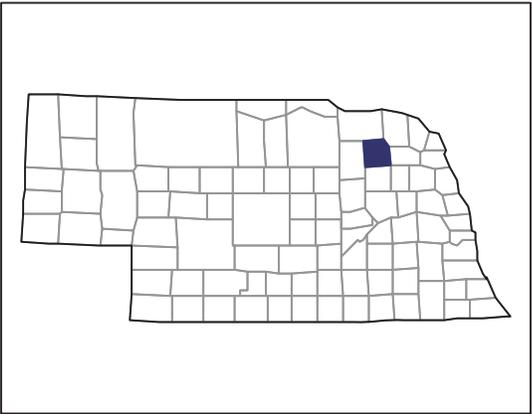


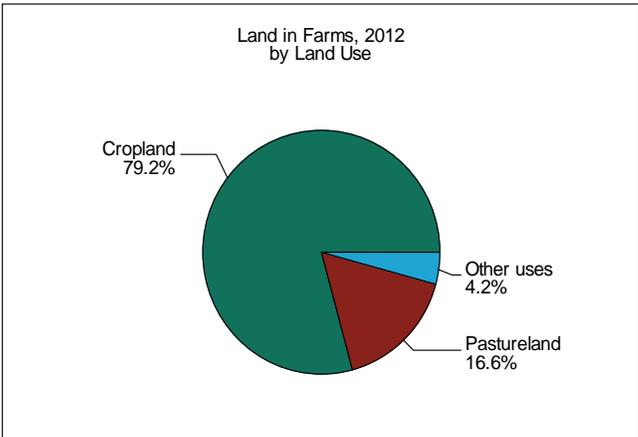
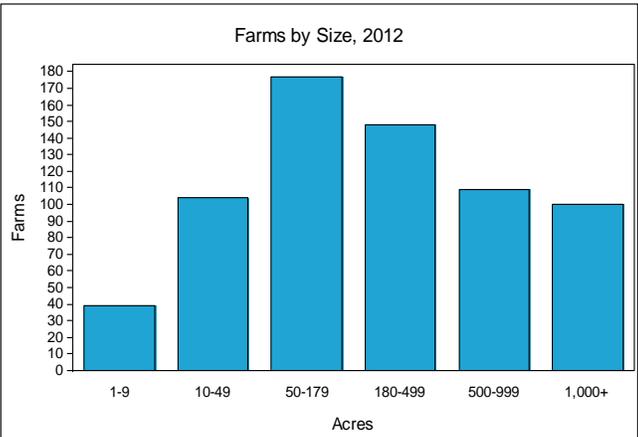
# 2012 CENSUS OF AGRICULTURE

## COUNTY PROFILE



### Pierce County Nebraska

	2012	2007	% change
<b>Number of Farms</b>	677	645	+ 5
<b>Land in Farms</b>	329,181 acres	316,773 acres	+ 4
<b>Average Size of Farm</b>	486 acres	491 acres	- 1
<b>Market Value of Products Sold</b>	\$261,208,000	\$178,936,000	+ 46
Crop Sales \$147,350,000 (56 percent)			
Livestock Sales \$113,858,000 (44 percent)			
Average Per Farm	\$385,832	\$277,421	+ 39
<b>Government Payments</b>	\$5,154,000	\$4,385,000	+ 18
Average Per Farm Receiving Payments	\$10,827	\$9,193	+ 18





## Pierce 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	261,208	32	93	361	3,077
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	147,350	33	93	396	3,072
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	113,858	36	93	385	3,076
<b>VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)</b>					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	145,905	30	91	276	2,926
Tobacco	-	-	-	-	436
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	-	-	635
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	(D)	(D)	66	(D)	2,802
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	(D)	(D)	62	(D)	2,724
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	23	58	70	2,391	2,678
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	-	-	24	-	1,530
Other crops and hay	1,401	77	93	1,637	3,049
Poultry and eggs	(D)	2	93	(D)	3,013
Cattle and calves	69,423	50	93	202	3,056
Milk from cows	589	31	55	1,431	2,038
Hogs and pigs	(D)	35	90	(D)	2,827
Sheep, goats, wool, mohair, and milk	431	4	90	386	2,988
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	(D)	(D)	93	(D)	3,011
Aquaculture	(D)	14	21	(D)	1,366
Other animals and other animal products	120	30	85	996	2,924
<b>TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)</b>					
Corn for grain	126,300	33	91	192	2,638
Soybeans for beans	90,193	23	85	297	2,162
Forage-land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	17,148	43	93	1,130	3,057
Corn for silage	8,698	14	91	209	2,237
Oats for grain	633	6	68	440	1,825
<b>TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)</b>					
Layers	(D)	2	93	(D)	3,040
Pullets for laying flock replacement	(D)	2	74	(D)	2,637
Cattle and calves	51,772	44	93	479	3,063
Hogs and pigs	42,403	23	90	324	2,889
Sheep and lambs	3,656	2	89	235	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	70	Farming	409
\$1,000 to \$2,499	38	Other	268
\$2,500 to \$4,999	24	Principal operators by sex:	
\$5,000 to \$9,999	52	Male	646
\$10,000 to \$19,999	50	Female	31
\$20,000 to \$24,999	14	Average age of principal operator (years)	53.7
\$25,000 to \$39,999	39	All operators by race <sup>2</sup> :	
\$40,000 to \$49,999	19	American Indian or Alaska Native	-
\$50,000 to \$99,999	93	Asian	-
\$100,000 to \$249,999	84	Black or African American	-
\$250,000 to \$499,999	79	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
\$500,000 or more	115	White	965
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	224,151	More than one race	3
Average per farm (\$)	331,095	All operators of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin <sup>2</sup>	-
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	60,831		
Average per farm (\$)	89,854		

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.