

## Nebraska Agribusiness Facts

- ◆ Ranking fourth in the United States, Nebraska's total cash receipts from farm and ranch marketings amounted to \$15.3 billion in 2009, a 7 percent decrease from the \$16.5 billion recorded in 2008. Receipts for livestock and livestock products totaled \$7.3 billion, and crops receipts totaled \$8.0 billion. Direct government payments in 2009 were \$419 million.
- ◆ Ranking third in the United States, Nebraska's value of production per operation averaged \$365,115 in 2009.
- ◆ Ranking fourth in the United States, Nebraska's net farm income in 2009 totaled \$3.3 billion. Net farm income per operation, at \$69,401, also ranked fourth.
- ◆ Gross expenditures for farm production in 2009 amounted to \$14.0 billion.
- ◆ Farmers and ranchers in 2009 spent \$2.1 billion for feed purchased, \$2.5 billion for livestock and poultry, and \$860 million for seed.
- ◆ Total outlays in 2009 for fertilizers, lime, and pesticides were \$1.7 billion. Fuel, oil, and electricity totaled \$761 million. Hired and contract labor expenses totaled \$596 million. Expenditures for repair and maintenance of capital items totaled \$699 million.
- ◆ In 2009, Nebraska farmers paid \$710 million for on farm and ranch property taxes and \$803 million in net rent to non-operator landlords. They also paid \$763 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 \$889 million in 2009.
- ◆ Ranking fourth in the United States, Nebraska agriculture exports in fiscal year 2009 totaled \$4.8 billion. Nebraska ranked second in live animals and meat exports at \$1.1 billion, third in feed grains and products at \$1.4 billion, and fifth in soybeans and products at \$1.4 billion. Measured as exports divided by farm cash receipts, the state's reliance on agricultural exports was 31 percent in 2009.
- ◆ Each dollar in U.S. agricultural exports stimulated another \$1.31 in business activity in 2009. Nebraska's \$4.8 billion in agricultural exports in 2009 produced an additional \$6.3 billion in economic activity for a total economic output of \$11.1 billion.
- ◆ In 2008, Nebraska was eighth nationally in certified organic cropland acres (129,858) and eighth in certified organic pasture acres (53,174).
- ◆ In 2010, Nebraska ranked second in the United States in ethanol production capacity, with 24 operating plants having an annual production capacity of 2.0 billion gallons. Over 40 percent of the state's 2009 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, 92,685 registered wells and some 6,340 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.