



## NEBRASKA BY HEART

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### A Few Jokes About Nebraska

**Did you hear** what happened in Nebraska when the wind stopped blowing the other day? Everyone fell over!

**Years ago**, Nebraskans got tired of leaning into the wind, having their top soil blown away, and chickens having to lay their eggs two and three times. Seems the wind continually came down from Canada, and there was nothing between Canada and Nebraska to stop it. The farmers all got together and decided to build a fence across the north norder of the State of Nebraska... the idea being, to stop that cold wind. It might've worked, too. The barbed wire they used was strong enough, but the real problem was that a couple owners of farms on the northern border kept leaving their gates open.

#### **You know you're a Nebraskan when**

- You use your life savings to go to the Nebraska-Oklahoma game.
- You can tell it's really a farmer working late in his field, and not a UFO.
- You know the difference between field corn and sweet corn when they are still on the stalk.
- You pick up all the free stuff at the State Fair.
- You fly your American flag at half-mast when the Cornhuskers lose a football game.
- You know how to pronounce Beatrice, Norfolk and Kearney.
- When the tornado sirens go off you head to the roof to get a better view.
- You take pride in knowing that on Saturdays, Memorial stadium is the third largest city in the state.
- You know that the statue on the dome of the state capital is actually sowing seed - not bowling.
- You know what a Runza is.

**Guess what?** Colorado and Nebraska have decided to merge into one state. Nebraskans gain the mountains, and Colorado gets a football team.