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INTRODUCTION

Knowledge of where to find statistical information is important today. More and more, people need facts upon which to base decisions. This need increases as specialization grows, investment in capital equipment rises, and service agencies and service needs become more widespread.

There is a need for specific references on sources of statistics about the agricultural industry. The field is so broad when all sources dealing with all subjects are considered that an effort has been made to narrow it to statistical references closely associated with Nebraska agriculture and related industries.

These references will help you to better serve those seeking factual information and will also serve as sources of information for special projects or in performing your own duties.

This is not a complete catalog or reference list. Some of the publications, such as the Statistical Abstract, have bibliographies which will provide references on subject matter not mentioned specifically.

Where to Get Statistical References

Most public libraries have the publications listed. If you wish to have personal copies, write to:


The State-Federal Division of Agricultural Statistics, P. O. Box 1911, Lincoln 1, Nebraska; the Extension Service, College of Agriculture, University of Nebraska, Lincoln 3, Nebraska; or your County Extension Office, for State statistical data.

Bureau of Business Research, College of Business Administration, University of Nebraska for Business in Nebraska and other statistical information about business trends.

The Department of Agricultural Economics, University of Nebraska, College of Agriculture, Lincoln 3, Nebraska, for additional statistical information, or for interpretation of data from sources listed in this publication.

1/ State Agricultural Statistician, Extension Conservationist, Extension Economist, and Assistant State Leader of Programs and Reports (Extension), respectively.
Agricultural Statistics - An annual summary of important statistical series by states and for the United States. Includes commodity data on program operations of the U.S.D.A., farm resources, income, expenses, consumption, family living, and miscellaneous items.


Statistical Bulletins

Bulletins presenting long-time series of estimates, including revised series.

U.S.D.A. commodity or subject bulletins devised to assemble all pertinent statistical information relating to a given commodity or subject. These include analytical tables commonly used by the "Trade" or the U.S.D.A. They are the statistical background data for situation reports. (See U.S. Situation Reports below.)

U.S. Census of Agriculture - Periodic data at intervals of five years published by the Bureau of the Census, Department of Commerce, dealing with county, economic area, and state data on agriculture. Primary source on land use, tenure, type of farm, size groups, number of farms and farms reporting various agricultural items, etc.

Current U.S. Crop, Livestock and Price Reports - Timely reports on crops, livestock, prices, and other subjects by states and regions covering 500 or so reports issued by the Crop Reporting Board, Statistical Reporting Service, U.S.D.A. See schedule and content of Crop and Livestock Reports, usually issued in December each year by Crop Reporting Board.

U.S. Situation Reports - Current periodic reports dealing with commodities, demand and price, marketing and transportation, farm real estate, farm income, food situation, etc. Issues include current statistical and analytical data which further explain those published in Statistical Bulletins.

Agricultural Outlook Chartbook - This is a convenient reference book prepared by several Agencies in the U.S. Department of Agriculture containing charts and statistical tables dealing with U.S. figures primarily, but treating important subjects such as (1) the general agricultural situation and outlook, (2) supply prospects, (3) demand prospects, (4) marketing farm food products, (5) commodity highlights, (6) family living, (7) world food production and requirements, (8) foreign agricultural trade and (9) leading foreign customers.

The book tells how to order charts from the Department which are prepared as photographic prints, positive photostats, filmstrips or individual slides in color or black and white. The Agricultural Outlook Chartbook is available through the Information Division, Agricultural Economics, U.S.D.A., Washington 25, D.C. or through the Superintendent of Documents, U.S. Government Printing Office, Washington 25, D.C. The price through the printing office is 45 cents.
Statistical Summary - Monthly short statistical reports presenting highlights of current agricultural trends, important national economic indicators, farm outlook highlights, and current farm income figures by states earlier than any other source.

Daily, Weekly, and Periodic Market News Reports - Commodity price reports covering important markets or marketing areas. Include reported prices by trades and market movements.

Foreign Agricultural Trade - Series of monthly and annual publications providing details of imports and exports by commodities, country of origin or destination.

World Situation Reports - Publications prepared currently by the Foreign Agricultural Service, by commodities or subjects, which include current world statistics on agricultural items.

Farm Costs and Returns - Commercial Farms, by Type, Size and Location - Issued annually, presents summary results of farm operations in the year preceding the year of issue for about 30 important types of commercial farms in major producing areas of the United States. It includes trends in size of farm, land use, numbers of livestock, crop and livestock production, investment, cash receipts, cash expenditures, net farm income, returns to operator and family labor and other items.

Farm Population and Manpower. Economic Research Service Reports.

Farm Population Estimates - Usually issued annually, contains current estimates of the distribution of the farm population by geographic regions and divisions and estimates of the components of annual change (births, deaths, and migration) in the farm population for the United States and for the geographic areas.

The Census-ERS Series - Prepared cooperatively with the Bureau of the Census, provides annual estimates of the distribution of the farm population by age, sex, labor force status, and, at times, by other characteristics. Certain reports in this series contain information on related subjects such as farm dwellings and households, farm operators, etc.

The Hired Farm Working Force - A summary report about agricultural workers in the United States, has been published for most years since 1945. Information is reported for all persons 14 years of age and over in the civilian noninstitutional population of the United States who did any farm wage work during the year. The information reported includes time worked and wages earned at farm and nonfarm work by race and other related data.

Agricultural Credit & Related Data, Agricultural Commission, American Bankers Association (annually) - U. S. trends in the farm mortgage debt; trends in ration of debt to assets; loans outstanding for other federal agencies, 1932 to date. Index of prices received and paid, effects of changing prices on debtors, proportion of farms mortgaged, etc. Data by states show proportion of commercial banks extending agricultural credit; total loans outstanding; amounts loaned for agricultural purposes by insurance companies and by Federal Land Bank agencies; FHA loans outstanding for various purposes. Reports may be obtained from Agricultural Commission, American Bankers Association, 12 East 36th Street, New York 16, New York.
Publications about Nebraska

(Available from State-Federal Crop Reporting Service, P. O. Box 1911, Lincoln 1, Nebraska, unless otherwise indicated. Single copies free.)

Nebraska Agricultural Statistics Annual Report - A printed report published each year about mid-June showing important state estimates relating to crops, livestock, irrigation, fertilizer use, cattle and sheep insishments and other special data, charts and maps relating to Nebraska agriculture including county estimates on many agricultural commodities. Some issues are not available for distribution but are available on a loan basis.

Nebraska Preliminary County Estimates - A mimeographed report issued in early April which includes county statistics of leading crops and livestock for the previous year. State estimates relating to income, crops and livestock prices received by farmers are also included. These are not available for distribution after the current year. The statistical series are republished in the annual printed reports.

Nebraska Agricultural Statistics, Historical Record 1866-1954 - A publication dealing primarily with state estimates, tracing trends from the start of state records for all series of statistics relating to crops and livestock. Copies available on request.

Nebraska Irrigation Statistics - Two special publications covering the period 1945-48 and 1949-53. These publications introduce county statistics on irrigated crops. They start with 1945 and include a number of special articles on irrigation and power development in the state. Limited supply of 1949-53 available for distribution. The 1945-48 issue is on a loan basis.

Nebraska Agricultural Statistics, Beef Cattle - A special publication relating to the leading source of agricultural income in the state. Statistical series include all available state and county estimates relating to cattle from the beginning of the records through 1957. Summaries of the 1956 Nebraska cattle production and marketing survey are included, along with maps showing concentration of cattle feeding and distribution of beef cows, Nebraska cattle markets, and origin of cattle insishments. Data since 1957 are published each year in Nebraska Agricultural Statistics, Annual Report. Limited supply of copies for distribution.

Nebraska Crop and Livestock Reports - A regular series of reports are issued during the year covering many phases of agriculture in the state. These include:


Monthly reports:

Crop production, milk and egg production, pasture feed conditions, and miscellaneous items.
Range feed and livestock conditions.
Prices received by farmers and prices paid.
Hatchery production.
Commercial slaughter and meat production.
Stocker and feeder insishments, cattle and calves, sheep and lambs.
Potato stocks, December-March.
Poultry slaughter.
Chickens and turkeys tested.
Quarterly reports:

Pig crop.
Cattle on feed.
Sheep and lambs on feed, (3 times a year).
Stocks of grain, on and off farms.

Semi-annual reports:

Pig crop.
Calf crop.
Lamb crop.
Chickens raised.
Bees and honey, (3 times a year).
Turkeys raised.
Wool production.
Soil moisture surveys.

Annual reports:

Livestock and poultry inventories.
March acreage intentions.
July acreage estimates.
Annual crop summary, including value of production.
Farm production, disposition and income for livestock, poultry, eggs and milk.
Manufactured dairy products.
Cash receipts from farm marketings.
Farm real estate.
Field seeds.
Miscellaneous crops, popcorn, dry beans, etc.
Number of farms -- land in farms.
Certified potatoes, by varieties.

Special reports:

Commercial fertilizer - 7 reports.
Hog marketings - 4 reports.
Crop varieties - 4 reports.
Grasses and legumes - E.C. 61-136 1/
Custom rates - E.C. 60-806 1/
Breeds of hogs.

Nebraska Soil and Water Conservation Needs Inventory - This publication is an inventory of land use, conservation problems and acreage needing treatment. It includes all land, except federal non-cropland, used for the production of food and fiber crops in Nebraska. It includes present acreage in major uses, acreage of each land use on various kinds of soil, classified by degree of slope, erosion hazard and other limiting hazards. Copies available through the Agricultural Extension Service or Soil Conservation Service.

(Publications listed below are available from U. S. Government Printing Office, Washington 25, D.C., unless otherwise indicated. If no price is given, single copies are free.)

1/ Prepared in cooperation with the Nebraska Agricultural Extension Service, University of Nebraska.
U. S. Census of Agriculture - The Federal Census of Agriculture has been taken every five years since 1925 and every ten years prior to 1920. It is the most comprehensive statistical coverage of county and state data made. Census statistics for Nebraska begin with 1870. Over the years, the questions have changed and coverage has varied. Recent censuses have been fairly complete in coverage of farmland and most crops. Also, most definitions and questions have been consistent, although the definition of a "census farm" has changed.

Preliminary County Census releases - About a year after the date of the Census a one-page county summary of important census items is published. The summary includes, with comparison for the previous census year, (a) the number of farms, (b) land use, (c) farms by size, (d) farmers by tenure, age, residence, (e) farms by type, (f) farms by economic class, (g) specified equipment, (h) farm labor, (i) expenditure, (j) commercial fertilizers, (k) livestock and poultry on hand and sold, and (l) acreage, production sales of specified crops, tree fruits, and nursery and greenhouse products, and farm forest products.

Agriculture Census, Vol. 1, Counties - This is the final published report, presenting statistics by counties, economic areas and for the state for farms, farm characteristics, livestock and products, crops, fruits and values. In addition to data contained in the preliminary report, size group tables are shown for many items by economic areas or by counties. Considerable detail is presented on irrigated land and crops irrigated. The Census includes a series of 14 tables relating to county data showing information on farms reporting various items, farm size group classification for nearly all leading commodities and the value of crops and livestock and livestock products sold. For specific detail, see contents Agriculture Census Vol. 1. Part 20 Nebraska. Price $1.50.

Irrigation Statistics

Federal Reclamation Projects. Statistical Appendix to Crop Report and Related Data - This is an annual report prepared by the Department of Interior showing details on land use, crop acreages and production and a summary of crop value for each irrigation project under the Bureau of Reclamation. For Nebraska, detailed statistics are prepared for the (1) North Platte Valley, (2) Mirage Flats, (3) Missouri River basin, Bostwick Division, (4) Missouri River Basin, Middle Loup Division (Sargent), (6) Missouri River Basin, Oregon Trail Division, (Glendo) Nebraska-Wyoming. Copies of the Statistical Appendix or statistics relating to local projects may be obtained in local Reclamation offices or by writing to the Bureau of Reclamation, U. S. Department of Interior, Washington, D.C.

Agricultural Conservation and Related Programs. Annual Statistical Summary - Activities and accomplishments of the agricultural programs administered by the Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Committees are summarized each year. Data by counties are shown for the (1) Agricultural Conservation Program, (2) The Sugar Beet Program, (3) The Soil Bank Program, (4) The Wool Program, (5) Price Support and Commodity Loan Programs, (6) Acreage Allotment and Mail Listing Quota Programs. Statistics on the more recent programs are expected to be prepared for future issues. Copies are available through the county or state ASCS office.

Farm-Operator Family Level-of-Living Indexes for Counties of the United States - These are bulletins published every five years. The indexes are constructed from data available in the Censuses of Agriculture and are computed for the country as a whole, regions, geographic divisions, states, and state economic areas, as well as for the counties of the United States. Statistical Bulletin 204, U.S.D.A. includes data for 1945, 1950 and 1954.
Census of Population - Every ten years the Census of Population is taken. State, county, city, village and township data are published on number of inhabitants. The Census tables also include a multitude of breakdowns of general population characteristics such as age, race, household relationship, sex and marital status. A separate publication deals with General Social and Economic Characteristics. Details are shown for cities over 10,000 metropolitan areas (Omaha and Lincoln) and for counties and urban places with a population of 2,500 to 10,000. Data covers age, color, county of origin, mother tongue, residence, education, employment, occupation, industry of employed, means of transportation, income per family and per person and earnings in selected occupations. Some data are broken down for the rural farm population. The Census for 1960 is available in four parts. Copies may be ordered from the U. S. Government Printing Office, Washington 25, D.C.

United States Census of Population 1960

PC (1) 29A - Number of Inhabitants - 35¢
PC (1) 29B - General Population Characteristics - $1.00
PC (1) 29C - General Social and Economic Characteristics - $1.00
PC (1) 29D - Detailed Characteristics - (price not available at this time)

BUSINESS AND INDUSTRY

Publications About The United States


Major Statistical Publications Dealing with Industry, Business and Other Subjects.

Statistical Abstract of the U. S. - This publication is compiled by the Bureau of the Census. It selects the most important statistical series in all fields of activity dealing with social, political and economic organization of the United States. It is a convenient reference and a guide to other statistical publications and sources of data. The abstract is divided into 34 sections dealing with:

- agriculture, population, vital statistics, immigration, education, law enforcement,
- geography and climate, public lands and recreation, labor, elections, military services, social services, income and expenditures, prices, government, banking, business, communications, power, roads, transportation, water traffic, irrigation, forests, fisheries, mining, construction, manufacturers, trade, domestic and foreign, and statistics on the territories and certain international data.

The Abstract contains an extensive "Bibliography of Sources of Statistics" listing important sources of primary and secondary statistical information related to the subject matter in the 34 sections of the publication.

Survey of Current Business - A monthly report issued by the U. S. Department of Commerce which includes articles and statistics on the business situation. Data include statistics on income by industries, gross national products, consumption, government receipts and expenses, savings, employment, indicators of business activity, wage rates, consumer credit, life insurance, etc. All data are on national basis. This report is available from Superintendent of Documents, Government Printing Office, Washington, D.C. Subscription rate of $4.00 per year.

Major Censuses

Census of Governments - This Census is published in six volumes dealing with (1) Governmental Organization, (2) Government Employment, (3) Government Finances, (4) Topical studies such as employee-retirement systems, state payments to local government, etc., (5) Taxable property values in the United States and (6) State Bulletins, published separately for each state.

Census of Business - This Census is published in six volumes showing (1) summary statistics and (2) area statistics for (a) retail trade, (b) wholesale trade and (c) selected service trades.

Census of Manufacturers - This Census is published in four volumes covering (1) summary statistics in 12 chapters, (2) industry statistics for 20 major groups and 460 individual industries, (3) area statistics by states and geographic divisions and (4) indexes of production.

Census of Mineral Industries - This Census is published in two volumes, (1) summary of industry statistics for the U. S. and (2) area and state data.

Decennial Censuses - The ten-year Census has been devoted to population characteristics. Recent reports have published statistics on housing with three volumes as follows: (1) general characteristics, (2) non-farm housing characteristics, and (3) farm housing characteristics. Both state and county figures are contained in the above reports.

Publications About Nebraska

(Available from Bureau of Business Research, College of Business Administration, University of Nebraska, Lincoln 8, Nebraska. Write for quotation.)

Nebraska Business and Industrial Statistics - The Bureau of Business Research, College of Business Administration, compiles statistics related to Nebraska Business measurements, population trends, labor, taxes, government revenues and expenditures, education, income, manufacturing, trade, service industries, financial institutions, transportation, public utilities and miscellaneous industries and topics. Copies available from Bureau of Business Research, College of Business Administration, Lincoln, Nebraska

Business in Nebraska is a monthly publication of the Bureau of Business Research. It includes analytical reports dealing with the various fields mentioned above. It publishes each month a series of tables dealing with:

1. Business indicators.
2. Physical volume of business.
3. Retail sales for selected cities, counties and areas.
4. Retail sales by type of stores.
5. City business indicators, including percentage changes for bank debits, building activity, electricity and gas consumed, water pumped, postal receipts and newspaper advertising. Charts and graphs show trends for the state, U. S. and selected cities.
Statistical Abstract of Nebraska Business, Nebraska Economic and Business Reports Number One - This report, containing 150 pages, was compiled under the direction of Dr. Edgar Z. Palmer, Bureau of Business Research, University of Nebraska, and published in October, 1957. It includes statistical tables for the state showing data for all years of record. Up-to-date information for the statistical tables in this report is often included in the monthly report, Business in Nebraska. The Bureau of Business Research has up-to-date records in their files for series that may have been published.

CLIMATE

(Available from U. S. Government Printing Office, Washington 25, D.C., or as listed below.)

Preliminary Climatic Summary for Nebraska - This is a monthly mimeographed release issued about ten days after the end of the month. It includes a descriptive statement and statistics on monthly precipitation by division (Crop Reporting Districts) and for selected stations in the various counties. Available on request to Weather Bureau, Lincoln, Nebraska.

Climatological Data - A monthly printed publication presents complete weather data for all stations on temperatures and precipitations, by days and for the month. Supplemental data on wind, humidity and soil temperatures for selected stations. This printed publication is available about 40 days after the end of the month. Federal employees may get free copies from the Weather Bureau.

Climatological Data Annual Summary - A printed publication issued annually showing for all stations monthly precipitation and temperatures with departures from long-term means, and selected data on temperature extremes and freezes, evaporation, wind movement and soil temperatures. Federal employees may get free copies from the Weather Bureau.

Climate and Man - The 1941 Yearbook of Agriculture includes long-term averages by stations on temperatures, killing frosts and precipitation. The historical record of average state rainfall and temperatures begins with 1886. Available in most local libraries.


Climates of the States--Nebraska - This is a part of the Weather Bureau's publication, Climatography of the United States No. 60-25 issued December 1959. It includes a summary description of Nebraska weather, mean temperatures, and precipitation by stations; freeze data; normals; means and extremes for selected stations and isoline maps on temperatures and annual precipitation. Available for ten cents, Superintendent of Documents, U. S. Government Printing Office, Washington 25, D.C.