

North Dakota Agriculture *by the numbers*



State Stats

- 24%** - People employed directly by production agriculture or agriculture-related industries
- \$8.6 Billion** - Cash receipts of North Dakota's largest industry
- \$4.5 Billion** - North Dakota agriculture exports in 2014
- 30,000** - Number of farms and ranches
- 1,307 acres** - Average farm size
- 90%** - Approximate amount of land in farms and ranches in North Dakota
- 39.2 Million** - Acres of farm and ranch land

Livestock

- There are 1,650,000 head of beef cattle and calves, 16,000 head of milk cows, 140,000 hogs, 64,000 sheep and lambs, and approximately 600,000 honey bee colonies in North Dakota.
- North Dakota dairy cattle produce about 324 million pounds of milk each year.
- North Dakota raises about 1 million turkeys annually.
- Other livestock raised in North Dakota include horses, bison, farmed elk, goats and non-traditional livestock such as white-tail and fallow deer and furbearers.

North Dakota ranks first in the nation in the production of many crops, including:

Crops

	<u>% of U.S. total</u>
Spring wheat	49%
Durum wheat	53%
Dry edible beans	30%
Pinto beans	58%
Sunflowers, oil	41%
Canola	85%
Flaxseed	91%
Honey	24%

North Dakota is also an important producer of navy beans, dry edible peas, lentils, barley, sugarbeets, safflower, oats, potatoes and soybeans.

Climate & Soil

- North Dakota's climate is semi-arid in the East to arid in the West.
- Northwest North Dakota averages 14 inches of precipitation.
- Southeast North Dakota averages 22 inches of precipitation.
- North Dakota soil ranges from thick black loam in the Red River Valley, some of the richest agricultural land in the world, to more porous, sandy soils in the west.
- The motto "Strength from the Soil" appears on the state's coat of arms and governor's flag.



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