sugarbeets, 2007	46,325,000	<i>Dollars</i>	3.2
9	Winter wheat production, 2008	73,480,000	<i>Bushels</i>	3.9
9	Other hay (excludes alfalfa) production, 2008	2,400,000	<i>Tons</i>	3.2
10	Sorghum silage production, 2008	120,000	<i>Tons</i>	2.1
10	Cash receipts from wheat, 2007	435,278,000	<i>Dollars</i>	4.1
11	All potato production, 2008	8,342,000	<i>Cwt.</i>	2.0
11	Oats production, 2008	2,450,000	<i>Bushels</i>	2.8
12	All wheat production, 2008	73,480,000	<i>Bushels</i>	2.9
12	Corn silage production, 2008	2,720,000	<i>Tons</i>	2.4
12	Cash receipts from all food grains, 2007	435,991,000	<i>Dollars</i>	3.4
13	Cash receipts from chicken eggs, 2007	185,092,000	<i>Dollars</i>	2.8
13	Honey production, 2008	2,412,000	<i>Pounds</i>	1.5
14	All chickens, December 1, 2008	11,505,000	<i>Head</i>	2.6
14	Cash receipts from potatoes, 2007	60,589,000	<i>Dollars</i>	2.0
17	Total value of all chickens, December 1, 2008	25,311,000	<i>Dollars</i>	1.7
19	Cash receipts from hay, 2007	126,458,000	<i>Dollars</i>	2.0
20	Meat and other goats, January 1, 2009	27,000	<i>Head</i>	1.1
21	Wool production, 2008	395,000	<i>Pounds</i>	1.2
21	Number of farms, 2008	47,400	<i>Farms</i>	2.2
21	Value of wool production, 2008	162,000	<i>Dollars</i>	0.5
23	All sheep and lambs, January 1, 2009	71,000	<i>Head</i>	1.2

Nebraska Agribusiness Facts

- ◆ Ranking fourth in the United States, Nebraska's total cash receipts from farm and ranch marketings amounted to \$14.6 billion in 2007, a 19 percent increase from the \$12.2 billion recorded in 2006. Receipts for livestock and livestock products totaled \$8.4 billion, and crops receipts totaled \$6.2 billion. Direct government payments in 2007 were \$464 million.
- ◆ Ranking fourth in the United States, Nebraska's value of production per operation averaged \$340,823 in 2007.
- ◆ Ranking fifth in the United States, Nebraska's net farm income in 2007 totaled \$3.4 billion. Net farm income per operation was \$71,702 ranking seventh.
- ◆ Gross expenditures for farm production in 2007 amounted to \$12.7 billion.
- ◆ Farmers and ranchers in 2007 spent \$1.8 billion for feed purchased, \$2.9 billion for livestock and poultry, and \$610 million for seed.
- ◆ Total outlays in 2007 for fertilizers, lime, and pesticides were \$1.4 billion. Fuel, oil, and electricity totaled \$742 million. Hired and contract labor expenses totaled \$516 million. Expenditures for repair and maintenance of capital items totaled \$578 million.
- ◆ In 2007, Nebraska farmers paid \$630 million for on farm and ranch property taxes and \$624 million in net rent to non-operator landlords. They also paid \$774 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 \$795 million in 2007.
- ◆ Ranking fifth in the United States, Nebraska agriculture exports in fiscal year 2007 totaled \$4.0 billion. Nebraska ranked second in live animals and meat exports at \$802 million, third in feed grains and products at \$1.3 billion, and sixth in soybeans and products at \$812 million. Measured as exports divided by farm cash receipts, the state's reliance on agricultural exports was 28 percent in 2007.
- ◆ Every dollar in agricultural exports generates \$1.40 in economic activities such as transportation, financing, warehousing, and production. Nebraska's \$4.0 billion in agricultural exports translate into nearly \$5.7 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 2008, Nebraska ranked second in the United States in ethanol production capacity, with 24 operating plants having an annual production capacity of 1.7 billion gallons. Over 40 percent of the state's 2007 corn crop was utilized in ethanol production.
- ◆ Nebraska is a water-rich state. Underneath over half of its 49-million-acre land surface is stored about 2.9 billion acre-feet of good quality groundwater. Currently, 91,919 registered wells and some 6,280 surface water rights supply water to 8.6 million acres of harvested cropland and pasture. Of the total cropland harvested during 2007, 46 percent was irrigated.

Trends in Agriculture: Nebraska, Selected Years, 1990-2008

Item	1990	1995	2000	2005	2006	2007	2008
Total farms	57,000	56,000	52,000	48,000	47,600	47,700	47,400
Land in farms (000) acres	47,100	46,400	46,100	45,700	45,700	45,600	45,600
Average size of farm (acres)	826	829	887	952	960	956	962
Area harvested (000) acres	18,044	17,769	18,536	18,508	18,165	18,477	18,444
Farm real estate value/acre ¹	524	580	710	910	1,030	1,140	1,330
Cropland value per acre ²			1,130	1,420	1,560	1,760	2,050
Irrigated cropland value per acre ²			1,580	1,870	2,030	2,230	2,650
Dryland cropland value per acre ²			890	1,190	1,330	1,520	1,750
Pasture value per acre ²			230	310	350	400	480
Cropland cash rent per acre ²			88	97	101	103	121
Irrigated cropland cash rent per acre ²			117	127	131	139	158
Dryland cropland cash rent per acre ²			66	72	76	79	97
Pasture cash rent per acre ²			11.30	13.40	13.70	14.50	15.50
Final agricultural sector output (mil.\$) ²	9,784	9,078	9,530	12,788	13,173	16,121	
Net farm income (mil.\$) ²	2,510	1,662	1,444	2,923	1,994	3,392	
Commercial fertilizer sold (000) tons ³	1,889	1,996	2,453	2,698	2,663	2,814	2,916

¹ Includes farmstead and operator dwelling.

² Missing data not available.

³ Year ending June 30.