

Australia's relationship with

NEBRASKA



KEY FACTS

- **Population:** 1,934,408 (2019)
- **Major Cities:** Lincoln (capital), Omaha (largest)
- **Gross Domestic Product (GDP):** \$127,941 million
- **GDP Growth:** 3.7% (2018)
- **Key Industries:** Corn, Livestock, Food processing, Ethanol.
- **Known for:** Nick named "The Cornhusker State", settled during the gold rush of 1848, football, nonpartisan legislature, home to Dick Cheney, Gerald Ford, Warren Buffett, Fred Astaire and home to the Henry Doorly Zoo, with the largest indoor rainforest in the US

ECONOMIC RELATIONSHIP

- **Two-Way Trade:** US\$218 Million
- **Australia's Exports to Nebraska:** US\$9 Million (2019)
- **Nebraska's Imports to Australia:** US\$209 Million (2019)
- **Priority Sectors for the Australia-Nebraska economic relationship:** Agricultural Machinery, Pork, Fungicides and Pleasure Boats.

PEOPLE TO PEOPLE LINKS

- **Sister Cities:** None
- **Representation:** Australia's relationship with Nebraska is managed by the **Consulate General in Chicago**.
- **Consul General:** David Bushby

POLITICAL ENVIRONMENT

- **Governor:** Pete Ricketts (R) next election in 2021
- **2020 Presidential Outcome:** Trump 58.2%
- **Senators:** Deb Fischer (R), Ben Sasse (R)
- **House:** 3 Republicans

AUSTRALIAN COMMUNITY

- **Notable Australians in Nebraska:** Canberra native **Daniel Cerni** is a punter for the Huskers (NU) football team (2020)

AUSTRALIAN BUSINESS

- **Neogen:** Australia's largest commercial livestock genomic testing laboratory opened in Lincoln, Nebraska in 2018, following a \$ 5 million investment in new facilities and equipment

GLOBAL BUSINESS

- **Valmont Industries:** A manufacturing company
- **HDR:** A company specializing in engineering, architecture, environmental and construction services.
- **Scoular:** A company dedicated to the industry of grain.
- **Berkshire Hathaway:** A multinational based in Omaha (CEO Warren Buffet)
- **The Union Pacific Railroad:** The US's second largest rail company and one of the world's largest transportation companies.
- **Valley Irrigation:** Founders invented pivot irrigation system; company has offices in QLD (subsidiary of Valmont Industries)

UNIVERSITY PARTNERSHIPS

- **The University of Nebraska-Lincoln** has deep connections with the University of Adelaide. They share connections over space law research and their shared construction of the Greenhouse Innovation Centre.
- **Nationally Ranked Universities**
University of Nebraska-Lincoln: 139th



MAJOR EVENTS

- **Berkshire Hathaway Annual Shareholder Meeting:** CEO Warren Buffet utilizes the annual shareholder meeting to create a conference that allows selected start-ups and corporate venture capital and innovation executives from participating agriculture companies to discuss strategic partnerships and appropriate investment opportunities. Conferences is hosted by the Nebraska Department of Economic Development & Greater Omaha Chamber of Commerce.
 - **Crane Watch Festival:** Proclaimed as the Sandhill Crane Capital of the World, Kearney welcomes more than 80% percent of the world's population of Sandhill cranes traveling from southern wintering grounds to northern breeding grounds in Canada, Alaska and Siberia. The cranes are the focus of this popular event that also features educational, family activities including the Miss Crane Watch Festival Pageant, entertainment and community-wide events in Kearney, Minden, and Gibbon.
 - **NEBRASKAland Days:** The largest event in western Nebraska is a celebration of the state and its heritage. Complete with top name concerts, parades, athletic contests, food events, microbrew festival, boxing, art shows and rodeos, the event attracts more than 100,000 people to North Platte for 12 action-packed days of fun.
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