PREFACE

Nebraska Agricultural Statistics is published each year to meet the diverse need for a reliable reference book on the State's agricultural production, supplies, consumption, facilities, costs and returns. It's tables of annual county/state data cover a wide variety of facts in forms suited to most common use. This book has been published in some form cooperatively by USDA, Agricultural Statistics Service and the Nebraska Department of Agriculture since 1925. Prior to that, similar but less comprehensive information was published by Nebraska Agricultural Board.

Most of the data were prepared or compiled by the U.S. Department of Agriculture, National Agricultural Statistics Service's state offices (of which the Nebraska Ag Statistics Office is one). The series in this volume generally relate to data for 1997-1999 but some state data goes back to the late 1800's.

The information contained herein is based on data obtained by sample surveys of farmers/ranchers and people who do business with them. County extension staff, lending institutions, other USDA agencies and the National Weather Service also contribute information. The survey data are supplemented by information from Census of Agriculture taken every five years and check data from various sources. Being estimates, they are subject to revision as more data become available from current or government sources.

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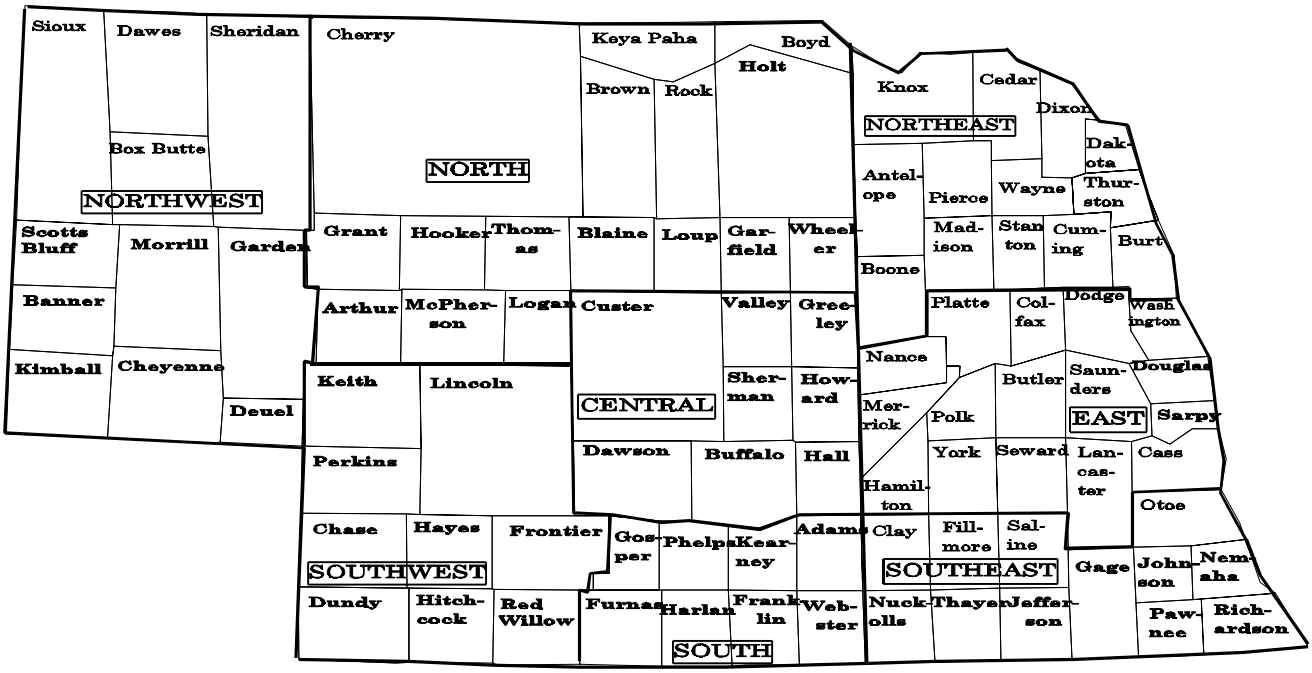

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