



Flag:

[North Dakota's](#) dark blue field displays a bald eagle holding an olive branch and a bundle of arrows in its claws. In its beak, the eagle carries a ribbon with the words "One nation made up of many states". The shield on its breast has thirteen stars, representing the original thirteen states. The fan shaped design above the eagle represents the birth of a new nation, the United States. The name "North Dakota" appears on a red scroll below the eagle.



North Dakota

A local ground squirrel, the flickertail, gave North Dakota its **Flickertail State** nickname (an attempt to make this the official nickname in 1953 was defeated), and the Indian tribes its **Sioux State** and **Land of the Dakota**. Its importance led it to be sometimes known as Great Central State. But the International Peace Gardens (crossing the northern border of the state into Manitoba) have given the state its modern nickname (and car licence plate slogan) of the **Peace Garden State** (it's worth noting that some references incorrectly give "Peach Garden State", which is a transcription error that seems to have propagated through many works!) - it first appeared on licence plates in 1956, and in 1957 the legislature formally required it to appear on licence plates. North Dakota was also known as the **Roughrider State** (an allusion to the "Rough Rider" cavalry that Theodore Roosevelt is supposed to have led) and this name was used in the 1960s and 1970s as part of a tourist campaign, but attempts in 1971 and 1973 to have this replace "Peace Garden State" on licence plates failed.

Economy:

Agriculture: Wheat, cattle, barley, sunflowers, milk, sugar beets.

Industry: Food processing, machinery, mining, tourism.