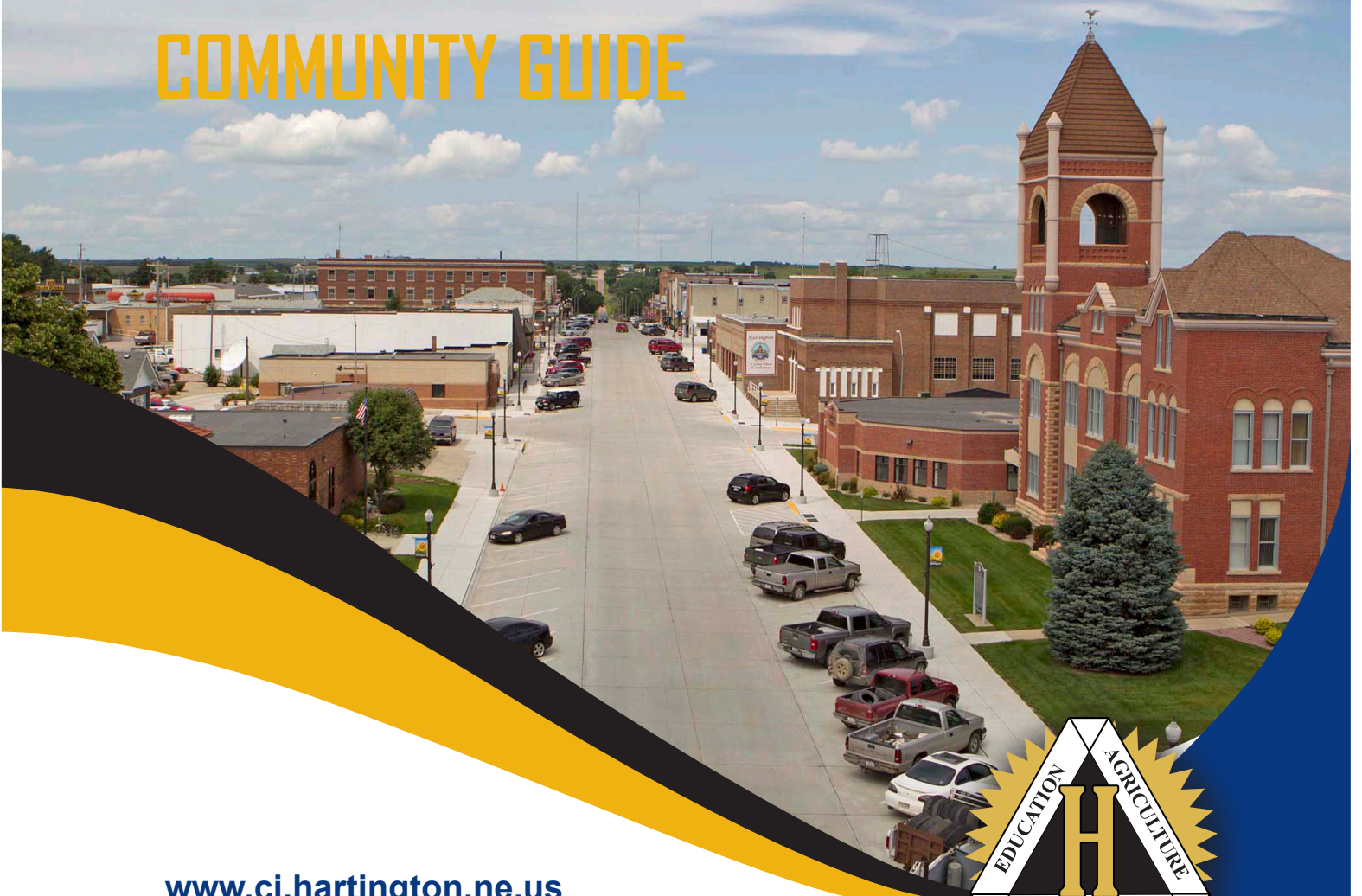


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NEBRASKA

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT  
CERTIFIED COMMUNITY

# Hartington

*Recipient of the*  
**2014 Governor's Showcase Community Award**

## A few of Hartington's Accomplishment's 2009-2014

- ◆ In 2010 Westfield Acres New Housing Development
- ◆ New Firehall
- ◆ Downtown Street Improvement Project completed in 2013
- ◆ Cobblestone Inn & Suites completed in 2013
- ◆ Cedar County Courthouse Addition
- ◆ Hartelo building and fiber optics cable to every home, business, and farm throughout their service area



## **JUDGE's COMMENTS**

*"...\$1.7 million—very impressive...."*

*"Most communities could learn a lot about outside funding from that list."*

*"Great job on the housing developments and new business investment."*

*"Significant amount of planning and public input/participation over a 5 year period of time."*

*"Broad impact of the community and beyond."*

*"Accomplishments benefit the entire community and not just one sector."*

***"This IS community development at its finest."***

Hartington was awarded the Smart Rural Community Showcase Award in 2017. The Smart Rural Community (SRC) promotes rural broadband networks and applications that communities can leverage to support innovative economic development, education, health care, government services, public safety, and other vital public functions. SRC recognized top-performing broadband providers and their communities through its Showcase Awards, offers grants for innovative technology deployments in the Collaboration Challenge Program, and provides education resources and programming.



The following pages contain basic information about Hartington, Nebraska. This information was compiled by the City of Hartington, Hartington Community Development Corporation, Hartington Chamber of Commerce, and Nebraska Public Power District in order to promote community development and quality of life.

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# ABOUT Hartington

NEBRASKA

"A Great Place to Call Home!"



Hartington is located in the rolling hills of northeast Nebraska. Hartington is the county seat of Cedar County and is a county wide hub for retail, industrial, and professional businesses and services. The area's basic economic activities include agriculture, manufacturing, and retail businesses. The community is known for its continued aggressiveness in developing local entrepreneurial business and industry, which in turn has provided stability to the community.

In 2014 Hartington was the recipient of the Governor's Showcase Community Award! This was a huge accomplishment for the community as it was given on behalf of the community and economic development accomplishments. As one of the judge's commented, "This is community development at its finest."

The community is very progressive in keeping up with the latest infrastructure and telecommunications advancements offering fiber to every home and business in Hartington with 100 Mbps available. In 2017 Hartington was nominated by Hartelco, the local telecommunications company, and was the first Nebraska recipient of the National Telecommunications Cooperative Association Smart Rural Community Award, a distinguished and national honor in Nebraska.

*A Community with Pride and Purpose –  
Dedicated to a high quality of life, prosperity, and growth.*

## 2018 U.S. Census Population

Hartington	1,476
Cedar County	8,446

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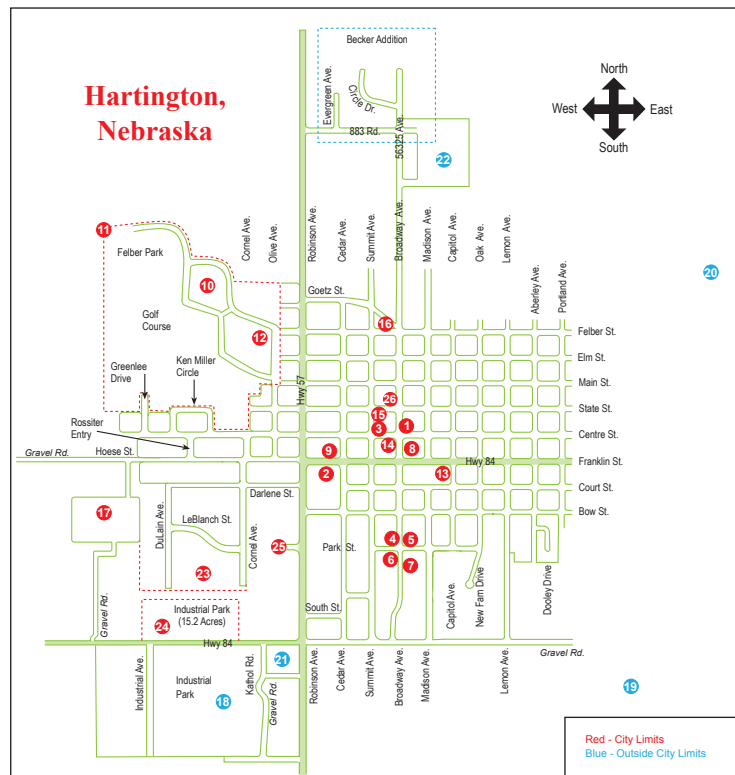
## Location

Hartington, the county seat of Cedar County, is located near Nebraska's "North Shore" in the northeast corner of the county. The northern border of the county is created by the Missouri River, which separates Nebraska from South Dakota.

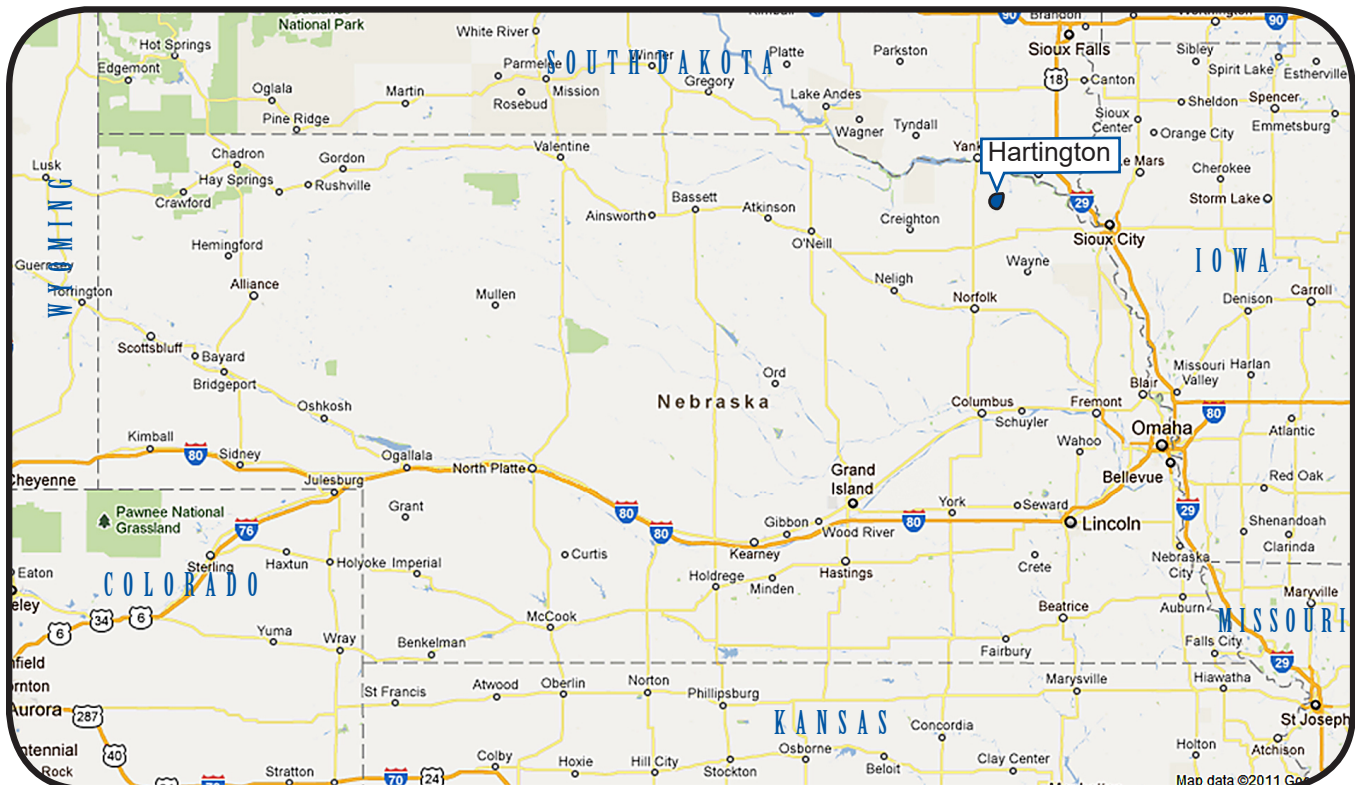
State Highways 57 and 84 intersect in the community. U.S. Highway 81, located nine miles west of Hartington, is a vital transportation link for the community. Hartington is located 25 miles from Yankton and Vermillion, South Dakota; 57 miles west of Sioux City, Iowa; 98 miles southwest of Sioux Falls, South Dakota; and 148 miles northwest of Omaha, Nebraska.

## Elevation

Hartington is 1,340 feet above sea level.



- |                                       |   |  |
|---------------------------------------|---|--|
| 1 Hartington City Auditorium          | 10 City Shelter House                           | 19 Hartington Airport (1.5 miles south on 57 & 2 miles east) |
| 2 First Congregational Church         | 11 Hartington Country Club                      | 20 Fairgrounds   |
| 3 Trinity Lutheran Church             | 12 Swimming Pool                                | 21 St. Michael's Cemetery                                    |
| 4 Holy Trinity Catholic Church        | 13 Hartington Fire Department & Ambulance Squad | 22 City Cemetery   |
| 5 Cedar Catholic High School          | 14 City Library                                 | 23 Westfield Acres Housing Development                       |
| 6 Holy Trinity Grade School           | 15 City Office                                  | 24 "New" Expanded Industrial Park (15.2 Acres)               |
| 7 Hartington-Newcastle Public Schools | 16 City Campground                              | 25 Cobblestone Inn & Suites Hotel                            |
| 8 Cedar County Courthouse             | 17 Hartington Community Complex                 | 26 Historic Hartington Hotel                                 |
| 9 Cedar County Historical Society     | 18 Industrial Park                              |  |







# Economic Development

Hartington is a growing community bursting with opportunity and an abundance of recreation. Community and economic growth is ongoing, providing strong community infrastructure, economic development incentives, diversity of products, and is a thriving and prosperous community, rich in diversity with ongoing growth and success.

Firms with retail sales tax permits in Hartington reported 2017 net taxable retail sales of \$43,165,678, while Cedar County reported retail sales of \$68,607,307.

Hartington is also recognized as an Economic Development Certified Community by the Nebraska Diplomats and the State of Nebraska.

In 2014 the city received a Downtown Revitalization Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) from the Nebraska Department of Economic Development. New infrastructure, streets, sidewalks, and historical lighting has added a new vibrance to the downtown districts and more than 11 businesses have updated and improved their facades through the Facade Loan Program.

Hartington's Industrial Park is almost at full capacity and the Hartington Community Development Corporation has recently purchased an additional 15.2 acres and will work towards developing the area for new and expanding businesses. The community is positioned to accommodate business development needs through available sites and buildings, workforce availability and training, transportation access, affordable utilities, and technical assistance. Approximately 65 acres of land in and adjacent to the community are zoned for industry. The price of industrially zoned land ranges from \$1,500 to \$15,000 per acre.

Westfield Acres Housing Development provides available lots for new residents. Phase two will be developed in the next few years with an additional nine lots.

Hartington has the capacity to combine resources on a local, state, and federal level to address needs and accomplish projects, and implement community goals. We have great leadership to move the community forward along with an abundance of community pride and cooperative spirit. Visit our great community to see for yourself why Hartington...

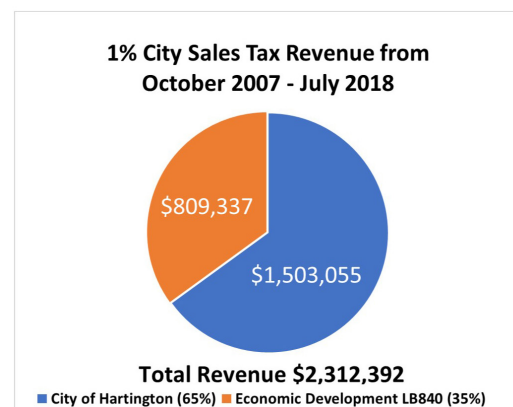
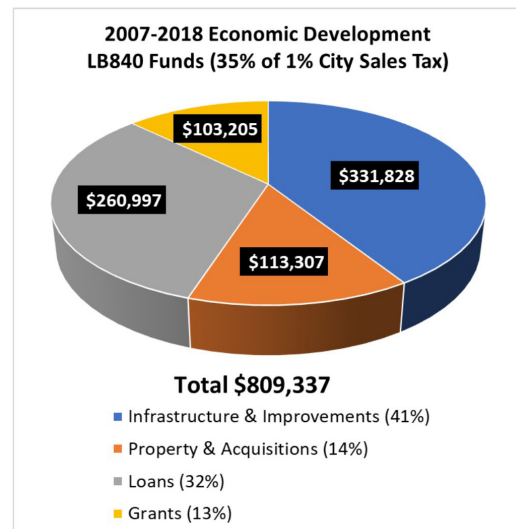
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## Economic Development Organizations

The Hartington City Council, Hartington Chamber of Commerce, and Hartington Community Development Corporation combine their efforts for economic development in the community.

Hartington Community Development, Inc., a non-profit corporation, is comprised of 133 members. Corporation funds are derived from membership dues, real estate sales, agricultural land rental, and city sales tax (LB840).

LB840 city sales tax was put to a community vote in 2007 and passed. LB840 is a city sales tax of one percent, in which 60 percent is allocated to the city, an additional 5 percent to bond reduction, and the remaining 35 percent to economic development efforts. As part of the passage of LB840, a plan for the economic development funds was approved and the program is overseen by a citizen's advisory committee.



## Hartington's Top Manufacturing Employers

	Employees
<b>Hydraulic Components, Inc.</b> .....	131
<i>Hydraulic cylinders &amp; valves</i>	
<b>Northeast Pipe &amp; Panel, Inc.</b> .....	22
<i>Portable corral panels &amp; continuous fence panels</i>	
<b>Comfy Feet / College Covers</b> .....	15
<i>Signature textile goods</i>	
<b>Northeast Nebraska News Company</b> .....	12
<i>Commercial printing &amp; weekly newspaper</i>	
<b>Gerhold Concrete</b> .....	9
<i>Concrete products &amp; redi-mix</i>	
<b>Wiechelman Repair, Inc.</b> .....	7
<i>Metal fabrication</i>	
<b>Pinkelman Sales, Inc.</b> .....	6
<i>Livestock buildings, ventilation systems &amp; grain bins</i>	
<b>Hartington Shopper</b> .....	5
<i>Commercial printing &amp; area shopper's guide</i>	
<b>Etched Impressions &amp; More</b> .....	1
<i>Etching/Silk screening custom made gifts &amp; apparel</i>	

## Hartington's Top Nonmanufacturing Employers

	Employees
<b>Hartington-Newcastle Public Schools</b> ....	90
<i>Education</i>	
<b>Hartington Care &amp; Rehabilitation Center</b> .....	75
<i>Nursing care/assisted living</i>	
<b>City of Hartington</b> .....	58
<i>Government</i>	
<b>Cedar County</b> .....	52
<i>Government</i>	
<b>Hartington Catholic Schools</b> .....	40
<i>Education</i>	36*
<b>Cedar-Knox Public Power District</b> .....	26
<i>Electric utility</i>	
<b>Foodtown</b> .....	20
<i>Grocery store</i>	
<b>Grossenburg Implement</b> .....	19
<i>Farm equipment sales &amp; service</i>	
<b>Plumbing &amp; Electric Service, Inc.</b> .....	16
<i>Irrigation, electric &amp; plumbing services</i>	
<b>Folker Bros. Garage</b> .....	13
<i>Repair shop</i>	
<b>Radec Construction Co., Inc.</b> .....	12
<i>Commercial construction</i>	

\*Part-time/seasonal



Hydraulic Components, Inc.



Gerhold Concrete



*Comfy Feet / College Covers*



*Pinkelman Sales, Inc.*



*Etched Impressions & More*



*Northeast Pipe & Panel, Inc.*



*Auto & RV Wash*



*Wiechelmann Repair, Inc.*





*Plumbing & Electric Service, Inc.*



*Folker Bros. Garage*



*Grossenburg Implement*



*Hartington Rendering*



*Foodtown*

# Available Industrial Site

## Hartington, Nebraska

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### 15.2 +/- Acres Expanded Industrial Park (across from 140-Acre Park with 1.45 +/- acres available)

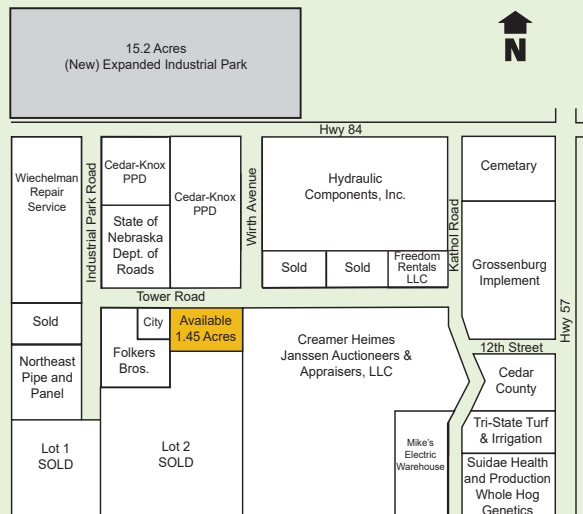
**Population**  
2018  
U.S. Census

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Labor Market*	39,119

\*Cedar County and contiguous counties



### SITE LAYOUT



This information was received from sources whom we deem reliable; however, we do not guarantee accuracy. Prospective buyers should carefully verify all information.

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## Hartington, Nebraska

### Site Description

Location .....	Immediately southwest of city limits at the junction of Nebraska Highways 57 and 84
Size .....	15.2 +/- acres available (across from the 140-acre park with 1.45 +/- acres
Characteristics .....	available)
	Rolling to the north and east, hills on the south and west; sandy clay to lean
Zoning .....	clay soil; 1,340' above sea level, water table is 80' to 100'; outside the 100-year
Present Use .....	floodplain
Protective Services .....	Industrial
	Agriculture, commercial, and industrial

### Utilities

Electricity .....	Nebraska Public Power District; 12,470 volts on site, dual feed is available from one substation
Natural Gas .....	Black Hills Energy; 2" and 4" main, 60 lbs. pressure, on site
Water .....	City of Hartington; 10" main, 60 lbs. pressure, on site; 375+ gal. flow per minute; 500,000 gal. elevated storage on site
Sanitary Sewer .....	City of Hartington; 8" main, on site; activated sludge treatment plant with rated capacity of 0.195 mgd and a peak demand of 0.125 mgd
Telecommunications .....	Hartelco; digital central office, one mile from site; high speed, broadband served via fiber optics, 100 mbps available

### Transportation

Highways .....	Nebraska Highways 57 and 84 abut site; Interstate 29 is 60 miles east, bus service is 50 miles from Hartington
Railroads .....	None
Air Service .....	Hartington Municipal Airport, Bud Becker Field; 4,000' hard-surfaced and lighted runway, hard-surfaced taxi-way
Nearest Commercial .....	Sioux Gateway Airport; Sioux City, IA, 59 miles (63 minutes)
Air Service .....	Eppler Airfield; Omaha, NE, 148 miles (142 minutes)

### Other

Owner .....	Hartington Community Development, Inc.
Sale Price .....	\$4,000 to \$30,000 per acre
2018 Tax Rate .....	\$1.560923 per \$100 of actual value; County \$0.200977, School \$0.449623, City \$0.700995, Other \$0.209328

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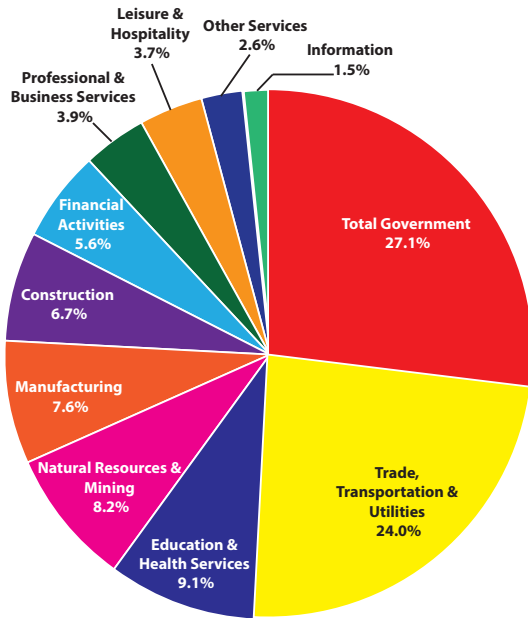
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### Nonfarm Wage & Salary Employment, Cedar County, 2017 Annual Average



Source: Nebraska Department of Labor

### Hartington Labor Supply Annual Average 2017

	Cedar & Contiguous Counties*	Cedar County
Non-farm wage and salary workers .....	9,778	1,908
Total employment .....	21,263	4,351
Labor force population .....	21,871	4,452
<b>ADDITIONAL POTENTIAL LABOR SUPPLY</b>		
Commuting out of county (2015) .....		1,547
Unemployed .....		101
<b>Total .....</b>		<b>1,648</b>

NOTE: Does not include estimated number of homemakers, seasonal and part-time workers, and workers who would shift from low-paying jobs who could be expected to work for industry.

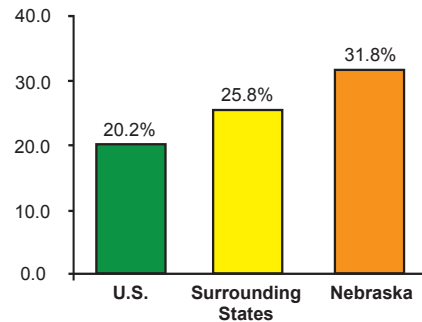
\*Contiguous counties include Dixon, Knox, Pierce, and Wayne Counties in Nebraska. Figures for Clay and Yankton Counties in South Dakota are not included.

### Unemployment Rate Annual Average 2017

Cedar County	2.3%
Nebraska	2.9%
United States	4.4%

Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics

### 2008-2016 Percent Change Value Added Per Manufacturing Production Worker Hours Nebraska, Surrounding States & U.S.



Surrounding states include data for states contiguous to Nebraska as a group, including Colorado, Iowa, Kansas, Missouri, South Dakota, and Wyoming.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, [www.census.gov](http://www.census.gov)

## Unionization

Nebraska has a right to work provision in its constitution. In 2016, 7.4 percent of Nebraska's wage and salary workers were members of labor unions compared to a national figure of 10.7 percent.

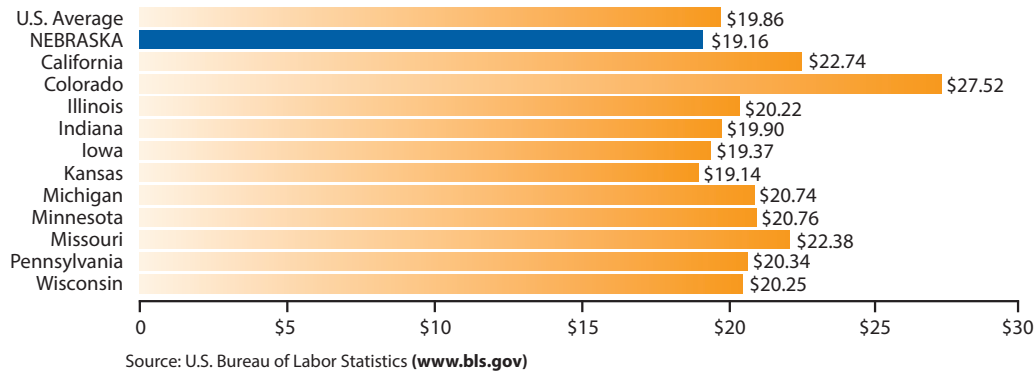
### Local Labor Unions

Hartington-Newcastle Public Schools -  
Hartington Education Association

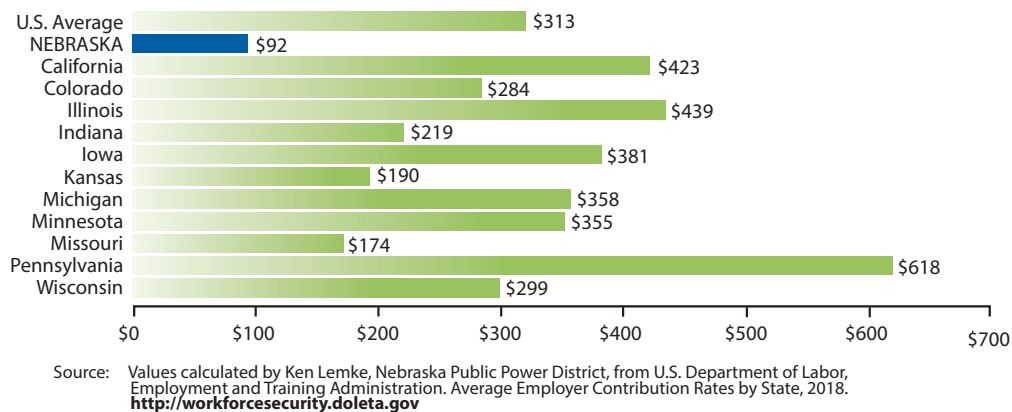
## Fringe Benefits

Local industries estimate fringe benefits to range from 25 to 33 percent of wages.

### Average Hourly Earnings for Production Workers, 2017



### Average Annual Unemployment Insurance Contribution Per Covered Employee, 2017



### Wage Sampling: Hourly wage rates for various occupations, Northeast Region, Nebraska

Job Title	10th Percentile	50th Percentile	90th Percentile
Accountants and Auditors	16.76	26.71	47.12
Computer Programmers	14.87	27.32	46.11
Registered Nurses	20.42	28.32	37.95
Retail Salespersons	9.30	10.58	15.66
Secretaries and Administrative Assistants, Except Legal, Medical	10.48	14.95	20.38
Customer Service Representatives	10.09	14.10	23.42
Office Clerks, General	9.62	13.90	19.68
Assemblers and Fabricators, All Other	12.02	16.25	20.87
Laborers and Freight, Stock, and Material Movers, Hand	11.20	16.23	20.74
Machinists	13.50	18.58	24.71
Welders, Cutters, Solderers, and Brazers	13.69	18.17	24.32
Welding, Soldering, and Brazing Machine Setters	16.05	27.42	37.34
Heavy and Tractor-Trailer Truck Drivers	14.89	22.18	30.93
Cutting, Punching, and Press Machine Setters/Operators	13.08	18.20	25.01
Electricians	15.63	21.24	28.98
Tool and Die Makers	16.25	19.62	29.59

Source: Nebraska Workforce Development, Occupational Employment Statistics Program, Second Quarter 2019

## Workforce

The Nebraska Department of Labor serves employers and job seekers across Nebraska through its "Career Centers" located across the state. Services for employers include employee recruitment and screening, posting job openings, tax credit information,

and labor market and labor law information. Job seekers can find a full array of employment and training related services including on-site services provided by a network of mandatory Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act partners. To access Nebraska Department of Labor's One-Stop for Jobs, go to [neworks.nebraska.gov](http://neworks.nebraska.gov).

# Market Access

## Highways

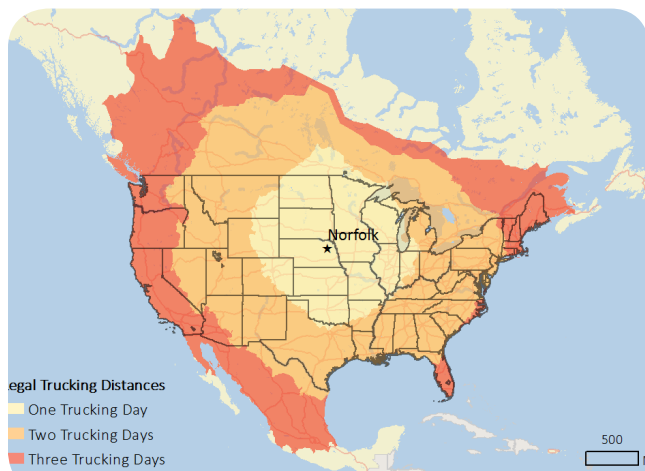
Nebraska Highways 84 (east-west) and 57 (north-south) intersect in Hartington. There are no local load restrictions on these highways. U.S. Highway 81 is 9 miles west, Interstate 29 is 50 miles northeast, Interstate 90 is 85 miles north, and Interstate 80 is 150 miles south of Hartington.

## Trucklines

More than 13,500 licensed motor carriers with worldwide connections are based in Nebraska and serve businesses throughout North America.

Local trucking companies include Kathol Trucking, Kleinschmidt Trucking, and Fischer Bros. Trucking.

The following trucking map is based on Norfolk, Nebraska, 50 miles southwest of Hartington.



Source: Nebraska Department of Economic Development. Legal Trucking Distances from Norfolk, Nebraska [maps]. Generated by Andrew Eckerson using ESRI Business Analyst Desktop.

## Bus Lines

The Cedar County Transit provides weekly transportation for any Cedar County resident to their destination for a small fee.

Arrow Stage Lines serves Norfolk, 50 miles south of Hartington.

## Rail

The nearest rail service is provided by the Northeast Railroad at Beldon, 16 miles southeast of Hartington.

## Air

The Hartington Municipal Airport, located one mile from Hartington, has a 3,950-foot lighted concrete runway and a 2,150-foot grass runway. Facilities available include an administration building, hangars, tie-downs, aviation fuel, rental cars, maintenance, and telephone service. Charter service is available upon request. Twenty private planes are based at this airport. The elevation is 1,388 feet, the latitude is 42-36N and the longitude is 097-15W.



*Hartington Municipal Airport*

## Nearest Commercial Air Service

### Sioux Gateway Airport

Sioux City, IA .....57 miles, 62 minutes

### Sioux Falls Regional Airport

Sioux Falls, SD ..... 104 miles, 110 minutes

### Eppeley Airfield

Omaha, NE..... 148 miles, 142 minutes

## Water

Barge service is not available near Hartington.

## Pipeline

TransCanada Keystone Pipeline transports crude oil from Canada to Illinois and Oklahoma. The Nebraska line is located four miles west of Hartington.



# Infrastructure

## Nebraska Highlights

Energy costs are a considerable part of any business' operational budget. These costs can vary greatly between states, but in Nebraska (the only state in the nation where all electric utilities are publicly owned) electric costs are passed to consumers at low, cost-of-service rates. As a result, industrial rates are well below the national average. Nebraska's electric utilities can offer low rates, in part, because they draw from an efficient "mix" of generation resources including coal, natural gas, oil, diesel, and methane, along with carbon-free "fuels" like nuclear, wind, hydro, and solar power.

Nebraska Public Power District (NPPD) is the state's largest electric generating utility in terms of chartered territory, which includes all or parts of 86 of Nebraska's 93 counties. NPPD relies upon 9 major generating facilities, more than 5,000 miles of high-voltage power lines, approximately 260 substations, and thousands more miles of distribution lines. Because the system is interconnected to electrical grids in other states, NPPD works with regional utilities and industry entities to ensure power is delivered safely and dependably to Nebraskans.



Beatrice Power Station



Cooper Nuclear Station



Gerald Gentleman Station



Crofton Bluffs Wind Farm

NPPD has an Economic Development Rate (EDR) for customers with qualifying projects of new or additional electric load. To be eligible for the lower, incentivized EDR, a customer must:

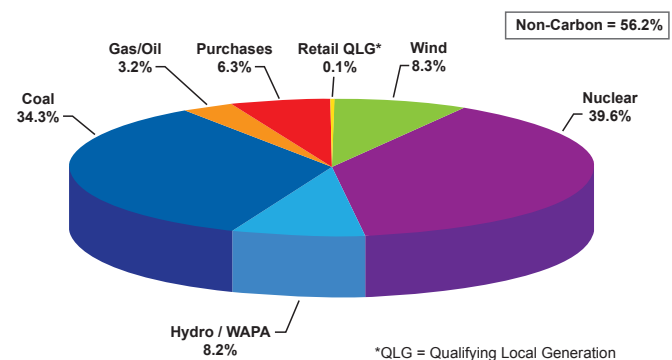
- be served by an NPPD wholesale customer or NPPD's Retail Division,
- add new or additional electric load of at least one megawatt,
- have a minimum monthly load factor of 60 percent,
- have a written agreement with the State of Nebraska or any political subdivision to provide an economic development project pursuant to state or local law, and
- have a written service agreement with NPPD.

NPPD's renewable resources play a central role in a strong carbon-free footprint. In addition to a power purchase agreement with seven of the state's wind farms, NPPD owns and operates the largest public power wind facility in the state near Ainsworth.

NPPD has three hydropower facilities and contracts for generation from three other hydropower facilities. Community solar is also underway in three communities, with more on the way. In 2016, NPPD's Cooper Nuclear Station contributed to an energy portfolio that was more than 60 percent carbon-free.

## NPPD's Sources of Energy - 2018

(Share of Energy Resources & QLG)  
Native Load



Natural gas in Nebraska is also attractive to industry for service, supply, and price. A gas-producing state, Nebraska is close and well-connected by pipeline to the major gas fields of the central and southern plains. The state's average cost of industrial gas is less than both the regional and national averages.

The pipelines of two major companies, Northern Natural Gas and Kinder Morgan, provide an ample supply of natural gas to most areas of Nebraska. Depending on usage requirements, natural gas is offered both on a "firm" and "interruptible" basis.

## Nebraska's Energy Costs Are Among The Lowest In The Nation

	Electric (Cents per Kilowatt Hour)			Natural Gas (Dollars per Thousand Cubic Feet)		
	Residential	Commercial	Industrial	Residential	Commercial	Industrial
U.S. Average	12.89	10.66	6.88	10.91	7.88	4.10
<b>NEBRASKA</b>	<b>10.97</b>	<b>8.85</b>	<b>7.66</b>	<b>9.01</b>	<b>6.37</b>	<b>4.54</b>
California	18.31	15.76	12.73	12.49	8.76	7.05
Colorado	12.17	9.89	7.50	8.08	7.17	5.58
Illinois	12.95	9.09	6.47	8.83	7.78	5.76
Indiana	12.29	10.54	7.54	8.94	7.52	5.99
Iowa	12.34	9.46	6.21	9.30	6.87	5.21
Kansas	13.31	10.59	7.54	10.95	9.36	4.16
Massachusetts	20.06	15.93	13.88	13.32	10.16	8.02
Michigan	15.40	11.00	7.19	8.38	7.02	5.97
Minnesota	13.04	10.48	7.37	8.47	6.80	4.48
Missouri	11.63	9.47	7.33	11.78	8.44	6.64
New Jersey	15.65	12.28	10.12	9.14	9.14	7.92
New York	18.03	14.75	5.92	12.04	6.87	7.21
Ohio	12.63	10.05	6.92	9.72	6.11	6.71
Pennsylvania	14.23	8.98	6.77	11.40	9.16	8.38
Texas	11.01	8.26	5.35	13.61	7.71	3.28
Wisconsin	14.35	10.87	7.49	8.40	6.60	5.34

Source: U.S. Energy Information Administration, 2017 Annual

# Hartington Utilities

## Electricity

Hartington is provided retail electric service by Nebraska Public Power District (NPPD). Service is supplied by a 69 kV substation with two incoming feeds at 69 kV and two outgoing feeds at a voltage of 7.2 kV. A 10.0 MW transformer supplies the community. This substation is tied into the statewide grid system.

The 27-turbine **Elkhorn Ridge Wind Farm**, located northwest of Bloomfield, began commercial operation in March 2009. NPPD has a power purchase agreement in place with the facility owner and operator, Edison Mission Group. Each turbine has a maximum capacity of 3 megawatts for a total of 81 megawatts. NPPD purchases 41 megawatts of electricity and sells the remainder to other Nebraska utilities.

The 22-turbine **Crofton Bluffs Wind Farm**, located southwest of Crofton, 23 miles northwest of Hartington.

Commercial operation began in November 2012. Total capacity for the wind farm is 42 megawatts, generating energy through two, 3-megawatt turbines and 20, 1.8-megawatt turbines. NPPD has a power purchase agreement with Edison Mission Group, which owns and operates the farm. NPPD uses approximately half of the output, with three other Nebraska utilities purchasing the remainder.

## Base Electric Rates (effective 9/1/2018)

**Summer bills** run from June–September.

**Winter bills** run from October–May.

*Customers who are served from distribution facilities for which NPPD has a Lease Payment or Debt Service obligation and/or a Gross Revenue Tax obligation will have the Base Rate adjusted to include such obligations.*

*All rates are subject to application of a Production Cost Adjustment (PCA) and Base Rate adjustments. All minimum billings include the customer charge.*

### Residential Service

<b>Customer Charge:</b>		\$22.50 per month
<b>Summer</b>	<b>Winter</b>	
10.13¢	8.08¢	per kWh for the first 750 kWh used per month
10.13¢	6.22¢	per kWh for all additional use

### General Service

<b>Customer Charge:</b>		
Single Phase		\$32.50 per month
Three Phase		\$48.50 per month
<b>Summer</b>	<b>Winter</b>	
9.73¢	7.33¢	per kWh for all additional use

### General Service Demand

<b>Customer Charge:</b>		
Single Phase		\$110.00 per month
Three Phase		\$150.00 per month
<b>Summer</b>	<b>Winter</b>	
12.57¢	9.44¢	per kWh for the first 200 kWh per kW of demand used per month
4.62¢	3.64¢	per kWh for all additional use

### High Tension Service

<b>Customer Charge:</b>		\$1,365.00 per month
<b>Demand Charge:</b>		
<b>Summer</b>	<b>Winter</b>	
\$14.45	\$10.95	per kW of billing demand
<b>Energy Charge:</b>		
<b>Summer</b>	<b>Winter</b>	
4.53¢	3.74¢	per kWh for all on-peak energy
3.82¢	2.93¢	per kWh for all off-peak energy

High Tension Service and General Service Demand rates are subject to various adders and discounts depending upon the customer's requirements, metering, etc.

NPPD has off-peak and load management rates available to qualifying customers.

Prospective customers should contact Nebraska Public Power District, (877) 275-6773, [www.nppd.com](http://www.nppd.com), for further information regarding electric rates and service.



*Nebraska Public Power District*

The Cedar-Knox Public Power District, a wholesale power customer of Nebraska Public Power District, serves the rural area surrounding Hartington. For information regarding electrical services in the Cedar-Knox Rural Public Power District service area, contact Mike Lammers, General Manager, Hartington, Nebraska, (402) 254-6290, [mikel@hartel.net](mailto:mikel@hartel.net), [www.cedarknoxppd.com](http://www.cedarknoxppd.com).



*Cedar Knox Public Power District*

## Natural Gas

Natural gas is supplied to Hartington by Black Hills Energy through a four-inch transmission pipeline with an operating pressure of approximately 500 pounds per square inch.

Black Hills Energy is the retail distributor of natural gas within the Hartington community serving approximately 735 residential and commercial customers. Black Hills Energy is a full service natural gas distribution company with the Nebraska headquarters in Lincoln.

Natural gas is available for residential, commercial, and industrial customers. Availability of natural gas for industrial users is subject to individual situations. Choice Gas is available to natural gas customers in Hartington. For general information on Black Hills



refer to the website at [www.blackhillsenergy.com](http://www.blackhillsenergy.com) or call customer service at 888-890-5554. For specific requirements of an industrial prospect, information on gas service availability and applicable rates can be obtained by contacting Black Hills Energy at (402) 371-7195.

## Other Fuels

### LP Gas

LP gas is available in Hartington for residential, commercial, and industrial uses from Ferrell Gas Company and Precision Agronomy.

### Oil

Oil is available for residential, commercial, and industrial uses from Farmers Union Co-Op Gas and Oil Company and Jerry's Service in Hartington.

## Water

The municipal water system in Hartington is supplied by four wells, which have an average depth of 75 feet. The system, serving the entire city, has a combined pumping capacity of 1,450 gallons per minute. The overhead storage capacity is 500,000 gallons. The average daily demand is 550,000 gallons, and the historic peak daily demand is 1,300,000 gallons. The system has a maximum capacity of 2,588,000 gallons per day. The static pressure is 75 pounds per square inch and the residual pressure is 70 pounds per square inch.

The city's wells produce up to 650 gallons of water per minute. The water table has not changed significantly in the past five years. The quality of water in Hartington does not necessitate a water treatment plant.

### Water Rates *(effective 01/20/2020)*

A \$250 water connection fee is charged with a \$100 deposit for all utilities for new residents.

#### Domestic and Non-Domestic Users

<b>Customer Charge:</b>	\$19.38 per month
First 2,500 gal.	Minimum Bill
Next 3,000 gal.	\$19.81 per month
Next 3,500 gal.	\$20.24 per month
Next 4,000 gal.	\$20.66 per month
<b>Minimum Bill:</b>	\$19.38 per month

## Sewerage

Hartington has a municipal sanitary sewerage system and a storm sewer system. The aerobic digester treatment plant was updated in 1995 and has a daily flow of 195,000 gallons and the average daily flow is 125,000 gallons. The historic daily peak is 278,000 gallons.

### Sewer-Use Charges *(effective 01/20/2020)*

A \$250 connection fee is charged for new residential, commercial, and industrial service.

#### Residential, Commercial & Industrial

**Customer Charge:** \$21.43 per month

## Solid Waste Disposal

Municipally owned and operated waste removal services are available in Hartington. The city has a transfer station. Wastes are hauled to a licensed landfill at Jackson, Nebraska, 46 miles southeast.

### Solid Waste Removal Rates

*(effective 01/20/2020)*

A \$70 container deposit is charged for new residents.

#### Residential

\$13.60 per month for weekly pickup

#### Commercial

\$35.00 per month for a 1.5-yard dumpster, one pickup per week

\$40.00 per month for a 2-yard dumpster, one pickup per week

## Recycling

A volunteer recycling program is located at the transfer station site. The city contracts with Siouxland Recovery, who provides a trailer and transportation of the recyclables to Sioux City, Iowa. The city received a grant and purchased a baler that bales cardboard, plastic, and tin.

# Communications

Nebraska is the first state to be served totally by digital switching, and continues to be served by one of the nation's most advanced telecommunications networks.

## Telecommunications

Hartington is served with telecom services by Hartelco (also known as Hartington Telecommunications), with a digital central office serving all customers with fiber optic cable to their homes and businesses, and has provided telecommunication services to the Hartington area since 1905. The home office is located in Hartington, including installation and maintenance personnel. A digital soft-switch is equipped with the latest technology available, with online-adjustable calling features and conference bridging up to 24 people. Both phone service and broadband (high-speed Internet) service are provided by fiber optic cabling throughout the entire service area.

Other services offered by Hartelco include computer sales, service, network support, and professional web design.

Hartington was awarded the Smart Rural Community Showcase Award in 2017. The Smart Rural Community (SRC) promotes rural broadband networks and applications that communities can leverage to support innovative economic development, education, health care, government services, public safety, and other vital public functions. SRC recognized top-performing broadband providers and their communities through its Showcase Awards, offers grants for innovative technology deployments in the Collaboration Challenge Program, and provides education resources and programming.



## Internet

### Service Providers

#### Omni-Tech Inc.

402-753-9154

[www.omni-tech.net](http://www.omni-tech.net)

#### Dish Network

888-731-8008

[www.dishnetwork.com](http://www.dishnetwork.com)

#### DIRECTV

800-531-5000

[www.directv.com](http://www.directv.com)

Hartelco has provided local Internet service in Hartington since 1995. Hartelco invested \$12.7 million in infrastructure, including a new building, providing fiber optics to every home and business in their exchange (this includes Hartington, Bow Valley, and the rural area) providing ultra-fast Internet (one-hundred Mbps download speeds are available).



*Hartelco*

## Post Office

The U.S. Postal Service in Hartington provides house-to-house delivery service and has one mail receipt and one dispatch daily.



*U.S. Postal Service*

## Package Delivery Service

Federal Express, United Parcel Service, and the U.S. Postal Service provide package delivery services in the Hartington area.

## Newspaper

The Cedar County News, the local weekly newspaper, has 2,600 subscribers. The Hartington Shopper, a local weekly shopping newspaper, has approximately 7,000 readers in northeast Nebraska. Daily papers delivered locally are the Norfolk Daily News, Omaha World-Herald, Sioux City Journal, and the Yankton Daily Press and Dakotan.



*Cedar County News*



*Hartington Shopper*

## Radio

### Stations Carrying Local News

Call Letters	Frequency	Location
KTCH-FM	104.9 MHz	Wayne, NE
KTCH-AM	1590 KHz	Wayne, NE
WNAX-AM	570 KHz	Yankton, SD
KYNT-AM	1400 KHz	Yankton, SD
KKYA-FM	93.1 MHz	Yankton, SD
KVHT-FM	106.3 MHz	Yankton, SD
KVTK-AM	1570 KHz	Yankton, SD
KDAM-FM	94.3 MHz	Yankton, SD
WJAG-AM	780 KHz	Norfolk, NE
KEXL-FM	106.7 MHz	Norfolk, NE
KNEN-FM	94.7 MHz	Norfolk, NE
KVSS-FM	88.2 MHz	Osmond, NE

## Television

### Stations Carrying Local News

Call Letters	Channel	Location
KXNE	19	Carroll, NE
KTIV	4	Sioux City, IA
KCAU	9	Sioux City, IA
KMEG	60	Sioux City, IA
KPTH	82	Sioux City, IA
KNEN-LD	33	Norfolk, NE

Hartelco TV provides 150 plus channels over fiber optic cable throughout the entire Hartington area. It also has three channels dedicated to community information, high school, and community re-broadcasts, as well as Northeast Nebraska News. Current weather conditions, forecasts, and current radar are available 24 hours a day.



# Tax Structure

## Nebraska Highlights

- Nebraska assesses income tax based upon the amount of federal taxable income
- No state property tax
- No inventory tax
- No sales tax on:
  - raw materials when used as ingredients or component parts in manufacturing operations
  - sales of energy for processing or manufacturing purposes
  - water used exclusively in manufacturing and processing
  - qualified agricultural machinery and equipment
  - manufacturing machinery, equipment, and related services
- Sales and use tax refunds are available on qualifying air and water pollution control equipment
- Sales and use tax refunds are available on property qualifying for certain investment incentives

The Nebraska State Government is financed by an individual income tax, corporate income tax, 5.5 percent sales and use tax, corporate occupation tax, and selective excise taxes (liquor, tobacco, motor fuels, etc.). Local governments are financed primarily by property taxes, although some cities and counties collect a local option sales tax of between 0.5 and 2.0 percent.

Property taxes are levied against real and personal property by local political subdivisions such as counties, cities, school districts, fire districts, etc.,

to provide for local services. All real property except agricultural land is assessed at actual or market value. Agricultural land is assessed at 75 percent of actual value. Personal property is assessed at net book value. Tax rates are expressed in dollars and cents for each \$100 of actual value.

Market value is determined by each county assessor through professionally accepted mass appraisal methods, which include, but are not limited to:

- Comparison with sales of real property of known or recognized value, taking into account location, zoning, current functional use, and other statutory guidelines (sales comparison approach)
- Earning capacity of the real property (income approach)
- Cost less depreciation (cost approach)

## Nebraska Tax Incentives

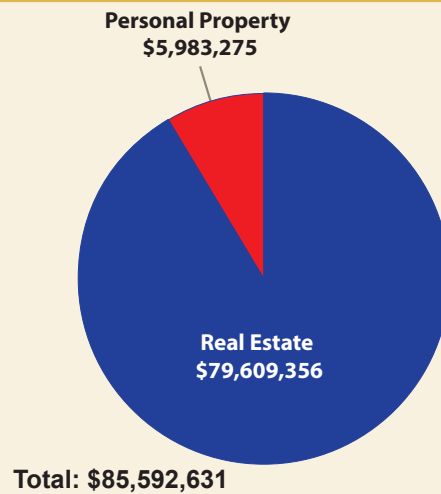
Nebraska's performance-based tax incentive programs demonstrate the state's commitment to creating a favorable business environment for your business expansion or location. Known collectively as the "Nebraska Advantage Package," this multi-tiered program provides investment credits, wage credits, sales tax refunds based on investment and job creation in Nebraska. Qualified companies, large and small can take advantage of these benefits. For more information on the qualifications and potential benefits available to your company, contact the Nebraska Department of Economic Development, (800) 426-6505 or visit [opportunity.nebraska.gov](http://opportunity.nebraska.gov).



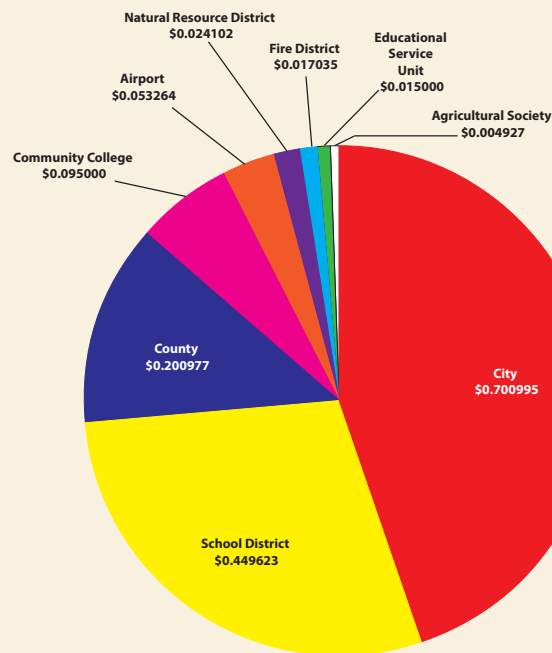
UNL Extension Office



## 2018 Actual Valuation Hartington, Nebraska



## Hartington 2018 Tax Rates



**Total: \$1.560923** (dollars and cents per \$100 of actual value)

## Local Bonded Indebtedness

As of 12/2017:

City Revenue Bonds	None
City General Obligation Bonds	\$2,235,000
School District	None
County Bonds	\$707,625



## Local Government

Hartington, a second-class city, has a mayor-council form of government, elected for four-year terms. The 2017–18 actual budget was \$2,851,031.



*Hartington City Offices*

Cedar County has 21 precincts and is governed by three county commissioners, who are elected by popular vote for four-year terms. The actual county budget for 2017–18 was \$19,739,678. The county belongs to the Northeast Nebraska Economic Development District along with 16 other counties.

### Fire Protection

Fire protection is provided to Hartington by two full-time fire fighters and 31 volunteer fire members. The Rural Fire District provides protection to areas outside the community and responds to mutual aid calls within area communities.

Hartington has one fire station and 109 fire hydrants. The fire insurance classification inside the corporate limits is 6; outside it is 9. Annual expenditures for fire protection for the past three years averaged \$333,179.



*Hartington Rural Fire Department*

### Rescue Squad

Hartington has 17 Emergency Medical Technicians including seven paramedics. This volunteer group is funded by the rural fire district and city boards. The two licensed ambulances, owned by the Hartington Rural Fire District and the City of Hartington, are fully equipped with oxygen, backboards, suction, jump kits, blood pressure monitors, and defibrillators.

### Law Enforcement

The City of Hartington contracts with the Cedar County Sheriff's Department for services.

### Sheriff

The Cedar County Sheriff's Department has eight sworn officers and seven support personnel. Equipment in the department includes enhanced 911 equipment, eight patrol vehicles, and other standard equipment. Regular patrol by the sheriff's department provides protection to all areas including industries within Cedar County.

#### 2017 Crime Rates (per 1,000 population)

	<b>Violent Crimes</b>	<b>Property Crimes</b>
Cedar County	0.1	2.2
Nebraska	3.1	22.7
U.S Total	3.9	23.6
Source: <a href="http://ucr.fbi.gov">ucr.fbi.gov</a>		

### State Patrol

Troop B of the Nebraska State Patrol is headquartered in Norfolk, 50 miles southwest of Hartington. One patrol officer is stationed in Hartington.



## Streets

Hartington has 16 miles of streets; 13.5 miles are hard-surfaced with concrete or asphalt. There are no local load restrictions. Eighty-five percent of the streets have curbs and eighty percent have sidewalks.

## Building Regulations

The National Building, Electrical, and Plumbing Codes are recommended in Hartington.

## Planning

Hartington has a nine-member planning commission. Members are appointed by the Mayor and approved by the City Council to serve three-year terms.

The Comprehensive Plan for Hartington was prepared in 2010 by JEO Consulting of Lincoln, Nebraska.



*Cedar County Courthouse and Downtown Hartington*



# Education

## Hartington-Newcastle School District

Type of School	Students	Teacher/Pupil Ratio	Computer/Pupil Ratio
<b>Elementary</b> (Pre-K–6)	222	1:11	1:1
<b>Jr.–Sr. High School</b> (7–12)	141	1:7	1:1

School District No. 14-0008 in Cedar County covers 206 square miles and has a 2018 actual valuation of \$1,161,944,769, with an actual valuation per student of \$3,174,712. This Class III type K–12 school is accredited by the Nebraska Department of Education and North Central Association.

The 2016–17 school operating expenses totaled \$5,625,148, with an average cost per pupil of \$18,367.

The Hartington-Newcastle Public School (HNPS), built in 1973, currently houses a total enrollment (Pre-K–12) in one facility. The maximum capacity of the school is 650 students. Hartington-Newcastle Public School has accessibility for 250 Internet connections.

It is estimated that 100 percent of the eighth grade students finish high school, 94 percent of the graduating seniors pursue a college degree, and 6 percent of the seniors enter the job market or military following graduation.

Vocation/tech prep programs offered include agriculture, family and consumer science, and business. The high school established an Experience Based Career Education Program where students are involved with cooperating businesses.

Mild-moderate handicapped students are “main streamed,” i.e., integrated with their peers. Special facilities exist outside the school district for profoundly handicapped students. Facility and program costs are shared.

### Report Card 2017–2018

ACT Test	Composite
Hartington-Newcastle	20.9
Nebraska	19.4
National	20.8

Source: Nebraska Department of Education



*Hartington-Newcastle Public Schools*



## Parochial Schools

Type of School	Students	Teacher/Pupil Ratio	Computer/Pupil Ratio
<b>Elementary</b> (Pre-K–6)	184	1:15	1:1
<b>Jr.–Sr. High School</b> (7–12)	188	1:8	1:11

Two schools make up the Catholic school system in Hartington; Holy Trinity Elementary and Preschool and Cedar Catholic Junior–Senior High School.

**Holy Trinity Preschool and Elementary** is accredited by the state of Nebraska and is part of the Catholic Archdiocese of Omaha. Holy Trinity Preschool and Elementary is for children four years to sixth grade. The Preschool program is intended for children four years old and the Junior Kindergarten program is intended for students who will be entering Kindergarten the following year. For more information regarding Holy Trinity Preschool and Elementary visit [www.holytrinityhartington.com/education](http://www.holytrinityhartington.com/education).



*Holy Trinity School*

**Cedar Catholic Junior–Senior High School** is AdvancED accredited and is part of the Catholic Archdiocese of Omaha.

Cedar Catholic Junior–Senior High School offers a variety of both core and elective classes as well as college credit classes in the core and elective areas. College credit classes are offered through Northeast Community College, in Norfolk, 50 miles southwest and Central Community College in Columbus, 94 miles southwest of Hartington. Cedar Catholic Junior–Senior High School students perform, on average, 3,700 hours of charitable service outside the regular school day.

Cedar Catholic Junior–Senior High School's graduating classes consistently score well above the state average on the ACT test. The graduation class of 2017 had the highest ACT class average out of Cedar Catholic Junior–Senior High School with a 24.7 with 94 percent of the class taking the ACT test.

In 2016 the Cedar Catholic Junior–Senior High School completed a \$2.5 million renovation project which included a new heating and cooling system, electrical, and lighting. For more information regarding Cedar Catholic Junior–Senior High School visit [www.cedarcatholic.org](http://www.cedarcatholic.org).



*Cedar Catholic Junior-Senior High School*



## Educational Service Unit

Educational Service Unit 1 (ESU), headquartered in Wakefield, serves six counties including Cedar County. Services provided to the Hartington-Newcastle Public Schools include speech therapy, audio visual, repair service, cooperative purchasing, resources (special education), and nursing. For more information, visit [www.esu1.org](http://www.esu1.org).

## Northeast Community College

Adult education programs are offered in the high school by Northeast Community College in Norfolk, 50 miles southwest of Hartington. The City of Hartington provides an office for the Northeast Community College Regional Coordinator who promotes programs for Cedar and Knox Counties.

## Higher Education

An abundance of public colleges and universities are available in Nebraska. There are also a number of community colleges as well as private colleges and trade schools. A large number of degree programs are available and some institutions offer courses and workshops specially tailored to meet specific training needs of industry, education, and business.

Several of Nebraska’s universities are ranked as national leaders at making quality education affordable.

### Colleges & Universities Frequently Attended by Hartington High School Graduates

	Miles
<b>Vermillion, SD</b> University of South Dakota	32
<b>Wayne, NE</b> Wayne State College	37
<b>Norfolk, NE</b> Northeast Community College	50
<b>Sioux City, IA</b> Briar Cliff University	59
<b>Omaha, NE</b> University of Nebraska at Omaha	141
<b>Lincoln, NE</b> University of Nebraska-Lincoln Southeast Community College	158
<b>Kearney, NE</b> University of Nebraska at Kearney	209



# Quality of Life

## Health Care

### Clinics

The **Avera Medical Group Hartington Clinic** is owned by the Avera Sacred Heart Hospital in Yankton, South Dakota. The center is staffed by three physicians and three nurses. For more information, visit [www.avera.org](http://www.avera.org).

Other medical facilities available in Hartington include an eye clinic, dental clinic, chiropractic clinic, pharmacy, and therapeutic massage.



*Avera Medical Group Hartington Clinic*

### Hospital

**Avera Sacred Heart Hospital (ASHH)** in Yankton, South Dakota, 25 miles northwest of Hartington, is a regional hospital and service network committed to providing quality care and improving the health of individuals and communities in 17 counties in southeastern South Dakota and northeastern Nebraska.

ASHH serves as a 257-bed regional medical center that includes 144 beds in acute care and 113 beds in comprehensive long-term care. The hospital, started by the Benedictine Sisters, is a widely recognized and respected teaching hospital. Services include: adult day services, cancer center, cardiac catheterization laboratory, CT scanning/MRI, Dakota Diabetes Center, emergency center, home care, hospice, intensive/coronary care units, medical clinics, medical rehabilitation center, occupational therapy, pharmacy, physical therapy, radiology, renal dialysis unit, same day surgery, senior services, sleep disorders laboratory, speech therapy, sports medicine, rehabilitation and wellness institute, and Women's and Children's Center.

Major medical centers are also located in Norfolk, 50 miles southwest; Sioux City, Iowa, 57 miles southeast; Sioux Falls, South Dakota, 98 miles northeast; and Omaha, Nebraska, 148 miles southeast.

### Crisis Intervention Center

**Haven House** of Wayne operates a satellite office in Hartington providing crisis intervention and support services for domestic violence and sexual assault victims.

### Rescue Squad

The **Hartington Ambulance Service**, with two ambulances, employs 17 part-time emergency medical technicians and 1 part-time paramedic.

The **Hartington Rural Fire Department** has 30 volunteer members to assist in emergencies in the 133-square miles served.

### Nursing Homes

Hartington Care & Rehabilitation Center  
47 beds



### Assisted Living

Hartington Care & Rehabilitation Center  
18 apartments





### Income Based Housing – Independent Living

Cedar Villa	8 units
Port Centre	8 units
Port Villa	8 units



*Cedar Villa Apartments*



*Port Centre Apartments*



*Port Villa Apartments*

## Library

The **Hartington Public Library** contains approximately 19,500 volumes of books, magazines, DVDs, and audio books and has an average annual circulation of approximately 45,000 volumes. The library's computer lab is equipped with Internet access and the latest software. Laptops are available for use when the lab is busy. WiFi services are available for patron use, both on the main floor and the public meeting room.

Other library services include seasonal computer classes, regular story hour programming, movie afternoons, after school game nights, and summer reading program. Friends of the Library hosts an annual humanities program and book sale. The library

has an online card catalog and offers audio and eBook subscription services. The library has a history section with microfilm newspapers for genealogy purposes. The Arlo and Anne Wirth Art Gallery located in the upper level of the library re-opened in November 2018. The gallery now serves as a meeting and study area that includes a coffee bar, a reading lounge with fireplace, and WI-FI access. A gallery with black and white photos of historic Hartington landmarks is also on display.

For more information, visit the library's website at [libraries.ne.gov/hartington/](http://libraries.ne.gov/hartington/).



*Hartington Public Library*



*Hartington-Newcastle Public School Pre-School Class*



# Churches

## Denomination

- Catholic
- First Congregational
- Lutheran



*First Congregational Church*



*Holy Trinity Catholic Church*



*Trinity Lutheran Church*

## Recreation

There are two parks in Hartington covering nine acres. The parks include many of the following amenities: swimming pool, lighted baseball field, tennis courts, sand volleyball court, shelter house, barbecue grills, picnic tables, benches, rest rooms, and a variety of playground equipment.

**Felber Park** has a welcome sign, a fountain with a brick courtyard, flag pole, and new arches above both park entrances.



*Felber Park Entrance*



*Felber Park Shelter House*



*Fountain in Felber Park*

The Felber Park baseball field has received many improvements allowing Hartington to host Legion Baseball District tournaments.

Recreation programs offered are baseball, softball, soccer, swimming, volleyball, basketball, and football.

**East Park** is equipped with a picnic area, playground equipment, and rest rooms.



*Hartington Swimming Pool*



*Camper Court*



The **Hartington Community Complex** spanning more than 27 acres, boasts a football stadium, concession area, running track, shot and discus area, four soccer fields, a practice football field, and two baseball fields. This facility has hosted several semi-pro football games, Relay for Life, and numerous high school track meets.



*Hartington Community Complex*

The **Hartington Golf Course**, opened in 1949, is one of the premier golf courses in northeast Nebraska. A nine-hole grass greens course with clubhouse features a mixture of tree-lined holes over varying terrain.



*Hartington Golf Course*

Lewis and Clark Lake and Missouri River (only 25 miles away) provides for great boating, kayaking, fishing, camping, swimming, and family picnics for all to enjoy.

## Annual Celebrations

**MARCH/  
APRIL** Easter Egg Hunt

**JULY** Cedar County Fair  
*Rodeo, demolition derby,  
concerts, talent show, FFA and  
4-H exhibits*

**NOVEMBER** Hartington Candlelight  
Christmas & Lighted Vehicle  
Parade  
*Business open houses, events  
vary each year*

*Many annual fund raisers for various organizations  
are also held each year.*



*Easter Egg Hunt*



*Cedar County Fairgrounds*



*Cedar County Fair Rodeo*





*Cedar County Fair*



*Cedar County Fair*



*Candlelight Christmas Lighted Vehicle Parade*

The **Senior Center** in Hartington, was established in 1969. Activities include cards, bingo, handcrafts, and occasional tours. The Senior Center provides meals-on-wheels. The center is open Monday–Friday where meals are served on-site.



*Senior Center*

The **Cedar County Historical Society**, formed in 1964, acquired a large older home for a museum and furnished it with Civil War mementos and items from the present. A military room is complete with uniforms, guns, and supplies; and another room contains home furnishings of the era, including spinning wheels, cradles, and other items. A second building was constructed and dedicated in 1996 to house additional items, along with a log cabin moved to the site.

Cultural activities in Hartington include a Community Theater Group.



*Cedar County Museum*



*Nissen Winery*



# Financial Institutions



*Bank of Hartington*



*Farmers & Merchants State Bank*



*Cedar Security Bank*



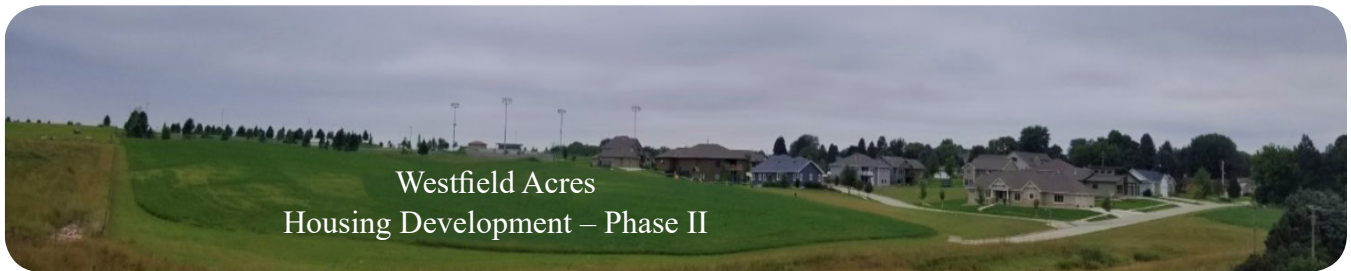
*First National Bank Northeast*



*Security Bank*

# Housing

Nine new homes were constructed in Hartington in the past three years and it is estimated four will be built in the next three years. The cost of new home construction averages \$100 per square foot, or \$180–\$200 per square foot including the land.



Westfield Acres  
Housing Development – Phase II

*Westfield Acres*



# Community Services

With a business climate full of opportunity, Hartington continues to expand its retail choices and offers many services to its residents. The residents of Hartington have combined talent and a strong work ethic to create an ideal setting in which to work and live.

## Professional

Attorneys .....	2
Auctioneers.....	3
Certified Public Accountants.....	1
Medical	
Anesthesiologists.....	1
Chiropractors .....	1
Dentists.....	1
Family Practice Physicians.....	1
Optometrists .....	1
Pharmacists .....	2
Physical Therapists.....	2
Physician Assistants .....	2
Massage Therapists .....	2
Veterinarians.....	2

## Business and Commercial

Accounting/Bookkeeping Agencies .....	2
Advertising Agencies .....	2
Agricultural Implement Dealers .....	3
Antique Shops .....	1
Apparel Stores	
Children's.....	2
Combination .....	2
Men's .....	3
Women's.....	3
Appliance Stores .....	3
Auto Body Repair & Services .....	7
Auto Supply Parts.....	4
Automobile Dealers .....	2
Aviation Seeding & Spraying .....	1
Banquet Facilities, Halls	
Auditoriums & Meeting Rooms.....	7
Beauty Salons/Barber Shops .....	10

Caterers.....	2
Child Care Services.....	8
Computer Services .....	2
Contractors	
Building.....	1
Carpentry.....	10
Concrete .....	4
Electric.....	5
Excavating .....	6
General (commercial).....	5
General (residential).....	6
Gravel .....	2
Heating & Air Conditioning.....	3
Painting.....	7
Plumbing.....	5
Remodeling .....	7
Roofing .....	8
Well Digging.....	1
Convenience Stores .....	3
Copying & Duplicating Services .....	2
Craft Stores .....	2
Department Stores .....	2
Discount Stores .....	2
Dry Cleaning & Laundries.....	1
Farm/Ranch Supplies.....	5
Feed & Seed Dealers .....	5
Feedlots.....	2
Fence Manufacturing.....	1
Fertilizer Suppliers/Applicators .....	1
Floral Shops .....	2
Fuel Transport .....	2
Funeral Homes .....	1
Furniture Stores.....	1
Gift Shops.....	5
Grocery Stores .....	2
Hardware Stores.....	3
Health Clubs .....	2
Industrial Equipment & Supplies.....	2
Insurance Companies.....	7
Interior Decorators & Designers .....	5



Landscaping Equipment & Supplies.....	8
Lawn Services .....	5
Lumberyards.....	1
Machine Shops.....	1
Hotels .....	2
Nurseries & Garden Centers .....	3
Office Equipment Sales, Service & Supplies.....	3
Pet Boarding/Grooming Services .....	2
Pharmacies.....	1
Photography Studios .....	2

Preschools.....	3
Printers .....	2
Real Estate Firms .....	3
Restaurants .....	4
Service Stations.....	2
Shoe Stores.....	2
Television & Radio Repair Shops .....	1
Variety Stores .....	6
Welding Shops .....	1



*Cobblestone Inn & Suites (29 rooms)*



*Historical Hartington Hotel (18 rooms)*





# Agriculture & Raw Materials

In 2016 Nebraska ranked third among the states in corn exports and in total cash receipts from all farm commodities. Nebraska's farms and ranches utilized 45.2 million acres or 91 percent of the state's total land area. Cash receipts from farm markets in 2016 contributed more than \$21.5 billion to the state's economy and 6.0 percent of the U.S. total. Food processing is the state's largest manufacturing sector and foreign markets are important for many of the state's manufacturers.

Sources: Nebraska Agriculture Rankings - USDA ERS, USDA NASS; Food Processing Status - Bureau of Labor Statistics, Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages

The **Ogallala Aquifer** underlies 174,000 square miles in parts of eight states. The Ogallala Aquifer within Nebraska contains approximately 65 percent of the water in storage in the entire aquifer. With the implementation of more efficient irrigation systems and other water management measures, the Ogallala Aquifer will remain a valuable resource in Nebraska.

Nebraska's Natural Resource Districts (NRDs) have responsibility for managing groundwater resources. The Nebraska Department of Natural Resources maintains responsibility for administration of surface water rights. In locations where groundwater and surface water are connected, the responsibility is shared among the NRDs and the state for achieving a sustainable balance between water supplies and water use.



## Nebraska's Rank Among States

### 1st...

Beef and Veal, Exports, 2017  
Commercial Red Meat, 2017  
Commercial Cattle Slaughter, 2017  
Great Northern Beans, 2017  
All Cattle on Feed, Jan. 2018  
Popcorn, 2012

### 2nd...

All Cattle and Calves, Jan. 2018  
Cash Receipts from All Livestock and Products, 2016  
All Hay, 2017  
Pinto Beans, 2017  
Proso Millet, 2017  
Light Red Kidney Beans, 2017  
Bison, Dec. 2012

### 3rd...

Corn for Grain, 2017  
Corn Exports, 2016  
Cash Receipts from All Farm Commodities, 2016  
All Dry Edible Beans, 2017

### 4th...

Beef Cows, Jan. 2018  
Soybean, 2017  
Alfalfa Hay, 2017  
Land in Farms and Ranches, 2017

### 5th...

Soybean Exports, 2016  
Agricultural Exports, 2016  
Cash Receipts from All Crops, 2016  
Grain Sorghum, 2017  
Sugar Beets, 2017  
Pork Exports, 2017  
Egg Exports, 2017

### 6th...

Harvested Acres of Principal Crops, 2017  
Commercial Hog Slaughter, 2017  
All Hogs and Pigs on Farms, Dec. 2017

### 7th...

Sunflower, 2017

### 8th...

Winter Wheat, 2017

Source: Nebraska Department of Agriculture - USDA, NASS, NFO, and NBA

## Cedar County

2017 Statistics	Cedar County	State of Nebraska
Number of Farms.....	784.....	46,332
Land in Farms (acres) .....	473,500.....	44,986,821
Average Size of Farms (acres).....	604.....	971
Market Value of Agricultural Products Sold .....	\$423,060,000.....	\$21,983,430,000
Market Value Per Farm.....	\$539,617.....	\$474,476
Total Acres Irrigated.....	163,240.....	8,588,389
Percent of Farmland Irrigated.....	34.5%.....	19.1%

Five-Year Average Production of Leading Crops (2013–2017)	Cedar County	State of Nebraska
Corn for Grain.....	34,647,800 bu.....	1,658,390,000 bu.
Hay, Alfalfa.....	91,960 tons.....	3,122,000 tons
Soybeans.....	6,867,200 bu.....	297,770,000 bu.

Five-Year Average Livestock Population (2013–2017)	Cedar County	State of Nebraska
All Cattle .....	122,000 .....	6,360,000

Cedar County ranked in the top six counties in the state in the production of alfalfa hay during the past five years; in the top ten in the production of soybeans four out of the past five years; in the top two in the production of oats during the past two out of five years; and in the top ten twice out of the past five years in the production of corn for grain.

Source: National Agricultural Statistics Service

## Raw Materials

Sand and gravel, nonmetallic minerals, are available in commercial quantities; however, metallic minerals are not found in the Hartington area.

Commercial forest land in Cedar County consists of 4,000 acres of elm, ash, cottonwood, oak, and hickory. This land is located along the south shore of the Missouri River.





# Climate

## Nebraskans enjoy four distinct seasons... spring, summer, fall, and winter

Nebraska has a continental climate, with hot summers and cold winters. Temperatures are highly variable from season to season and year to year. The majority of the state has an average annual maximum temperature of 60°F to 65°F with average annual minimum temperatures in the 30°F to 40°F range. State temperature records are -47°F and 118°F. The average number of days in excess of 100°F range from 5 (northeast) to 11 (southwest) with most of the state between 6 and 9 days. Minimum temperatures below zero occur on average 7 days per year in southeast Nebraska to 20 days in north-central Nebraska.

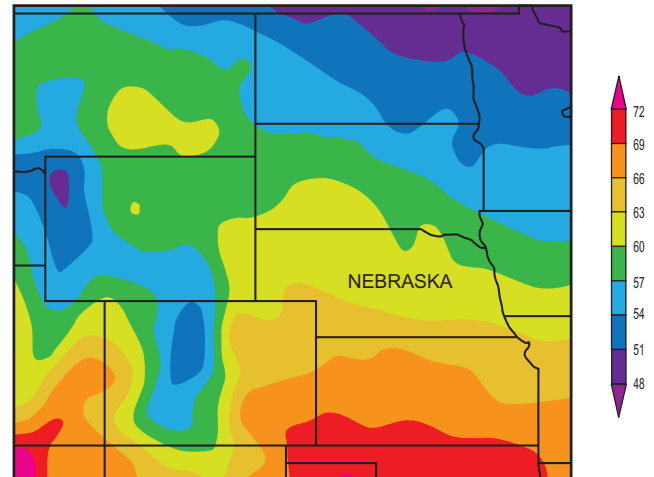
## Precipitation

Precipitation is also variable and ranges from an annual average of 15 to 20 inches in the west to 30 to 35 inches in southeast Nebraska. Approximately 75 percent of the precipitation falls as rain from April to September. Annual average snowfall ranges from 20 inches in the southeast to 50 inches in the northwest. Snowfall usually increases during late winter and reaches a maximum in March.

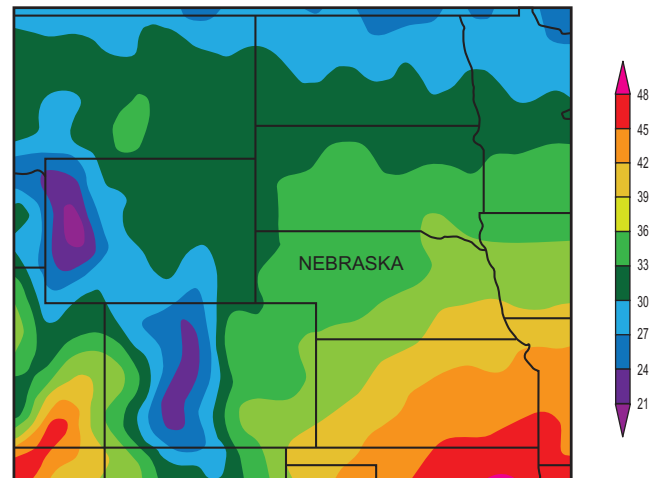
## Growing Season

The growing season fluctuates in length, but on average it ranges from 120 days in the extreme northwest to 170 days in the southeast. The average date of the last freeze in spring varies from April 25 in extreme southeast Nebraska to May 21 in extreme northwest. The first fall freeze typically occurs from September 20 in the extreme northwest to October 6 in the southeast part of the state.

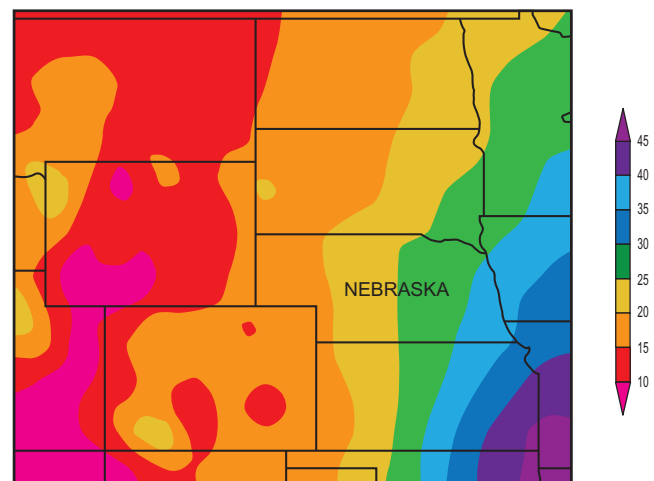
Annual Maximum Temperature (F)



Annual Minimum Temperature (F)



Annual Precipitation (inches)

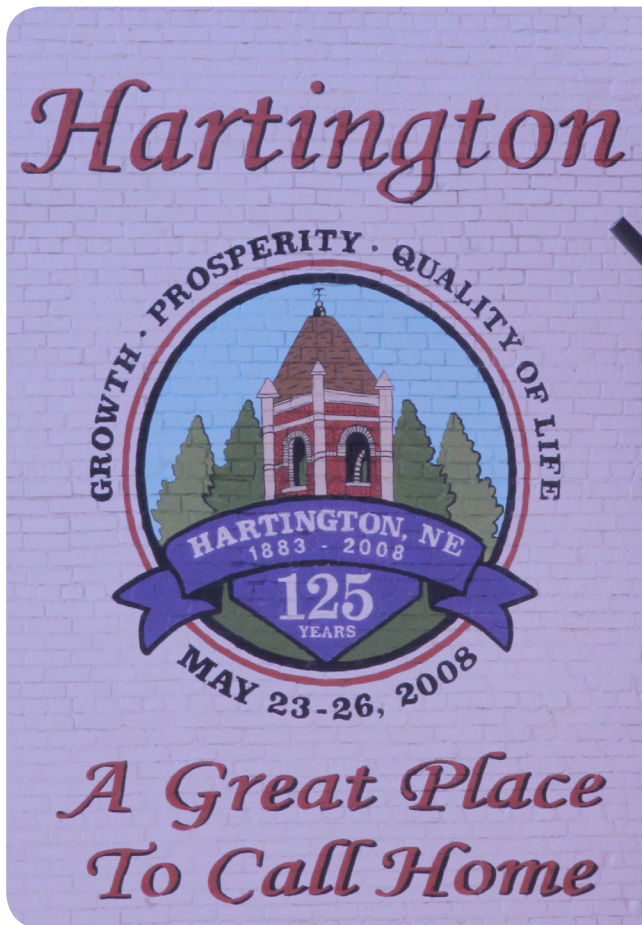


Based on 30-year climate normals 1981–2010 data from the High Plains Climate Center, University of Nebraska-Lincoln

Source: [www.hprcc.unl.edu](http://www.hprcc.unl.edu)

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