

Australia's relationship with

NEBRASKA

KEY FACTS

- **Population:** 1,934,408 (7/2019)
- **Major Cities:** Lincoln, Omaha
- **Gross Domestic Product (GDP):** \$127,941 million
- **GDP Growth:** 3.7% (2018)
- **Key Industries:** Corn, Livestock, Ethanol.
- **Known for:** Nebraska is known for its simplistic, agricultural society, and its massive love of football. It is the second largest producer of ethanol, and has nonpartisan legislature. It is home to Dick Cheney, Gerald Ford, Warren Buffett and Fred Astaire. Nebraska was settled during the gold rush of 1848.

ECONOMIC RELATIONSHIP

- **Two-Way Trade (Goods Only):** \$267 Million (2018)
- **Australia's Exports to Nebraska:** \$13 Million (2018)
- **Nebraska's Imports to Australia:** \$254 Million (2018)
- **Priority Sectors for the Australia-Nebraska economic relationship:** Agricultural Machinery, Pork, Fungicides and Pleasure Boats.

Nebraska is home to the Henry Doorly Zoo, which has the largest indoor rainforest in the US.

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



AUSTRALIAN COMMUNITY

- **Australian Community:** While there is no sizeable Australian community in the state of Nebraska
- **Notable Australians in Indiana:** Megan Elliot is the founder and director of the Johnny Carson Centre for Emerging Media Arts at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln.
- **Australian Sporting Teams:** None.



Nebraska is truly obsessed with Football.

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

The **major companies** in Nebraska are as follows:

- **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

Academic institutions and associations with Australian 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

- **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. Celebrating their stop along the Platte to rest and gain body fat before they continue their journey, the Sandhill cranes are the focus of this popular event that also features fun-filled, educational, family activities including the Miss Crane Watch Festival Pageant, entertainment and community wide events taking place in Kearney, Minden, and Gibbon.
- **NEBRASKAland Days:** NEBRASKAland Days, the largest event in western Nebraska is a celebration of the state of Nebraska 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.
- **Berkshire Hathaway Annual Shareholder Meeting:** CEO Warren Buffet utilizes the annual shareholder meeting to create a conference that allows selected startups 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.