



Nebraska Livestock Facts

- \$11.9 billion— the value of the Nebraska livestock industry, accounting for nearly half of Nebraska agriculture receipts.
- \$3.5 billion in grain is consumed annually by Nebraska livestock, supporting Nebraska corn, soybeans and sorghum.
- 76,600 jobs are directly or indirectly associated with animal agriculture as estimated by Nebraska Public Power District economists.
- The animal industry in Nebraska has a \$13.2 billion economic footprint (including direct and secondary impacts).
- 1 in 4 jobs in Nebraska are related to agriculture.
- Livestock operations generate significant amounts of tax revenue each year that helps pay for schools and community services enjoyed by everyone.
- Livestock can be a way to grow and diversify a family operation and create opportunities for new generations to live and work on the farm and in rural communities.

Livestock by the Numbers Nebraska's National Rankings

- 1st — Commercial cattle slaughter, 2021
- 1st — Cattle on feed, Jan. 1, 2023
- 2nd — Commercial red meat production, 2021
- 2nd — All cattle and calves, Jan. 1, 2023
- 3rd — Cash receipts from all livestock, 2021
- 4th — Beef cows, Jan. 1, 2023
- 6th — All hogs and pigs on farms, 2022
- 6th — Commercial hog slaughter, 2021
- 13th — Commercial egg production, 2019
- 15th — Laying hens, 2019
- 25th — Dairy production, 2018

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Department of Agriculture

Supporting Nebraska's Livestock Industry



**Call for more information on how your
county can be designated as
livestock friendly!**



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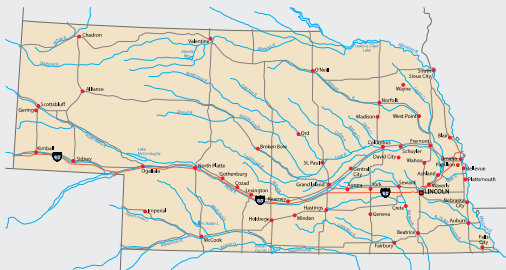


Livestock in Nebraska

Nebraska has a long history of livestock production. Even before statehood, settlers drove cattle north from Texas to graze in the Sandhills. Railhead shipping points like the one in Ogallala ensured a market for Nebraska beef.

Since those days, livestock has remained integral to our way of life. Nebraska has the natural resources to produce high quality livestock and meet consumer demand.

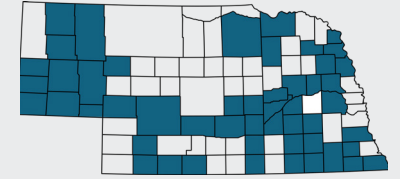
Today, livestock production consumes Nebraska-produced feed grains, contributes to the tax base, and provides an opportunity for young people and their families to remain in rural Nebraska.



Nebraska's Livestock Friendly Counties

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Adams	Dawson	Hitchcock	Nance	Sheridan	Thurston	Webster
Antelope	Deuel	Holt	Otoe	Sherman	Wayne	York
Banner	Dodge	Howard	Pawnee	Thayer		
Box Butte	Fillmore	Jefferson	Platte			
Buffalo	Furnas	Knox	Polk			
Burt	Gage	Johnson	Richardson			
Cheyenne	Garden	Keith	Red Willow			
Colfax	Grant	Kimball	Saline			
Cuming	Hall	Lincoln	Saunders			
Dakota	Hamilton	Merrick	Scotts Bluff			
Dawes	Hayes	Morrill	Seward			



Nebraska has 51 Livestock Friendly Counties. Want your county to be next? Call the Nebraska Department of Agriculture at 402-471-4876 for more information.

What is the Livestock Friendly County Program?

The Livestock Friendly County Program is a voluntary program that recognizes counties that actively support and nurture the livestock industry.

Created by the Nebraska Legislature in 2003, the program helps establish a partnership between the county and the Nebraska Department of Agriculture to encourage development in the livestock sector and to recognize the significance of livestock on our rural economy.

Why a Livestock Friendly County Program for Nebraska?

Livestock production is one of Nebraska's largest industries, contributing nearly \$12 billion directly to our state's economy; much of this in rural communities.

Livestock production also creates demand for other products and services including veterinarian, feed, hardware, construction, mechanical and many others.

How does a county apply?

The county board of commissioners/supervisors must:

- Hold a public hearing and approve a resolution to apply for the designation; and
- Complete the application form.

The county does not need to create any new documents or change their zoning regulations. All counties are welcome to apply.

Local producer and community groups can encourage their county board to submit a Livestock Friendly County application.

What are the benefits?

Every county has something to gain from pursuing the designation. Through the application process a county will evaluate its goals and how livestock can be a dynamic component in the county's economic future.

Being designated Livestock Friendly is a sign of support for the livestock industry and all businesses in the county. This gives businesses the confidence to make long-term decisions about investing in and expanding operations.