

Examining the Relationship: Nebraska's Community Banks and Agriculture

- One in four jobs in Nebraska is directly connected to agriculture.
- In 2023, Nebraska agriculture generated **\$31.6 billion** in sales, with livestock accounting for 58% and crops for 42%.
- As of Q4 2024, Nebraska's state-chartered banks had invested more than \$14 billion in outstanding agricultural loans (nearly 40% of the state's total loan volume).
 - Of this amount, \$6.9 billion was allocated to ag land loans.
 - Another \$7.1 billion was for loans related to machinery purchases and other production-related expenses.
- Of Nebraska's 134 state-chartered banks, 104 (nearly 78%) qualify as
 "agricultural banks" under FDIC standards, meaning at least 25% of their
 capital is deployed to support ag lending. This underscores Nebraska
 banking's ag expertise.

For facts on Nebraska agricultural production, see this <u>brochure</u> and <u>fact card</u> published by the Nebraska Department of Agriculture.

