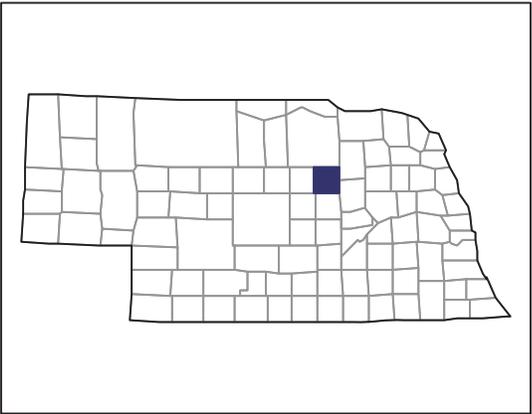


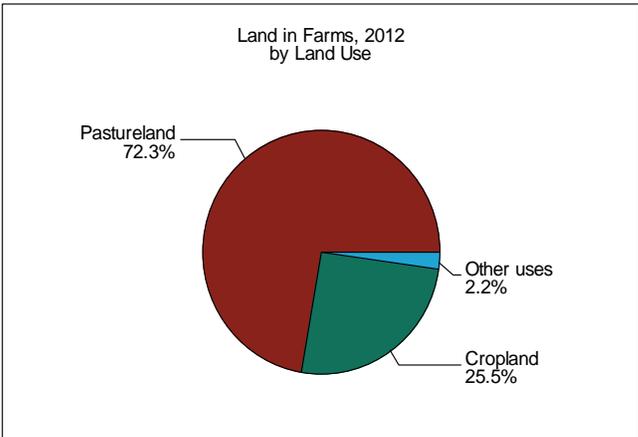
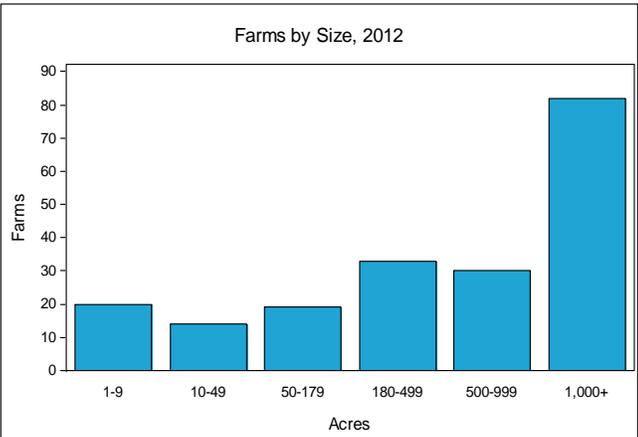
2012 CENSUS OF AGRICULTURE

COUNTY PROFILE



Wheeler County Nebraska

	2012	2007	% change
Number of Farms	198	205	- 3
Land in Farms	357,134 acres	360,200 acres	- 1
Average Size of Farm	1,804 acres	1,757 acres	+ 3
Market Value of Products Sold	\$259,840,000	\$196,358,000	+ 32
Crop Sales \$35,277,000 (14 percent)			
Livestock Sales \$224,563,000 (86 percent)			
Average Per Farm	\$1,312,325	\$957,846	+ 37
Government Payments	\$1,407,000	\$2,328,000	- 40
Average Per Farm Receiving Payments	\$13,529	\$17,500	- 23





Wheeler 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	259,840	33	93	364	3,077
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	35,277	79	93	1,378	3,072
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	224,563	14	93	148	3,076
VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	(D)	77	91	(D)	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	-	-	70	-	2,678
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	-	-	24	-	1,530
Other crops and hay	(D)	(D)	93	(D)	3,049
Poultry and eggs	2	82	93	2,857	3,013
Cattle and calves	(D)	14	93	65	3,056
Milk from cows	1,554	25	55	1,107	2,038
Hogs and pigs	(D)	9	90	(D)	2,827
Sheep, goats, wool, mohair, and milk	28	75	90	2,270	2,988
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	(D)	1	93	(D)	3,011
Aquaculture	(D)	20	21	1,341	1,366
Other animals and other animal products	(D)	32	85	(D)	2,924
TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)					
Forage-land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	44,499	10	93	281	3,057
Corn for grain	25,815	77	91	873	2,638
Soybeans for beans	9,101	66	85	1,136	2,162
Corn for silage	1,846	61	91	824	2,237
Sorghum for grain	(D)	(D)	71	(D)	1,220
TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)					
Cattle and calves	113,174	13	93	95	3,063
Hogs and pigs	(D)	10	90	(D)	2,889
Horses and ponies	787	24	93	1,515	3,072
Sheep and lambs	(D)	(D)	89	(D)	2,897
Layers	229	77	93	2,720	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	21	Farming	134
\$1,000 to \$2,499	6	Other	64
\$2,500 to \$4,999	9	Principal operators by sex:	
\$5,000 to \$9,999	14	Male	188
\$10,000 to \$19,999	6	Female	10
\$20,000 to \$24,999	5	Average age of principal operator (years)	55.6
\$25,000 to \$39,999	5	All operators by race ² :	
\$40,000 to \$49,999	9	American Indian or Alaska Native	-
\$50,000 to \$99,999	21	Asian	-
\$100,000 to \$249,999	37	Black or African American	-
\$250,000 to \$499,999	31	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
\$500,000 or more	34	White	329
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	249,126	More than one race	-
Average per farm (\$)	1,258,211	All operators of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin ²	-
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	14,577		
Average per farm (\$)	73,619		

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.