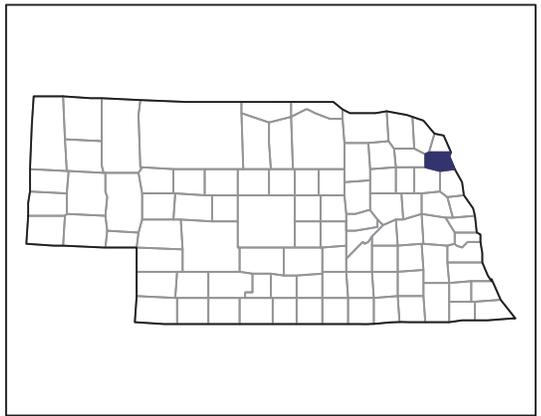


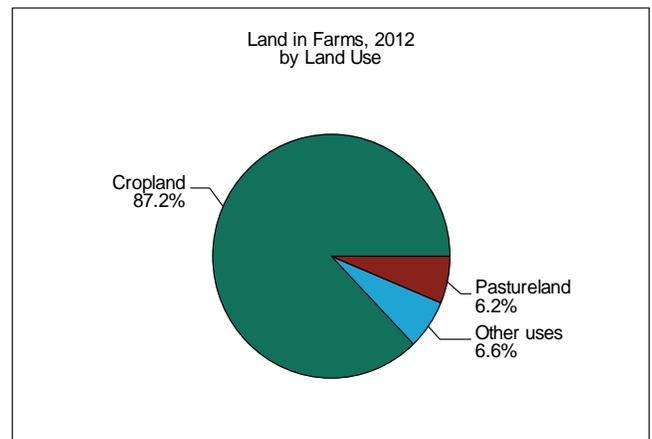
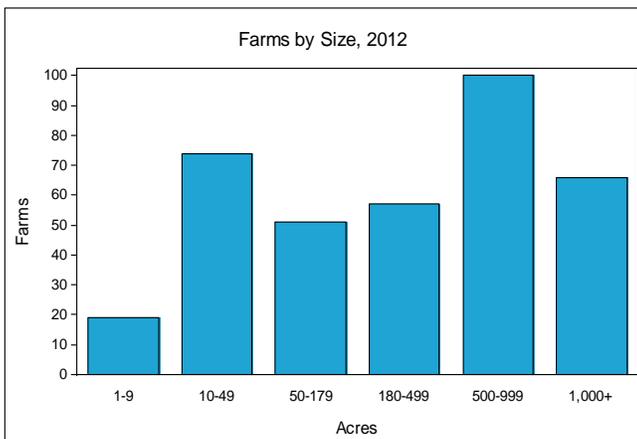
2012 CENSUS OF AGRICULTURE

COUNTY PROFILE



Thurston County Nebraska

| | 2012 | 2007 | % change |
|--|---------------|---------------|----------|
| Number of Farms | 367 | 372 | - 1 |
| Land in Farms | 247,605 acres | 199,689 acres | + 24 |
| Average Size of Farm | 675 acres | 537 acres | + 26 |
| Market Value of Products Sold | \$197,685,000 | \$153,742,000 | + 29 |
| Crop Sales \$93,562,000 (47 percent) | | | |
| Livestock Sales \$104,123,000 (53 percent) | | | |
| Average Per Farm | \$538,652 | \$413,284 | + 30 |
| Government Payments | \$3,744,000 | \$4,015,000 | - 7 |
| Average Per Farm Receiving Payments | \$12,735 | \$12,910 | - 1 |





Thurston 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 | 197,685 | 48 | 93 | 545 | 3,077 |
| Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse | 93,562 | 54 | 93 | 694 | 3,072 |
| Value of livestock, poultry, and their products | 104,123 | 40 | 93 | 443 | 3,076 |
| VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000) | | | | | |
| Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas | 90,062 | 52 | 91 | 531 | 2,926 |
| Tobacco | - | - | - | - | 436 |
| Cotton and cottonseed | - | - | - | - | 635 |
| Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes | 65 | 33 | 66 | 2,051 | 2,802 |
| Fruits, tree nuts, and berries | - | - | 62 | - | 2,724 |
| Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod | - | - | 70 | - | 2,678 |
| Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops | - | - | 24 | - | 1,530 |
| Other crops and hay | 3,435 | 44 | 93 | 854 | 3,049 |
| Poultry and eggs | 5 | 66 | 93 | 2,592 | 3,013 |
| Cattle and calves | 97,530 | 37 | 93 | 133 | 3,056 |
| Milk from cows | (D) | (D) | 55 | (D) | 2,038 |
| Hogs and pigs | 2,998 | 44 | 90 | 670 | 2,827 |
| Sheep, goats, wool, mohair, and milk | 136 | 35 | 90 | 1,109 | 2,988 |
| Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys | 3 | 93 | 93 | 2,965 | 3,011 |
| Aquaculture | - | - | 21 | - | 1,366 |
| Other animals and other animal products | (D) | (D) | 85 | (D) | 2,924 |
| TOP CROP ITEMS (acres) | | | | | |
| Corn for grain | 104,901 | 44 | 91 | 268 | 2,638 |
| Soybeans for beans | 77,950 | 31 | 85 | 384 | 2,162 |
| Forage-land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop | 11,432 | 63 | 93 | 1,496 | 3,057 |
| Corn for silage | 4,591 | 32 | 91 | 400 | 2,237 |
| Oats for grain | 2,145 | 1 | 68 | 115 | 1,825 |
| TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number) | | | | | |
| Cattle and calves | 45,913 | 50 | 93 | 569 | 3,063 |
| Hogs and pigs | 12,009 | 40 | 90 | 590 | 2,889 |
| Colonies of bees | 810 | 13 | 64 | 439 | 2,761 |
| Sheep and lambs | 441 | 51 | 89 | 1,539 | 2,897 |
| Layers | 367 | 63 | 93 | 2,531 | 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 | 79 | Farming | 241 |
| \$1,000 to \$2,499 | 13 | Other | 126 |
| \$2,500 to \$4,999 | 4 | Principal operators by sex: | |
| \$5,000 to \$9,999 | 6 | Male | 317 |
| \$10,000 to \$19,999 | 8 | Female | 50 |
| \$20,000 to \$24,999 | 1 | Average age of principal operator (years) | 54.7 |
| \$25,000 to \$39,999 | 11 | All operators by race ² : | |
| \$40,000 to \$49,999 | 2 | American Indian or Alaska Native | 6 |
| \$50,000 to \$99,999 | 31 | Asian | - |
| \$100,000 to \$249,999 | 69 | Black or African American | - |
| \$250,000 to \$499,999 | 68 | Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander | - |
| \$500,000 or more | 75 | White | 500 |
| Total farm production expenses (\$1,000) | 167,279 | More than one race | 3 |
| Average per farm (\$) | 455,802 | All operators of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin ² | 2 |
| Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000) | 51,027 | | |
| Average per farm (\$) | 139,038 | | |

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.

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.