



Efficiency, Ethanol and Exports: *Keeping Nebraska Corn on the Upward Trend*

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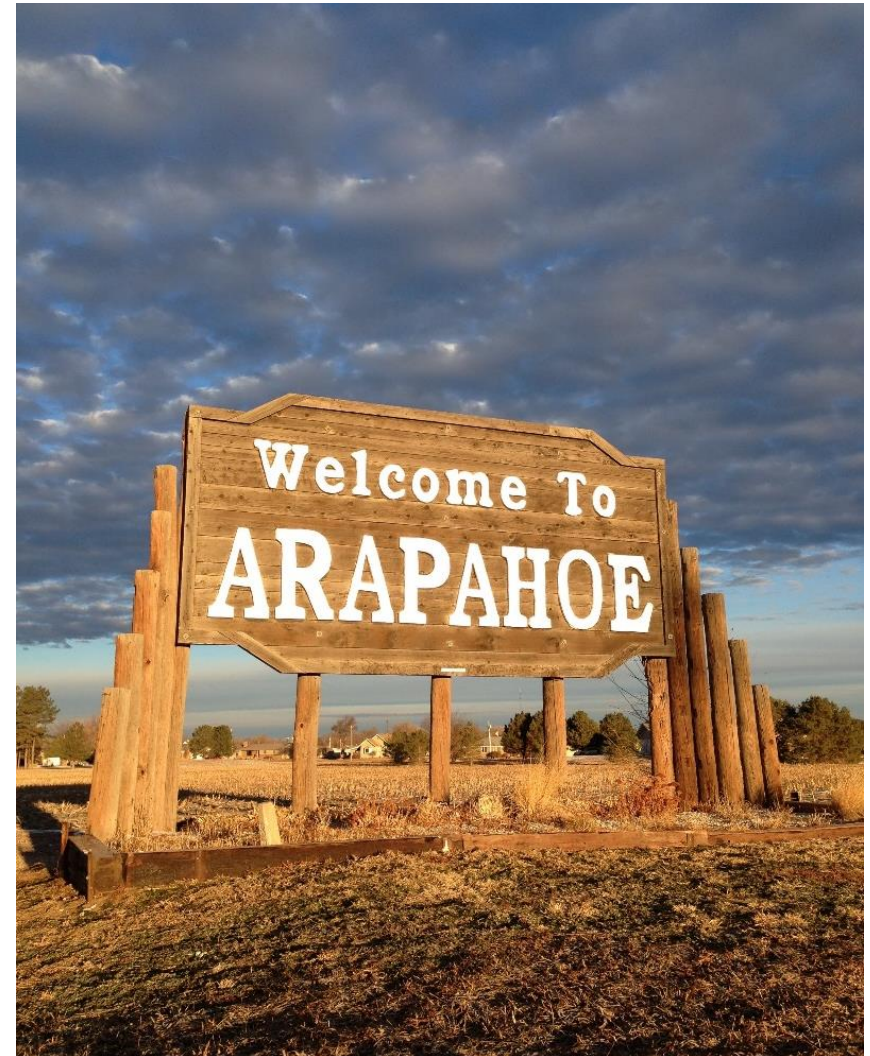
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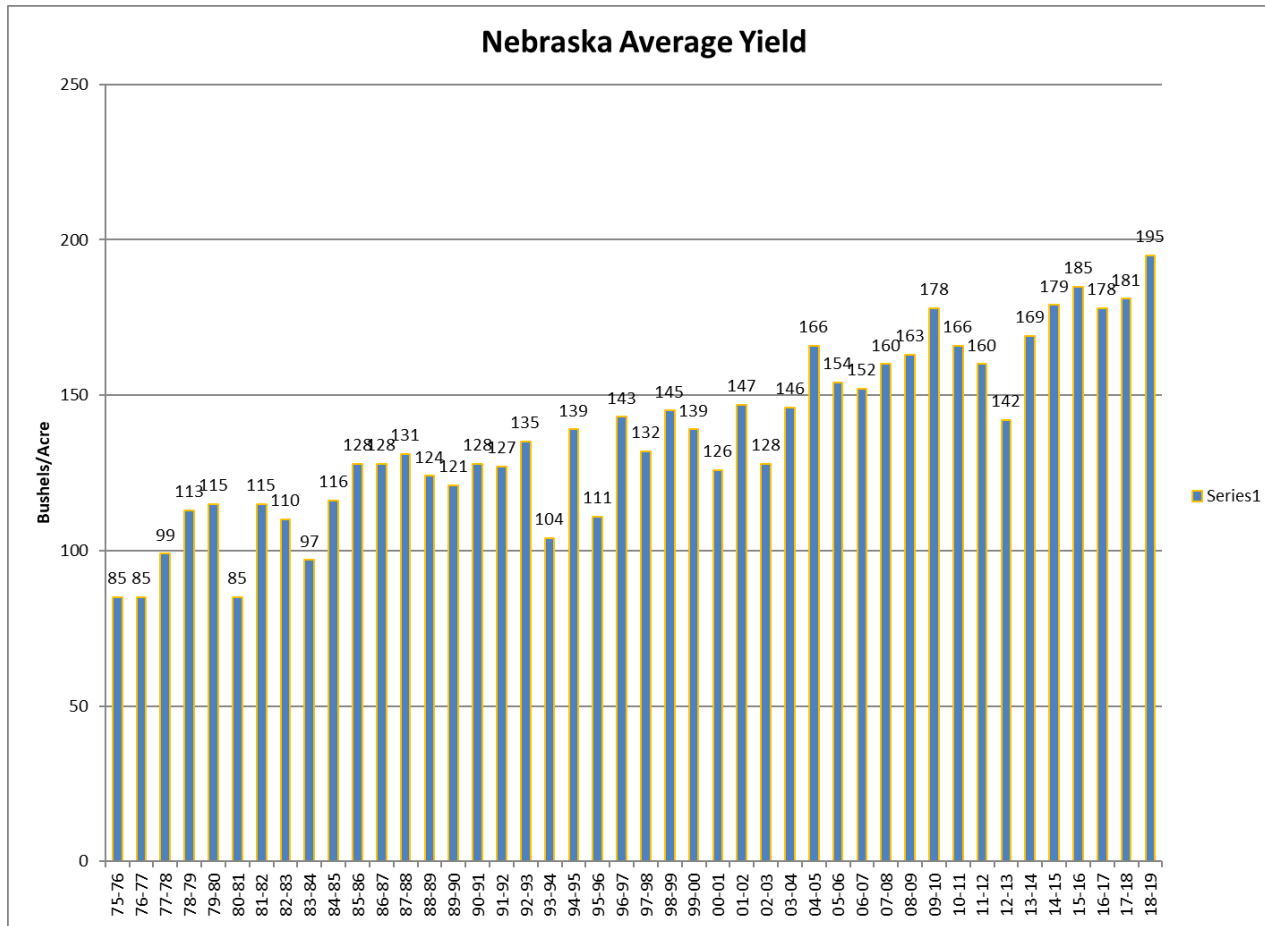
Introduction

- Arapahoe, Nebraska
- Diversified family operation
- Road to Nebraska
Department of Agriculture
(NDA)
- Role at NDA



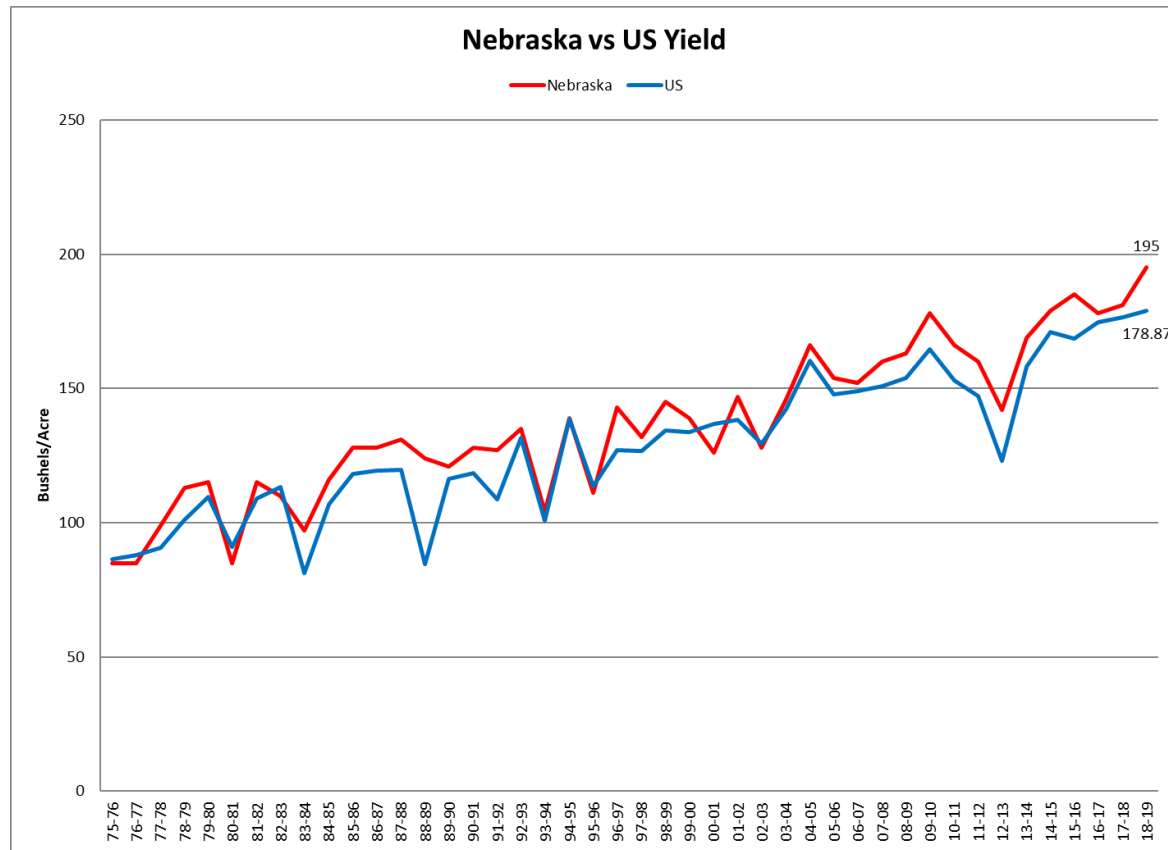
Efficiency: Trends

- Steady increase, favorable past year



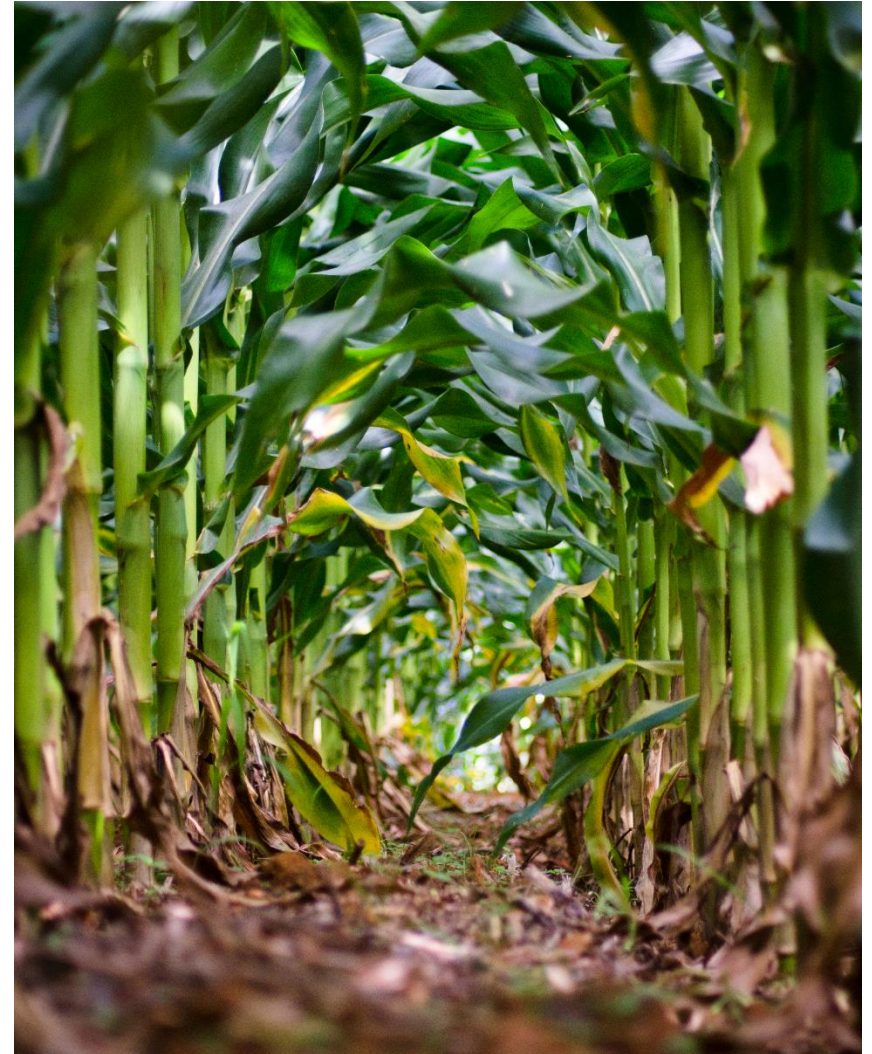
Efficiency: Trends

- Irrigated corn yields 2.169 bu/ac per year, rainfed corn yields 1.759 bu/ac per year



Efficiency: Impacts & Answers

- High costs
- What to do
 - Being here
 - Know your situation
 - Ability to adapt



Ethanol: Nebraska's Profile

- \$5 billion industry for Nebraska
- 25 ethanol plants
- 96% of Nebraska's production is exported out of state
- 1 in 7 Nebraskans drive flex fuel



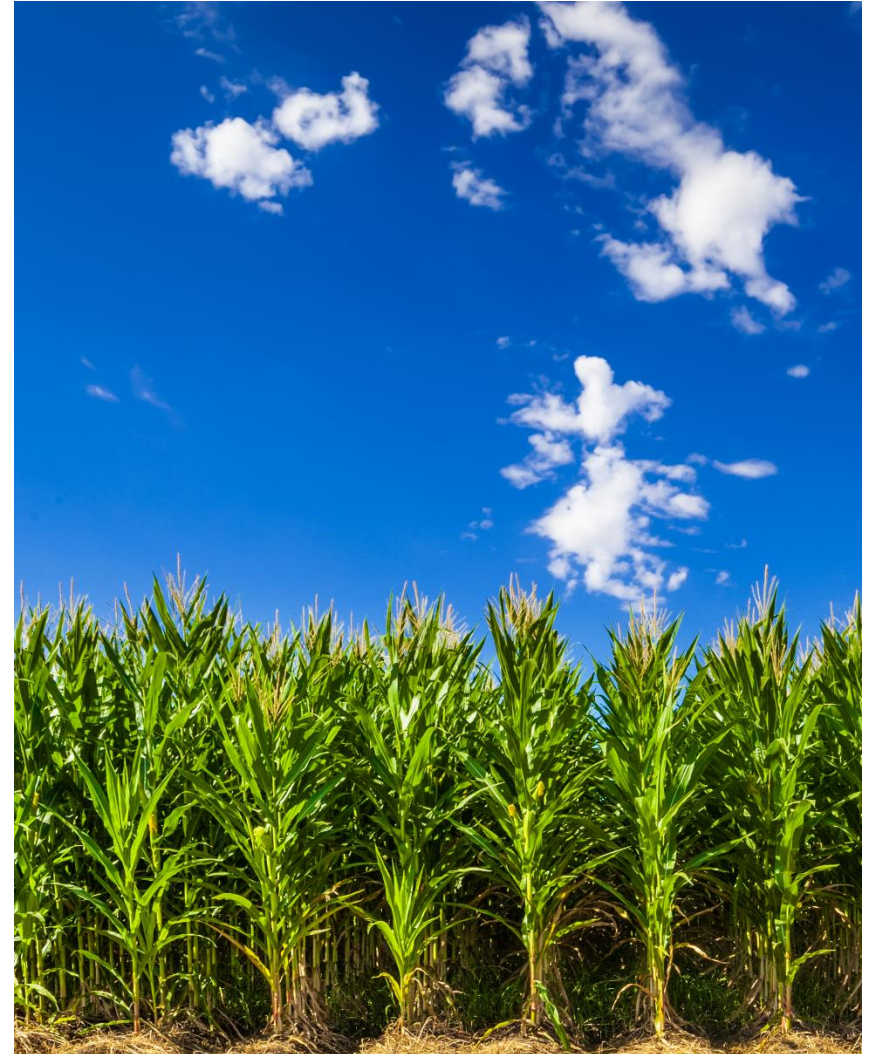
Ethanol: Look Ahead

- Tight margins point to need for stabilization
- Collaboration is vital for the industry
- Engagement with EPA
 - Small refinery petitions
 - Keeping demand stable
 - Upcoming driving season
- Stability of Renewable Fuel Standard (RFS)



Exports: Where Things Stand

- International trade at NDA
 - 3rd in corn exports
- USDA – USTR – Federal efforts
 - European Union (EU)
 - Japan
 - United Kingdom (UK)
 - China
- NDA efforts
 - Mirroring effect



Exports: Look Ahead

- USMCA
- Other areas of interest:
 - Southeast Asia
 - Africa
- Governor Ricketts' trade appointment



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