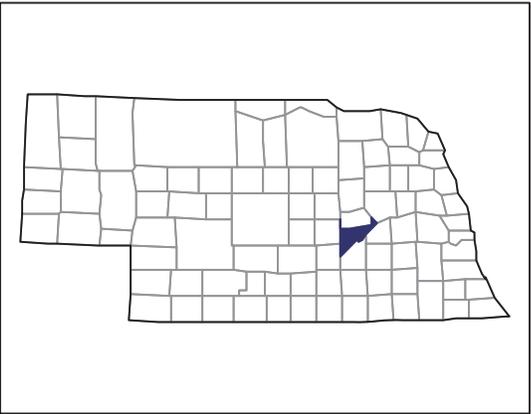


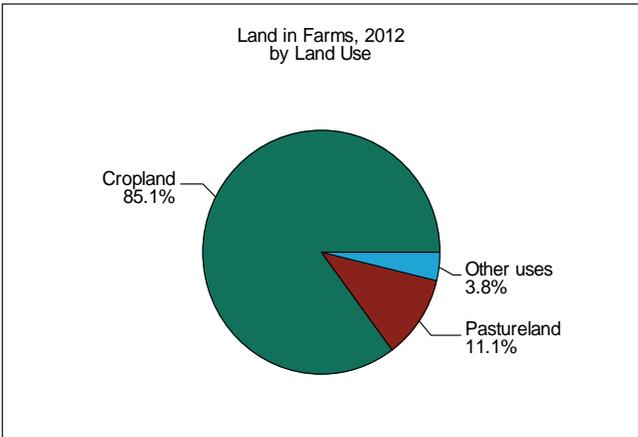
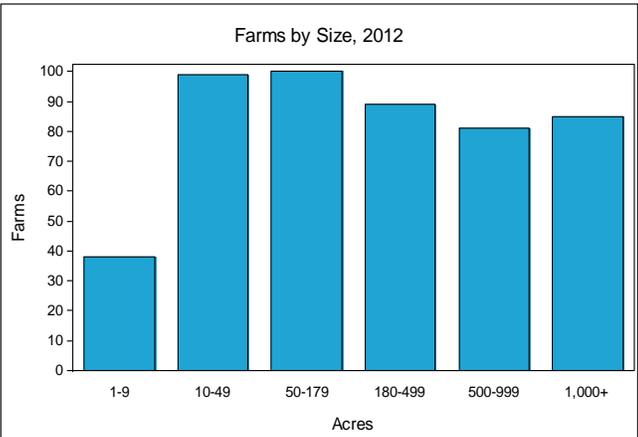
2012 CENSUS OF AGRICULTURE

COUNTY PROFILE



Merrick County Nebraska

	2012	2007	% change
Number of Farms	492	473	+ 4
Land in Farms	235,072 acres	247,927 acres	- 5
Average Size of Farm	478 acres	524 acres	- 9
Market Value of Products Sold	\$275,222,000	\$198,000,000	+ 39
Crop Sales \$161,195,000 (59 percent)			
Livestock Sales \$114,027,000 (41 percent)			
Average Per Farm	\$559,394	\$418,604	+ 34
Government Payments	\$4,182,000	\$3,811,000	+ 10
Average Per Farm Receiving Payments	\$11,714	\$11,242	+ 4





Merrick 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	275,222	31	93	329	3,077
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	161,195	29	93	347	3,072
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	114,027	35	93	383	3,076
VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	159,541	27	91	238	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)	57	62	(D)	2,724
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	-	-	70	-	2,678
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	(D)	24	24	1,523	1,530
Other crops and hay	(D)	(D)	93	(D)	3,049
Poultry and eggs	4	70	93	2,691	3,013
Cattle and calves	98,748	35	93	128	3,056
Milk from cows	523	33	55	1,466	2,038
Hogs and pigs	14,619	23	90	336	2,827
Sheep, goats, wool, mohair, and milk	54	61	90	1,863	2,988
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	32	72	93	2,488	3,011
Aquaculture	-	-	21	-	1,366
Other animals and other animal products	48	40	85	1,456	2,924
TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)					
Corn for grain	121,521	34	91	204	2,638
Soybeans for beans	57,448	43	85	541	2,162
Forage-land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	9,168	72	93	1,711	3,057
Popcorn	2,352	9	35	18	286
Corn for silage	1,844	62	91	826	2,237
TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)					
Cattle and calves	44,952	53	93	587	3,063
Hogs and pigs	29,592	30	90	401	2,889
Horses and ponies	818	23	93	1,458	3,072
Layers	563	52	93	2,298	3,040
Sheep and lambs	219	66	89	2,018	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	80	Farming	281
\$1,000 to \$2,499	26	Other	211
\$2,500 to \$4,999	31		
\$5,000 to \$9,999	30	Principal operators by sex:	
\$10,000 to \$19,999	15	Male	457
\$20,000 to \$24,999	10	Female	35
\$25,000 to \$39,999	17		
\$40,000 to \$49,999	6	Average age of principal operator (years)	54.8
\$50,000 to \$99,999	42		
\$100,000 to \$249,999	53	All operators by race ² :	
\$250,000 to \$499,999	58	American Indian or Alaska Native	2
\$500,000 or more	124	Asian	-
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	216,224	Black or African American	-
Average per farm (\$)	439,480	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
		White	739
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	71,706	More than one race	3
Average per farm (\$)	145,743	All operators of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin ²	2

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.