

## Nebraska's Top National Rankings

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<b>1st</b>	Beef and veal exports, 2024 – \$1,661,000,000 Commercial cattle slaughter, 2025 – 6,421,300 head Harvested cropland acres, irrigated, 2022 – 7,857,031 acres Great Northern bean production, 2025 – 843,000 cwt. Cash receipts per capita, 2024 – \$15,989 All cattle on feed, Jan. 1, 2026 – 2,800,000 head
<b>2nd</b>	All cattle and calves, Jan. 1, 2026 – 6,150,000 head Popcorn production, 2022 Census– 333,276,821 lbs. Ethanol production, 2025 – 2,100,000,000 gallons Pinto bean production, 2025 – 1,262,000 cwt. Commercial red meat production, 2025 - 7,757,700,000 lbs. Proso millet production, 2025 – 3,515,000 bushels Cash receipts from all livestock & products 2024 - \$20,040,489, 7.5% U.S Total No-till cropland acres, 2022 Census – 10,101,251 acres Bison, 2022 Census – 32,206 head
<b>3rd</b>	Cash receipts all farm commodities, 2024 - \$32,064,614,000, 6.2% of the U.S. total Corn for grain production, 2025 – 2,027,300,000 bushels Corn exports, 2024 – \$1,655,000,000 Alfalfa hay production, 2025 – 3,201,000 tons
<b>4th</b>	Beef cows, Jan. 1, 2026 – 1,560,000 head Total animal products exports, 2024 – \$2,265,000,000 All dry edible bean production, 2025 – 2,502,000 cwt. Light red kidney bean production, 2025 – 91,000 cwt. Land in farms and ranches, 2025 – 43,900,000 acres Cover crop acres, 2022 Census – 925,686 acres
<b>5th</b>	Agricultural exports, 2024 – \$8,189,000,000 Cash receipts from all crops, 2024 – \$12,024,126,000, 4.9% of U.S. total Dry edible pea production, 2025 – 340,000 cwt. Soybean exports, 2024 – \$1,612,000,000 Grain sorghum production, 2025 – 17,835,000 bushels Sugarbeet production, 2025 – 1,360,000 tons Soybean production, 2025 – 313,745,000 bushels
<b>6th</b>	All hogs and pigs on farms, Dec. 1, 2025 – 3,650,000 head Commercial hog slaughter, 2025 – 8,238,900 head Harvest cropland acres, 2022 Census – 18,003,280 acres Sunflower production, 2025 – 40,817,000 lbs. All hay production, 2025 – 5,569,000 tons
<b>7th</b>	Pastureland acres, 2022 Census – 21,940,079 acres
<b>11th</b>	Pork exports, 2024 – \$321,000,000
<b>12th</b>	Harvested organic cropland acres, 2021 - 89,040 acres Winter wheat production, 2025 – 37,835,000 bushels

## Nebraska Ag Facts

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- 1 in 4 jobs in Nebraska are related to agriculture.
- Nebraska had 44,100 farms and ranches during 2025; the average operation consisted of 995 acres.
- The total value of agricultural products sold in 2024 was \$32.1 billion. Of that total value of production, 63% originated from livestock with 37% from crops.
- Nebraska's 10 leading commodities (in order of value) for 2024 cash receipts are cattle and calves, corn, soybeans, hogs, chicken eggs, broilers, hay, dairy products (milk), wheat and misc. crops.
- In 2023, every dollar in agricultural exports generated \$1.06 in economic activities such as transportation, financing, warehousing and production.
- Nebraska's \$8.19 billion in agricultural exports in 2024 translates into \$10.9 billion in additional economic activity.
- Nebraska's top five agricultural exports in 2024 were beef and veal, corn, soybeans, feeds and grain products
- In 2025, 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 2024 corn crop was utilized in ethanol production.
- During 2022 Census, 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

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- Nebraska's farms and ranches utilize 43.9 million acres, 89% 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.

