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## Nebraska Agriculture

This report highlights the importance of agriculture to Nebraska. In 2012, the state's 46,700 farms and ranches utilized 45.5 million acres or about 93 percent of the state's total land area. Agriculture is Nebraska's primary source of wealth and its dominant industry.

USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service, Nebraska Field Office, compiled this report as a service to the public, foreign interests looking to buy Nebraska products, and the many farmers, ranchers, and agricultural service firms who voluntarily provide survey data to make these reliable agricultural estimates possible. Crop and livestock reports date back to the beginning of this country. The National agency issued the first official monthly crop report in 1863. These statistical reports continue to inform both buyers and sellers, helping to keep agricultural markets updated, stable, and efficient, and help to maintain a "level playing field" for all.

We hope this report will be useful and answer many questions about Nebraska agriculture. More data are available at: [http://www.nass.usda.gov/Statistics\\_by\\_State/Nebraska/index.asp](http://www.nass.usda.gov/Statistics_by_State/Nebraska/index.asp)

### Water Resources

Nebraska is a water-rich state. Underneath over half of its 49-million-acre land surface, in porous rock beds called aquifers, is stored about 2 billion acre-feet of good quality groundwater, most of which is readily accessible. Add to that an average of 80 to 100 million acre-feet of annual precipitation and an annual surface-water inflow of roughly 2 million acre-feet to obtain a measure of available water. In terms of surface water, approximately 7 to 8 million acre-feet flows on to other states, making Nebraska a donor of approximately 5 to 6 million acre-feet more than flows into its borders. Groundwater irrigation began in the 1920's. At the beginning of 1975, nearly 46,000 registered irrigation wells and about 5,000 surface water rights supplied 4 million acres. Currently, 93,557 registered wells and some 6,268 surface water rights supply water to 8.6 million acres of harvested cropland, pastureland, and other land.

### Soil Resources

Nebraska soils are a product of interaction of climate and biological organisms on parent materials as modified by local topography, drainage, and exposure to weathering. Two types of geologic deposits are parent materials for the vast majority of soils in the state. Wind-blown sand is the parent material in the Sandhills grazing region that occupies much of the north-central part of the state. Elsewhere, most soils have formed in wind-blown silt and clay or loess. Topography and subsequent soil drainage have greatly influenced development of soil properties in local areas.



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### Land Uses

Nebraska's 45.5 million acres in farms and ranches is divided between cropland and other land used primarily for pastures and rangeland to support the state's livestock industry. In 2012, the area planted to crops and used for hay totaled 19.6 million acres. Farmer participation in government programs has impacted total acres planted from year to year.

Corn, soybeans, winter wheat, and alfalfa are the state's leading crops, utilizing 17.2 million acres of cropland in 2012. Corn and alfalfa are grown statewide, while most soybeans are produced in the eastern one-half of Nebraska. Primary wheat producing counties lie in the southern and western portions of the state. The specialty crops of dry edible beans and sugarbeets are produced in western irrigated fields. Sandhill pastures of north central Nebraska produce much of the state's wild hay and maintain many cow/calf operations.

### Nebraska Farms and Ranches and Land in Farms

| Year | Number of Farms | Land in Farms      | Average Size of Farms |
|------|-----------------|--------------------|-----------------------|
|      | <i>Number</i>   | <i>1,000 Acres</i> | <i>Acres</i>          |
| 1980 | 65,000          | 47,700             | 734                   |
| 1985 | 60,000          | 47,200             | 787                   |
| 1990 | 57,000          | 47,100             | 826                   |
| 1995 | 56,000          | 46,400             | 829                   |
| 2000 | 52,000          | 46,100             | 887                   |
| 2005 | 48,000          | 45,700             | 952                   |
| 2011 | 46,800          | 45,500             | 972                   |
| 2012 | 46,700          | 45,500             | 974                   |

### Agro Climatic Resources

Nebraska is located in the mid-section of the United States (latitude 40°N-43°N; longitude 96°W-104°W). Hot summers and cold winters, variability in rainfall distribution, fluctuating length of growing season, and frequent winds typify Nebraska's climate and each has affected agricultural production decisions and resource distribution over the years. Average "precipitation" during the last decade ranged from 30.1 inches in the southeast to 17.1 inches in the west. About 75 percent of the precipitation falls as rain during April - September, the crop growing season. Average growing season ranges from 170 days in the southeast to 120 days in the extreme northwest. The southeast is about 1,000 feet above sea level, while the Panhandle has elevations of 4,000 - 5,400 feet. "Irrigation" is used by 36 percent of farms, covering 8.6 million acres of harvested cropland, pastureland, and other land, providing a buffer against drought, a serious recurrent problem for the Great Plains. A careful selection of adaptable crops, improved varieties, use of no till, minimum till, strip and contour cropping, stubble mulching, deferred grazing, and other proven practices enable Nebraska farmers to cope with climatic uncertainty and supply domestic and international markets with top quality products.

## Nebraska Crop Summary, Selected Years and 2012, Domestic Units

| Year                  | Planted <sup>1</sup> | Harvested | Yield          | Production           |
|-----------------------|----------------------|-----------|----------------|----------------------|
| <b>Corn for Grain</b> |                      |           |                |                      |
|                       | <i>1,000 Acres</i>   |           | <i>Bushels</i> | <i>1,000 Bushels</i> |
| 1980                  | 7,800                | 7,100     | 85.0           | 603,500              |
| 1985                  | 7,800                | 7,450     | 128.0          | 953,600              |
| 1990                  | 7,700                | 7,300     | 128.0          | 934,400              |
| 1995                  | 8,000                | 7,700     | 111.0          | 854,700              |
| 2000                  | 8,500                | 8,050     | 126.0          | 1,014,300            |
| 2005                  | 8,500                | 8,250     | 154.0          | 1,270,500            |
| 2011                  | 9,850                | 9,600     | 160.0          | 1,536,000            |
| 2012                  | 10,000               | 9,100     | 142.0          | 1,292,200            |

|                 |                    |       |                |                      |
|-----------------|--------------------|-------|----------------|----------------------|
| <b>Soybeans</b> |                    |       |                |                      |
|                 | <i>1,000 Acres</i> |       | <i>Bushels</i> | <i>1,000 Bushels</i> |
| 1980            | 1,830              | 1,770 | 30.0           | 53,100               |
| 1985            | 2,400              | 2,360 | 36.0           | 84,960               |
| 1990            | 2,400              | 2,360 | 34.5           | 81,420               |
| 1995            | 3,100              | 3,060 | 33.0           | 100,980              |
| 2000            | 4,650              | 4,575 | 38.0           | 173,850              |
| 2005            | 4,700              | 4,660 | 50.5           | 235,330              |
| 2011            | 4,900              | 4,840 | 54.0           | 261,360              |
| 2012            | 5,050              | 4,990 | 41.5           | 207,085              |

|                  |                    |       |                |                      |
|------------------|--------------------|-------|----------------|----------------------|
| <b>All Wheat</b> |                    |       |                |                      |
|                  | <i>1,000 Acres</i> |       | <i>Bushels</i> | <i>1,000 Bushels</i> |
| 1980             | 3,000              | 2,850 | 38.0           | 108,300              |
| 1985             | 2,600              | 2,300 | 39.0           | 89,700               |
| 1990             | 2,450              | 2,250 | 38.0           | 85,500               |
| 1995             | 2,150              | 2,100 | 41.0           | 86,100               |
| 2000             | 1,750              | 1,650 | 36.0           | 59,400               |
| 2005             | 1,850              | 1,760 | 39.0           | 68,640               |
| 2011             | 1,520              | 1,450 | 45.0           | 65,250               |
| 2012             | 1,380              | 1,300 | 41.0           | 53,300               |

|                          |                    |       |                |                      |
|--------------------------|--------------------|-------|----------------|----------------------|
| <b>Sorghum for Grain</b> |                    |       |                |                      |
|                          | <i>1,000 Acres</i> |       | <i>Bushels</i> | <i>1,000 Bushels</i> |
| 1980                     | 2,200              | 2,030 | 60.0           | 121,800              |
| 1985                     | 2,100              | 1,930 | 80.0           | 154,400              |
| 1990                     | 1,600              | 1,410 | 77.0           | 108,570              |
| 1995                     | 1,250              | 980   | 58.0           | 56,840               |
| 2000                     | 600                | 500   | 70.0           | 35,000               |
| 2005                     | 340                | 250   | 87.0           | 21,750               |
| 2011                     | 150                | 70    | 94.0           | 6,580                |
| 2012                     | 145                | 60    | 59.0           | 3,540                |

|             |                    |     |                |                      |
|-------------|--------------------|-----|----------------|----------------------|
| <b>Oats</b> |                    |     |                |                      |
|             | <i>1,000 Acres</i> |     | <i>Bushels</i> | <i>1,000 Bushels</i> |
| 1980        | 525                | 380 | 41.0           | 15,580               |
| 1985        | 550                | 420 | 61.0           | 25,620               |
| 1990        | 450                | 280 | 48.0           | 13,440               |
| 1995        | 155                | 90  | 50.0           | 4,500                |
| 2000        | 130                | 45  | 42.0           | 1,890                |
| 2005        | 150                | 60  | *73.0          | 4,380                |
| 2011        | 60                 | 20  | 65.0           | 1,300                |
| 2012        | 75                 | 18  | 57.0           | 1,026                |

|                |                    |       |             |                   |
|----------------|--------------------|-------|-------------|-------------------|
| <b>All Hay</b> |                    |       |             |                   |
|                | <i>1,000 Acres</i> |       | <i>Tons</i> | <i>1,000 Tons</i> |
| 1980           |                    | 3,700 | 1.91        | 7,083             |
| 1985           |                    | 3,300 | 2.05        | 6,755             |
| 1990           |                    | 3,650 | 1.97        | 7,205             |
| 1995           |                    | 3,150 | 2.29        | 7,200             |
| 2000           |                    | 2,950 | 2.02        | 5,945             |
| 2005           |                    | 2,850 | *2.44       | 6,945             |
| 2011           |                    | 2,480 | 2.27        | 5,624             |
| 2012           |                    | 2,570 | 1.58        | 4,072             |

|                    |                    |       |             |                   |
|--------------------|--------------------|-------|-------------|-------------------|
| <b>Alfalfa Hay</b> |                    |       |             |                   |
|                    | <i>1,000 Acres</i> |       | <i>Tons</i> | <i>1,000 Tons</i> |
| 1980               |                    | 1,650 | 3.05        | 5,033             |
| 1985               |                    | 1,400 | 3.40        | 4,760             |
| 1990               |                    | 1,450 | 3.30        | 4,785             |
| 1995               |                    | 1,350 | 3.60        | 4,860             |
| 2000               |                    | 1,350 | 3.10        | 4,185             |
| 2005               |                    | 1,250 | 3.70        | 4,625             |
| 2011               |                    | 780   | 4.05        | 3,159             |
| 2012               |                    | 770   | 2.95        | 2,272             |

| Year                            | Planted <sup>1</sup> | Harvested | Yield          | Production           |
|---------------------------------|----------------------|-----------|----------------|----------------------|
| <b>Irrigated Corn for Grain</b> |                      |           |                |                      |
|                                 | <i>1,000 Acres</i>   |           | <i>Bushels</i> | <i>1,000 Bushels</i> |
| 1980                            |                      | 4,950     | 101.0          | 499,950              |
| 1985                            |                      | 5,050     | 141.5          | 714,800              |
| 1990                            |                      | 5,050     | 145.5          | 734,775              |
| 1995                            | 5,283                | 5,125     | 130.1          | 666,725              |
| 2000                            | 4,975                | 4,800     | 154.4          | 741,300              |
| 2005                            | 5,040                | 4,925     | 184.7          | 909,750              |
| 2011                            | 5,765                | 5,600     | 180.0          | 1,008,000            |
| 2012                            | 5,850                | 5,775     | 190.1          | 1,097,700            |

|                         |                    |      |               |                   |
|-------------------------|--------------------|------|---------------|-------------------|
| <b>Dry Edible Beans</b> |                    |      |               |                   |
|                         | <i>1,000 Acres</i> |      | <i>Pounds</i> | <i>1,000 Cwt.</i> |
| 1980                    | 160                | 150  | 1,820         | 2,730             |
| 1985                    | 165                | 151  | 1,850         | 2,794             |
| 1990                    | *260               | *254 | 1,970         | *5,004            |
| 1995                    | 225                | 205  | 1,750         | 3,588             |
| 2000                    | 165                | 156  | 2,070         | 3,230             |
| 2005                    | 175                | 172  | 2,250         | 3,870             |
| 2011                    | 110                | 105  | 2,000         | 2,100             |
| 2012                    | 145                | 133  | *2,400        | 3,193             |

|                   |                    |      |             |                   |
|-------------------|--------------------|------|-------------|-------------------|
| <b>Sugarbeets</b> |                    |      |             |                   |
|                   | <i>1,000 Acres</i> |      | <i>Tons</i> | <i>1,000 Tons</i> |
| 1980              | 87.0               | 85.0 | 20.9        | 1,777             |
| 1985              | 59.1               | 53.2 | 23.1        | 1,229             |
| 1990              | 75.1               | 71.0 | 21.0        | 1,491             |
| 1995              | 75.9               | 72.3 | 16.4        | 1,186             |
| 2000              | 78.2               | 54.8 | 20.3        | 1,112             |
| 2005              | 48.4               | 45.3 | 20.4        | 924               |
| 2011              | 52.3               | 51.6 | 24.9        | 1,285             |
| 2012              | 51.0               | 48.9 | *29.8       | 1,457             |

<sup>1</sup> Planted for all purposes.

\* Record high.

### Crops Record Highs Through 2012

| Crops             | Year       | Record High         | Unit                  |
|-------------------|------------|---------------------|-----------------------|
| Corn for Grain    | Harvested  | 1932                | 10,005,000 Acres      |
|                   | Yield      | 2009                | 178.0 Bushels         |
|                   | Production | 2009                | 1,575,300,000 Bushels |
| Soybeans          | Harvested  | 2010                | 5,100,000 Acres       |
|                   | Yield      | 2009                | 54.5 Bushels          |
|                   | Production | 2010                | 267,750,000 Bushels   |
| All Wheat         | Harvested  | 1938                | 4,691,000 Acres       |
|                   | Yield      | 2009 & 1999         | 48.0 Bushels          |
|                   | Production | 1958                | 113,488,000 Bushels   |
| Sorghum For Grain | Harvested  | 1965                | 2,271,000 Acres       |
|                   | Yield      | 1994                | 98.0 Bushels          |
| Grain Production  | 1981       | 164,800,000 Bushels |                       |
| All Hay           | Harvested  | 1954                | 5,595,000 Acres       |
|                   | Yield      | 2005                | 2.44 Tons             |
|                   | Production | 1982                | 7,855,000 Tons        |

### Nebraska's Rank Among States in 2012

| Rank | Commodity                       | Number         | Unit    |
|------|---------------------------------|----------------|---------|
| 1    | Great northern bean production  | 1,087,000      | Cwt.    |
| 2    | Pinto beans production          | 1,833,000      | Cwt.    |
| 3    | Corn for grain production       | 1,292,200,000  | Bushels |
| 3    | Dry Edible Bean Production      | 3,193,000      | Cwt.    |
| 4    | On-farm grain storage capacity  | 1,110,000,000  | Bushels |
| 4    | Off-farm grain storage capacity | 863,470,000    | Bushels |
| 4    | Cash receipts from crops, 2011  | 11,754,013,000 | Dollars |
| 5    | Soybean production              | 207,085,000    | Bushels |
| 5    | Sugarbeet production            | 1,457,000      | Tons    |
| 8    | Sorghum for grain production    | 3,540,000      | Bushels |
| 8    | Alfalfa hay production          | 2,272,000      | Tons    |
| 9    | Winter wheat production         | 53,300,000     | Bushels |
| 10   | All hay production              | 4,072,000      | Tons    |

# Nebraska Crop Summary, Selected Years and 2012, Metric Units<sup>1</sup>

| Year                  | Planted <sup>2</sup>  | Harvested | Yield              | Production               |
|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------|--------------------|--------------------------|
| <b>Corn for Grain</b> |                       |           |                    |                          |
|                       | <i>1,000 Hectares</i> |           | <i>Metric Tons</i> | <i>1,000 Metric Tons</i> |
| 1980                  | 3,157                 | 2,873     | 5.34               | 15,330                   |
| 1985                  | 3,157                 | 3,015     | 8.03               | 24,222                   |
| 1990                  | 3,116                 | 2,954     | 8.03               | 23,735                   |
| 1995                  | 3,238                 | 3,116     | 6.97               | 21,710                   |
| 2000                  | 3,440                 | 3,258     | 7.91               | 25,764                   |
| 2005                  | 3,440                 | 3,339     | 9.67               | 32,272                   |
| 2011                  | 3,986                 | 3,885     | 10.04              | 39,016                   |
| 2012                  | 4,047                 | 3,683     | 8.91               | 32,823                   |

|                 |                       |       |                    |                          |
|-----------------|-----------------------|-------|--------------------|--------------------------|
| <b>Soybeans</b> |                       |       |                    |                          |
|                 | <i>1,000 Hectares</i> |       | <i>Metric Tons</i> | <i>1,000 Metric Tons</i> |
| 1980            | 741                   | 716   | 2.02               | 1,445                    |
| 1985            | 971                   | 955   | 2.42               | 2,312                    |
| 1990            | 971                   | 955   | 2.32               | 2,216                    |
| 1995            | 1,255                 | 1,238 | 2.22               | 2,748                    |
| 2000            | 1,882                 | 1,851 | 2.56               | 4,732                    |
| 2005            | 1,902                 | 1,886 | 3.40               | 6,405                    |
| 2011            | 1,983                 | 1,955 | 3.60               | 7,033                    |
| 2012            | 2,044                 | 2,019 | 2.79               | 5,636                    |

|                  |                       |       |                    |                          |
|------------------|-----------------------|-------|--------------------|--------------------------|
| <b>All Wheat</b> |                       |       |                    |                          |
|                  | <i>1,000 Hectares</i> |       | <i>Metric Tons</i> | <i>1,000 Metric Tons</i> |
| 1980             | 1,214                 | 1,153 | 2.56               | 2,947                    |
| 1985             | 1,052                 | 931   | 2.62               | 2,441                    |
| 1990             | 992                   | 911   | 2.56               | 2,327                    |
| 1995             | 870                   | 850   | 2.76               | 2,343                    |
| 2000             | 708                   | 668   | 2.42               | 1,617                    |
| 2005             | 749                   | 712   | 2.62               | 1,868                    |
| 2011             | 615                   | 587   | 3.03               | 1,776                    |
| 2012             | 558                   | 526   | 2.76               | 1,451                    |

|                          |                       |     |                    |                          |
|--------------------------|-----------------------|-----|--------------------|--------------------------|
| <b>Sorghum for Grain</b> |                       |     |                    |                          |
|                          | <i>1,000 Hectares</i> |     | <i>Metric Tons</i> | <i>1,000 Metric Tons</i> |
| 1980                     | 890                   | 822 | 3.77               | 3,094                    |
| 1985                     | 850                   | 781 | 5.02               | 3,922                    |
| 1990                     | 648                   | 571 | 4.83               | 2,758                    |
| 1995                     | 506                   | 397 | 3.64               | 1,444                    |
| 2000                     | 243                   | 202 | 4.39               | 889                      |
| 2005                     | 138                   | 101 | 5.46               | 552                      |
| 2011                     | 61                    | 28  | 5.90               | 167                      |
| 2012                     | 59                    | 24  | 3.70               | 90                       |

|             |                       |     |                    |                          |
|-------------|-----------------------|-----|--------------------|--------------------------|
| <b>Oats</b> |                       |     |                    |                          |
|             | <i>1,000 Hectares</i> |     | <i>Metric Tons</i> | <i>1,000 Metric Tons</i> |
| 1980        | 212                   | 154 | 1.47               | 226                      |
| 1985        | 223                   | 170 | 2.19               | 372                      |
| 1990        | 182                   | 113 | 1.72               | 195                      |
| 1995        | 63                    | 36  | 1.79               | 65                       |
| 2000        | 53                    | 18  | 1.51               | 27                       |
| 2005        | 61                    | 24  | *2.62              | 64                       |
| 2011        | 24                    | 8   | 2.33               | 19                       |
| 2012        | 30                    | 7   | 2.04               | 15                       |

|                |                       |       |                    |                          |
|----------------|-----------------------|-------|--------------------|--------------------------|
| <b>All Hay</b> |                       |       |                    |                          |
|                | <i>1,000 Hectares</i> |       | <i>Metric Tons</i> | <i>1,000 Metric Tons</i> |
| 1980           | 1,497                 | 4.29  | 6,426              |                          |
| 1985           | 1,335                 | 4.59  | 6,128              |                          |
| 1990           | 1,477                 | 4.42  | 6,536              |                          |
| 1995           | 1,275                 | 5.12  | 6,532              |                          |
| 2000           | 1,194                 | 4.52  | 5,393              |                          |
| 2005           | 1,153                 | *5.46 | 6,300              |                          |
| 2011           | 1,004                 | 5.08  | 5,102              |                          |
| 2012           | 1,040                 | 3.55  | 3,694              |                          |

|                    |                       |      |                    |                          |
|--------------------|-----------------------|------|--------------------|--------------------------|
| <b>Alfalfa Hay</b> |                       |      |                    |                          |
|                    | <i>1,000 Hectares</i> |      | <i>Metric Tons</i> | <i>1,000 Metric Tons</i> |
| 1980               | 668                   | 6.84 | 4,566              |                          |
| 1985               | 567                   | 7.62 | 4,318              |                          |
| 1990               | 587                   | 7.40 | 4,341              |                          |
| 1995               | 546                   | 8.07 | 4,409              |                          |
| 2000               | 546                   | 6.95 | 3,797              |                          |
| 2005               | 506                   | 8.29 | 4,196              |                          |
| 2011               | 316                   | 9.08 | 2,866              |                          |
| 2012               | 312                   | 6.61 | 2,061              |                          |

| Year                            | Planted <sup>2</sup>  | Harvested | Yield              | Production               |
|---------------------------------|-----------------------|-----------|--------------------|--------------------------|
| <b>Irrigated Corn for Grain</b> |                       |           |                    |                          |
|                                 | <i>1,000 Hectares</i> |           | <i>Metric Tons</i> | <i>1,000 Metric Tons</i> |
| 1980                            |                       | 2,003     | 6.34               | 12,699                   |
| 1985                            |                       | 2,044     | 8.88               | 18,157                   |
| 1990                            |                       | 2,044     | 9.13               | 18,664                   |
| 1995                            | 2,138                 | 2,074     | 8.17               | 16,935                   |
| 2000                            | 2,013                 | 1,943     | 9.69               | 18,830                   |
| 2005                            | 2,040                 | 1,993     | 11.59              | 23,109                   |
| 2011                            | 2,333                 | 2,266     | 11.30              | 25,604                   |
| 2012                            | 2,367                 | 2,337     | 11.93              | 27,883                   |

|                         |                       |      |                    |                          |
|-------------------------|-----------------------|------|--------------------|--------------------------|
| <b>Dry Edible Beans</b> |                       |      |                    |                          |
|                         | <i>1,000 Hectares</i> |      | <i>Metric Tons</i> | <i>1,000 Metric Tons</i> |
| 1980                    | 65                    | 61   | 2.04               | 124                      |
| 1985                    | 67                    | 61   | 2.08               | 127                      |
| 1990                    | *105                  | *103 | 2.21               | *227                     |
| 1995                    | 91                    | 83   | 1.96               | 163                      |
| 2000                    | 67                    | 63   | 2.32               | 147                      |
| 2005                    | 71                    | 70   | 2.52               | 176                      |
| 2011                    | 45                    | 42   | 2.24               | 95                       |
| 2012                    | 59                    | 54   | *2.69              | 145                      |

|                   |                       |      |                    |                          |
|-------------------|-----------------------|------|--------------------|--------------------------|
| <b>Sugarbeets</b> |                       |      |                    |                          |
|                   | <i>1,000 Hectares</i> |      | <i>Metric Tons</i> | <i>1,000 Metric Tons</i> |
| 1980              | 35.2                  | 34.4 | 46.86              | 1,612                    |
| 1985              | 23.9                  | 21.5 | 51.79              | 1,115                    |
| 1990              | 30.4                  | 28.7 | 47.07              | 1,353                    |
| 1995              | 30.7                  | 29.3 | 36.77              | 1,076                    |
| 2000              | 31.6                  | 22.2 | 45.49              | 1,009                    |
| 2005              | 19.6                  | 18.3 | 45.72              | 838                      |
| 2011              | 21.1                  | 20.8 | 56.06              | 1,168                    |
| 2012              | 20.6                  | 19.8 | *66.79             | 1,322                    |

<sup>1</sup> Metric ton = 2,204.6 lbs. Hectare = 2.47 acres. <sup>2</sup> Planted for all purposes.  
\* Record high.

## Crops Record Highs Through 2012

| Crops             | Year       | Record High |                        |
|-------------------|------------|-------------|------------------------|
| Corn for Grain    | Harvested  | 1932        | 4,049,000 Hectares     |
|                   | Yield      | 2009        | 11.17 Metric Tons      |
|                   | Production | 2009        | 40,014,000 Metric Tons |
| Soybeans          | Harvested  | 2010        | 2,064,000 Hectares     |
|                   | Yield      | 2009        | 3.67 Metric Tons       |
|                   | Production | 2010        | 7,287,000 Metric Tons  |
| All Wheat         | Harvested  | 1938        | 1,898,000 Hectares     |
|                   | Yield      | 2009 & 1999 | 3.23 Metric Tons       |
|                   | Production | 1958        | 3,087,000 Metric Tons  |
| Sorghum for Grain | Harvested  | 1965        | 919,000 Hectares       |
|                   | Yield      | 1994        | 6.15 Metric Tons       |
| Grain             | Production | 1981        | 4,186,000 Metric Tons  |
| All Hay           | Harvested  | 1954        | 2,264,000 Hectares     |
|                   | Yield      | 2005        | 5.46 Metric Tons       |
|                   | Production | 1982        | 7,126,000 Metric Tons  |

## Nebraska's Rank Among States in 2012

| Rank | Commodity                       | Number         | Unit        |
|------|---------------------------------|----------------|-------------|
| 1    | Great northern bean production  | 49,000         | Metric Tons |
| 2    | Pinto beans production          | 83,000         | Metric Tons |
| 3    | Corn for grain production       | 32,823,000     | Metric Tons |
| 3    | Dry Edible Bean Production      | 145,000        | Metric Tons |
| 4    | On-farm grain storage capacity  | 28,195,000     | Metric Tons |
| 4    | Off-farm grain storage capacity | 21,933,000     | Metric Tons |
| 4    | Cash receipts from crops, 2011  | 11,754,013,000 | Dollars     |
| 5    | Soybean production              | 5,636,000      | Metric Tons |
| 5    | Sugarbeet production            | 1,322,000      | Metric Tons |
| 8    | Sorghum for grain production    | 90,000         | Metric Tons |
| 8    | Alfalfa hay production          | 2,061,000      | Metric Tons |
| 9    | Winter wheat production         | 1,451,000      | Metric Tons |
| 10   | All hay production              | 3,694,000      | Metric Tons |

# Nebraska Livestock and Poultry Summary

## Highlights

- ❖ Half of Nebraska farms have sales of livestock, dairy, poultry, and products.
- ❖ Cash receipts from livestock, dairy, poultry, and products accounted for about 46% of total cash receipts in 2011.
- ❖ National rank among States (Number and Date):
  - 1<sup>st</sup> - Commercial red meat production (7.3 billion lbs. 2012)
  - 1<sup>st</sup> - Commercial cattle slaughter (6.7 million - 2012)
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> - Cattle on feed (2.55 million - 1/2013)
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> - Cattle & calves (6.30 million - 1/2013)
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> - Beef cows (1.81 million - 1/2013)
  - 4<sup>th</sup> - Livestock cash receipts (\$10.1 billion - 2011)
  - 4<sup>th</sup> - Calves born (1.72 million - 2012)
  - 5<sup>th</sup> - Table eggs production (2.72 million - 2012)
  - 6<sup>th</sup> - Hogs & pigs (3.00 million - 12/2012)
  - 7<sup>th</sup> - Commercial Hog slaughter (7.9 million - 2012)
  - 13<sup>th</sup> - All Chickens (11.3 million - 12/2012)
  - 13<sup>th</sup> - Honey production (2.86 million lbs. - 2012)
  - 19<sup>th</sup> - Sheep & lambs (80,000 - 1/2013)

## Livestock Record Highs to Date

| Commodity           | Number            | Mo./Yr.         |
|---------------------|-------------------|-----------------|
| All Cattle & Calves | 7.41 million head | 1/1974          |
| All Cattle on Feed  | 2.70 million head | 1/2007 & 1/2008 |
| Milk Cows           | 755 thousand head | 1/1934          |
| Hogs & Pigs         | 5.98 million head | 1/1923          |
| Sheep & Lambs       | 1.26 million head | 1/1943          |
| Chickens            | 19.9 million head | 1/1944          |

## Livestock Inventories, Selected Years

| Year | All Cattle        | Beef Cows | Milk Cows | Hogs & Pigs | All Sheep | All Chickens |
|------|-------------------|-----------|-----------|-------------|-----------|--------------|
|      | Jan. 1            | Jan. 1    | Jan. 1    | Dec. 1      | Jan. 1    | Dec. 1       |
|      | <i>1,000 Head</i> |           |           |             |           |              |
| 1980 | 6,400             | 1,950     | 120       | 3,900       | 210       | 4,000        |
| 1985 | 6,300             | 1,868     | 102       | 3,900       | 165       | 3,970        |
| 1990 | 5,700             | 1,760     | 100       | 4,300       | 177       | 6,200        |
| 1995 | 6,100             | 1,895     | 75        | 4,050       | 105       | 11,005       |
| 2000 | 6,650             | 1,974     | 76        | 3,050       | 102       | 13,895       |
| 2005 | 6,300             | 1,909     | 61        | 2,900       | 92        | 13,813       |
| 2012 | 6,450             | 1,884     | 56        | 3,000       | 77        | 11,325       |
| 2013 | 6,300             | 1,805     | 55        |             | 80        |              |

## Number of Operations with Livestock, Selected Years

| Year                        | Cattle | Beef Cow | Milk Cows | Hog    | Sheep | Sales of Cattle on Feed |
|-----------------------------|--------|----------|-----------|--------|-------|-------------------------|
| <i>Number of Operations</i> |        |          |           |        |       |                         |
| 1982                        | 39,555 | 30,068   | 4,686     | 15,998 | 2,929 | 12,138                  |
| 1987                        | 34,701 | 26,452   | 3,339     | 13,363 | 2,846 | 9,828                   |
| 1992                        | 30,421 | 24,270   | 2,122     | 10,826 | 2,185 | 6,892                   |
| 1997                        | 30,214 | 24,513   | 1,385     | 6,312  | 1,717 | 5,865                   |
| 2002                        | 25,083 | 20,991   | 866       | 3,075  | 1,435 | 4,623                   |
| 2007                        | 21,424 | 18,233   | 493       | 2,213  | 1,287 | 3,406                   |

Source: Census of Agriculture, 1982-1992 not adjusted for coverage.

## Commercial Cattle & Hog Slaughter, Selected Years

| Year | Coml. Cattle Slaughter |              | Coml. Hog Slaughter |              |
|------|------------------------|--------------|---------------------|--------------|
|      | 1,000 Head             | NE % of U.S. | 1,000 Head          | NE % of U.S. |
| 1980 | 5,612                  | 16.6         | 4,581               | 4.8          |
| 1985 | 5,606                  | 15.4         | 5,052               | 6.0          |
| 1990 | 5,882                  | 17.7         | 5,401               | 6.3          |
| 1995 | 6,769                  | 19.0         | 5,837               | 6.1          |
| 2000 | 7,617                  | 21.0         | 6,270               | 6.4          |
| 2005 | 7,029                  | 21.7         | 7,186               | 6.9          |
| 2011 | 6,866                  | 20.1         | 7,712               | 7.0          |
| 2012 | 6,732                  | 20.4         | 7,891               | 7.0          |

## Number of Livestock Slaughter Plants, F.I. Cattle & Hog Slaughter, Selected Years

| Year | Slaughtering Plants |       |       | Cattle        |              | Hogs          |              |
|------|---------------------|-------|-------|---------------|--------------|---------------|--------------|
|      | F.I. <sup>1</sup>   | Other | Total | Plants        | Head         | Plants        | Head         |
|      | <i>Number</i>       |       |       | <i>Number</i> | <i>1,000</i> | <i>Number</i> | <i>1,000</i> |
| 1980 | 72                  | 159   | 231   | 67            | 5,607        | 46            | 4,532        |
| 1985 | 59                  | 155   | 214   | 54            | 5,537        | 38            | 4,996        |
| 1990 | 49                  | 140   | 189   | 47            | 5,834        | 36            | 5,348        |
| 1995 | 42                  | 89    | 131   | 39            | 6,742        | 28            | 5,813        |
| 2000 | 33                  | 81    | 114   | 32            | 7,592        | 22            | 6,252        |
| 2005 | 35                  | 66    | 101   | 33            | 7,004        | 23            | 7,170        |
| 2012 | 33                  | 84    | 117   | 27            | 6,704        | (D)           | (D)          |
| 2013 | 31                  | 82    | 113   |               |              |               |              |

(D) Withheld to avoid disclosing data for individual operations.

<sup>1</sup> F.I. - Federally Inspected.

## Cattle in Nebraska

- ❖ In 2011, cash receipts totaled \$8.6 billion, or 39% of the state's total agricultural receipts.
- ❖ Account for about 7.1% of the Nation's cattle herd and 6.2% of the Nation's beef cow herd on January 1, 2013.
- ❖ Account for 19.1% of the Nation's cattle on feed January 1, 2013.
- ❖ Commercial cattle slaughter, at 6.7 million head in 2012 was 20.4% of U.S. total cattle slaughter.

**Cattle Statistics, Selected Years**

| Year | All Cattle & Calves | All Cows | Calf Crop | All Cattle on Feed |
|------|---------------------|----------|-----------|--------------------|
|      | <i>1,000 Head</i>   |          |           |                    |
| 1980 | 6,400               | 2,070    | 1,970     | 1,680              |
| 1985 | 6,300               | 1,970    | 1,800     | 1,880              |
| 1990 | 5,700               | 1,860    | 1,730     | 2,060              |
| 1995 | 5,700               | 1,860    | 1,730     | 2,060              |
| 2000 | 6,650               | 2,050    | 1,840     | 2,450              |
| 2005 | 6,300               | 1,970    | 1,800     | 2,470              |
| 2012 | 6,450               | 1,940    | 1,720     | 2,650              |
| 2013 | 6,300               | 1,860    |           | 2,550              |

## Hogs and Pigs in Nebraska

- ❖ December 1, 2012 hog numbers totaled 3.00 million head, down 5% from the previous year.
- ❖ Cash receipts in 2011 totaled \$918 million or about 4.2% of the state's total agricultural receipts.
- ❖ Account for about 4.5% of the Nation's hog herd on December 1, 2012.
- ❖ Commercial hog slaughter totaled about 7.9 million head in 2012 and 7% of U.S. total hog slaughter.

**Hogs and Pigs Statistics, Selected Years**

| Year | December 1 Inventory | Annual Sows Farrowed <sup>1</sup> | Litter Rate <sup>1</sup> | Annual Pig Crop <sup>1</sup> |
|------|----------------------|-----------------------------------|--------------------------|------------------------------|
|      | <i>1,000 Head</i>    |                                   | <i>Number</i>            | <i>1,000 Head</i>            |
| 1980 | 3,900                | 853                               | 7.36                     | 6,290                        |
| 1985 | 3,900                | 750                               | 7.81                     | 5,859                        |
| 1990 | 4,300                | 865                               | 7.98                     | 6,900                        |
| 1995 | 4,050                | 810                               | 8.33                     | 6,751                        |
| 2000 | 3,050                | 625                               | 8.84                     | 5,525                        |
| 2005 | 2,900                | 700                               | 9.05                     | 6,336                        |
| 2011 | 3,150                | 720                               | 10.33                    | 7,436                        |
| 2012 | 3,000                | 700                               | 10.49                    | 7,342                        |

<sup>1</sup> December previous year - November current year.

## Poultry in Nebraska

- ❖ Chicken inventory totaled 11.3 million head on December 1, 2012, up slightly from December 1, 2011.
- ❖ In 2011, cash receipts for chicken eggs were \$171.4 million, 0.8% of the state's total agricultural receipts.
- ❖ Nebraska ranked 5<sup>th</sup> in 2011 for table egg production.

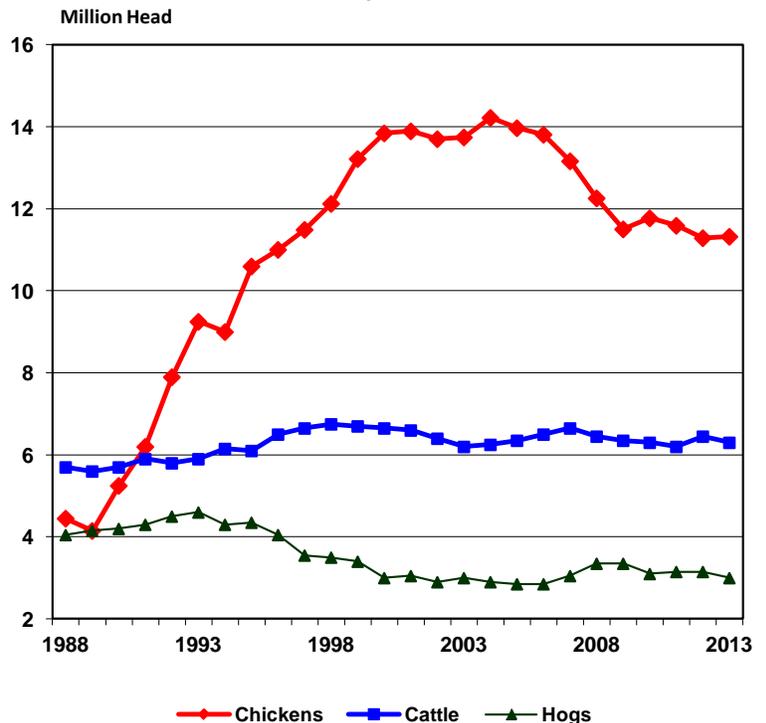
**Poultry Statistics, Selected Years**

| Year | Eggs Prod.     | Chickens Dec. 1 <sup>1</sup> | Chickens Sold <sup>2</sup> |
|------|----------------|------------------------------|----------------------------|
|      | <i>Million</i> | <i>1,000</i>                 | <i>1,000</i>               |
| 1980 | 847            | 4,000                        | 1,600                      |
| 1985 | 844            | 3,970                        | 1,200                      |
| 1990 | 1,202          | 6,200                        | 1,345                      |
| 1995 | 2,364          | 11,005                       | 4,230                      |
| 2000 | 2,999          | 13,895                       | 6,193                      |
| 2005 | 3,217          | 13,813                       | 4,604                      |
| 2011 | 2,697          | 11,290                       | 6,332                      |
| 2012 | 2,723          | 11,325                       | 5,973                      |

<sup>1</sup> Excludes commercial broilers.

<sup>2</sup> December previous year - November current year.

## Trends in Livestock and Poultry Inventories



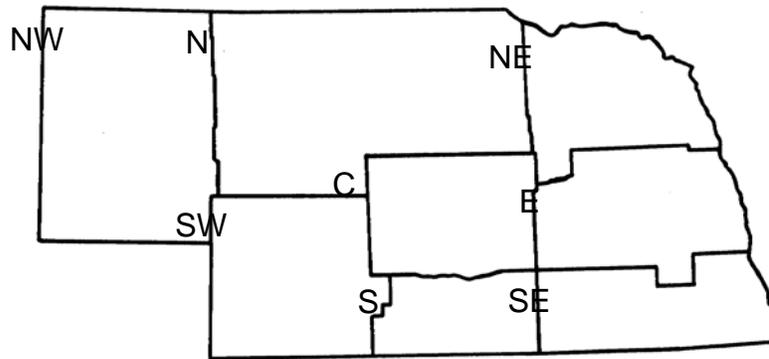
## Nebraska's Top Ten Producing Counties, Selected Commodities, 2012

| Rank | Corn for Grain |          | Soybeans |          | Winter Wheat |            |
|------|----------------|----------|----------|----------|--------------|------------|
|      | District       | County   | District | County   | District     | County     |
| 1    | E              | York     | NE       | Antelope | NW           | Cheyenne   |
| 2    | E              | Hamilton | S        | Phelps   | NW           | Box Butte  |
| 3    | C              | Dawson   | E        | Saunders | SW           | Red Willow |
| 4    | C              | Buffalo  | S        | Kearney  | SW           | Hitchcock  |
| 5    | C              | Custer   | SE       | Fillmore | SW           | Perkins    |
| 6    | SW             | Lincoln  | E        | York     | NW           | Deuel      |
| 7    | S              | Phelps   | E        | Platte   | S            | Furnas     |
| 8    | N              | Holt     | E        | Hamilton | NW           | Kimball    |
| 9    | C              | Hall     | SE       | Gage     | SW           | Frontier   |
| 10   | NE             | Antelope | S        | Adams    | SW           | Chase      |

| Rank | Alfalfa Hay |              | All Cattle and Calves<br>January 1, 2012 |          | Beef Cows<br>January 1, 2012 |                      |
|------|-------------|--------------|--|----------|------------------------------|----------------------|
|      | District    | County       | District                                 | County   | District                     | County               |
| 1    | C           | Custer       | C  | Custer   | N                            | Cherry               |
| 2    | C           | Dawson       | NE                                       | Cuming   | N                            | Holt                 |
| 3    | NW          | Scotts Bluff | N  | Cherry   | C                            | Custer               |
| 4    | SW          | Lincoln      | SW                                       | Lincoln  | NW                           | Sheridan             |
| 5    | NW          | Morrill      | C  | Dawson   | NW                           | Sioux                |
| 6    | C           | Buffalo      | N  | Holt     | NE                           | Knox                 |
| 7    | NE          | Knox         | S  | Phelps   | NW                           | Morrill <sup>1</sup> |
| 8    | NE          | Cuming       | NW                                       | Morrill  | C                            | Buffalo <sup>1</sup> |
| 9    | NE          | Cedar        | NE                                       | Antelope | NW                           | Dawes                |
| 10   | NW          | Sheridan     | E  | Platte   | C                            | Valley <sup>2</sup>  |
|      |             |              |  |          | NE                           | Cedar <sup>2</sup>   |

<sup>1</sup> Tied for 7<sup>th</sup>.  
<sup>2</sup> Tied for 10<sup>th</sup>.

### Nebraska's Agricultural Statistics Districts



### Nebraska's Usual Planting and Harvesting Dates, Selected Crops <sup>1</sup>

| Crop              | Usual Planting Dates |                 |        | Usual Harvesting Dates |                 |        |
|-------------------|----------------------|-----------------|--------|------------------------|-----------------|--------|
|                   | Begin                | Most Active     | End    | Begin                  | Most Active     | End    |
| Beans, dry edible | May 21               | May 27 - Jun 16 | Jun 21 | Sep 13                 | Sep 13 - Oct 9  | Oct 19 |
| Corn for grain    | Apr 19               | Apr 27 - May 15 | May 21 | Sep 18                 | Oct 4 - Nov 10  | Nov 20 |
| Hay, alfalfa      |                      |                 |        | May 19                 |                 | Oct 15 |
| Hay, other        |                      |                 |        | Jun 5                  |                 | Sep 20 |
| Oats, spring      | Mar 26               | Apr 1 - Apr 24  | May 3  | Jul 4                  | Jul 10 - Jul 30 | Aug 7  |
| Sorghum for grain | May 9                | May 16 - Jun 9  | Jun 16 | Sep 26                 | Oct 8 - Nov 8   | Nov 17 |
| Soybeans          | May 5                | May 11 - May 31 | Jun 8  | Sep 23                 | Sep 29 - Oct 24 | Nov 2  |
| Sugarbeets        | Apr 1                | Apr 10 - Apr 30 | May 5  | Oct 5                  | Oct 10 - Oct 30 | Nov 5  |
| Sunflower, all    | Jun 1                | Jun 5 - Jun 30  | Jul 5  | Oct 1                  | Oct 5 - Oct 25  | Nov 5  |
| Wheat, winter     | Sep 3                | Sep 9 - Oct 2   | Oct 12 | Jun 28                 | Jul 3 - Jul 21  | Jul 27 |

<sup>1</sup> Source: USDA Field Crops Usual Planting and Harvesting Dates, October 2010.

**Nebraska Precipitation Data  
by Agricultural Statistics Districts, 1992-2011<sup>1</sup>**

| Year | Agricultural Statistics Districts |       |           |         |       |           |       |           |
|------|-----------------------------------|-------|-----------|---------|-------|-----------|-------|-----------|
|      | Northwest                         | North | Northeast | Central | East  | Southwest | South | Southeast |
|      | <i>Inches</i>                     |       |           |         |       |           |       |           |
| 1992 | 17.11                             | 24.34 | 33.76     | 24.94   | 31.87 | 22.10     | 24.70 | 37.17     |
| 1993 | 21.80                             | 28.72 | 35.72     | 34.02   | 39.71 | 27.05     | 38.64 | 48.25     |
| 1994 | 14.07                             | 22.79 | 27.12     | 23.24   | 26.83 | 19.24     | 23.47 | 26.32     |
| 1995 | 20.48                             | 28.78 | 32.24     | 24.33   | 24.87 | 20.31     | 23.36 | 29.21     |
| 1996 | 18.61                             | 23.13 | 27.61     | 26.31   | 30.79 | 24.86     | 32.02 | 34.91     |
| 1997 | 18.00                             | 21.47 | 22.17     | 23.39   | 25.45 | 19.00     | 22.78 | 30.59     |
| 1998 | 19.56                             | 26.73 | 33.52     | 25.29   | 34.31 | 18.65     | 23.68 | 34.36     |
| 1999 | 18.53                             | 21.24 | 27.63     | 25.27   | 30.48 | 21.77     | 25.00 | 27.16     |
| 2000 | 17.37                             | 19.47 | 23.31     | 20.36   | 23.83 | 17.43     | 22.76 | 24.76     |
| 2001 | 16.67                             | 25.44 | 31.93     | 23.63   | 28.07 | 20.06     | 25.95 | 38.86     |
| 2002 | 9.95                              | 14.74 | 20.74     | 15.77   | 23.33 | 11.64     | 15.79 | 23.28     |
| 2003 | 15.45                             | 17.49 | 24.79     | 20.47   | 25.48 | 16.78     | 19.89 | 28.52     |
| 2004 | 16.69                             | 22.46 | 27.86     | 25.19   | 27.09 | 23.17     | 24.58 | 27.24     |
| 2005 | 20.30                             | 25.82 | 28.66     | 22.72   | 26.13 | 20.81     | 23.02 | 27.18     |
| 2006 | 13.97                             | 19.49 | 27.14     | 24.21   | 29.75 | 18.94     | 25.40 | 29.93     |
| 2007 | 15.17                             | 29.06 | 37.59     | 33.24   | 39.53 | 25.76     | 32.29 | 39.41     |
| 2008 | 16.45                             | 27.54 | 31.00     | 35.13   | 37.21 | 24.07     | 32.87 | 35.61     |
| 2009 | 23.05                             | 25.73 | 26.32     | 26.87   | 27.42 | 25.78     | 23.76 | 27.77     |
| 2010 | 18.62                             | 28.27 | 33.35     | 30.12   | 33.29 | 23.00     | 29.21 | 32.28     |
| 2011 | 20.79                             | 26.76 | 25.80     | 26.84   | 30.15 | 23.69     | 28.46 | 29.45     |

<sup>1</sup> Source: NOAA/National Climatic Data Center.

**Number of Days Temperature 95 Degrees Fahrenheit or Above  
by Agricultural Statistics Districts, Selected Reporting Stations, May-September, 1993-2012**

| Year | Agricultural Statistics Districts, Reporting Station |                                  |                           |                         |                      |                           |                                    |   |
|------|--|----------------------------------|---------------------------|-------------------------|----------------------|---------------------------|------------------------------------|---|
|      | Northwest<br>(Alliance)                              | North<br>(O'Neill <sup>1</sup> ) | Northeast<br>(Hartington) | Central<br>(Broken Bow) | East<br>(David City) | Southwest<br>(Culbertson) | South<br>(Red Cloud <sup>2</sup> ) | Southeast<br>(Table Rock <sup>3</sup> ) |
|      | <i>Number of Days</i>                                |                                  |                           |                         |                      |                           |                                    |   |
| 1993 | 0  | 2                                | 0                         | 0                       | 1                    | 6                         | 2                                  | 0                                       |
| 1994 | 18   | 1                                | 1                         | 3                       | 2                    | 23                        | 12                                 | 9                                       |
| 1995 | 26   | 17                               | 14                        | 7                       | 13                   | 33                        | 23                                 | 17                                      |
| 1996 | 6  | 0                                | 0                         | 0                       | 0                    | 9                         | 5                                  | 19                                      |
| 1997 | 18   | 12                               | 2                         | 5                       | 5                    | 24                        | 20                                 | 7                                       |
| 1998 | 10   | 9                                | 1                         | 6                       | 2                    | 25                        | 22                                 | 13                                      |
| 1999 | 17   | 11                               | 4                         | 2                       | 3                    | 20                        | 15                                 | 5                                       |
| 2000 | 25   | 22                               | 8                         | 15                      | 12                   | 51                        | 46                                 | 25                                      |
| 2001 | 17   | 11                               | 2                         | 6                       | 15                   | 46                        | 25                                 | 18                                      |
| 2002 | 18   | 29                               | 13                        | 19                      | 13                   | 51                        | 39                                 | 11                                      |
| 2003 | 24   | 14                               | 3                         | 10                      | 15                   | 39                        | 24                                 | 28                                      |
| 2004 | 9  | 7                                | 0                         | 5                       | 2                    | 23                        | 12                                 | 22                                      |
| 2005 | 19   | 10                               | 1                         | 12                      | 11                   | 39                        | 28                                 | 3                                       |
| 2006 | 24   | 19                               | 10                        | 22                      | 15                   | 39                        | 34                                 | 15                                      |
| 2007 | 26   | 10                               | 3                         | 2                       | 5                    | 41                        | 20                                 | 11                                      |
| 2008 | 8  | 4                                | 1                         | 2                       | 2                    | 22                        | 11                                 | 4                                       |
| 2009 | 4  | 0                                | 0                         | 0                       | 2                    | 16                        | 12                                 | 2                                       |
| 2010 | 5  | 5                                | 0                         | 1                       | 4                    | 29                        | 19                                 | 8                                       |
| 2011 | 18   | 9                                | 5                         | 7                       | 11                   | 35                        | 19                                 | 27                                      |
| 2012 | 49   | 34                               | 32                        | 37                      | 33                   | 62                        | 51                                 | 38                                      |

<sup>1</sup> Prior to June 2008, the reporting station was from Atkinson.

<sup>2</sup> Prior to June 2011, the reporting station was from Franklin.

<sup>3</sup> Prior to June 2011, the reporting station was from Pawnee City.

# Nebraska Agriculture Economics

## Nebraska All Land Average Value per Acre by Statistical District, 2008-2012

| District       | 2008  | 2009  | 2010  | 2011  | 2012  |
|----------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| <i>Dollars</i> |       |       |       |       |       |
| Northwest      | 452   | 461   | 463   | 520   | 635   |
| North          | 606   | 604   | 598   | 706   | 875   |
| Northeast      | 2,726 | 2,692 | 2,898 | 3,624 | 4,975 |
| Central        | 1,681 | 1,698 | 1,748 | 2,183 | 2,945 |
| East           | 3,490 | 3,418 | 3,762 | 4,225 | 6,080 |
| Southwest      | 780   | 847   | 870   | 991   | 1,335 |
| South          | 1,763 | 1,977 | 2,029 | 2,535 | 3,335 |
| Southeast      | 2,451 | 2,503 | 2,596 | 3,160 | 4,280 |
| State          | 1,414 | 1,431 | 1,503 | 1,833 | 2,425 |

Source: Nebraska Farm Real Estate Market Developments 2011-2012  
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## Nebraska Selected Land Average Cash Rental Rates per Acre by Statistical District, 2011-2012

| District       | Non-Irrigated Cropland |        | Irrigated Cropland |        | Pastureland |       |
|----------------|------------------------|--------|--------------------|--------|-------------|-------|
|                | 2011                   | 2012   | 2011               | 2012   | 2011        | 2012  |
| <i>Dollars</i> |                        |        |                    |        |             |       |
| Northwest      | 32.00                  | 29.00  | 137.00             | 160.00 | 8.20        | 8.90  |
| North          | 49.50                  | 46.00  | 183.00             | 212.00 | 13.50       | 13.00 |
| Northeast      | 161.00                 | 195.00 | 221.00             | 270.00 | 34.50       | 37.50 |
| Central        | 76.00                  | 80.50  | 178.00             | 209.00 | 25.00       | 25.00 |
| East           | 146.00                 | 168.00 | 201.00             | 244.00 | 35.50       | 39.50 |
| Southwest      | 44.00                  | 44.00  | 170.00             | 188.00 | 15.00       | 16.00 |
| South          | 67.50                  | 80.00  | 182.00             | 207.00 | 25.50       | 26.00 |
| Southeast      | 110.00                 | 127.00 | 196.00             | 242.00 | 31.00       | 34.50 |

## Prices Received by Nebraska Farmers, Selected Years <sup>1</sup>

| Commodity                 | 1970  | 1980  | 1990   | 2000   | 2011   | 2012 <sup>2</sup> |
|---------------------------|-------|-------|--------|--------|--------|-------------------|
| <i>Dollars</i>            |       |       |        |        |        |                   |
| Corn, Bu.                 | 1.25  | 3.08  | 2.28   | 1.90   | 6.11   | 7.05              |
| Soybeans, Bu.             | 2.78  | 7.25  | 5.59   | 4.44   | 12.00  | 14.00             |
| Sorghum, Cwt.             | 1.93  | 5.09  | 3.66   | 3.28   | 10.50  | 12.60             |
| All Wheat, Bu.            | 1.22  | 3.82  | 2.53   | 2.61   | 6.70   | 8.05              |
| Oats, Bu.                 | .65   | 1.85  | 1.19   | 1.42   | 3.76   | 4.15              |
| All Hay, Ton              | 21.00 | 55.00 | 58.00  | 69.50  | 119.00 | 196.00            |
| Sugarbeets, Ton           | 14.80 | 47.00 | 40.10  | 29.20  | 72.50  |                   |
| Dry Beans, Cwt.           | 8.00  | 26.90 | 16.90  | 15.80  | 42.60  | 38.80             |
| Steers &<br>Heifers, Cwt. | 29.10 | 66.70 | 80.00  | 70.00  | (NA)   | (NA)              |
| Cows, Cwt.                | 20.50 | 45.80 | 52.00  | 38.40  | (NA)   | (NA)              |
| Calves, Cwt.              | 35.30 | 78.70 | 100.00 | 106.00 | (NA)   | (NA)              |
| Hogs, Cwt.                | 22.30 | 38.10 | 54.80  | 44.30  | (NA)   | (NA)              |
| Sheep, Cwt.               | 7.30  | 24.50 | 21.90  | 34.60  | (NA)   | (NA)              |
| Lambs, Cwt.               | 27.50 | 64.30 | 54.00  | 76.20  | (NA)   | (NA)              |
| Milk Cows <sup>3</sup>    | 298   | 1,130 | 1,130  | 1,290  | 1,430  | 1,390             |

<sup>1</sup>Crops prices for 1980 are season average prices; beginning 1985 prices are marketing year average prices received. <sup>2</sup>Preliminary. <sup>3</sup>Calendar year average, dollars per head. (NA) Not Available – State prices discontinued.

## Nebraska Total Farm Income, 2007-2011

| Year                   | Gross Income <sup>1</sup> | Farm Production Expenses | Net Farm Income |
|------------------------|---------------------------|--------------------------|-----------------|
| <i>Million Dollars</i> |                           |                          |                 |
| 2007                   | 16,717.2                  | 13,772.5                 | 2,944.8         |
| 2008                   | 19,184.6                  | 15,122.4                 | 4,062.3         |
| 2009                   | 17,624.5                  | 14,335.5                 | 3,288.8         |
| 2010                   | 18,635.5                  | 14,642.5                 | 3,992.7         |
| 2011                   | 24,237.3                  | 16,780.6                 | 7,456.7         |

<sup>1</sup> See table below for detailed breakdown, including inventory adjustment.

## Nebraska Gross Farm Income, 2007-2011

| Year                   | Cash Receipts | Government Payments | Non-Cash Income | Farm-Related Income | Value of Inventory Adjustment |
|------------------------|---------------|---------------------|-----------------|---------------------|-------------------------------|
| <i>Million Dollars</i> |               |                     |                 |                     |                               |
| 2007                   | 14,919.5      | 463.7               | 385.5           | 732.7               | 215.8                         |
| 2008                   | 16,522.5      | 518.5               | 400.6           | 929.0               | 814.0                         |
| 2009                   | 16,078.8      | 419.3               | 450.0           | 880.1               | -203.7                        |
| 2010                   | 17,116.0      | 509.7               | 439.1           | 828.3               | -257.6                        |
| 2011                   | 21,815.0      | 470.3               | 473.8           | 1,002.3             | 475.9                         |

## Value of Nebraska Agricultural Exports, 2007-2011

| Commodity              | 2007    | 2008    | 2009    | 2010    | 2011    |
|------------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| <i>Million Dollars</i> |         |         |         |         |         |
| Corn                   | 1,094.6 | 1,460.0 | 1,035.0 | 1,138.6 | 1,639.4 |
| Soybeans               | 707.5   | 1,126.9 | 1,382.9 | 1,252.4 | 1,434.9 |
| Grain products         | 313.7   | 380.0   | 421.6   | 500.2   | 581.6   |
| Wheat                  | 347.2   | 332.7   | 175.1   | 198.2   | 332.8   |
| Vegetable oil          | 161.7   | 257.3   | 244.5   | 245.1   | 304.7   |
| Oilcake and meal       | 142.9   | 215.8   | 283.3   | 229.5   | 249.6   |
| Beef and veal          | 380.9   | 465.6   | 438.3   | 569.9   | 742.0   |
| Hides & Skins          | 314.4   | 300.7   | 208.4   | 319.1   | 364.4   |
| Pork                   | 160.4   | 217.7   | 189.9   | 219.1   | 258.8   |
| Other                  | 686.3   | 758.6   | 735.2   | 848.5   | 1,021.7 |
| Total                  | 4,309.8 | 5,515.4 | 5,114.3 | 5,520.5 | 6,930.0 |

Data Source: USDA Economic Research Service; USDA Foreign Ag Service (Global Agricultural Trade System).

## A Bit of Agricultural Statistics History

The Nebraska Field Office is a Federal-State cooperative effort of the USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service and the Nebraska Department of Agriculture. The Federal statistics program dates back to 1862 when USDA was founded. The Nebraska Field Office has been in existence since 1918. It is located in Room 298 of the Federal Building in Lincoln at 100 Centennial Mall North. The office has had four different names: State-Federal Division of Agricultural Statistics (1918-1976), Nebraska Crop and Livestock Reporting Service (1976-1986), Nebraska Agricultural Statistics Service (1986 to 2005) and the USDA National Agricultural Statistics Service, Nebraska Field Office (2005 to date). While the office name has changed and survey procedures improved upon, the objective of providing the most accurate and reliable agricultural forecasts and estimates possible has remained unchanged throughout the years. "Voluntary" reporting each year by many thousands of farmers, ranchers, and agri-business firms make these estimates possible in a timely manner.