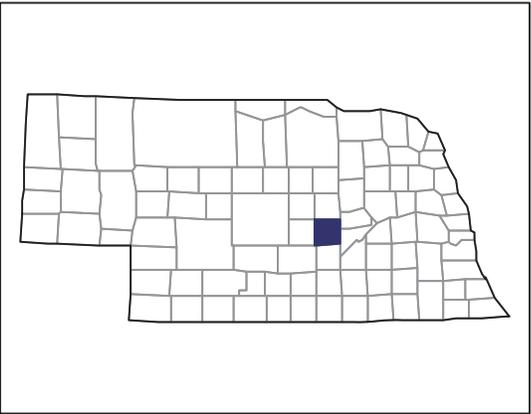


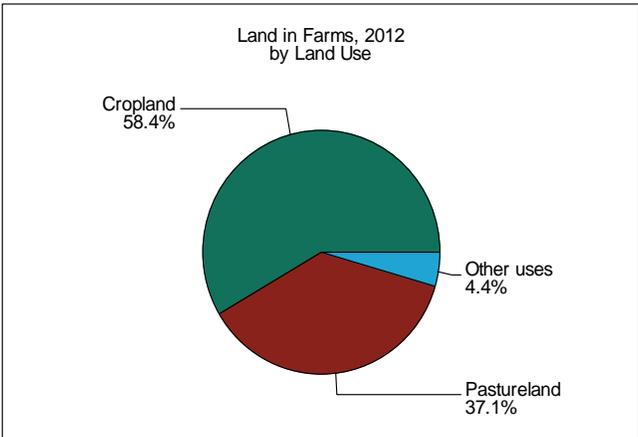
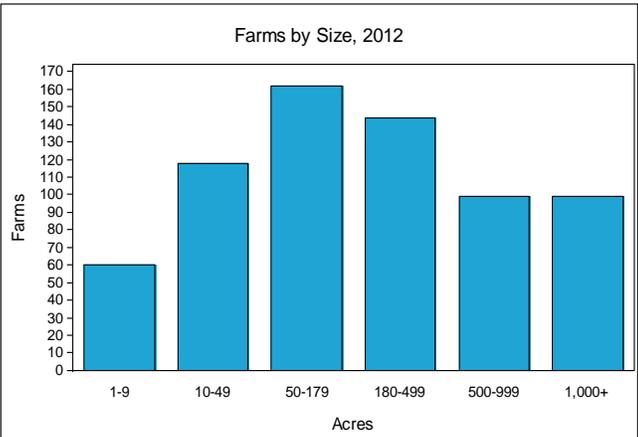
2012 CENSUS OF AGRICULTURE

COUNTY PROFILE



Howard County Nebraska

	2012	2007	% change
Number of Farms	682	564	+ 21
Land in Farms	312,234 acres	278,876 acres	+ 12
Average Size of Farm	458 acres	494 acres	- 7
Market Value of Products Sold	\$246,289,000	\$145,444,000	+ 69
Crop Sales \$112,048,000 (45 percent)			
Livestock Sales \$134,241,000 (55 percent)			
Average Per Farm	\$361,128	\$257,879	+ 40
Government Payments	\$3,603,000	\$3,140,000	+ 15
Average Per Farm Receiving Payments	\$7,538	\$7,849	- 4





Howard County – Nebraska

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

Item	Quantity	State Rank	Universe ¹	U.S. Rank	Universe ¹
MARKET VALUE OF AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS SOLD (\$1,000)					
Total value of agricultural products sold	246,289	36	93	396	3,077
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	112,048	45	93	579	3,072
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	134,241	26	93	326	3,076
VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	104,301	45	91	450	2,926
Tobacco	-	-	-	-	436
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	-	-	635
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	778	18	66	933	2,802
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	18	29	62	2,193	2,724
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	319	22	70	1,576	2,678
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	30	7	24	622	1,530
Other crops and hay	6,601	17	93	454	3,049
Poultry and eggs	34	30	93	1,784	3,013
Cattle and calves	130,819	24	93	92	3,056
Milk from cows	225	45	55	1,705	2,038
Hogs and pigs	1,494	56	90	805	2,827
Sheep, goats, wool, mohair, and milk	135	36	90	1,119	2,988
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	133	41	93	1,602	3,011
Aquaculture	-	-	21	-	1,366
Other animals and other animal products	1,402	9	85	188	2,924
TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)					
Corn for grain	95,501	48	91	309	2,638
Soybeans for beans	34,925	52	85	732	2,162
Forage-land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	27,956	22	93	668	3,057
Corn for silage	4,999	30	91	368	2,237
Wheat for grain, all	1,328	54	85	1,535	2,537
TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)					
Cattle and calves	80,275	25	93	187	3,063
Colonies of bees	6,202	2	64	124	2,761
Hogs and pigs	4,704	55	90	775	2,889
Sheep and lambs	2,733	4	89	334	2,897
Layers	1,574	19	93	1,495	3,040

Other County Highlights, 2012

Economic Characteristics	Quantity	Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales:		Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Less than \$1,000	100	Farming	403
\$1,000 to \$2,499	22	Other	279
\$2,500 to \$4,999	40	Principal operators by sex:	
\$5,000 to \$9,999	31	Male	634
\$10,000 to \$19,999	41	Female	48
\$20,000 to \$24,999	22	Average age of principal operator (years)	53.3
\$25,000 to \$39,999	38	All operators by race ² :	
\$40,000 to \$49,999	28	American Indian or Alaska Native	4
\$50,000 to \$99,999	88	Asian	-
\$100,000 to \$249,999	108	Black or African American	-
\$250,000 to \$499,999	67	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
\$500,000 or more	97	White	1,064
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	219,501	More than one race	-
Average per farm (\$)	321,848	All operators of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin ²	4
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	40,204		
Average per farm (\$)	58,951		

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

- Represents zero.

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