NEBRASKA AG FACTS

• 1st in Irrigated Acres
• 2nd in Ethanol Production
• 3rd in Corn Production (66% irrigated)
• 4th in Alfalfa Production (43% irrigated)
• 5th in Soybean Production (48% irrigated)
• 9th in Silage Production

Courtesy of USDA NASS

NEBRASKA WATER FACTS

• The High Plains Aquifer under Nebraska has five times the amount of water as Lake Erie.
• Ground water is managed by local Natural Resource Districts with a long-term goal of sustainability. Regulations vary based on location.

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Welcome to Nebraska – See What Water, Land and Opportunity Can Do for You!

Nebraska has a vibrant dairy industry, with cow numbers and milk production on the rise. Access to plentiful crops and feedstuffs, often next door, helps keep ration costs low. Welcoming communities with a mix of small towns and progressive cities means a high quality of living.

Precipitation varies across the state, from east to west. Nebraska is unique in that irrigation is used to supplement rainfall. This enables Nebraska to produce consistent, high yields even in drought years.

The High Plains Aquifer under Nebraska is managed to fulfill current demands and for generations in the future. Ground water levels in Nebraska have remained steady or increased for most of the state.

Water-level changes in the High Plains Aquifer, predevelopment to 2013

Nebraska has abundant feed sources; we produce plentiful corn, distiller’s grains, soybeans, alfalfa, silage and hay. Eliminating shipping costs keeps ration costs low.

Five in-state and five out-of-state processors purchase Nebraska milk. Nebraska is the second largest ethanol producer in the nation with 25 plants producing over 6 million tons of distiller’s grains.