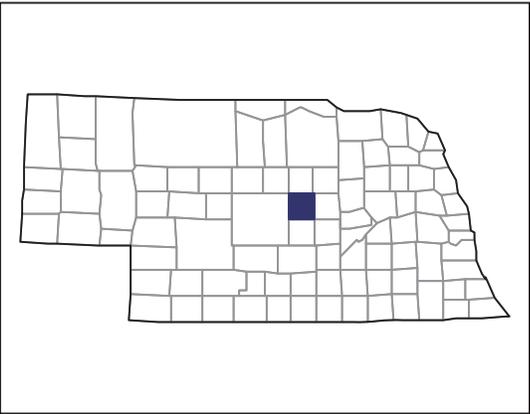


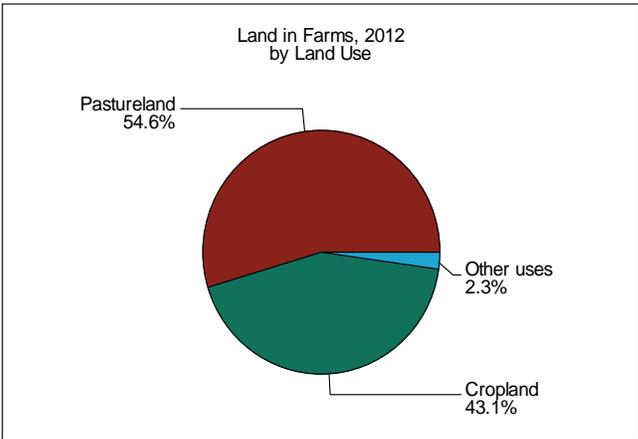
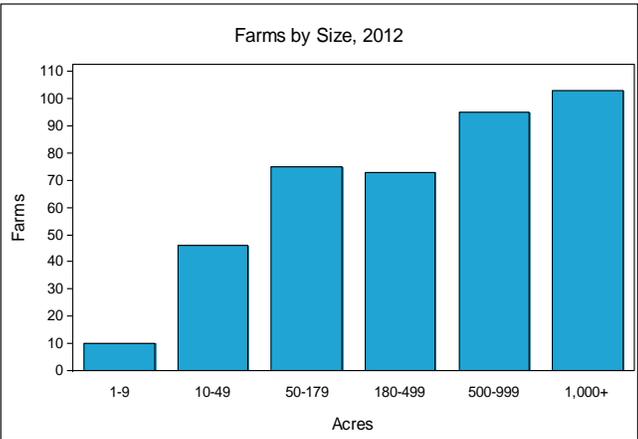
# 2012 CENSUS OF AGRICULTURE

## COUNTY PROFILE



### Valley County Nebraska

	2012	2007	% change
<b>Number of Farms</b>	402	391	+ 3
<b>Land in Farms</b>	349,404 acres	356,296 acres	- 2
<b>Average Size of Farm</b>	869 acres	911 acres	- 5
<b>Market Value of Products Sold</b>	\$205,092,000	\$138,243,000	+ 48
Crop Sales \$95,415,000 (47 percent)			
Livestock Sales \$109,677,000 (53 percent)			
Average Per Farm	\$510,179	\$353,563	+ 44
<b>Government Payments</b>	\$2,783,000	\$3,210,000	- 13
Average Per Farm Receiving Payments	\$9,215	\$10,389	- 11





## Valley 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	205,092	46	93	519	3,077
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	95,415	52	93	679	3,072
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	109,677	39	93	413	3,076
<b>VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)</b>					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	90,393	51	91	530	2,926
Tobacco	-	-	-	-	436
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	-	-	635
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	-	-	66	-	2,802
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	-	-	62	-	2,724
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	(D)	(D)	70	(D)	2,678
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	-	-	24	-	1,530
Other crops and hay	(D)	23	93	594	3,049
Poultry and eggs	3	74	93	2,723	3,013
Cattle and calves	109,268	31	93	113	3,056
Milk from cows	-	-	55	-	2,038
Hogs and pigs	(D)	66	90	(D)	2,827
Sheep, goats, wool, mohair, and milk	(D)	(D)	90	(D)	2,988
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	211	26	93	1,209	3,011
Aquaculture	-	-	21	-	1,366
Other animals and other animal products	1	83	85	2,841	2,924
<b>TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)</b>					
Corn for grain	71,599	58	91	449	2,638
Soybeans for beans	33,789	55	85	744	2,162
Forage-land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	22,228	29	93	876	3,057
Corn for silage	4,181	35	91	441	2,237
Wheat for grain, all	1,152	56	85	1,592	2,537
<b>TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)</b>					
Cattle and calves	76,326	26	93	211	3,063
Hogs and pigs	1,617	64	90	950	2,889
Horses and ponies	432	53	93	2,199	3,072
Layers	337	67	93	2,568	3,040
Sheep and lambs	(D)	69	89	(D)	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	48	Farming	294
\$1,000 to \$2,499	11	Other	108
\$2,500 to \$4,999	9		
\$5,000 to \$9,999	25	Principal operators by sex:	
\$10,000 to \$19,999	12	Male	385
\$20,000 to \$24,999	3	Female	17
\$25,000 to \$39,999	23		
\$40,000 to \$49,999	14	Average age of principal operator (years)	55.6
\$50,000 to \$99,999	47		
\$100,000 to \$249,999	83	All operators by race <sup>2</sup> :	
\$250,000 to \$499,999	48	American Indian or Alaska Native	-
\$500,000 or more	79	Asian	-
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	183,072	Black or African American	-
Average per farm (\$)	455,402	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
		White	573
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	32,771	More than one race	1
Average per farm (\$)	81,520	All operators of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin <sup>2</sup>	10

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.