

## Nebraska's Top National Rankings

- 1<sup>st</sup>** Commercial cattle slaughter, 2021 – 7,091,600 head  
Great Northern bean production, 2022 – 469,000 cwt. (21,273,482 kg)  
Popcorn production, 2017\* – 368,620,976 lbs. (165,879,439 kg) Cash receipts per capita, 2021 – \$13,515  
All cattle on feed, Jan. 1, 2023 – 2,780,000 (Tied with Texas)
- 2<sup>nd</sup>** Beef and veal exports, 2022 – \$1,830,063,046 head  
All cattle and calves, Jan. 1, 2023 – 6,500,000 head  
Commercial red meat production, 2021 - 7,967,200,000 lbs. (3,613,861,130 kg)  
Ethanol production, 2022 – 2,244,000,000 gallons (8,494,460,040 liters)  
Pinto bean production, 2022 – 1,657,000 cwt. 75,160,256 kg)  
Proso millet production, 2022 – 1,725,000 bushels (39,122,342 kg)  
Bison, 2017\* – 28,047 head
- 3<sup>rd</sup>** Corn exports, 2021 – \$2,341,100,000  
Cash receipts all farm commodities, 2021 – \$26,542,962,000, – 6.1% of the U.S. total  
Cash receipts from all livestock and products, 2021 – \$12,922,089,000 – 6.6% of the U.S. total  
Light red kidney bean production, 2022 – 121,000 cwt. (5,488,468 kg)
- 4<sup>th</sup>** Beef cows, Jan. 1, 2023 – 1,703,000 head  
Cash receipts from all crops, 2021 – \$13,620,873,000 – 5.7% of the U.S. total  
Agricultural exports, 2021 – \$9,317,100,000  
Total animal products exports, 2021 – \$2,210,600,000  
Corn for grain production, 2022 – 1,455,300,000 bushels (36,964,620,000 kg)  
All dry edible bean production, 2022 – 2,486,000 cwt. (112,763,063 kg)  
Land in farms and ranches, 2021 – 44,800,000 acres (18,129,917 ha)
- 5<sup>th</sup>** Soybean exports, 2021 – \$1,979,100,000  
Sunflower production, 2022 – 46,405,000 lbs. (21,048,954 kg)  
Harvested acres of principal crops, 2021 – 19,453,000 acres (7,872,350 ha)  
Grain sorghum production, 2022 – 6,875,000 bushels (174,625,000 kg)
- 6<sup>th</sup>** Commercial hog slaughter, 2021 – 7,765,300 head  
All hogs and pigs on farms, Dec. 1, 2022 – 3,500,000 head  
Soybean production, 2022 – 278,320,000 bushels (7,574,617,960 kg)  
Dry edible pea production, 2022 – 145,000 cwt. (6,577,089 kg)  
Sugar beet production, 2022 – 958,000 tons (869,082,981 kg)
- 7<sup>th</sup>** Alfalfa hay production, 2022 – 2,449,000 tons (2,221,695,428 kg)
- 8<sup>th</sup>** Organic cropland acres, 2019 - 146,803 acres (59,409 hectares)  
All hay production, 2022 – 4,339,000 tons (3,936,274,587 kg)
- 10<sup>th</sup>** Pork exports, 2022 – \$260,925,906
- 14<sup>th</sup>** Winter wheat production, 2022 – 26,240,000 bushels (714,134,720 kg)

## Nebraska's Ag Facts

- Nebraska's 10 leading commodities (in order of value) for 2021 cash receipts are cattle and calves, corn, soybeans, hogs, dairy products (milk), hay, wheat, misc. crops, chicken eggs, and dry edible beans.
- In 2020, every dollar in agricultural exports generated \$1.03 in economic activities such as transportation, financing, warehousing and production. Nebraska's \$7.1 billion in agricultural exports in 2020 translates into \$7.4 billion in additional economic activity.
- Nebraska's top five agricultural exports in 2021 were soybeans and soybean products, corn, beef, ethanol, and pork.
- Nebraska had 44,800 farms and ranches during 2021; the average operation consisted of 1,000 acres (405 ha).
- In 2022, Nebraska ranked second in ethanol production capacity, with 24 operating plants having production capacity of almost 2.5 billion gallons. Approximately 32% of Nebraska's 2022 corn crop was utilized in ethanol production.
- Livestock or poultry operations were found on 48% of Nebraska farms.
- The top five counties ranked by agricultural sales from the 2017 Census of Agriculture were Cuming, Custer, Lincoln, Dawson, and Platte.
- 1 in 4 jobs in Nebraska are related to agriculture.
- The average age of a Nebraska principal operator was 56.4 according to the 2017 Census of Agriculture.
- From east to west, Nebraska experiences a 4,584-foot elevation difference, and the average annual precipitation decreases by one inch every 25 miles, allowing Nebraska to have a diverse agricultural industry from one side of the state to the other.

## Nebraska's Natural Resources

- Nebraska's farms and ranches utilize 44.8 million acres (18,129,916 ha), 92% 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 (8,915,803 ha) of rangeland and pastureland in Nebraska, half of which are in the Sandhills.

*Sources: USDA NASS, USDA ERS, USDA FAS, Global Ag Trade System  
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*\*2017 Census of Agriculture data will be updated with the release  
of the 2022 Census of Agriculture Report.*