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Bruning

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- Electric rates lower than the U.S. average
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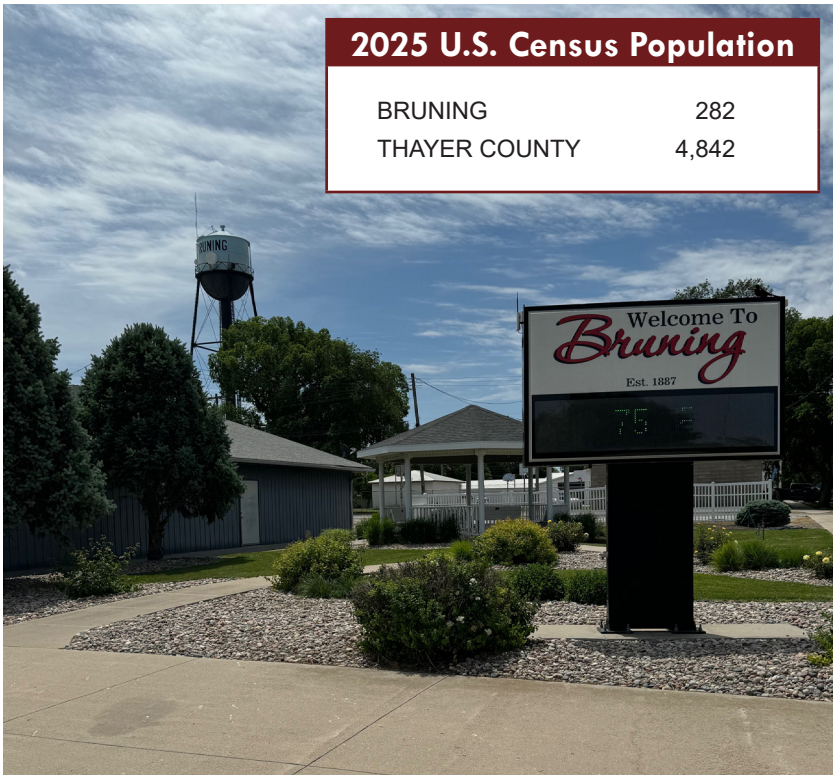


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TCEDA
Thayer County Economic Development Alliance

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2025 U.S. Census Population	
BRUNING	282
THAYER COUNTY	4,842

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

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Betty's Cafe


Kinder Academy

Economic Development

The Bruning Community Foundation is a volunteer group of community members working on behalf of the community. Activities include housing, business development, business recruitment, and community betterment.

The Village of Bruning 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 marketing. For more information on available sites and buildings go to **sites.nppd.com**.

Firms with retail sales tax permits in Bruning reported 2025 net taxable retail sales of $3,299,666, while Thayer County reported retail sales of $34,331,888


Norder Supply, Inc.

BRUNING'S LEADING EMPLOYERS

EMPLOYERS	PRODUCT OR SERVICE	EMPLOYEES
Norder Supply, Inc.	Agriculture supply and services	36
Bruning Bank	Financial	26
Bruning-Davenport School	Education	20
Western Oil, LLC-Speedee Mart #2915	Fuel, food	15
Kinder Academy	Childcare	12
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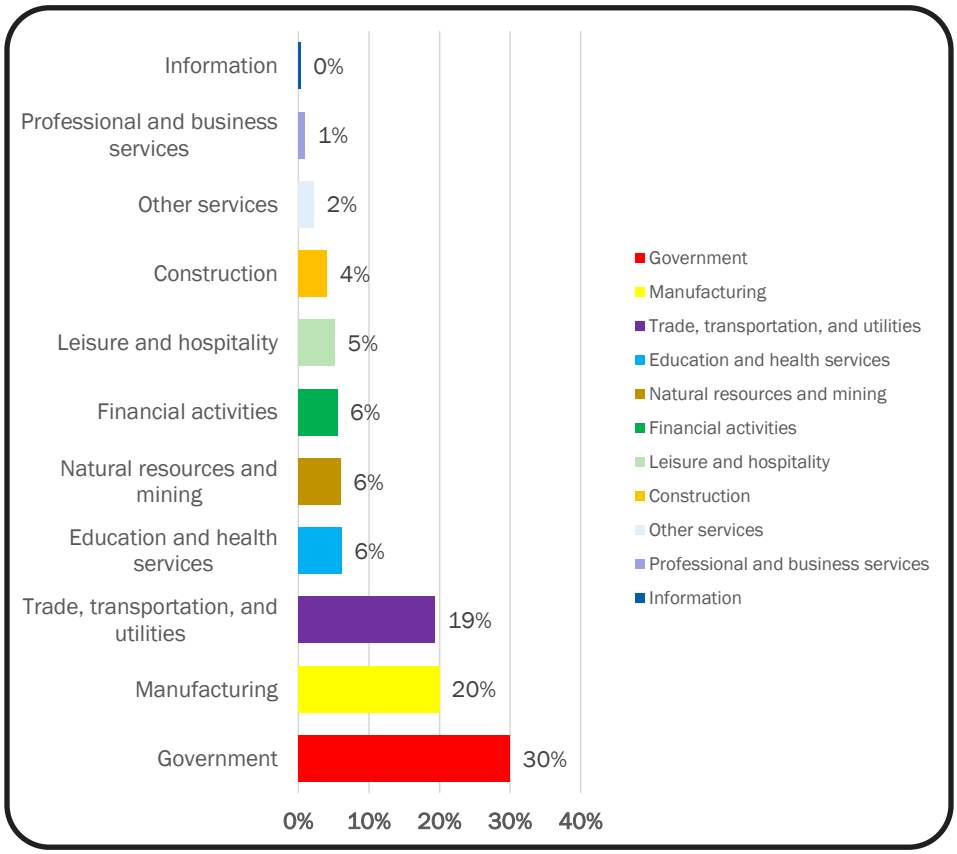
Business Expansion

Straight Line Motor Works recently added a 6,000-square-foot building to its existing mechanic and ATV repair shop. The new space provides additional room for shop operations, offices, and a showroom. Straight Line Motor Works also continues to offer pumped gas to customers.

Norder Supply acquired a local fertilizer operation, expanding its existing Bruning Bulk facility.

Labor

Thayer County Labor Force 2025



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.

ANNUAL AVERAGE 2025 LABOR SUPPLY

*Contiguous Nebraska counties include Fillmore, Jefferson, Nuckolls, and Saline	THAYER COUNTY & CONTIGOUS*	THAYER COUNTY
NON-FARM WAGE & SALARY WORKERS	16,243	2,208
TOTAL EMPLOYMENT	18,401	2,479
LABOR FORCE POPULATION	18,952	2,543
ADDITIONAL POTENTIAL LABOR SUPPLY		
COMMUTING OUT OF COUNTY (2021)		1,014
UNEMPLOYED		64
TOTAL		1,078

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.

2025 UNEMPLOYMENT RATE

	THAYER COUNTY
THAYER COUNTY	2.5
NEBRASKA	2.8
UNITED STATES	4.0

Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics

WAGE SAMPLING

Hourly wages rates for various occupations, Southern Region, Nebraska

JOB TITLE	ENTRY LEVEL	MEDIAN	EXPERIENCED
ACCOUNTANTS AND AUDITORS	$21.63	$31.73	$40.03
BOOKKEEPING, ACCOUNTING, AND AUDITING CLERKS	$17.04	$21.46	$24.86
CHILDCARE WORKERS	$12.70	$13.82	$15.55
CONSTRUCTION LABORERS	$18.37	$23.98	$27.17
CUSTOMER SERVICE REPRESENTATIVES	$16.37	$18.86	$21.83
CUTTING, PUNCHING, AND PRESS MACHINE SETTERS, OPERATORS, AND TENDERS, METAL AND PLASTIC	$19.40	$23.53	$24.90
ELECTRICIANS	$21.69	$30.30	$37.17
GENERAL AND OPERATIONAL MANAGERS	$23.26	$38.11	$57.35
HEAVY AND TRACTOR-TRAILER TRUCK DRIVERS	$18.71	$23.79	$28.26
LABORERS AND FREIGHT, STOCK, AND MATERIAL MOVERS, HAND	$33.46	$39.78	$45.03
MAINTENANCE AND REPAIR WORKERS, GENERAL	$18.43	$23.82	$
NURSING ASSISTANTS	$17.72	$19.22	$21.25
OFFICE CLERKS, GENERAL	$14.30	$18.64	$21.15
REGISTERED NURSES	$33.60	$41.38	$44.71
SECRETARIES AND ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANTS, EXCEPT LEGAL, MEDICAL, AND EXECUTIVE	$17.48	$21.86	$24.35
SOFTWARE DEVELOPERS	$41.39	$55.93	$64.70
STOCKERS AND ORDER FILLERS	$28.15	$34.86	$40

Source: Nebraska Workforce of Labor, Labor Market Information, Occupational Employment and Wage Statistics 4th Quarter 2025.



Norder Supply Headquarters

Communications

Telecommunications Provider

Windstream
windstream.com

Internet Providers

GigFire
gigfire.com

Segra (Businesses only)
www.segra.com

Windstream
windstream.com

Zito
zitomedia.net

Post Office & Package Delivery Service

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

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

Transportation

Location / Highways

Bruning, Nebraska is located in northern Thayer County, Nebraska, 15 miles north of the county seat Hebron, along Highway 81, which runs along the west edge of town. Bruning is 34 miles northwest of Fairbury, 39 miles south of York, 81 miles southeast of Grand Island, 93 miles southwest of Lincoln and 138 miles southwest of Omaha.

Rail

The nearest rail service, BNSF Railway Company, is located in Belvidere, Nebraska, seven miles south of Bruning.

Air

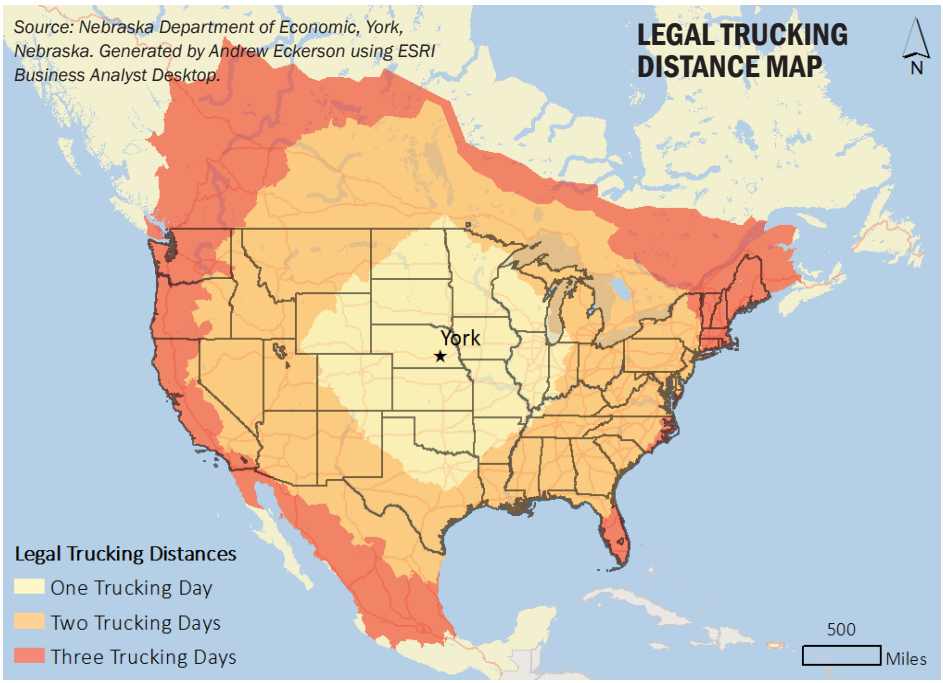
The Hebron Airport is located one mile south of Hebron on Highway 136. The airport has a 3,600 foot concrete runway that has pilot control lighting and a 2,513' x 150' grass runway.

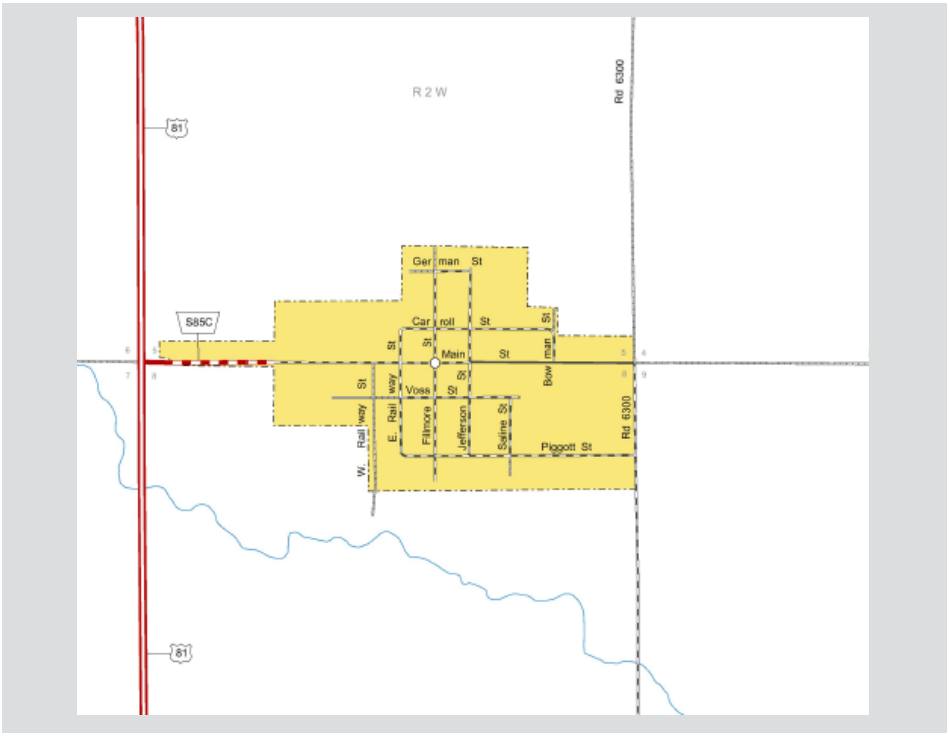
Nearest Commercial Air Service:

- Central Nebraska Regional Airport, Grand Island, Nebraska, 83 miles, 78 minutes
- Lincoln Airport, Lincoln, Nebraska, 82 miles, 74 minutes
- Eppley Airfield, Omaha, Nebraska, 143 miles, 129 minutes

Trucklines

More than 13,500 licensed motor carriers with worldwide connections are based in Nebraska and serve businesses throughout North America. The following trucking map is based on York, Nebraska, 38 miles north of Bruning.





Utilities

Nebraska Highlights

Energy costs are often 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, the state offers industrial rates well below the national average. Nebraska electric utilities achieve low rates, in part, because they draw from a balanced and efficient "mix" of generation resources.

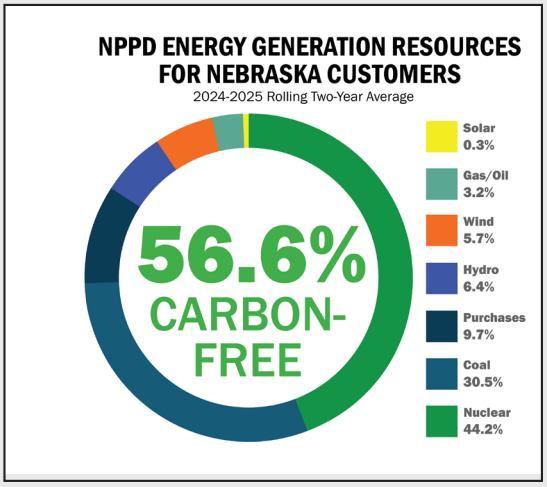
Electricity

Bruning is provided electric service by Norris Public Power District, which is a wholesale power customer of Nebraska Public Power District (NPPD).

For more information regarding electric rates and services prospective customer should contact Nebraska Public Power District at (877) 275-6773, **nppd.com/accounts-billing/your-rates.**

Water & Sewerage

The municipal water system in Bruning is supplied by two wells, which have an average depth of 300 feet. The system, serving the entire village, has a combined pumping capacity of 400 gallons per minute and an overhead storage capacity of 35,000 gallons. The system has a maximum capacity of 225,000 gallons per day. Bruning has a municipal sanitary sewerage system and a partial storm system. The water is treated via lagoon.





Voss Seed

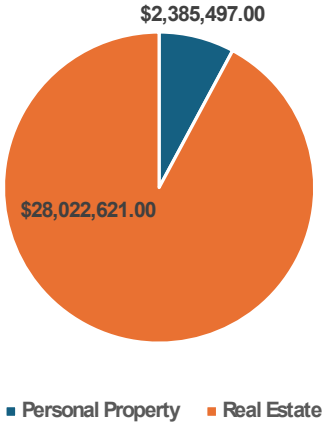
Tax Structure

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 collectively as the "ImagiNE Nebraska," this multi tiered program provides investment credits, wage credits, sales tax refunds based on investment and job creation in Nebraska. Qualified companies, large and small, can take advantage of these benefits.

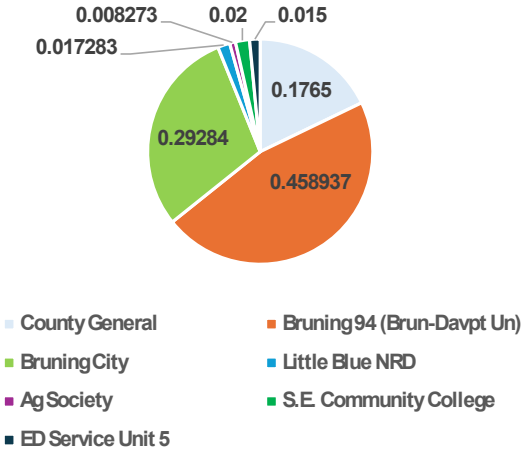
Contact the Nebraska Department of Economic Development - 800-426 6505, or for more information on the qualifications and potential benefits available to your company, visit **opportunity.nebraska.gov.**

2025 ACTUAL VALUATION VILLAGE OF BRUNING



TOTAL
$30,408,118

BRUNING 2025 TAX RATES



TOTAL
0.988833
dollars and cents per $100 of actual value


Endacott Timmer Law Firm


Bruning Fitness Center


Bruning Grocery

Local Government

Bruning is governed by a chairman, a Board of Trustees and a city clerk.

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

Streets

Bruning has four miles of streets; 100 percent of the streets are hard-surfaced. 20 percent of the streets are concrete, 80 percent are asphalt. 90 percent have curbs and 60 percent have sidewalks.

Fire Protection

Fire protection is provided to the village by a 32-member volunteer fire department. Bruning has one fire station, 35 fire hydrants, one rescue unit and five firetrucks; two grass rigs, two pumpers and one tanker. The Bruning fire hall was built in 2018.

Law Enforcement

The Village of Bruning contracts with the Thayer County Sheriff's Department to provide law enforcement in the community.

Regular patrol by the sheriff's department provides protection to existing industries in the area.

For more information on Thayer County's local government, visit **thayercounty.gov**.



Bruning Opera House/ Village Office



Bruning Fire Hall

Education

Bruning-Davenport School District

The Bruning-Davenport School District #85-2001. It is covers approximately 176.6 square miles across the counties of Thayer, FIllmore, Nuckolls and Clay Counties. It has a 2025-2026 actual valuation of $1,087,273,900, with an actual valuation per student of $5,519,156. Bus services are provided between the communities. This Class 3 school is accredited by the Nebraska Department of Education. For more information, visit **bruningdavenport.org.**

Educational Service Unit

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

Higher Education

Bruning is located within 12 miles of a community college. Southeast Community College Learning Center is located in Hebron, Nebraska.

There are several public colleges and universities 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. These colleges include Southeast Community College-Beatrice, Southeast Community College-Milford, York College, Hastings College, CCC-Hastings.

Early Childhood Education

Kinder Academy childcare center is located in Bruning and currently serves their max capacity of 35 children. They have started renovations to be completed by December, once completed they will be able to double the amount of kids they can accept.



Bruning-Davenport FFA


Bruning-Davenport Band

BRUNING-DAVENPORT SCHOOLS

	STUDENTS	TEACHER/PUPIL RATIO
ELEMENTARY (PRE-K-4)	86	1:12
MIDDLE SCHOOL (5-8),	51	1:12
HIGH SCHOOL (9-12)	50	1:05

Source: www.ncc.nebraska.gov

2024-25 ACT SCORES

	COMPOSITE
BRUNING-DAVENPORT HIGH SCHOOL	19.8
NEBRASKA	18.2
NATIONAL	19.4

Source: Nebraska Department of Education



Bruning-Davenport School



Thayer County Health Services - Bruning Clinic


Thayer County Clinic - Bruning Clinic


Thayer County Health Services - Hebron

Quality of Life

Hospital / Clinic

Thayer County Health Services located in Hebron, Nebraska, is 12 miles from Bruning. Thayer County Health Services-Bruning Medical Center is located in Bruning. It also offers a medical clinic, specializing in the following: arrhythmia, cardiology, ear, nose and throat, general surgery, mental health/therapy services, oncology and hematology, ophthalmology, orthopaedics, pain managment, podiatry, urology, vascular surgery, women's health and ob/gyn, wound care. Emergency or after hours care is provided at the Thayer County Health Services Hospital. For more information, visit **thayercountyhealth.com**.

Rescue Squad

The Bruning Fire and Rescue is located in Bruning. it has one ambulance and six emergency medical technicians and two first responders.

Nursing Homes

The nearest nursing home is available in Hebron, Nebraska, 12 miles from Bruning.

Independent / Assisted Living

Independent and assisted living is available in Hebron, 12 miles from Bruning.

Churches (Denomination)

- Lutheran
- Methodist

Recreation

There is one park in Bruning. Bruning Park was recently revitalized with a splash pad, ADA accessible restrooms, fencing, swing set, climbing wall, it is equipped with basketball courts, gazebo, playground, restrooms, shelter, water access and camping sites with water, sewer, and 30–50-amp electrical service hookups.

Financial Institutions

Bruning State Bank is located in Bruning.

Housing

There were three new homes built in the last five years. The cost of new home construction averages $250–$500 per square foot.



Bruning Bank





The Bruning Park was recently awarded a grant to upgrade the equipment, including a splash pad, ADA accessible restrooms, fencing, swing set, and climbing wall.

EVENTS

Easter Egg Hunt • *Easter Weekend*

Date to be determined

Car Races • *Spring-Fall*

Bruning Days • July (always the last weekend of July)

Annual community celebration with food and family fun in the park, craft & car shows, whole hog roast feast, street dance, and alumni celebrations.

Thayer County Fair • *July/ August*

Community Christmas Celebration • *1st weekend of December*

Lighting the Christmas tree, business decorating contest to win the "Christmas Cup," free will donation meal.



Bruning-Davenport Football field



Main Street Ag LLC



Bruning-Davenport High School gym

Nebraska's Rank Among States

1ST	All catte feed, 2026
	Commercial Cattle Slaughter, 2025
	Great Northern Bean Production, 2025
	Beef and Veal exports, 2024
	Cash receipts per capita, 2024
2ND	
	All cattle and calves, Jan. 1, 2026
	Ethanol production, 2025
	Commercial red meat production, 2025
	Pinto bean production, 2025
	Cash receipts from all livestock & products, 2024
	No-till cropland acres, 2022
	Popcorn production, 2022
	Bison, 2022
3RD	Alfalfa hay production, 2025
	Corn for grain production, 2025
	Cash Receipts from All Farm Commodities, 2024
	Corn Exports, 2024
4TH	Beef Cows, Jan. 1, 2026
	Land in Farms and Ranches, 2025
	All dry edible bean production, 2025
	Light red kidney bean production, 2025
	Land in farms and ranches. 2025
	Total animal products exports, 2024
	Cover crop acres, 2022
5TH	Sugarbeet production, 2025
	Soybean Exports, 2025
	Grain sorghum prodcution, 2025
	Cash receipts from all crops, 2024
6TH	Commercial hog slaughter, 2025
	All hogs and pigs on farms, Dec. 1, 2025
	All hay production, 2025
	Sunflower prodution, 2025

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



Agriculture

In 2025 Nebraska ranked first among the states in beef and beef product exports; third in corn grain production. Nebraska's farms and ranches utilized 44 million acres or 89 percent of the state's total land area. In 2024, the total value of agricultural products sold was $32.6 billion to the state's economy. Of that 63 percent originated from livestock and 37 percent from crops.t

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

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** underlies 174,000 square miles in stretches through parts of eight states, but its most abundant water resource is located in nearly two-thirds of Nebraska. This groundwater availability has been essential to the success of agriculture in the state. With the implementation of more efficient irrigation systems and other water management measures, the Ogallala Aquifer will remain a valuable resource in Nebraska.

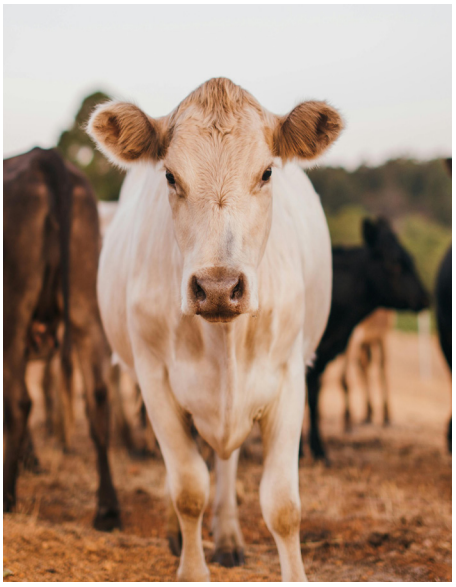
Center pivot irrigation is the most common method of providing water to row crops in the state, and as a result, four of the largest manufacturers of center pivot systems in the world are located in Nebraska. Nebraska has more than 100,000 registered irrigation wells.



2022 AGRICULTURAL STATISTICS

	THAYER COUNTY	NEBRASKA
NUMBER OF FARMS	437	44,479
LAND IN FARMS acres	322,662	43,975,693
AVERAGE SIZE OF FARMS acres	738	989
MARKET VALUE per year	$4,458,750	$3,397,806
MARKET VALUE OF AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS SOLD	$336,648	$29,413,398
TOTAL ACRES IRRIGATED	119,140	7,965,938
PERCENT OF FARMLAND IRRIGATED	36.9%	18.1%

Source: 2022 Census of Agriculture



PRODUCTION OF LEADING CROPS
5 year average - 2019-2023

	THAYER COUNTY	NEBRASKA
CORN FOR GRAIN bushels	28,731,600	1,719,112,000
SOYBEANS bushels	5,688,600	295,390,000

Source: 2022 Census of Agriculture

AVERAGE LIVESTOCK POPULATION
5 year average - 2020-2024

	THAYER COUNTY	NEBRASKA
ALL CATTLE	45,000	6,630,000

Source: National Agricultural Statistics Service

Climate

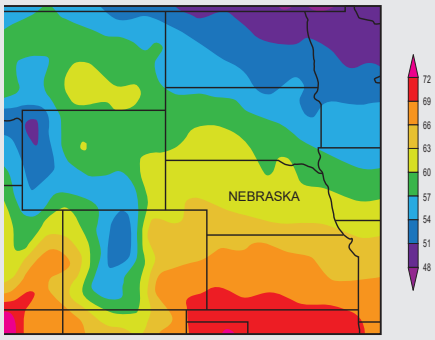
Nebraska has a continental climate, with hot summers and cold winters. Temperatures are highly variable from season to season and year to year.

Precipitation is also variable and ranges from an annual average of 15–20 inches in the west to 30–35 inches in southeast Nebraska.

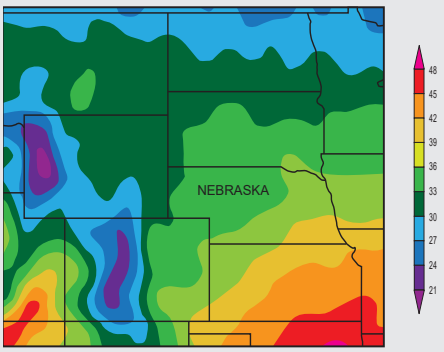
The growing season in Nebraska fluctuates in length, but on average it ranges from 120 days in the extreme northwest to 170 days in the southeast.

For more information regarding Nebraska's climate, visit High Plains Climate Center, University of Nebraska-Lincoln at hprcc.unl.edu.

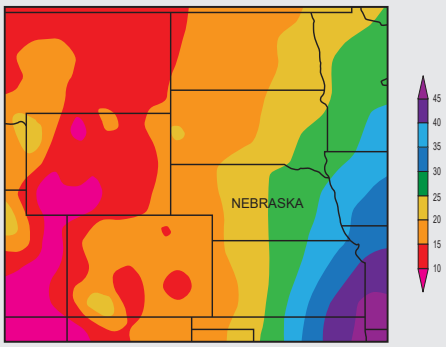
Annual Maximum Temperature (F)



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**

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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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