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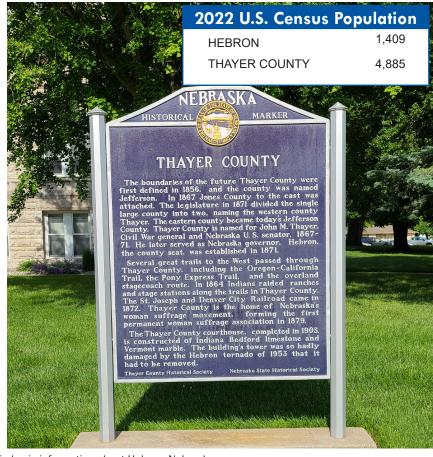
THAYER COUNTY

- Nebraska's Porch Swing Capital
- Hebron is the County Seat of Thayer County
- The heart of Oregon Trail Country!

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The following pages contain basic information about Hebron, Nebraska. This information was compiled by Thayer County Economic Development Alliance, City of Hebron, and Nebraska Public Power District in order to promote community development and quality of life.

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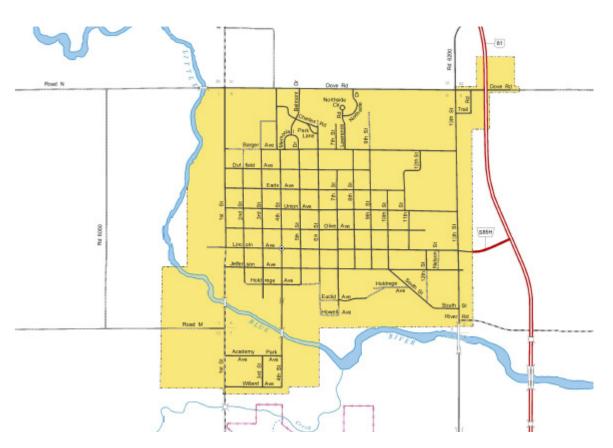
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### **Geography** WELCOME TO HEBRON





3 Compadres Mexican Restaurant



Brand X Saloon

# **Economic Development**

The City of Hebron is a member of the Thayer County Economic Development Alliance (TCEDA). Priority areas of TCEDA include: business retention, expansion, recruitment, and succession; housing and community development; and tourism. For more information on available sites and buildings go to **sites.nppd.com.** 

Firms with retail sales tax permits in Hebron reported 2022 net taxable retail sales of \$23,118,278, while Thayer County reported retail sales of 38,760,191.



Hebron Sports and Rec Complex



Hebron City Hall

#### **Hebron Sports Complex**

- Two Sand Volleyball Courts
- Grassed Infield- American Legion Field
- Two baseball fields coach pitch, pony and pee-wee
- Lighted Fields & Batting Cages
- Playground Equipment
- Across fromt he city pool
- Picnic Tables
- Benches
- Concession stand/ Restrooms
- Beautiful shade trees

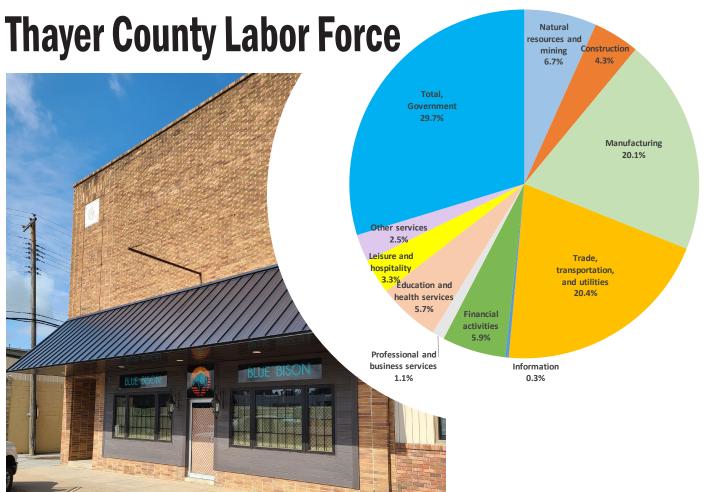


HEBRON'S TOP 10 EMPLOYERS			
EMPLOYERS	PRODUCT OR SERVICE	EMPLOYEES	
Thayer County Healthcare	Healthcare	115	
Blue Valley Lutheran Homes	Elderly Living	83	
MetalQuest	Manufacturing	83	
Thayer County High School	Education	68	
Thayer County	Government	64	
Norders Supply Inc.	Ag Coop	28	
Landmark Implement	Machinery	28	
Central Market	Grocery	17	
Hebron Implement	Machinery	12	
Norris Public Power District	Power	8	



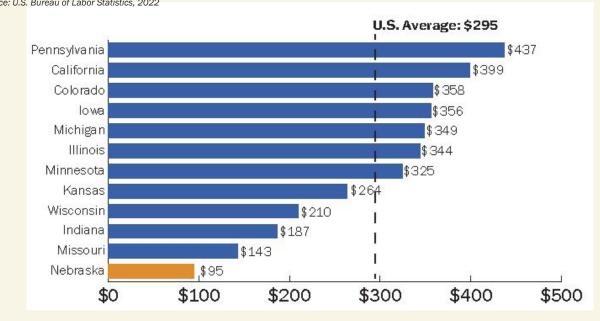


MetalQuest



Blue Bison Restaurant





#### Workforce

The Nebraska Department of Labor serves employers and job seekers across Nebraska through its "One Stop Career Centers" located across the state. Services for employers include employee recruitment and screening, posting job openings, tax credit information, and labor market and labor law information. Job seekers can find a full array of employment and training related services including on site services provided by a network of mandatory Workforce Investment Act partners. To learn more about these and other services, visit neworks. nebraska.gov.

#### Unionization

Nebraska has a right to work provision in its constitution.

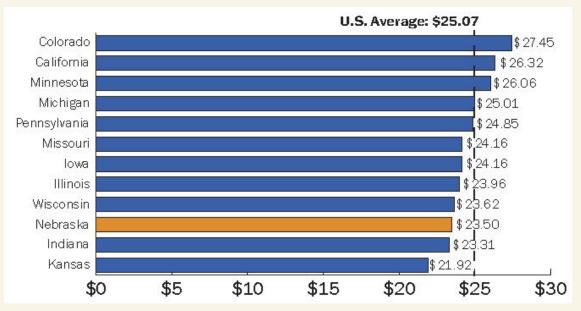
WAGE SAMPLING			
Hourly wages rates for various occupations, Southeast Region, Nebraska	10TH	50TH	90TH
JOB TITLE	PERCENTILE	PERCENTILE	PERCENTILE
ACCOUNTANTS AND AUDITORS	\$22.76	\$29.81	\$39.71
COMPUTER AND INFORMATION SYSTEMS MANAGERS	\$37.35	\$50.24	\$59.75
CUSTOMER SERVICE REPRESENTATIVES	\$14.16	\$16.65	\$19.52
ELECTRICIANS	\$18.51	\$23.40	\$30.61
HEAVY AND TRACTOR-TRAILER TRUCK DRIVERS	\$17.21	\$22.50	\$27.47
LABORERS AND FREIGHT, STOCK, AND MATERIAL MOVERS, HAND	\$15.49	\$19.18	\$20.61
MACHINISTS	\$15.68	\$19.58	\$24.47
OFFICE CLERKS, GENERAL	\$12.70	\$16.82	\$19.50
REGISTERED NURSES	\$29.65	\$33.65	\$39.08
RETAIL SALESPERSONS	\$11.76	\$14.35	\$18.97
SECRETARIES AND ADMINISTRATIVE Assistants, except legal, Medical, and executive	\$14.96	\$18.90	\$21.97
TOOL AND DIE MAKERS	\$25.10	\$27.70	\$29.29
WELDERS, CUTTERS, SOLDERERS, AND BRAZERS	\$18.90	\$22.34	\$25.14
MISCELLANEOUS ASSEMBLERS AND FABRICATORS	\$18.90	\$37.46	\$41.04

\*Wage Information taken from Nebraska Statewide

Source: Nebraska Workforce Development, Occupational Employment, Program, Second Quarter 2023

#### **Average Hourly Earnings for Production Workers, 2022**

Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, 2023







Central Market Food Store

ANNUAL	AVERA	GE 2022	LABOR	SUPPLY

Contiguous Nebraska counties include Nuckolls, Clay, Fillmore, Saline & Jefferson	THAYER COUNTY & CONTIGUOUS*	THAYER COUNTY
NON-FARM WAGE & SALARY WORKERS	56,261	2,176
TOTAL EMPLOYMENT	66,685	2,675
LABOR FORCE POPULATION	68,096	2,727
ADDITIONAL POTENTIAL LABOR SUPPLY		
COMMUTING OUT OF COUNTY (2021)		924
UNEMPLOYED		52
TOTAL		976

NOTE: Does not include estimated number of homemakers, seasonal and part-time workers, and workers who would shift from low-paying jobs who could be expected to work for industry.

UNEMPLOYMENT RATE 2022		
	PERCENT	
THAYER COUNTY	1.9%	
NEBRASKA	2.3%	
UNITED STATES	3.6%	
Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics		



# **Transportation**

#### Highways

Hebron is the county seat of Thayer County, US Highway 81 runs north-south through town and intersects with US Highway 136 two miles south of town. Hebron is 50 miles south of York, 90 miles southwest of Lincoln, 90 miles southeast of Grand Island, and 150 miles southwest of Omaha.

#### Rail

The nearest rail service, BNSF railway Company, is located in Belvidere, Nebraska, 8 miles north of Hebron.

#### Air

The Hebron Municipal Airport is located one mile south of the Hebron. The airport has a 3,660 foot concrete runway that has pilot control lighting and a 2,513 foot by 150 foot grass runway.

#### **Nearest Commercial Air Service:**

- Central Nebraska Regional Airport Grand Island, Nebraska, 95 miles, 90 minutes
- Lincoln Regional Airport Lincoln, Nebraska
   94 miles, 83 minutes
- Eppley Airfield, Omaha, Nebraska 156 miles, 139 minutes





#### **Trucklines**

More than 13,500 licensed motor carriers with worldwide connections are based in Nebraska and serve businesses throughout North America.





Hebron Post Office

## **Communications**

### Telecommunications & Internet Providers

Glennwood gtmc.net Phone/Internet

Windstream windstreamoffers.com Phone/internet

#### Post Office & Package Delivery Service

The U.S. Postal Service in Hebron has one mail receipt and one dispatch daily.

Federal Express, United Parcel Service, and U.S. Postal Service provide package delivery services in the Hebron area.



#### Nebraska Highlights

Energy costs are a considerable part of any business' operational budget. These costs can vary greatly between states, but in Nebraska (the only state in the nation where all electric utilities are publicly owned) electric costs are passed to consumers at low, cost-of-service rates. As a result, industrial rates are well below the national average. Nebraska's electric utilities can offer low rates, in part, because they draw from an efficient "mix" of resources generated, including coal, natural gas, oil, diesel, and methane, along with carbon-free "fuels," like nuclear, wind, hydro, solar power.

Nebraska Public Power District (NPPD) is the state's largest electric generating utility in terms of chartered territory, which includes all or parts of 84 of Nebraska's 93 counties. NPPD relies upon 9 major generating facilities, more than 5,000 miles of high-voltage power lines, approximately 260 substations, and thousands more miles of distribution lines. Because the system is interconnected to electrical grids in other states, NPPD works with regional utilities and industry entities to ensure power is delivered safely and dependably to Nebraskans.

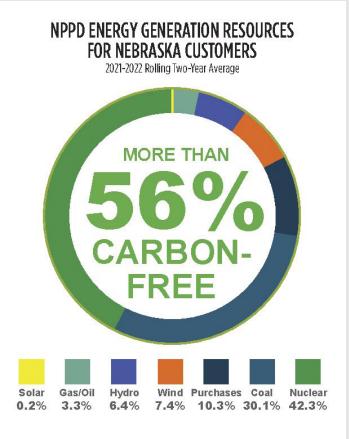
NPPD's renewable resources play a central role in a strong carbon-free footprint. In addition to a power purchase agreement with seven of the state's wind farms, NPPD owns and operates the largest public power wind facility in the state near Ainsworth.



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### Infrastructure



NPPD has three hydropower facilities and contracts for generation from three other hydropower facilities. Community solar is available in seven communities, with more on the way. In 2021, NPPD's Cooper Nuclear Station contributed to an energy portfolio that was more than 56 percent carbon-free.

Natural gas in Nebraska is also attractive to industry for service, supply, and price. A gas-producing state, Nebraska is close and well-connected by pipeline to the major gas fields of the central and southern plains. The state's average cost of industrial gas is less than both the regional and national averages.



Arboretum



# Utilities

#### **Electricity**

Electric service is provided by Norris Public Power District (NPPD), a wholesale power customer of Nebraska Public Power District, (NPPD). For electric rates and services contact Nebraska Public Power District at (877) 275-6773 or visit **nppd.com/accounts-billing/your-rates.** 

#### **Natural Gas**

Black Hills Energy is a retail supplier of natural gas in Deshler. For more information, visit **blackhillsenergy.com**.

#### Water & Sewerage

The municipal water system in Hebron is supplied by three wells. The system, serving the entire village, has an overhead storage capacity of 500,000, with a max capacity of 1,000,000, static pressure of 70 and residual pressure of 50. The city's well produce up to 900 gallons of water per minute.

#### **Natural Gas**

Black Hills Energy is a retail supplier of natural gas in Hebron.

Rates vary slightly due to seasonal and commodity price fluctuation. Current rates for the commercial/ light industrial class customer, can be found on Black Hill's website, visit **blackhillsenergy.com.** 

Contact Black Hills Energy at (888) 890-5554 for information regarding gas rates and services.

#### Sewerage

Hebron has a municipal sanitary sewerage system and a storm sewer system. It has an average daily flow of 140,000 gallons.

#### Recycling

The Hebron Recycling Center is open the 3rd Saturday of the month from 9:00AM-12:00PM. Corrugated Cardboard can be dropped off at the city office daily from Monday-Friday, 8:00AM-12:00PM.





Hebron Community Pool 12 | HEBRON, NE

# **Local Government**

Hebron is governed by a mayor-council form of government.

Thayer County has four precincts and 11 townships. The county is governed by three county commissioners.

#### **Fire Protection**

Fire protection is provided to the city by a 31-member volunteer fire department. Hebron has one fire station and 83 fire hydrants.

#### **Law Enforcement**

Hebron contracts with the Thayer County Sheriff's Department to provide law enforcement in the community.

The Thayer County Sheriff's Department has 22 sworn officers.

Visit **hebronnebraska.us**, for more information on Deshler's local government.

#### **Streets**

Hebron has 58.64 miles of streets; 48.95 miles are hard-surfaced with concrete; 5.99 miles are gravel; 3.7 miles are brick.



#### Hebron Rescue Unit



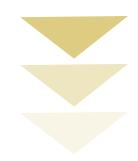
Hebron Fire Department



Thayer County Sheriff

2022	CRIME R	ATES
Per 1,000 Population	VIOLENT CRIMES	PROPERTY CRIMES
NEBRASKA	3.0	22.6
U.S. TOTAL	3.8	23.6

Source: ucr.fbi.gov





Thayer County Emergency Medical Services



### **Tax Structure**

#### Nebraska Highlights

- Nebraska assesses income tax based upon the amount of federal taxable income
- No state property tax
- No inventory tax
- No sales tax on:
  - raw materials when used as ingredients or component parts in
  - manufacturing operations
     sales of energy for processing or
  - manufacturing purposes water used exclusively in
  - manufacturing and processing qualified agricultural machinery and equipment
  - manufacturing machinery, equipment, and related services
- Sales and use tax refunds are available on qualifying air and water pollution control equipment
- Sales and use tax refunds are available on property qualifying for certain investment incentives

The Nebraska State Government is financed by an individual income tax, corporate income tax, 5.5 percent sales and use tax, corporate occupation tax, and selective excise taxes (liquor, tobacco, motor fuels, etc.). Local governments are financed primarily by property taxes, although some cities and counties collect a local option sales tax of between 0.5 and 2.0 percent.

Property taxes are levied against real and personal property by local political subdivisions such as counties, cities, school districts, fire districts, etc., to provide for local services. All real property except agricultural land is assessed at actual or market value. Agricultural land is assessed at 75 percent of actual value. Personal property is assessed at net book value. Tax rates are expressed in dollars and cents for each \$100 of actual value.

Market value is determined by each county assessor through professionally accepted mass appraisal methods, which include, but are not limited to:

• Comparison with sales of real property of known or recognized value, taking into account location, zoning, current functional use, and other statutory guidelines (sales comparison approach)

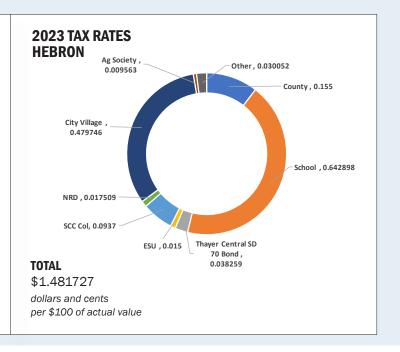
- Earning capacity of the real property (income approach)
- Cost less depreciation (cost approach)

#### **Nebraska Tax Incentives**

Nebraska's performance-based tax incentive programs demonstrate the state's commitment to creating a favorable business environment for your business expansion or location.

Known as the "ImagiNE Nebraska Act," this multi-tiered program provides qualifying businesses with employee payment credits, investment credits, sales and use tax refunds, and personal and property tax exemptions. Quali-fied companies, large and small can take advantage of these benefits. For more information on the qualifications and potential benefits available to your company, contact the Nebraska Department of Economic Development at 800-426-6505 or visit opportunity.nebraska.gov.







The Hebron Archery Park is located near the Little Blue River on South 4th Street with a river access on the south side of the park. Fourteen fiberboard targets on skids that range from 10 yards to 70 yards line the park for all ages to enjoy. 3D animal targets are also available for request at the city office at 216 Lincoln Avenue or call 402-768-6322.



First Community Church

Grace Lutheran Church

## **Education**



Thayer Central Elemartary School



#### **2022-23 ACT SCORES**

	COMPOSITE
THAYER CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL	20.0
NEBRASKA	18.7
NATIONAL	20.6

Source: Nebraska Department of Education

#### Thayer Central School District

Thayer Central Community School District No. 85-2001 in Thayer County covers 574 square miles and has a 2023-24 actual valuation of \$931,906,762, with an actual valuation per student of \$2,177,352. This Class 3 school is accredited by the Nebraska Department of Education.

The 2022-23 school operation expenses totaled \$7,120,000, with an average cost per pupil of \$19,540.

Bus services are provided between the communities. This Class C school is accredited by the Nebraska Department of Education. For more information, visit **thayercentral.org**.

#### **Educational Service Unit**

Educational Service Unit 5 (ESU), headquartered in Beatrice, serves three counties including Thayer County. For more information regarding services, visit **www.esu5.org** 

#### **Special Schools**

Southeast Community College Learning Center is located in Hebron. Students can earn both credits and leisure learning courses. Also offered are GED®/English Language Learner classes, Nursing Assistant courses and continuing education hours for Registered Nurses (RNs) and Licensed Practical Nurses (LPNs). For more information, visit **southeast.edu/business-andcommunity/community/learningcenters/hebron.php.** 

#### **Higher Education**

Southeast Community College-Beatrice is 48 miles east of Hebron, Southeast Community College-Milford is 72 miles northeast of Hebron, York College is 51 mile north of Hebron, Hastings College is 71 miles northwest of Deshler, and Central Community College-Hastings is 69 miles northwest of Hebron.

An abundance of public colleges and universities are available in Nebraska. There are also a number of community colleges as well as private colleges and trade schools. A large number of degree programs are available and some institutions offer courses and workshops specially tailored to meet specific training needs of industry, education, and business.

Several of Nebraska's universities are ranked as national leaders at making quality education affordable.



Thayer Central High School

THAYER CENTRAL (	COMMUNI	TY SCHOOLS	
	STUDENTS	TEACHER/PUPIL RATIO	COMPUTER/PUPIL RATIO
ELEMENTARY (PRE-K-6), THAYER LOCATION	250	1:13	1:1
JR./SR. HIGH SCHOOL (7-12), Location	190	1:13	1:1



Thayer Central Activities Center



**Thayer County Health Services** 

# Quality of Life

#### Hospital

Thayer County Health Services in Hebron. It is a county-owned critical access hospital, dedicated to serving the healthcare needs of residents and visitors alike since 1946. Thayer County Health Services is comprised of a Basic Level (Level IV) Trauma Center 17-bed Critical Access Hospital and a clinic in Hebron. and four satellite clinics in Bruning, Chester, Davenport, and Deshler. Thayer County Health Services is a county facility that serves a 50-mile radius from Hebron and serves patients from over 288 communities. Besides its patient-centered inpatient facility, the hospital also supports a full spectrum of pre and post hospital services along with programs designed to improve community health and maintain community wellness. Thayer County Health Services is a community health care organization licensed by the State of

Nebraska and certified by Medicare. It is a member of the American Hospital Association, Nebraska Rural Healthcare. For more information, visit www.thayercountyhealth.com.

#### Clinic

Thayer County Health Services Satellite Clinic is located in Bruning and Desher.

#### **Rescue Squad**

The Hebron Rescue Squad has two ambulance and 10 emergency medical technicians and one first responders.

#### **Nursing Homes**

Blue Valley Lutheran Homes Nursing Homes is located in Hebron. It has 48 private and eight companion rooms that offer around-the-clock staffing, For more information, visit **bylh.org** 

#### Independent / Assisted Living

Blue Valley Lutheran Homes Courtyard Terrace offers 39 apartment units in a warm and inviting atmosphere.

Visit **bvlh.org/courtyard-terrace,** for more information.

#### Low Cost / Retirement Housing

Low Cost and retirement housing is available in Hebron.

- Trail View Apartments
- Parkside Manor

#### **Churches** Denomination

- Catholic
- Christian Church
- Lutheran
- Methodist
- Presbyterian

#### Library

The Hebron Secrest Library is a Nebraska-accredited public library that offers engaging programs for all ages in the community. The library is committed to enriching the lives of the area youth by hosting book clubs, STEM projects, toddler story time, afternoon movie parties, and the summer reading program. Residents and visitors are welcome to enjoy free Wi-Fi, computer access, copy/fax machines, inter-library loans, Libby app for free e-books and large print books.

#### Recreation

There are three parks in Hebron Willard Park offers shade trees, basketball courts, grassed play areas, large shelter (six picnic table and electrical). Roosevelt Park has the world's largest covered porch swing, gazebo, shelter (two picnic tables) and playground equipment. Riverside Park offer utility camper hookups (16-30 amp), two cement pads, large shelter that includes eight picnic tables and an open fire pit, charcoal grills, cement pads with picnic tables and awnings, restrooms with showers, shade trees, ballpark and walking distance from pool.

#### **Financial Institutions**

- Thayer County Bank
- Bruning Bank

#### Housing

Six new homes were constructed in the past three years. The cost of new home construction averages \$250-500 per square foot depending on the design and material price.

#### Childcare

Our county is big on unity though coummunity, and in our small part of this big country, we believe community starts at home with family. Thayer County is home ot 14 total licensed child care providers, three of which are located in Hebron. To find more chirldcare resources, visit **tceda.org/life/childcare-resources**.





Hebron Library



Roosevelt Park



Walking Trail



Hebron Country Club



**Riverside Park** 



**EVENTS** 

4th of July Celebration • *July 4th* Trunk or Treat • *October 31st* 

Craft Fair • November

For a list of Thayer County events, visit tceda.org/life/things-to-do

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#### Nebraska's Rank Among States

- 1ST Commercial Cattle Slaughter, 2023 Great Northern Bean Production, 2023 Cash receipts per captia, 2022 Harvested cropland arces, irrigated, 2022 Beef and Veal exports, 2023
- 2ND All cattle on feed, Jan. 1, 2024 All cattle and calves, Jan. 1, 2024 Commercial red meat production, 2021 Popcorn production - 2022 Ethanol production - 2023 Commercial red meat production - 2023 No-till cropland acres - 2022 Pinto bean production, 2023 Proso millet production, 2023 Bison, 2022

#### 3RD Corn Exports, 2022 Cash Receipts from All Farm Commodities, 2022 Corn for grain production - 2023

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тн	Beef Cows, Jan. 1, 2024
	Cash receipts from all livestock and
	products - 2022
	Cash receipts from all crops, 2022
	Total animal products exports, 2022
	All dry edibile bean production - 2022
	Light red kidney bean production - 2023
	All hay production - 2023
	Cover crop acres - 2022
	Dry edible pea production, 2023
	Land in Farms and Ranches, 2023

#### 5TH Soybean Exports, 2022

#### 6TH Commercial hog slaughter, 2023 All hogs and pigs on farms, Dec. 1, 2023 Soybean production, 2023 Harvest cropland acres - 2022 Sugar beet production, 2022

Source: Nebraska Department of Agriculture - USDA,NASS, NFO, and NBA



### Agriculture

In 2023, Nebraska ranked first among all states in commercial cattle slaughter and Great Northern bean production. Food processing is the state's largest manufacturing sector and foreign markets are important for many of the state's manufacturers. Food processing is the state's largest manufacturing sector and foreign markets are important for many of the state's manufacturers.

Sources: Nebraska Agriculture Rankings - USDA ERS, USDA, NASS; Food Processing Status - Bureau of Labor Statistics, Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages

#### The Ogallala Aquifer underlies

174,000 square miles in parts of eight states. The Ogallala Aquifer within Nebraska contains approximately 65 percent of the water storage in the entire aquifer. With the implementation of more efficient irrigation systems and other water management measures the Ogallala Aquifer will remain a valuable resource in Nebraska.



#### Groundwater

One of Nebraska's most vital natural resources is its massive supply of groundwater. The High Plains Aquifer, also commonly referred to as the Ogallala Aquifer, stretches through parts of eight states, but its most abundant groundwater availability has been essential to the success of agriculture in the state.

Center pivot irrigation is the most common method of providing water to row crops in the state, and as a result, four of the largest manufacturers of center pivot systems in the world are located in Nebraska. Nebraska has more than 100,000 registered irrigation wells.

With the implementation of more efficient irrigation systems and other water management measures, the Ogallala Aquifer will remain a valuable resource in Nebraska.

An accessible water supply also is vital to Nebraska's livestock and dairy production.

The Nebraska Department of Natural Resources maintains responsibility for administration of surface water rights. In locations where groundwater and surface water are connected, the responsibility is shared among the NRDs and the state for achieving a sustainable balance between water supplies and water use.

Source: National Agricultural Statistics Service





#### **AGRICULTURAL STATISTICS**

	THAYER COUNTY	NEBRASKA
NUMBER OF FARMS	414	46,332
LAND IN FARMS acres	325,649	44,986,821
AVERAGE SIZE OF FARMS acres	787	971
MARKET VALUE per year	\$227,717,000	\$21,893,430,000
MARKET VALUE OF AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS SOLD	\$550,041	\$474,476
TOTAL ACRES IRRIGATED	128,372	8,588,389
PERCENT OF FARMLAND IRRIGATED	39.4%	19.1%

Source: 2017 Census of Agriculture

#### PRODUCTION OF LEADING CROPS 5 year average - 2017-2021

	THAYER COUNTY	NEBRASKA
CORN FOR GRAIN bushels	28,943,800	1,777,832,000
HAY, ALFALFA tons	23,700 (2018)	3,532,200
SOYBEANS bushels	6,057,000	316,715,000

Source: 2017 Census of Agriculture

AVERAGE LIVESTOCK POPULATION 5 year average - 2017-2021		
	THAYER COUNTY	NEBRASKA
ALL CATTLE	45,500	6,730,000

Source: National Agricultural Statistics Service

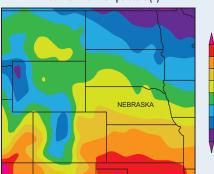
# **Climate**

#### Four Distinct Seasons

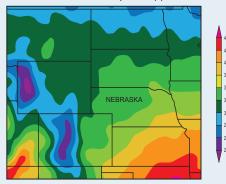
Nebraska has a continental climate. with hot summers and cold winters. Temperatures are highly variable from season to season and year to year. The majority of the state has an average annual maximum temperature of 60°F to 65°F with average annual minimum temperatures in the 30°F to 40°F range. State temperature records are -47°F and 118°F. The average number of days in excess of 100°F range from 5 (northeast) to 11 (southwest) with most of the state between 6 and 9 days. Minimum temperatures below zero occur on average 7 days per year in southeast Nebraska to 20 days in north-central Nebraska.

#### **Precipitation**

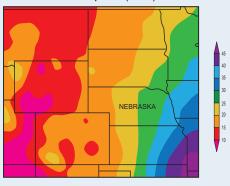
Precipitation is also variable and ranges from an annual average of 15 to 20 inches in the west to 30 to 35 inches in southeast Nebraska. Approximately 75 percent of the precipitation falls as rain from April to September. Annual average snowfall ranges from 20 inches in the southeast to 50 inches in the northwest. Snowfall usually increases during late winter and reaches a maximum in March Annual Maximum Temperature (F)



Annual Minimum Temperature (F)



Annual Precipitation (inches)



Based on 30-year. climate normals 1981–2010 data from the High Plains Climate Center, University of Nebraska-Lincoln

Source: www.hprcc.unl.edu





### **CHOOSE HEBRON**



### SMALL TOWN LIVING AT ITS BEST!

Nebraska Public Power District (NPPD), Nebraska's largest electric utility, assists in economic development for the areas it serves. For more information on NPPD's economic development assistance, contact Economic Development Department, 1414 15th Street, PO Box 499, Columbus, Nebraska 68602-0499, (877) 275-6773, Ext. 5534, email: econdev@nppd.com, or visit our website at **sites.nppd.com**.

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