

Nebraska's Top National Rankings

1st	Beef and veal exports, 2024 – \$2,039,768,864 Commercial cattle slaughter, 2024 – 6,857,300 head Harvested cropland acres, irrigated, 2022 – 7,857,031 acres Great Northern bean production, 2024 – 763,000 cwt. Cash receipts per capita, 2023 – \$15,765
2nd	All cattle and calves, Jan. 1, 2025 – 6,050,000 head Popcorn production, 2022– 333,276,821 lbs. Ethanol production, 2024 – 2,345,000,000 gallons Pinto bean production, 2024 – 1,745,000 cwt. All cattle on feed, Jan. 1, 2025 – 2,700,000 head Commercial red meat production, 2024 - 7,978,000,000 lbs. Proso millet production, 2024 – 3,182,000 bushels Alfalfa hay production, 2024 – 3,483,000 tons No-till cropland acres, 2022 – 10,101,251 acres Bison, 2022 – 32,206 head
3rd	Cash receipts all farm commodities, 2023 – \$31,257,014,000, 6.0% of the U.S. total Corn for grain production, 2024 – 1,802,920,000 bushels Corn exports, 2022 – \$2,254,400,000 All hay production, 2024 – 6,135,000 tons
4th	Beef cows, Jan. 1, 2025 – 1,552,000 head Cash receipts from all animals and products, 2023 – \$18,073,376,000, 7.2% of U.S. total Cash receipts from all crops, 2023 – \$13,183,638,000, 4.9% of U.S. total Total animal products exports, 2022 – \$2,413,400,000 All dry edible bean production, 2024 – 2,779,000 cwt. Light red kidney bean production, 2023 – 35,000 cwt. Land in farms and ranches, 2024 – 44,000,000 acres Dry edible pea production, 2024 – 382,000 cwt. Grain sorghum production, 2024 – 22,100,000 bushels Sunflower production, 2024 – 28,125,000 lbs. Cover crop acres, 2022 – 925,686 acres
5th	Agricultural exports, 2022 – \$9,977,000,000 Soybean exports, 2022 – \$2,343,300,000 Sugarbeet production, 2024 – 1,424,000 tons Soybean production, 2024 – 301,300,000 bushels
6th	All hogs and pigs on farms, Dec. 1, 2024 – 3,650,000 head Commercial hog slaughter, 2024 – 8,063,900 head Harvest cropland acres, 2022 – 18,003,280 acres Pork exports, 2024 – \$431,999,641
7th	Pastureland acres, 2022 – 21,940,079 acres
11th	Winter wheat production, 2024 – 47,840,000 bushels
12th	Harvested organic cropland acres, 2021 - 89,040 acres

Nebraska Ag Facts

- 1 in 4 jobs in Nebraska are related to agriculture.
- Nebraska had 44,300 farms and ranches during 2024; the average operation consisted of 993 acres.
- The total value of agricultural products sold in 2023 was \$31.6 billion. Of that total value of production, 58% originated from livestock with 42% from crops.
- Nebraska's 10 leading commodities (in order of value) for 2023 cash receipts are cattle and calves, corn, soybeans, hogs, broilers, chicken eggs, hay, misc. crops, dairy products (milk), and wheat.
- In 2022, every dollar in agricultural exports generated \$1.09 in economic activities such as transportation, financing, warehousing and production.
- Nebraska's \$9.98 billion in agricultural exports in 2022 translates into \$10.68 billion in additional economic activity.
- Nebraska's top five agricultural exports in 2023 were soybeans and soybean products, corn, beef, ethanol, and pork.
- In 2024, Nebraska ranked second in ethanol production capacity, with 24 operating plants having production capacity of over 2.3 billion gallons.
- Approximately 35% of Nebraska's 2023 corn crop was utilized in ethanol production.
- During 2022, the average age of producers in Nebraska was 56.9 years. The number of young producers (age 34 or less) was 9,031 or 11% of all producers. The number of female producers was 26,364 or 33% of all producers.

Nebraska's Natural Resources

- Nebraska's farms and ranches utilize 44 million acres, 89.4% of the state's total land area.
- Nebraska is fortunate to have aquifers below it. If poured over the surface of the state, the water in those aquifers would have a depth of 37.9 feet (11.6 meters).
- Nearly 80,000 miles of rivers and streams add to Nebraska's bountiful natural resources.
- There are 22 million acres of rangeland and pastureland in Nebraska, half of which are in the Sandhills.

