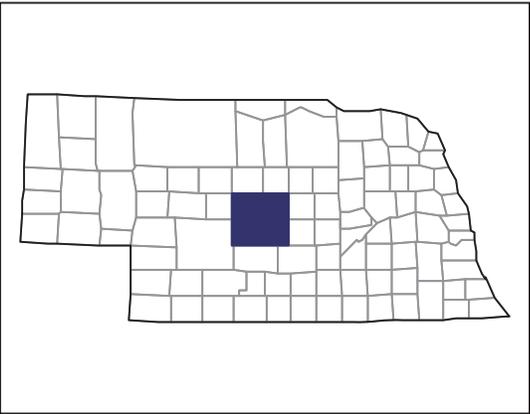


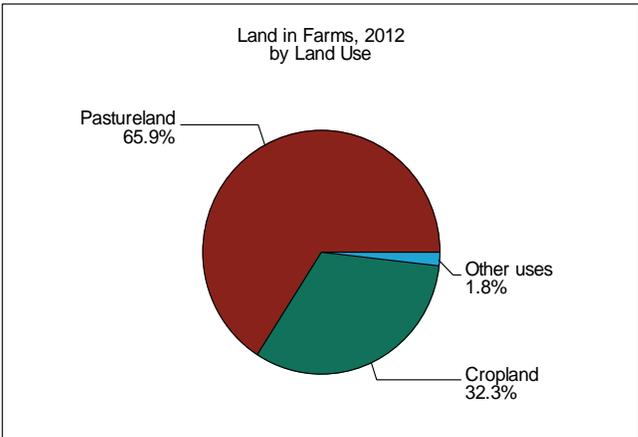
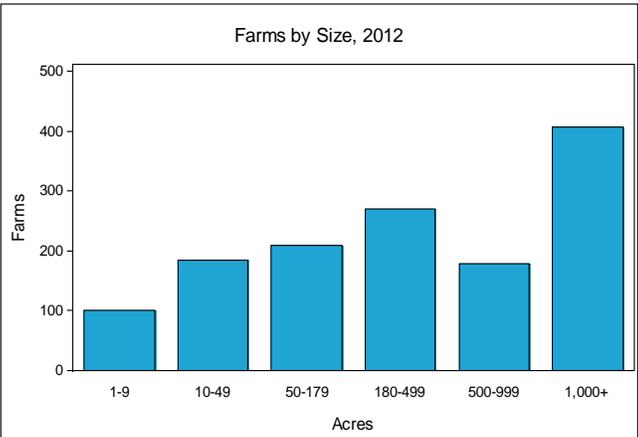
# 2012 CENSUS OF AGRICULTURE

## COUNTY PROFILE



### Custer County Nebraska

	2012	2007	% change
<b>Number of Farms</b>	1,352	1,187	+ 14
<b>Land in Farms</b>	1,503,594 acres	1,614,280 acres	- 7
<b>Average Size of Farm</b>	1,112 acres	1,360 acres	- 18
<b>Market Value of Products Sold</b>			
	\$845,305,000	\$513,770,000	+ 65
Crop Sales \$292,956,000 (35 percent)			
Livestock Sales \$552,348,000 (65 percent)			
Average Per Farm	\$625,225	\$432,831	+ 44
<b>Government Payments</b>			
	\$7,479,000	\$8,350,000	- 10
Average Per Farm Receiving Payments	\$9,985	\$12,032	- 17





## Custer 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	845,305	2	93	42	3,077
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	292,956	3	93	87	3,072
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	552,348	2	93	35	3,076
<b>VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)</b>					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	272,442	3	91	41	2,926
Tobacco	-	-	-	-	436
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	-	-	635
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	22	45	66	2,425	2,802
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	(D)	(D)	62	(D)	2,724
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	(D)	52	70	(D)	2,678
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	-	-	24	-	1,530
Other crops and hay	20,444	7	93	148	3,049
Poultry and eggs	38	29	93	1,729	3,013
Cattle and calves	500,824	4	93	21	3,056
Milk from cows	2,959	19	55	884	2,038
Hogs and pigs	47,134	6	90	120	2,827
Sheep, goats, wool, mohair, and milk	342	8	90	496	2,988
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	886	6	93	290	3,011
Aquaculture	-	-	21	-	1,366
Other animals and other animal products	165	28	85	844	2,924
<b>TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)</b>					
Corn for grain	234,919	1	91	22	2,638
Forage-land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	84,154	5	93	49	3,057
Soybeans for beans	65,815	39	85	476	2,162
Corn for silage	17,717	4	91	74	2,237
Wheat for grain, all	8,949	28	85	719	2,537
<b>TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)</b>					
Cattle and calves	290,990	2	93	18	3,063
Hogs and pigs	130,565	7	90	133	2,889
Horses and ponies	2,664	4	93	278	3,072
Layers	2,327	16	93	1,185	3,040
Sheep and lambs	1,741	12	89	546	2,897

### Other County Highlights, 2012

Economic Characteristics	Quantity	Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales:		Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Less than \$1,000	207	Farming	851
\$1,000 to \$2,499	57	Other	501
\$2,500 to \$4,999	56		
\$5,000 to \$9,999	77	Principal operators by sex:	
\$10,000 to \$19,999	114	Male	1,259
\$20,000 to \$24,999	27	Female	93
\$25,000 to \$39,999	95		
\$40,000 to \$49,999	33	Average age of principal operator (years)	54.8
\$50,000 to \$99,999	135		
\$100,000 to \$249,999	186	All operators by race <sup>2</sup> :	
\$250,000 to \$499,999	137	American Indian or Alaska Native	1
\$500,000 or more	228	Asian	1
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	735,955	Black or African American	-
Average per farm (\$)	544,346	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
		White	2,013
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	140,327	More than one race	-
Average per farm (\$)	103,792	All operators of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin <sup>2</sup>	5

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.