



# 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, 2009	7,166,200,000	<i>Pounds</i>	14.5
1	Commercial cattle slaughter, live weight, 2009	9,104,449,000	<i>Pounds</i>	21.2
1	Commercial cattle slaughter, number, 2009	6,765,900	<i>Head</i>	20.3
1	Meat animals cash receipts, 2008	7,807,525,000	<i>Dollars</i>	12.1
1	Great Northern bean production, 2009	779,000	<i>Cwt.</i>	78.0
2	Cattle and calves cash receipts, 2008	7,068,679,000	<i>Dollars</i>	14.6
2	Cattle on feed, January 1, 2010	2,500,000	<i>Head</i>	18.3
2	Cattle and calves - all, January 1, 2010	6,250,000	<i>Head</i>	6.7
2	All cattle and calves- total value, January 1, 2010	5,312,500,000	<i>Dollars</i>	6.8
2	Pinto beans production, 2009	1,305,000	<i>Cwt.</i>	12.0
2	Light red kidney beans production, 2009	226,000	<i>Cwt.</i>	23.4
2	Proso millet production, 2009	2,340,000	<i>Bushels</i>	23.7
3	Corn for grain production, 2009	1,575,300,000	<i>Bushels</i>	12.0
3	Sorghum for grain production, 2009	13,020,000	<i>Bushels</i>	3.4
3	Feed crops cash receipts, 2008	5,942,387,000	<i>Dollars</i>	9.6
3	Corn cash receipts, 2008	5,712,110,000	<i>Dollars</i>	11.1
3	Sorghum grain cash receipts, 2008	76,620,000	<i>Dollars</i>	4.2
4	All commodities cash receipts, 2008	17,315,688,000	<i>Dollars</i>	5.3
4	Livestock and products cash receipts, 2008	8,320,129,000	<i>Dollars</i>	5.9
4	On-farm grain storage capacity, December 1, 2009	1,110,000,000	<i>Bushels</i>	9.0
4	Off-farm grain storage capacity, December 1, 2009	779,300,000	<i>Bushels</i>	8.2
4	Dry edible beans production, 2009	2,461,000	<i>Cwt.</i>	9.7
4	Beef cows and heifers that have calved, January 1, 2010	1,781,000	<i>Head</i>	5.7
4	Land in farms and ranches, 2009	45,600,000	<i>Acres</i>	5.0
4	Value of principal crops, 2009	9,376,666,000	<i>Dollars</i>	6.0
5	Soybeans cash receipts, 2008	2,209,240,000	<i>Dollars</i>	7.6
5	Oil crops cash receipts, 2008	2,224,822,000	<i>Dollars</i>	7.1
5	Net farm income, 2008	4,026,379,000	<i>Dollars</i>	4.6
5	Calf crop, 2009	1,680,000	<i>Head</i>	4.7
5	Soybeans production, 2009	259,420,000	<i>Bushels</i>	7.7
5	Crops cash receipts, 2008	8,995,559,000	<i>Dollars</i>	4.9

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Selected Commodities, Nebraska (continued)**

Rank	Commodity and Date	Number	Unit	Percent of U.S. Total
5	Pig crop, 2009	7,344,000	<i>Head</i>	6.4
5	Sugarbeets production, 2009	1,289,000	<i>Tons</i>	4.4
5	Sorghum for silage production, 2009	195,000	<i>Tons</i>	5.3
6	Value of all hogs and pigs on farms, December 1, 2009	280,350,000	<i>Dollars</i>	5.1
6	All hogs and pigs, December 1, 2009	3,100,000	<i>Head</i>	4.7
6	Area harvested, principal crops, 2009	18,618,000	<i>Acres</i>	6.2
6	Sugarbeets cash receipts, 2008	34,057,000	<i>Dollars</i>	3.0
6	Winter wheat production, 2009	76,800,000	<i>Bushels</i>	5.0
7	All hay production, 2009	6,235,000	<i>Tons</i>	4.2
7	Sunflower production, 2009	62,700,000	<i>Pounds</i>	2.1
7	Alfalfa hay production, 2009	3,610,000	<i>Tons</i>	5.1
7	Commercial hog slaughter, number, 2009	7,691,100	<i>Head</i>	6.8
7	Commercial hog slaughter, live weight, 2009	2,067,922,000	<i>Pounds</i>	6.7
7	Hogs and pigs cash receipts, 2008	728,702,000	<i>Dollars</i>	4.5
8	Table eggs produced, 2009	2,749,000,000	<i>Eggs</i>	3.5
8	Other hay (excludes alfalfa) production, 2009	2,625,000	<i>Tons</i>	3.4
9	Corn for silage production, 2009	3,780,000	<i>Tons</i>	3.5
10	Wheat cash receipts, 2008	514,655,000	<i>Dollars</i>	3.0
10	All wheat production, 2009	76,800,000	<i>Bushels</i>	3.5
11	All potato production, 2009	8,756,000	<i>Cwt.</i>	2.0
13	Oats production, 2009	2,070,000	<i>Bushels</i>	2.2
13	Food grains cash receipts, 2008	515,264,000	<i>Dollars</i>	2.5
13	Chicken eggs cash receipts, 2008	225,242,000	<i>Dollars</i>	2.7
14	Honey production, 2009	2,688,000	<i>Pounds</i>	1.9
14	All chickens, December 1, 2009	11,773,000	<i>Head</i>	2.6
14	Potatoes cash receipts, 2008	70,180,000	<i>Dollars</i>	1.9
15	Value of all chickens, December 1, 2009	25,901,000	<i>Dollars</i>	1.7
18	Wool production, 2009	415,000	<i>Pounds</i>	1.3
19	Hay cash receipts, 2008	128,988,000	<i>Dollars</i>	1.7
19	Value of wool production, 2009	166,000	<i>Dollars</i>	0.7
21	Number of farms, 2009	47,200	<i>Farms</i>	2.1
25	Sheep and lambs, January 1, 2010	74,000	<i>Head</i>	1.3
31	Meat and other goats, January 1, 2010	20,000	<i>Head</i>	0.8

## Nebraska Agribusiness Facts

- ◆ Ranking fourth in the United States, Nebraska's total cash receipts from farm and ranch marketings amounted to \$17.3 billion in 2008, a 16 percent increase from the \$14.9 billion recorded in 2007. Receipts for livestock and livestock products totaled \$8.3 billion, and crops receipts totaled \$9.0 billion. Direct government payments in 2008 were \$519 million.
- ◆ Ranking third in the United States, Nebraska's value of production per operation averaged \$389,472 in 2008.
- ◆ Ranking fifth in the United States, Nebraska's net farm income in 2008 totaled \$4.0 billion. Net farm income per operation was \$84,945 ranking fourth.
- ◆ Gross expenditures for farm production in 2008 amounted to \$14.4 billion.
- ◆ Farmers and ranchers in 2008 spent \$2.5 billion for feed purchased, \$2.8 billion for livestock and poultry, and \$750 million for seed.
- ◆ Total outlays in 2008 for fertilizers, lime, and pesticides were \$1.7 billion. Fuel, oil, and electricity totaled \$932 million. Hired and contract labor expenses totaled \$581 million. Expenditures for repair and maintenance of capital items totaled \$665 million.
- ◆ In 2008, Nebraska farmers paid \$663 million for on farm and ranch property taxes and \$770 million in net rent to non-operator landlords. They also paid \$736 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 \$868 million in 2008.
- ◆ Ranking fifth in the United States, Nebraska agriculture exports in fiscal year 2008 totaled \$5.9 billion. Nebraska ranked second in live animals and meat exports at \$1.1 billion, third in feed grains and products at \$1.9 billion, and fifth in soybeans and products at \$1.5 billion. Measured as exports divided by farm cash receipts, the state's reliance on agricultural exports was 34 percent in 2008.
- ◆ Every dollar in U.S. agricultural exports generates \$1.36 in U.S. economic activities such as transportation, financing, warehousing, and production. Nebraska's \$5.9 billion in agricultural exports translate into nearly \$8.1 billion in additional economic activity.
- ◆ In 2008, Nebraska was eighth nationally in certified organic cropland acres (129,858) and eighth in certified organic pasture acres (53,174).
- ◆ In 2009, Nebraska ranked second in the United States in ethanol production capacity, with 23 operating plants having an annual production capacity of 1.8 billion gallons. Over 40 percent of the state's 2008 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 billion acre-feet of good quality groundwater. Currently, 92,233 registered wells and some 6,376 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, 1990-2009

Item	1990	1995	2000	2005	2007	2008	2009
Total farms	57,000	56,000	52,000	48,000	47,700	47,400	47,200
Land in farms (000) acres	47,100	46,400	46,100	45,700	45,600	45,600	45,600
Average size of farm (acres)	826	829	887	952	956	962	966
Area harvested (000) acres	18,044	17,769	18,536	18,508	18,477	18,444	18,618
Farm real estate value/acre <sup>1</sup>	524	580	710	910	1,140	1,330	1,340
Cropland value per acre <sup>2</sup>			1,130	1,420	1,760	2,050	2,180
Irrigated cropland value per acre <sup>2</sup>			1,580	1,870	2,230	2,650	2,700
Dryland cropland value per acre <sup>2</sup>			890	1,190	1,520	1,750	1,850
Pasture value per acre <sup>2</sup>			230	310	400	480	450
Cropland cash rent per acre <sup>2</sup>			88	97	103	121	128
Irrigated cropland cash rent per acre <sup>2</sup>			117	127	139	158	163
Dryland cropland cash rent per acre <sup>2</sup>			66	72	79	97	97
Pasture cash rent per acre <sup>2</sup>			11.30	12.00	14.00	15.50	16.00
Final agricultural sector output (mil.\$) <sup>2</sup>	9,784	9,078	9,530	12,899	16,179	18,461	
Net farm income (mil.\$) <sup>2</sup>	2,510	1,662	1,453	2,974	2,994	4,026	
Commercial fertilizer sold (000) tons <sup>3</sup>	1,889	1,996	2,453	2,698	2,814	2,916	3,039

<sup>1</sup> Includes farmstead and operator dwelling.

<sup>2</sup> Missing data not available.

<sup>3</sup> Year ending June 30.