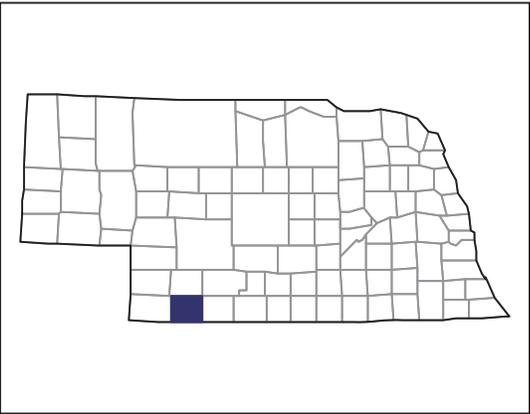


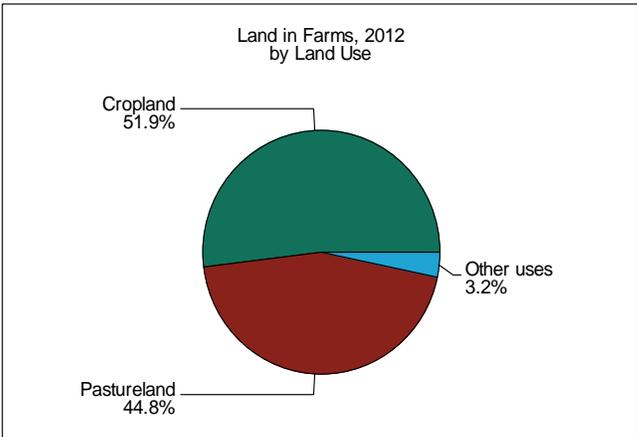
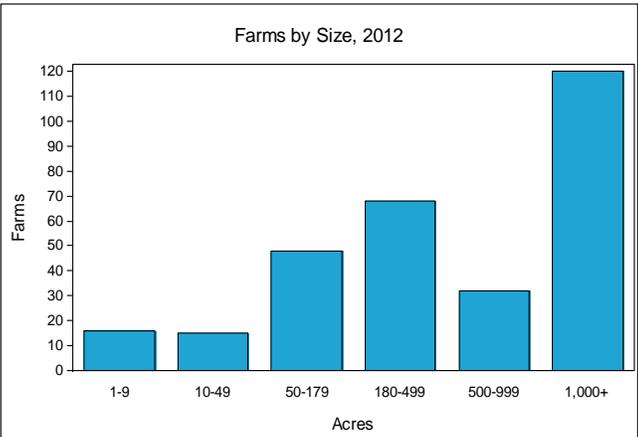
# 2012 CENSUS OF AGRICULTURE

## COUNTY PROFILE



### Hitchcock County Nebraska

	2012	2007	% change
<b>Number of Farms</b>	299	272	+ 10
<b>Land in Farms</b>	399,247 acres	347,924 acres	+ 15
<b>Average Size of Farm</b>	1,335 acres	1,279 acres	+ 4
<b>Market Value of Products Sold</b>	\$63,628,000	\$58,757,000	+ 8
Crop Sales \$42,893,000 (67 percent)			
Livestock Sales \$20,735,000 (33 percent)			
Average Per Farm	\$212,804	\$216,017	- 1
<b>Government Payments</b>	\$3,553,000	\$3,521,000	+ 1
Average Per Farm Receiving Payments	\$14,867	\$16,376	- 9





## Hitchcock County – Nebraska

### Ranked items among the 93 state counties and 3,079 U.S. counties, 2012

Item	Quantity	State Rank	Universe <sup>1</sup>	U.S. Rank	Universe <sup>1</sup>
<b>MARKET VALUE OF AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS SOLD (\$1,000)</b>					
Total value of agricultural products sold	63,628	81	93	1,584	3,077
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	42,893	74	93	1,254	3,072
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	20,735	82	93	1,590	3,076
<b>VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)</b>					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	38,006	75	91	974	2,926
Tobacco	-	-	-	-	436
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	-	-	635
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	8	54	66	2,627	2,802
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	-	-	62	-	2,724
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	9	66	70	2,546	2,678
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	-	-	24	-	1,530
Other crops and hay	4,871	24	93	597	3,049
Poultry and eggs	(D)	69	93	(D)	3,013
Cattle and calves	20,654	78	93	783	3,056
Milk from cows	-	-	55	-	2,038
Hogs and pigs	(D)	87	90	(D)	2,827
Sheep, goats, wool, mohair, and milk	26	78	90	2,317	2,988
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	24	78	93	2,601	3,011
Aquaculture	-	-	21	-	1,366
Other animals and other animal products	25	52	85	1,796	2,924
<b>TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)</b>					
Wheat for grain, all	47,842	9	85	271	2,537
Winter wheat for grain	47,842	9	85	192	2,480
Corn for grain	44,772	69	91	663	2,638
Forage-land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	12,532	56	93	1,425	3,057
Corn for silage	5,241	29	91	353	2,237
<b>TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)</b>					
Cattle and calves	26,878	77	93	1,063	3,063
Layers	343	66	93	2,561	3,040
Sheep and lambs	266	64	89	1,898	2,897
Horses and ponies	141	92	93	2,879	3,072
Pullets for laying flock replacement	126	30	74	1,539	2,637

### Other County Highlights, 2012

Economic Characteristics	Quantity	Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales:		Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Less than \$1,000	45	Farming	178
\$1,000 to \$2,499	16	Other	121
\$2,500 to \$4,999	9	Principal operators by sex:	
\$5,000 to \$9,999	16	Male	280
\$10,000 to \$19,999	17	Female	19
\$20,000 to \$24,999	14	Average age of principal operator (years)	56.8
\$25,000 to \$39,999	19	All operators by race <sup>2</sup> :	
\$40,000 to \$49,999	8	American Indian or Alaska Native	-
\$50,000 to \$99,999	29	Asian	-
\$100,000 to \$249,999	47	Black or African American	-
\$250,000 to \$499,999	37	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
\$500,000 or more	42	White	468
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	60,254	More than one race	-
Average per farm (\$)	201,517	All operators of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin <sup>2</sup>	4
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	20,008		
Average per farm (\$)	66,917		

See "Census of Agriculture, Volume 1, Geographic Area Series" for complete footnotes, explanations, definitions, and methodology.

- Represents zero. (D) Withheld to avoid disclosing data for individual operations.

<sup>1</sup> Universe is number of counties in state or U.S. with item. <sup>2</sup> Data were collected for a maximum of three operators per farm.