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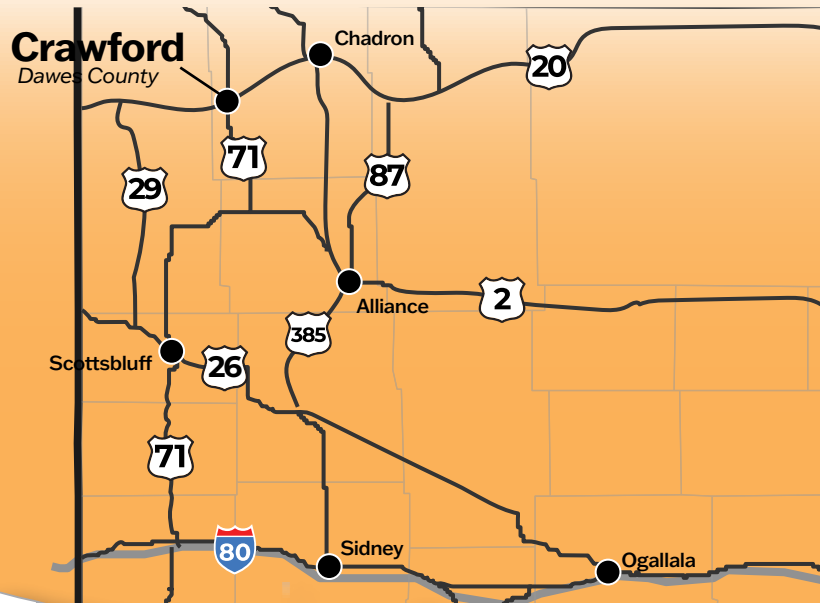
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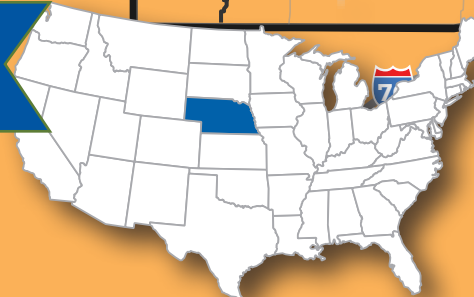


Welcome to Dawes County!

*"The Garden
Beyond
the Sandhills"*

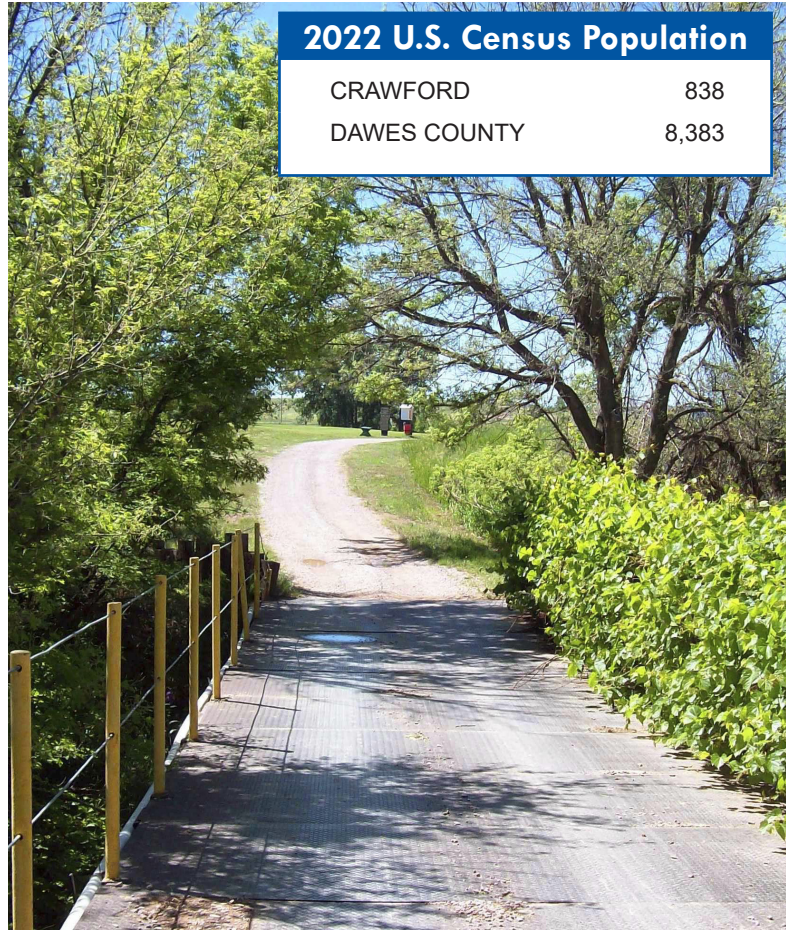


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The following pages contain basic information about Crawford, Nebraska.

This information was compiled by the City of Crawford, Crawford Public Schools, BNSF, Local Businesses, Northwest Nebraska Development Corporation, 2020 Census and Nebraska Public Power District in order to promote community development and quality of life.

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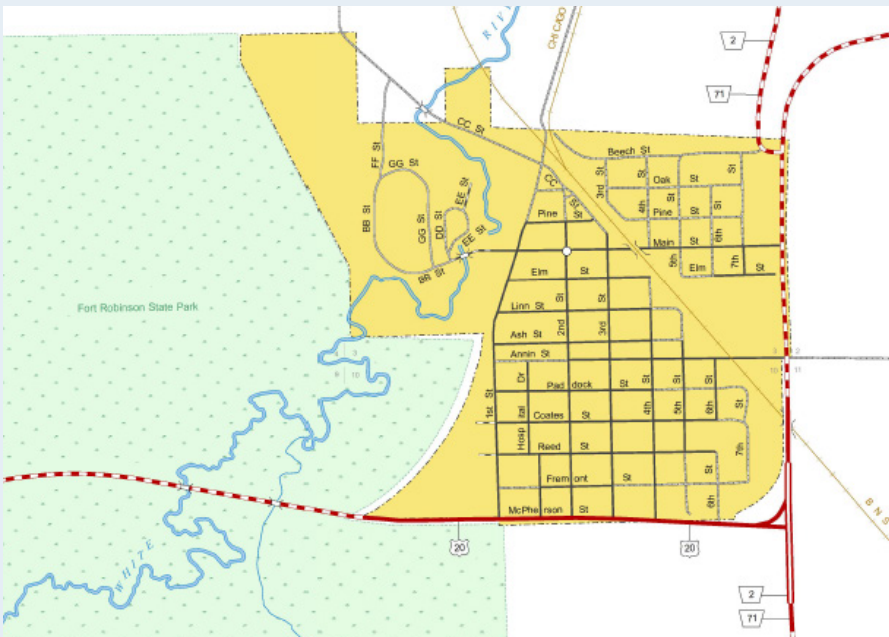
Fort Robinson State Park

Crawford is located in the scenic Pine Ridge escarpment in Northwest Nebraska. It is home of Fort Robinson State Park, one of the most significant military forts in the mid 1800's.

Surrounded by the Red Cloud Buttes and Crow Butte, the stunning scenery and rough landscape make the area a vacation destination. Agriculture is the primary industry and adds the cowboy flavor to the rustic downtown appearance.

Crawford is also home to the largest livestock sale barn in the region. It hosts hundreds of visitors each year and is known for being the "Big Game Capital of Nebraska."

Geography



Location

Crawford is located in western Dawes County, 60 miles from the Wyoming border and 20 miles from the South Dakota border. U.S. Highway 20 and Nebraska Highways 2 and 71 intersect in Crawford. Scottsbluff, Nebraska is 75 miles south and Denver, Colorado is 279 miles southwest of Crawford.

Elevation

Crawford is 3,675 feet above sea level.



Crawford Community Building

Economic Development

Northwest Nebraska Development Corporation (NNDC) is the lead agency for economic development. It is a private, not-for-profit corporation funded by business and government memberships from the cities of Chadron and Crawford. NNDC provides business assistance through consulting, expansion and retention activities and a revolving loan fund. It provides advocacy on issues, grant writing and administration and acts as a point of contact for any business looking to locate or expand in the county.

Still in its early stages, a Community Redevelopment Authority has been established.

Crawford Chamber of Commerce hosts several events, like the Crawford Farmers Market, Crawford Cattle Call and the 4th of July Celebration.

Crawford is classic Americana and their 4th of July celebration captures the "essence of American spirit" perfectly. Old West Trail Rodeo kicks off the celebrations on July 3rd with a wild rodeo, followed by a tremendous display of fireworks. Other Independence Day festivities include the Annual White River 5K, Annual 4th of July Parade and Crawford Mud Racing.



Crawford City Hall

CRAWFORD'S TOP 10 PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

EMPLOYERS	PRODUCT OR SERVICE	EMPLOYEES
Pine Ridge Services	Gas Station, Tire Shop and Mechanic Shop	10
Security First Bank	Financial	9
Charcoal House	Retail Charcoal Products	9
Horizon West Dental	Dentist	8
Herren Brothers True Value	Hardware Store	7
Crawford Companion Clinic	Veterinary	6
Heritage Seed	Seed & Bulbs, Livestock Equipment & Service	4
Northwest Auto Body, Paint and Towing	Body and Paint Shop & Towing	3
Beef State Agency	Insurance	2
Country Electric	Electrician	2



CRAWFORD'S TOP 10 EMPLOYERS

EMPLOYERS	PRODUCT OR SERVICE	EMPLOYEES
Ponderosa Villa	Nursing Home	59
Crawford Public Schools	Education	47
Crawford Livestock Market	Livestock Sales	40
Burlington Northern Sante Fe Railroad	Transportation	36
Crow Butte Resources	Uranium Development	19
Dawes County Road	Government	17
Fort Robinson	Recreation	11
City of Crawford	Government	11
Westco	Gas Station and Bulk Fuel	10
Legend Buttes Health Services	Clinic	10



Cameco Pavilion

Small town with so much to offer!



Corner Bar



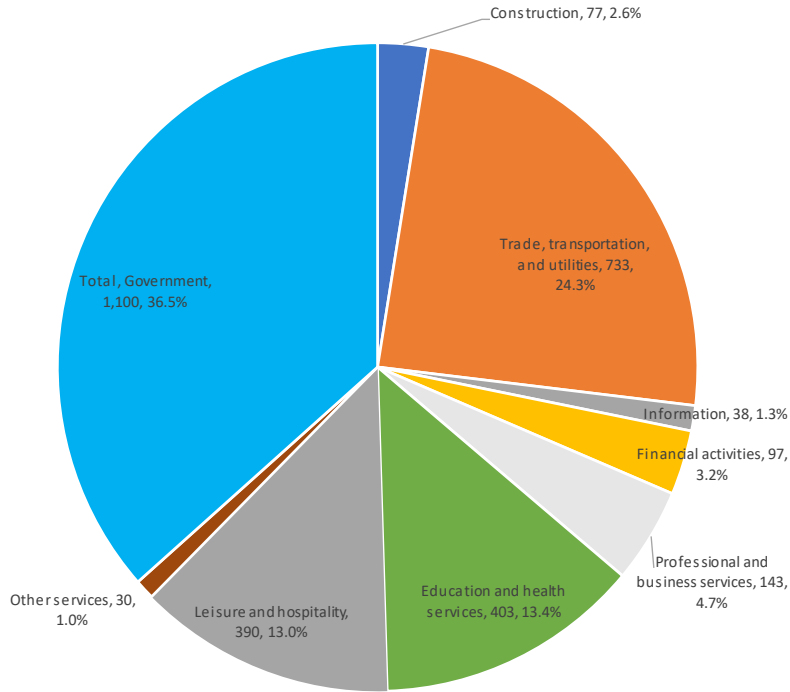
D & S Market



Frontier Bar Restaurant

Labor

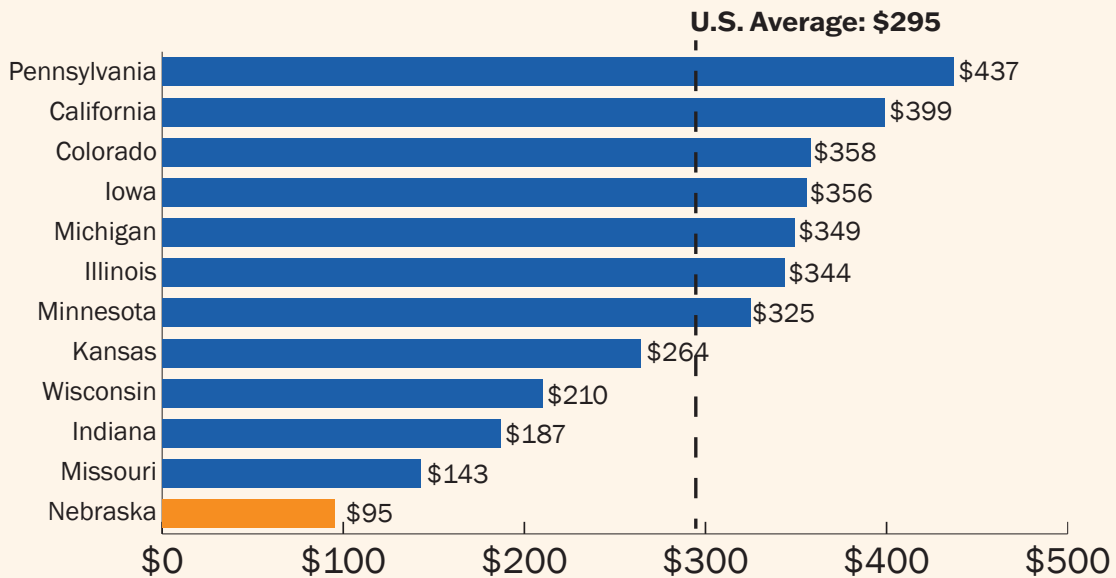
Dawes County Labor Force



West Plains Grain Elevator - Crawford

Average Annual Unemployment Insurance Contribution per Employee, 2021

Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, 2022



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. Visit networks.nebraska.gov to learn more about these and other services.

WAGE SAMPLING

Hourly wages rates for various occupations,
Panhandle Region, Nebraska

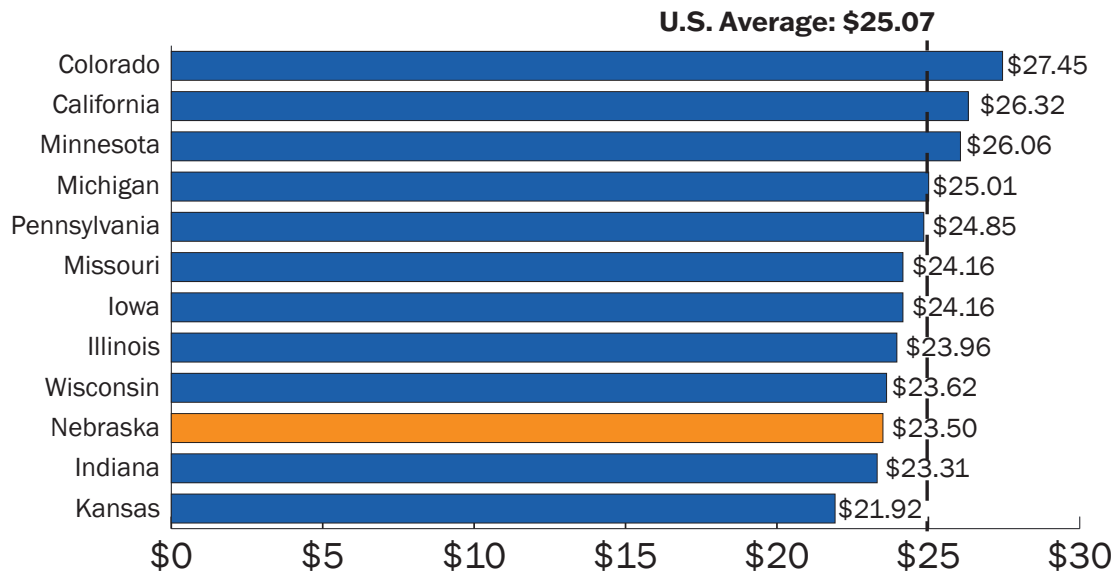
JOB TITLE	10TH PERCENTILE	50TH PERCENTILE	90TH PERCENTILE
ACCOUNTANTS AND AUDITORS	\$22.48	\$32.13	\$53.64
COMPUTER PROGRAMMERS	\$34.27	\$53.85	\$80.44
REGISTERED NURSES	\$31.35	\$33.18	\$41.59
RETAIL SALESPERSON	\$13.10	\$14.67	\$22.66
ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANTS except legal, medical	\$16.08	\$18.51	\$24.08
CUSTOMER SERVICE REPRESENTATIVES	\$14.05	\$16.58	\$22.70
OFFICES CLERKS, GENERAL	\$11.93	\$15.27	\$21.57
ASSEMBLERS AND FABRICATORS, ALL OTHER	\$15.23	\$15.97	\$27.25
LABORERS AND FREIGHT STOCK, MATERIAL MOVES, HAND	\$14.54	\$17.35	\$22.31
MACHINISTS	\$17.98	\$23.09	\$30.69
WELDERS, CUTTERS, SOLDERERS AND BRAZERS	\$18.87	\$22.16	\$31.56
HEAVY AND TRACTOR-TRAILOR TRUCK DRIVERS	\$19.39	\$22.82	\$31.27
ELECTRICIANS	\$22.10	\$23.70	\$33.62

*Wage Information taken from Nebraska Statewide

Source: Nebraska Workforce Development, Occupational Employment, Program, 2nd Quarter 2023

Average Hourly Earnings for Production Workers, 2022

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



Unionization

Nebraska has a right to work provision in its constitution. In 2022, 6.5 percent of Nebraska’s wage and salary workers were members of labor unions compared to a national figure of 10.1 percent.

Local Labor Unions

- BNSF Railroad
- Standard railroad unions

Fringe Benefits

Local industries estimate fringe benefits to range from 15% to 30% percent of wages.



BNSF coal train coming from the Powder River Basin in Wyoming



ANNUAL AVERAGE 2022 LABOR SUPPLY

**Contiguous Nebraska counties include Sioux, Box Butte, Sheridan.*

	DAWES COUNTY & CONTIGUOUS*	DAWES COUNTY
NON-FARM WAGE & SALARY WORKERS	8,520	3,075
TOTAL EMPLOYMENT	13,665	4,927
LABOR FORCE POPULATION	13,972	5,034
ADDITIONAL POTENTIAL LABOR SUPPLY		
COMMUTING OUT OF COUNTY (2020)		1,131
UNEMPLOYED		107
TOTAL		1,238

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
DAWES COUNTY	2.1%
NEBRASKA	2.3%
UNITED STATES	3.6%

Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics

Market Access

Highways

Crawford is located at the intersection of US Highway 20 and Nebraska Highways 2 and 71. Crawford is 95 miles to Interstate 90 to the north, and 132 miles to Interstate 80 to the south.

Trucklines

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

Community Freight Companies	
Magma Transport	308-632-8888
Connell Trucking	308-430-3403
Johnson Trucking	308-432-2843
MCT Trucking	308-487-3425

Transportation

The City of Crawford provides the transportation to residents of Crawford Monday through Friday 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

Air

Chadron Municipal Airport is located in Chadron, Nebraska, 25 miles northeast of Crawford. It offers two commercial flights through Southern Airways Express.

Rapid City Regional Airport is located in Rapid City, South Dakota. It is 120 miles north of Crawford.

Western Nebraska Regional is located in Scottsbluff, Nebraska. It is 75 miles southwest of Crawford.

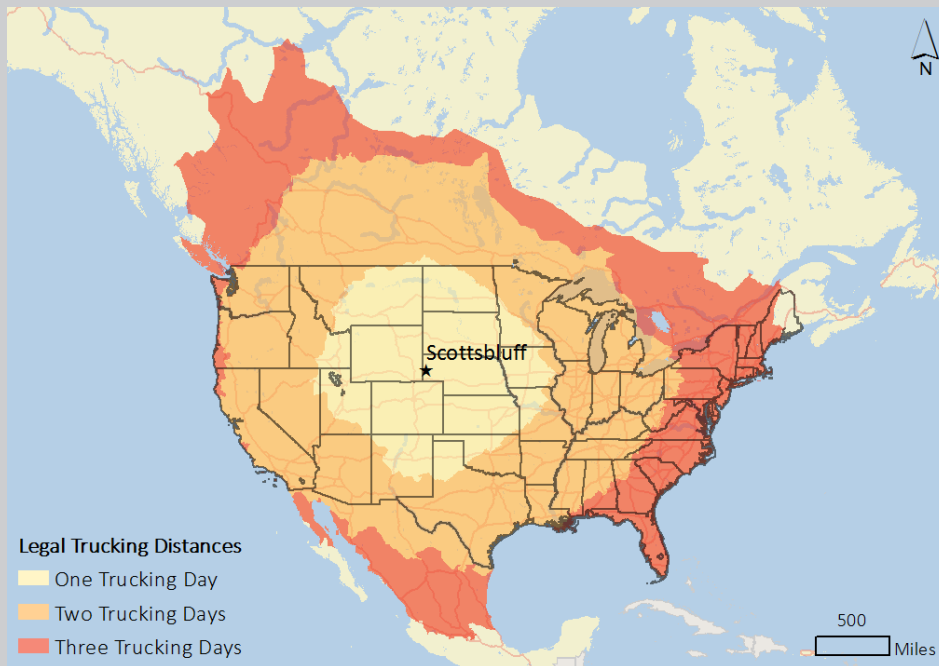
Rail

The BNSF main line serves Crawford with approximately 15-20 freight trains daily. Visit bnsf.com for information.

Nebraska Northwest Railroad serves Crawford with one freight train every 2 to three weeks.



Westco Gas Station



Trucklines

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Source: Nebraska Department of Economic Development. Legal Trucking Distances from Columbus, Nebraska [maps], 2016. Generated by Andrew Eckerson using ESRI Business Analyst Desktop.

Communications

Telecommunications & Internet Providers

- Century Link
Phone/Internet/Direct TV
- Mobius Communications
Phone/fiber internet/TV
- Nebraska Technology & Telecommunications
Phone/fiber internet/TV
- Viaero Wireless
Internet

Post Office & Package Delivery Service

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

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

Newspapers

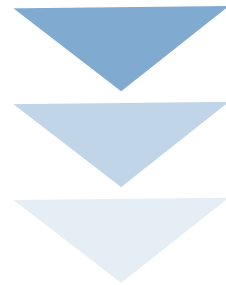
Crawford Clipper - Harrison Sun is delivered weekly with 700 subscribers and *Chadron Record* is delivered weekly with 2,000 subscribers. Other newspapers delivered locally are the *Rapid City Journal* and *Scottsbluff Star Herald*.



U.S. Post Office, Crawford, NE

Radio Stations

- KCSR-AM, 610KHz
- KCFD-AM, 88.1KHz
- NPR-AM, 90.1KHz
- KJZC-AM, 90.5KHz
- CATHOLIC, 91.3KHz
- KCNE-FM, 91.9KHz
- KVAR-FM, 93.9KHz
- KQSK-FM, 97.5KHz
- KBPY-FM, 107.7KHz



Television

- KDUH (Channel 4)
- KSTF (Channel 10)



Crawford Pool

Infrastructure

Nebraska Highlights

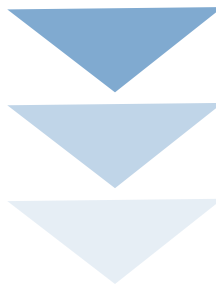
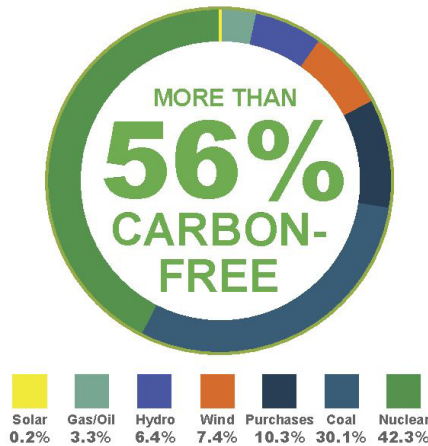
Energy costs are a considerable part of any business' operational budget. These costs can vary greatly between states, but in Nebraska (the only state in the nation where all electric utilities are publicly owned) electric costs are passed to consumers at low, cost-of-service rates. As a result, industrial 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 generation resources including coal, natural gas, oil, diesel, and methane, along with carbon-free "fuels," like nuclear, wind, hydro, and 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.

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.

NPPD ENERGY GENERATION RESOURCES FOR NEBRASKA CUSTOMERS
2021-2022 Rolling Two-Year Average



Country Electric

Utilities

Electricity

Crawford is provided retail electric service by Nebraska Public Power District (NPPD). Service is supplied by a 34,000-volt feeder from a 115,000 volt substation located east of Crawford. The substation consists of three 1,000 kVA, 34.5/4.16 transformers.

Natural Gas

Black Hills Energy is the distributor of natural gas in Crawford. Black Hills Corporation is a customer focused, growth-oriented utility company with a tradition of exemplary service and a vision to be the energy partner of choice. Based in Rapid City, South Dakota, the company serves over 1.28 million electric and natural gas utility customers in more than 800 communities in Arkansas, Colorado, Iowa, Kansas, Montana, Nebraska, South Dakota and Wyoming. Employees partner to produce results that improve life with energy.

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 at [blackhillsenergy.com](https://www.blackhillsenergy.com).

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

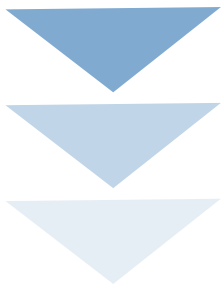
Average Retail Price of Energy Costs

Electric (Cents per Kilowatt Hour 2021)

	Residential	Commercial	Industrial
U.S. Average	13.72	11.27	7.26
NEBRASKA	10.85	8.85	7.37
California	22.85	19.21	15.14
Colorado	13.13	10.86	8.05
Illinois	13.24	9.70	7.36
Indiana	13.46	11.63	7.38
Iowa	12.75	10.17	6.67
Kansas	12.93	10.50	7.38
Massachusetts	22.91	17.16	15.31
Michigan	17.53	12.27	7.77
Minnesota	13.42	11.16	8.43
Missouri	11.49	9.20	7.10
Nevada	11.50	7.77	6.14
New Jersey	16.37	12.81	10.79
New York	19.44	16.14	6.33
Ohio	12.78	9.77	6.61
Pennsylvania	13.79	8.92	6.58
Wisconsin	14.55	10.92	7.66

Natural Gas (Dollars per Thousand Cubic Feet 2021)

	Residential	Commercial	Industrial
U.S. Average	12.18	8.79	5.50
NEBRASKA	9.59	6.69	9.75
California	16.34	12.04	7.13
Colorado	9.1	7.97	7.57
Illinois	10.51	9.1	6.86
Indiana	10.05	7.78	7.08
Iowa	10.2	8.46	5.22
Kansas	11.11	9.08	10.13
Massachusetts	16.02	12.05	6.70
Michigan	9.21	7.87	5.47
Minnesota	9.4	7.79	6.53
Missouri	10.81	7.7	5.36
Nevada	9.72	6.56	5.59
New Jersey	10.26	10.14	9.42
New York	13.78	7.91	8.38
Ohio	11.08	6.64	8.00
Pennsylvania	12.01	9.59	8.51
Wisconsin	9.74	7.88	6.98



Nebraska's energy costs are among the lowest in the Nation

Other Fuels LP Gas

LP gas is available in Crawford for residential and commercial uses from Westco.

Oil

Oil is available in Crawford for residential and commercial uses from Westco.

Water

The municipal water system in Crawford is supplied by two wells, which have an average depth of 100 feet. The system, serving the entire city, has a combined pumping capacity of 805 gallons per minute and an overhead storage capacity of 1,750,000 gallons. The average daily demand is 302,500 gallons, and the historic peak daily demand is 700,000 gallons.

The system has a maximum capacity of 997,920 gallons per day. The static pressure is 58 pounds per square inch and the residual pressure is 25 pounds per square inch.

The city's wells produce up to 1,159,200 gallons of water per minute. The water table has not changed significantly in the past 5 years. The quality of water in Crawford does necessitate a water treatment plant. Two water wells plus a infiltration gallery provides the water to the city of Crawford.

Water Rates effective 12/31/2022

A water connection fee of \$35-\$70 is charged to all new water services.

New tapping fee ranges from \$700-\$1,000.

Domestic and Non-Domestic Users
per 1,000 gallons

CUSTOMER CHARGE \$5.00
Minimum Bill

First 1,000 gal. \$5.50

Sewerage

Crawford has a municipal sanitary sewerage system and a storm sewer system. The activated sludge treatment plant was updated in 2014 and has a daily capacity of 235,000 gallons and an average daily flow of 200,000 gallons.

Sewer-Use Charges

Effective 12/31/2022

There is a \$35-\$70 sewer permit and inspection fee.

Solid Waste Disposal

Solid Waste Agency of Northwest Nebraska (SWANN) is a privately owned waste removal service in Crawford. They haul the solid waste to Chadron, which is 27 miles from Crawford.

Effective rates go in to effect

12/01/23. \$25.20/month/household

Recycling

The closest recycling facilities are in Alliance, Chadron and Gering.



Gibbons Honey Farms



Dawes County Senior Center

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
 - 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)

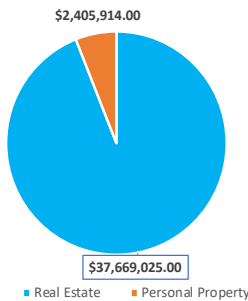
- Earning capacity of the real property (income approach)
- Cost less depreciation (cost approach)

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.

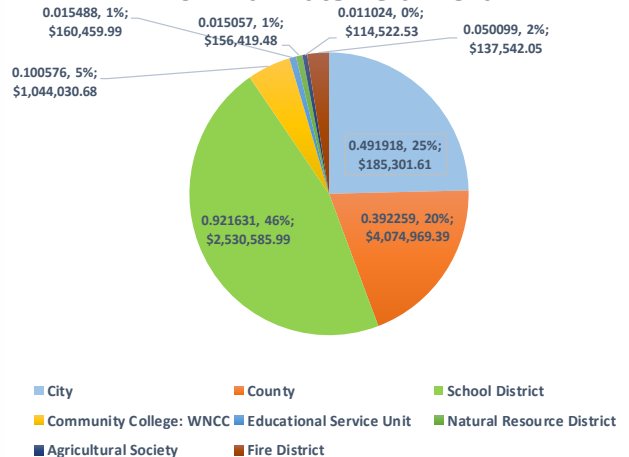
Known as the "ImagiNE Nebraska Act," this multi-tiered program provides qualifying businesses with employee payment credits, investment credits, sales and use tax refunds, and personal and property tax exemptions. Qualified companies, large and small can take advantage of these benefits. For more information 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.

2022 Actual Valuation Crawford



TOTAL
\$40,074,939.00

2022 Tax Rate - Crawford



TOTAL
\$8,403,831.72
dollars and cents
per \$100 of actual value



Crawford Fire Hall,
Crawford, Nebraska

Crawford is a second class city. It has a mayor-council form of government. The 2021–2022 actual budget was \$7,432,448.40.

Crawford County has 11 precincts and is governed by three county commissioners who are elected by popular vote for four-year terms. The actual county budget for 2021–2022 was \$13,510,434.54. The county belongs to the Panhandle Area Development District along with 11 other counties.

Fire Protection

Fire protection is provided to the city by a 44 member volunteer fire department and 19 members are certified emergency medical technicians. The Crawford Rural Volunteer Fire Department provides protection outside the city limits in a mutual aid agreement with the Rural Multi-State. It serves approximately 1,240 miles.

Crawford has one fire station and 83 fire hydrants.

Law Enforcement

The City of Crawford contracts with the Dawes County Sheriff’s Office. They provide regular patrol to the existing industries in the area. Annual expenditures for police protection for the last three years averaged \$225,767.

Sheriff

The Dawes County Sheriff’s Department has six sworn officers, one support personnel and nine jailers.

State Patrol

Troop E of the Nebraska State Patrol is headquartered in Scottsbluff, Nebraska.

2023 CRIME RATES		
Per 1,000 Population	VIOLENT CRIMES	PROPERTY CRIMES
NEBRASKA	1.4	10.3
DAWES COUNTY	3.5	11.1

Source: ucr.fbi.gov

Streets

Crawford has 12 miles of streets; nine miles are hard-surfaced with concrete; 75 percent of the streets have curbs and sidewalks.

Building Regulations

The Uniform Building Codes are recommended in Crawford.

Planning

Crawford has a five member planning commission. Members are appointed by the Council and approved by the Council to serve three-year terms.

The Comprehensive Plan for Crawford was prepared in October by PADD of Scottsbluff, Nebraska, and was revised in 2017.



Dawes County Sheriff Department



Brick House Emporium



Northwest Auto Body



Education

Crawford School District

School District No. 23-0071 in Dawes County, it covers 286 square miles and has a 2022 actual valuation of \$274,389,026, with an actual valuation per student of \$1,623,603. This Class 3 school is accredited by the Nebraska Department of Education and AdvanED.

The 2020-2021 school operation expenses totaled \$3,750,907, with an average cost per pupil of \$22,195.

Educational Service Unit

Educational Service Unit 13 (ESU), located in Scottsbluff, Chadron and Sidney, serves 11 counties including Dawes County. Visit esu13.org for more information.

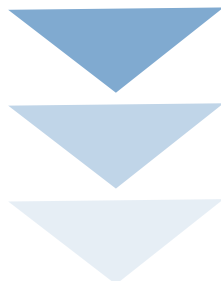
Special Schools

Vocational and Tech prep programs and Distance Learning is available on site.

Higher Education

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.



Colleges and Universities frequently attended:

- Chadron State College
Chadron, Nebraska
- University of Nebraska
Lincoln, Nebraska
- University of Nebraska
Kearney, Nebraska
- Western Nebraska Community
College
Scottsbluff, Nebraska
- Black Hills State University
Spearfish, South Dakota
- Eastern Wyoming College
Torrington, Wyoming
- Southeast Community College
Milford, Nebraska
- Powerline School
Alliance, Nebraska
- Fort Hays State University
Hays, Kansas

2021-2022 ACT SCORES

	COMPOSITE
CRAWFORD HIGH SCHOOL	21.3
NEBRASKA	18.6
NATIONAL	20.6

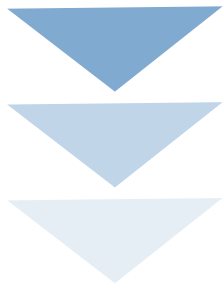
Source: Nebraska Department of Education

CRAWFORD PUBLIC SCHOOLS

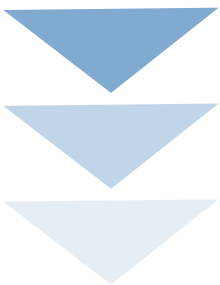
	STUDENTS	TEACHER/PUPIL RATIO	COMPUTER/PUPIL RATIO
ELEMENTARY (PRE-K-6), CRAWFORD	69	1.1	1.1
JR. HIGH (7-8), CRAWFORD	33	1.6	1.1
SR. HIGH SCHOOL (7-12), CRAWFORD	47	1.5	1.1



Crawford Elementary School



Crawford Grade School



Crawford High School



Ponderosa Villa

Quality of Life

Hospital

The Chadron Community Hospital is located in Chadron. It is a 25 bed, acute facility. There are several speciality clinics within the hospital which include: Audiology, Bariatric, Cardiology, ECHO, ENT, Internal Medicine, Nephrology, Neurology, OB/GYN, Orthopedics, Pacemakers, Pathology and Urology.

Regional West Medical Center is located in Scottsbluff, Nebraska.

Clinics

Legend Buttes Health Services in Crawford is open Monday through Friday, 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. and 1:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. Visiting physicians come

from Chadron Medical Clinic, and it is a by appointment only clinic. The clinic provides physician's appointments, immunizations, physicals, and some lab tests.

Rescue Squad

The Crawford Rural Fire Department has two ambulances and has 44 member-volunteers. There are 15 emergency medical technicians and one support personnel.

Nursing Homes

Ponderosa Villa is a nursing home in Crawford. It is a 35 bed facility.

Ponderosa Villa is also an assisted living facility with 18 available beds.

Low Cost / Retirement Housing

Ponderosa Settlement is a low income facility for residents 62 years or older. It has 18 units available.

Churches (Denomination)

- Assemblies of God
- Catholic
- Congregational
- Lutheran
- Methodist
- Seven-Day Adventist



Park Pavillion in Crawford

Library

Crawford Public Library is fully accredited by the Nebraska Library Commission and maintains membership in the Nebraska Library Association. The collections includes a wide variety of non-fiction, periodicals, children’s collection and young people’s collection as well as DVDs. Wireless internet and four computers are connected to broadband internet. Members have access to e-books though the Nebraska Overdrive/ Libby. Printing services are available for a small fee and seating areas are located inside and outside for reading in comfort. The library offers adult reading groups, children summer reading programs, special events for the community, and a newsletter is sent out quarterly.

Recreation

There are two parks in Crawford covering 60 acres.

Peabody Hale Park offers swimming, picnicking, playground, baseball diamond, community building and restrooms.

Crawford City Park offers a rodeo arena, park pavilion, playground, tennis courts, skating board ramp, horseshoe pits, picnicking, camping, disc golf, air soft field, restrooms, 4 electric RV sites and Arbor/Wacipi area.

The Crawford swimming pool is open June through mid August. Swimming lessons are available.

Golfing at the Crawford’s own Legend Buttes Golf Course is open from April through October.

Fort Robinson State Park is located three miles west of Crawford on Highway 20. If you like American history, Fort Robinson is a must. It has history going back to 1874 as a temporary encampment during the Indian Wars. Fort Robinson has all kinds of outdoor amenities which include horseback riding, hiking, jeep rides, playhouse, fishing, crafts, swimming, restaurant, cabins, historical museum, natural history museum, interpretive buildings and Native American history. These activities are open from Memorial Day to Labor Day. The Cheyenne Outbreak barracks where Crazy Horse was killed is open year round.

The Senior Citizens Center in Crawford offers senior meals, videos, socializing, and card playing.

The Historical Society Museum displays local community and business history, newspapers archives and photos.

RSVP Center offers volunteer activities and socializing.

Financial Institutions

- Security First Bank

Housing

It is estimated that two new homes will be built in 2023.



Crawford Library

EVENTS

The Cheyenne Outbreak of 1879 • January

Annual event - Shared history of the events that took place in 1879. This event is open to the public. With an evening run in remembrance.

Easter Egg Hunt • Easter Weekend

Easter egg hunt is held annually in the Crawford City Park.

Crawford Mud Truck Racing • May - July

Classes: Mega Truck, Modified, Super Stock, Rancher, Powder Puff and Kids Powerwheels Races.

Intertribal Gathering • June

Pow-wow featuring competitive dancing from tribes of the Plains Indians. Local vendors, kids activities, 5k and 10k walk/run.

Farmer's Market • July - October

Local community gardeners and crafters come together to sell their products.

Fourth of July • July

Professional Rodeo, art show, parade and fireworks

Crawford All Alumni Banquet • July

School reunion, featuring decade classes.

Peabody Hale Fiddle Contest • July

Fiddle contest featuring dances, games, contest in several age groups, and food available.

Senior Pro Rodeo • August

Professional rodeo for entrants over 50.

Northeast Nebraska Rock Swap • September

Vendors buying, selling, trading rocks, and minerals.

Crawford Cattle Call • September

Local ranchers bring livestock in for show.

Crawford Christmas Parade and Tree Lighting • November

Christmas Parade through downtown Crawford. Followed by a visit from Santa and Mrs. Clause. Christmas Tree is also lit. The tree remains in the downtown center throughout the Christmas season.

Historical Christmas at the Fort • December

Recreation of Christmas dinner provided at Fort Robinson. Period dress, decorations and menu. Tickets go on sale in November.



Legend Buttes Golf Course



Perk Up Coffee Shop & Gifts



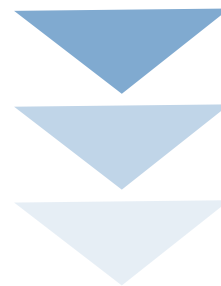
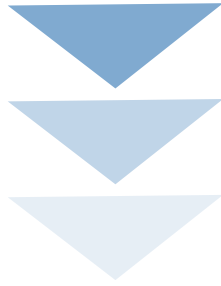
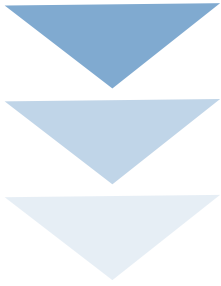
Rock Shop



Rodeo in Crawford



Crawford 4H Club



Hilltop Hotel



Fort Robinson Water Towers



Charcoal House is the most diverse supplier of hundreds of activated charcoal products. To name a few: home products for odor control, air and water purification, health and beauty such as, detox products, toothpaste, soaps, pain patches, etc., animals and gardening including soil and animal detox products. Charcoal House also supplies products for commercial applications and to various industries including the military and aerospace industries for research and development. "Purify Your World"



Fort Robinson House

Nebraska's Rank Among States

- 1ST** Commercial Cattle Slaughter, 2021

- Great Northern Bean Production, 2022

- Cash receipts per capita, 2021

- All cattle on feed, Jan. 1, 2023

- Popcorn Production, 2021

- 2ND** Beef and Veal exports, 2022

- All cattle and calves, Jan. 1, 2023

- Commercial red meat production, 2021

- Pinto bean production, 2022

- Proso millet production, 2022

- Bison, 2017

- 3RD** Corn Exports, 2021

- Cash Receipts from All Farm Commodities, 2021

- Cash receipts from all livestock and products, 2021

- Light red kidney bean production, 2022

- 4TH** Beef Cows, Jan. 1, 2023

- Cash receipts from all crops, 2021

- Total animal products exports, 2021

- Cash receipts from all crops, 2020

- Corn for grain production, 2022

- All dry edible bean production, 2022

- Dry edible pea production, 2022

- Land in Farms and Ranches, 2021

- 5TH** Soybean Exports, 2021

- Agricultural exports, 2021

- Sunflower production, 2022

- Harvested Acres of Principal Crops, 2021

- Grain sorghum production, 2022

- 6TH** Commercial hog slaughter, 2022

- All hogs and pigs on farms, Dec. 1, 2022

- Soybean production, 2022

- Dry edible pea production, 2022

- Sugar beet production, 2022

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



Crawford Companion Animal Clinic

Agriculture

In 2021, Nebraska ranked first among the states in commercial cattle slaughter and popcorn production; second in beef and veal exports and commercial red meat production; third in corn exports and cash receipts from all farm commodities.

Nebraska ranks fifth among all states for total agricultural exports, with more than \$9 billion in exports.

Nebraska's farms and ranches utilized 44.8 million acres or 92 percent of the state's total land area. Cash receipts from farm markets in 2021 contributed more than \$26.0 billion to the state's economy and 6.1 percent of the U.S. total. Food processing is the state's largest manufacturing sector and foreign markets are important for many of the state's manufacturers.



Surface Water

Nebraska's surface water resources are surprisingly extensive, including approximately 18,000 miles of continuously flowing rivers and streams and about 430 square miles of lakes.

Surface water is predominantly used by grazing livestock as its source drinking water.

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 water resource is located in nearly two-thirds of Nebraska. This 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



Uranium is mined at Crow Butte Resources 5 miles east, southeast of Crawford. The site is licensed to produce 1 million pounds of yellow cake annually.

2017 STATISTICS

	DAWES COUNTY	NEBRASKA
NUMBER OF FARMS	491	46,332
LAND IN FARMS acres	750,204	44,986,821
AVERAGE SIZE OF FARMS acres	1.528	971
MARKET VALUE per year	\$60,933,000	\$21,986,430,000
MARKET VALUE OF AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS SOLD	\$124,100	\$474,476
TOTAL ACRES IRRIGATED	17,819	8,588,389
PERCENT OF FARMLAND IRRIGATED	2.4%	19.1%

Source: 2017 Census of Agriculture

PRODUCTION OF LEADING CROPS

5 year average - 2018-2022

	DAWES COUNTY	NEBRASKA
CORN FOR GRAIN bushels (2020)	811,000	1,658,390
HAY, ALFALFA tons (2014-2018)	92,820	5,305,734
WINTER WHEAT (2014-2018)	661,000	56,836,000

Source: United States Department of Agricultural Statistics Service

AVERAGE LIVESTOCK POPULATION

5 year average - 2018-2022

	DAWES COUNTY	NEBRASKA
ALL CATTLE	61,200	1,965,300

Source: United States Department of Agricultural Statistics Service

Main agriculture crops are cattle, alfalfa, grass hay, and wheat. Most hay is fed locally and not commercially sold. Cattle are sold live and processed elsewhere. Wheat is generally sold at the elevator and shipped elsewhere for processing.



Climate

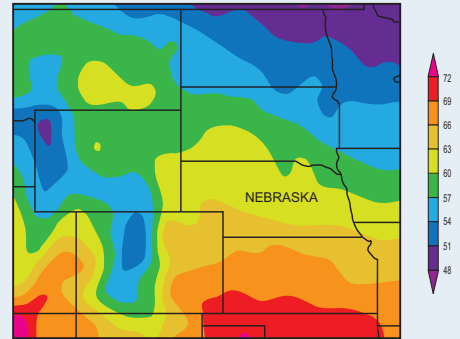
Four Distinct Seasons

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.

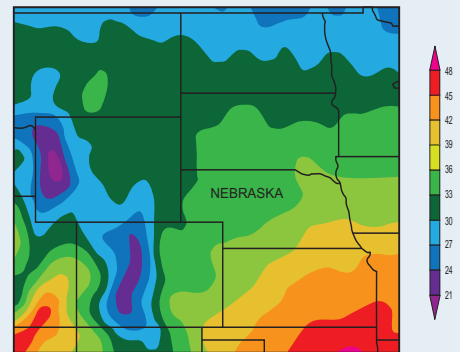
Precipitation

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

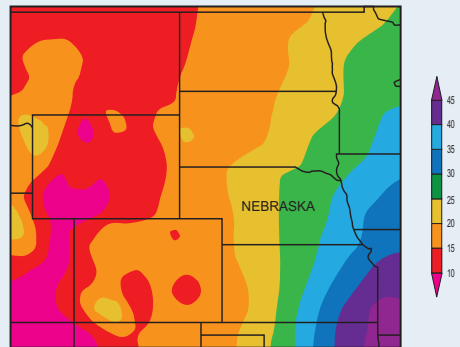
Annual Maximum Temperature (F)



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



Crawford, Nebraska



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