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The following pages contain basic information about Beemer, Nebraska.

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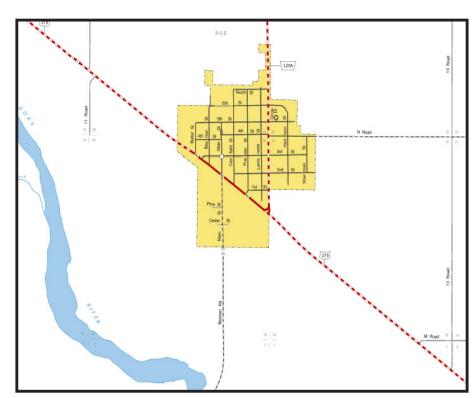
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GEOGRAPHY







Cuming County Economic Development, Inc. (CCED) was created by an advisory board to focus on specific areas of needs including housing, business assistance, and development opportunities. The program's priorities include business retention, business expansion, new business recruitment, workforce development, housing, community development, marketing,

BEEMER'S TOP EMPLOYERS

EMPLOYERS	PRODUCT OR SERVICE	EMPLOYEES
Riverside Headquarters	Agriculture	73
Colonial Haven/Colonial Courts	Nursing Home/Assisted Living	66
Jones Manufacturing & Hay Grinder	Manufacturing	32
First Community Bank	Financial Institution	20
Stan Ortmeier & Co	Appliance Store, Plumbing, Heating & Air Conditioning	18
Midwest Diesel	Diesel Repair	13
Nutrien Ag Solutions	Fertilizer & Seed	10
The Parts Junction	Farm Equipment, Parts & Repair	8
Pronto	Convenience Store/Gas Station	7

and youth/young adult engagement. CCED's mission is to work in partnership with local citizens in our communities to support economic opportunities for our county by retaining, expanding and attracting businesses, industries, housing, and agriculture.

Beemer has 20 acres available for industrial use.

The price of the available property is \$10,000 per acre. For more information on available sites and buildings go to **sites.nppd.com**.

Firms with retail sales tax permits in Beemer reported 2023 net taxable retail sales of \$9,289,457, while Cuming County reported retail sales of \$90,961,763.



Gorgeous view from Indian Hills Golf Course

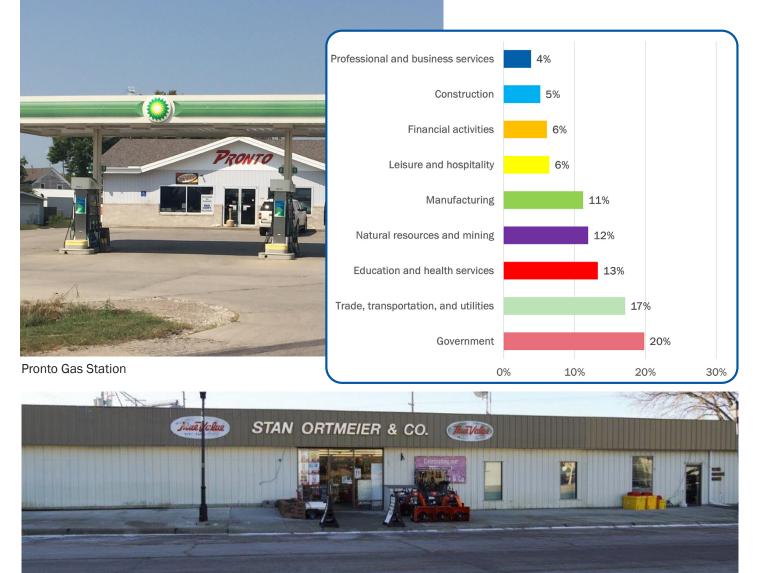


Indian Hills Golf Course is a challenging 18-hole golf course just 1.8 miles south of Beemer, Nebraska. Overlooking the beautiful Elkhorn River Valley, the course, golf shop, and lounge offer breathtaking views.



Labor

Cuming County Labor Force 2023



Stan Ortmeier & Co.



Parts Junction

Workforce

The Nebraska Department of Labor serves employers and job seekers across Nebraska through its "One Stop Career Centers" located across the state. Services for employers include employee recruitment and screening, posting job openings, tax credit information, and labor market and labor law information. Job seekers can find a full array of employment and training related services including on site services provided by a network of mandatory Workforce Investment Act partners. To learn more about these and other services, visit neworks. nebraska.gov.



Midwest Diesel

WAGE SAMPLING

Hourly wages rates for various occupations,

Northeast Region, Nebraska

8			
JOB TITLE	ENTRY LEVEL	MEDIAN	EXPERIENCED
ACCOUNTANTS AND AUDITORS	24.15	33.66	43.99
COMPUTER PROGRAMMERS	26.59	41.77	52.82
REGISTERED NURSES	31.08	38.34	42.38
RETAIL SALESPERSON	12.57	15.02	19.67
ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANTS except legal, medical	16.38	20.29	23.75
CUSTOMER SERVICE REPRESENTATIVES	13.50	18.70	22.72
OFFICES CLERKS, GENERAL	13.50	17.75	20.28
LABORERS AND FREIGHT STOCK,MATERIAL MOVES, HAND	17.05	21.55	22.76
MACHINISTS	18.27	21.63	25.20
WELDERS, CUTTERS, SOLDERERS AND BRAZERS	20.02	23.64	26.93
WELDING, SOLDERING, AND BRAZING MACHINE SETTERS	19.67	22.83	25.16
HEAVY AND TRACTOR-TRAILOR TRUCK DRIVERS	19.61	25.26	32.17
CUTTING, PUNCHING, AND PRESS MACHINE SETTERS/OPERATORS	18.66	20.87	23.22
ELECTRICIANS	20.61	26.95	32.23
TOOLS AND DIE MAKERS	27.06	32.63	33.98
Source: Nebreeke Werkferee Development			1 0001

Source: Nebraska Workforce Development, Occupational Employment, Program, Fourth Quarter 2024



Beemer Ballroom

Unionization

Nebraska has a right to work provision in its constitution.



Zen Reiki



Nutrien Ag Solutions

ANNUAL AVERAGE 2023 LABOR SUPPLY

Contiguous Nebraska counties include Burt, Colfax, Dodge, Stanton, Thurston and Wayne.	CUMING COUNTY & CONTIGUOUS	CUMING COUNTY
NON-FARM WAGE & SALARY WORKERS	38,180	3,775
TOTAL EMPLOYMENT	46,448	4,710
LABOR FORCE POPULATION	47,457	4,800
ADDITIONAL POTENTIAL LABOR SUPPLY		
COMMUTING OUT OF COUNTY (2022)		1908
UNEMPLOYED		90
TOTAL		1,998

NOTE: Does not include estimated number of homemakers, seasonal and part-time workers, and workers who would shift from low-paying jobs who could be expected to work for industry.

UNEMPLOYMENT RATE 2023		
	PERCENT	
CUMING COUNTY	1.9%	
NEBRASKA	2.3%	
UNITED STATES	3.6%	

Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics



Market Access

Highways

Beemer is located in central Cuming County, approximately nine miles northwest of West Point, the county seat. Beemer is served by U.S. Highway 275 and State Spur 20A-Link and is 34 miles southeast of Norfolk, Nebraska; 42 miles northwest of Fremont, Nebraska; 59 miles southwest of Sioux City, Iowa; and 79 miles northwest of Omaha, Nebraska.

Trucklines

More than 13,500 licensed motor carriers with worldwide connections are based in Nebraska and serve businesses throughout North America.

The following trucking map is based on Norfolk, Nebraska, 34 miles from Beemer.

Rail

The nearest rail service, BNSF Railway Company, is located between Oakland and Lyons, 23 miles southeast of Beemer.

Air

The Norfolk Municipal Airport is located 35 miles northeast of Beemer, has two 5,800-foot paved and lighted runways with a full instrument landing system.

Nearest Commercial Air Service:

- Sioux Gateway, Sioux City, Iowa 62 miles, 69 minutes
- Eppley Airfield, Omaha, Nebraska 80 miles, 90 minutes
- Lincoln Regional Airport, Lincoln, Nebraska
 90 miles, 101 minutes







Jones Manufacturing

Communications

Telecommunications & Internet Providers

Sparklight Phone/Internet/Cable TV **sparklight.com**

Dish Network Phone/Cable TV dishnetwork.com

Great Plains Phone/Internet/Cable TV gpcom.com

Skywave Internet skywaveconnect.com

Post Office & Package Delivery Service

The U.S. Postal Service in Beemer has one mail receipt and one dispatch daily.

Federal Express, United Parcel Service, and U.S. Postal Service provide package delivery services in the Beemer area.



U.S. Post Office - Beemer

Nebraska Highlights

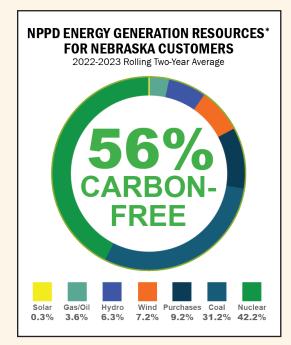
Energy costs are a considerable part of any business' operational budget. These costs can vary greatly between states, but in Nebraska (the only state in the nation where all electric utilities are publicly owned) electric costs are passed to consumers at low, cost-of-service rates. As a result, industrial rates are well below the national average. Nebraska's electric utilities can offer low rates, in part, because they draw from an efficient "mix" of generation resources including coal, natural gas, oil, diesel, and methane, along with carbon-free "fuels," like nuclear, wind, hydro, and solar power.

Nebraska Public Power District (NPPD) is the state's largest electric generating utility in terms of chartered territory, which includes all or parts of 84 of Nebraska's 93 counties. NPPD relies upon 9 major generating facilities, more than 5,000 miles of high-voltage power lines, approximately 277 substations, and thousands more miles of distribution lines. Because the system is interconnected to electrical grids in other states, NPPD works with regional utilities and industry entities to ensure power is delivered safely and dependably to Nebraskans.

NPPD's renewable resources play a central role in a strong carbon-free footprint. In addition to a power purchase agreement with seven of the state's wind farms, NPPD owns and operates the largest public power wind facility in the state near Ainsworth.

NPPD has three hydropower facilities and contracts for generation from four other hydropower facilities. Community solar is available in eight communities, with more on the way. In 2023, NPPD's Cooper Nuclear Station contributed to an energy portfolio that was more than 56 percent carbon-free.

Infrastructure



Natural gas in Nebraska is also attractive to industry for service, supply, and price. A gas-producing state, Nebraska is close and well-connected by pipeline to the major gas fields of the central and southern plains. The state's average cost of industrial gas is less than both the regional and national averages.



Spenner Electric

Utilities

Electricity

Beemer is provided retail electric service by Cuming County Public Power District (CCPPD), a wholesale power customer of Nebraska Public Power District (NPPD). Beemer is served from a CCPPD 34.5/7.2 kV, 2,500 kVA substation with a 7,200 volt three-wye feed from the Nebraska statewide highvoltage grid system. The distribution system is 7,200 volts wye with two lines feeding the city.

Prospective customers should contact General Manager Chet McWhorter, Cuming County Public Power District, West Point, Nebraska, 877-572-2463, cmcwhorter@ccppd.com, visit **ccppd.com**, for further information regarding electric rates and services.





Beemer City Offices



Village Express



Cuming County Rural Water District

Natural Gas

Black Hills Energy is a retail supplier of natural gas in Beemer. Rates vary slightly due to seasonal and commodity price fluctuation. Current rates for the commercial/light industrial class customer, can be found on Black Hills website at **blackhillsenergy.com** or contact Black Hills Energy at 888-890-5554.

Water

The municipal water system in Beemer is supplied by three wells, which have an average depth of 70 feet. The system, serving the entire village, has combined pumping capacity of 1,000 gallons per minute and overhead storage capacity of 250,000 gallons. The system has a maximum capacity of 1,690,000 gallons per day.

Beemer has a municipal sanitary sewerage system and a storm sewer system. The waste water treatment plant has a daily capacity of 220,000 gallons.

Email **beemerwater@hotmail.com** for more infromation regarding water and sewage.

Recycling

The Village of Beemer accepts the following recyclables: newspapers, magazines, aluminum cans, iron, metals, and all types of plastics.

Nebraska's energy costs are among the lowest in the nation.



Riverside Headquarters





Mennonite Church

Beemer Senior Citizens Center



Splash Pad



Holy Cross Church



St. John's Lutheran Church

Tax Structure

Nebraska Highlights

- Nebraska assesses income tax based upon the amount of federal taxable income
- No state property tax
- No inventory tax
- No sales tax on:
 - raw materials when used as ingredients or component parts in
 - manufacturing operations
 sales of energy for processing or
 - manufacturing purposes water used exclusively in
 - manufacturing and processing qualified agricultural machinery and equipment
 - manufacturing machinery, equipment, and related services
- Sales and use tax refunds are available on qualifying air and water pollution control equipment
- Sales and use tax refunds are available on property qualifying for certain investment incentives

The Nebraska State Government is financed by an individual income tax, corporate income tax, 5.5 percent sales and use tax, corporate occupation tax, and selective excise taxes (liquor, tobacco, motor fuels, etc.). Local governments are financed primarily by property taxes, although some cities and counties collect a local option sales tax of between 0.5 and 2.0 percent.

Property taxes are levied against real and personal property by local political subdivisions such as counties, cities, school districts, fire districts, etc., to provide for local services. All real property except agricultural land is assessed at actual or market value. Agricultural land is assessed at 75 percent of actual value. Personal property is assessed at net book value. Tax rates are expressed in dollars and cents for each \$100 of actual value.

Market value is determined by each county assessor through professionally accepted mass appraisal methods, which include, but are not limited to:

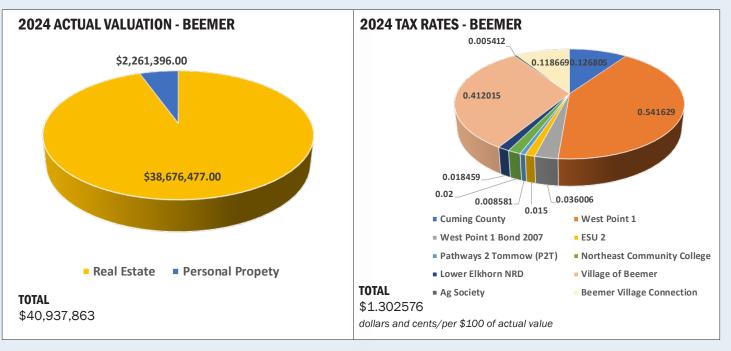
• Comparison with sales of real property of known or recognized value, taking into account location, zoning, current functional use, and other statutory guidelines (sales comparison approach)

- Earning capacity of the real property (income approach)
- Cost less depreciation (cost approach)

Nebraska Tax Incentives

Nebraska's performance-based tax incentive programs demonstrate the state's commitment to creating a favorable business environment for your business expansion or location.

Known as the "ImagiNE Nebraska Act," this multi-tiered program provides qualifying businesses with employee payment credits, investment credits, sales and use tax refunds, and personal and property tax exemptions. Quali-fied companies, large and small can take advantage of these benefits. For more information on the qualifications and potential benefits available to your company, contact the Nebraska Department of Economic Development at 800-426-6505 or visit **opportunity.nebraska.gov**.





Karlen Memorial Library

Local Government

Beemer is governed by a mayor, board of trustees, chairperson, and a city clerk. The chairperson (elected for a one-year term) elects the five-member village board, who serve four-year terms.

Cuming County has 16 townships. The county is governed by a seven member board of supervisors, who are elected by popular vote for four-year terms.

Fire Protection

Fire protection is provided to the village by a 30-member volunteer fire department.

Beemer has one fire station and 52 fire hydrants.

Law Enforcement

The Village of Beemer has one full-time and several part-time officers.

2023 CRIME RATES		
Per 1,000 Population	VIOLENT CRIMES	PROPERTY CRIMES
NEBRASKA	1.62	13.51
CUMING COUNTY	0.31	1.67

Source: Nebraska Crime Commission

Streets

Beemer has 37 miles of streets that are hard-surfaced with concrete. Eighty percent of the streets have curbs and 60 percent have sidewalks.

For more information on Beemer's local government, visit **ci.beemer.ne.us**.





Beemer Fire Station

Education



West Point-Beemer Junior-Senior High School



West Point-Beemer Junior/ Senior High School

West Point-Beemer Junior/Senior High School in Cuming County covers approximately 201 square miles and had 2023-2024 actual valuation of \$1,600,745,956, with an actual valuation per student of \$2,217,099. Bus services are provided between the communities. This C1 school is accredited by the State of Nebraska. For more information, visit **wpcadets.org**.



Softs



2024 ACT SCORES

	COMPOSITE
WEST POINTBEEMER HIGH SCHOOL	18.3
WISNER-PILGER HIGH SCHOOL	16.3
NEBRASKA	19.2
NATIONAL	19.5

Source: Nebraska Department of Education

Wisner-Pilger Public School

The Wisner and Pilger School Districts merged in 1969 to form the Wisner-Pilger Public School District #30. Wisner-Pilger Public Schools in Cuming County covers approximately 400 square miles with a 2023-2024 valuation \$1,068,773,336, with an actual valuation per student of \$2,359,323. The C-2 school of 450 students is fully accredited by the Nebraska Department of Education. The District prides itself on its dual credit program, morning and afternoon preschool for three-and-four year-old students, and a dual-core reading program. Wisner-Pilger Public Schools exists to provide guality educational, social, and cultural experiences to enhance knowledge, character, skills, and attitudes. The district strives to provide a comphresive education to help develop competence for living in society and instill the desire to continue learning throughout life. For more information, visit wisnerpilger.org.



Educational Service Unit

Educational Service Unit 2 (ESU), headquartered in Fremont, serves four counties including Cuming County. For more information regarding services, visit **esu2.org**

Higher Education

An abundance of public colleges and universities are available in Nebraska. There are also a number of community colleges as well as private colleges and trade schools. A large number of degree programs are available and some institutions offer courses and workshops specially tailored to meet specific training needs of industry, education, and business.

Northeast Community College has two locations within 35 miles of Beemer.

Several of Nebraska's universities are ranked as national leaders at making quality education affordable.

Colleges Colleges and Universities frequently attended by West Point-Beemer and Wisner-Pilger Schools

- Midland University Fremont, Nebraska, 46 miles away
- Central Community College
 Columbus, Nebraska, 80 miles away
- Wayne State College
 Wayne, Nebraska 39 miles away
- Concordia University Seward, Nebraska, 105 miles away
- Nebraska Wesleyan University/ University of Nebraska-Lincoln/ Southeast Community College Lincoln, Nebraska, 99 miles away
- Northeast Community College Norfolk, Nebraska, 34 miles away



Wisner-Pilger School

WEST POINT-BEEMER SCHOOLS

	STUDENTS	TEACHER/PUPIL RATIO	COMPUTER/ PUPIL RATIO
ELEMENTARY (PRE-K-4), WEST POINT	322	1:12	1;1
JR./SR. HIGH SCHOOL (5-8), WEST POINT	177	1:10	1:1
HIGH SCHOOL (9-12), West Point	277	1:10	1:1

WISNER-PILGER SCHOOLS

	STUDENTS	TEACHER/PUPIL RATIO	COMPUTER/ PUPIL RATIO
ELEMENTARY (PRE-K-6), WISNER	298	1:20	1:1
JUNIOR HIGH (7-8), WISNER	45	1:10	1:1
HIGH SCHOOL (9-12) WISNER	107	1:15	1:1



West Point Elementary School



Professional Center

Quality of Life

Clinic

The Beemer Medical Clinic, a satellite location of the Pender Medical Clinic, is located in Beemer. It is staffed by one physician and one physician's assistant.

Rescue Squad

The Beemer Rescue Squad has two ambulances, nine emergency medical technicians, and 35 first responders.

Nursing Homes

The nearest nursing home available is **Colonial Haven and Courts** located in Beemer.

Independent / Assisted Living

Independent and assisted living is available at **Colonial Haven and Courts** in Beemer.

Low Cost / Retirement Housing

Low Cost and retirement housing is available at **Elkhorn Valley Apart**ments/Courts in Beemer.

Churches Denomination

- Catholic
- Lutheran
- Mennonite



Colonial Haven

Recreation

There are two parks in Beemer covering one acre. The **Beemer City Park** has playground equipment, picnic area with tables, grills, a shelter, rest rooms, ball field, tennis court, and horseshoe pits. **Beemer Town Park** (by apartments) has playground equipment, shelter, and picnic tables.

Indian Trails Country Club, a semi-private country club in Beemer, offers an 18-hole gold course overlooking the Elkhorn River Valley.

Financial Institutions

First Community Bank is located in Beemer.



Beemer's Covecare

Housing

One triplex was constructed in the past three years. The cost of new construction averages \$110 per square foot.





First Community Bank and Steffensmeier Insurance Agency



Beemer Cafe





Bobcat Fitness

EVENTS

Beemer Community Theater Souper Sunday • January

Many different kinds of soup, sandwiches and desserts.

Beemer Community Theater • February

Each year the community puts on a play.

Beemer Community Club Fish Fry • February/March

Each year one fish fry is organized to support our Community Club.

Beemer Fire & Rescue Egg Hunt • Spring

The Saturday of Easter each year. There are thousands of eggs and prizes for kids ages 1-10.

Beemer Play Daze • 3rd weekend in July

Parade, band on main street, kiddie tractor pull and many other events.

Beemer's Main Street Trunk or Treat • October

Open to all.

American Legion Bingo • November

Enjoy a night of Bingo and support a great organization.

Breakfast with Santa • December

The first Saturday of December, enjoy pancakes and Santa, crafts and fun for all.



Hay Barn Bar & Grill

Nebraska's Rank Among States

1ST Commercial Cattle Slaughter, 2023

Great Northern Bean Production, 2023 Beef and Veal exports, 2023 Harvested cropland arces, irrigated, 2022 Cash receipts per captia, 2022

 2ND
 All cattle on feed, Jan. 1, 2024

 All cattle and calves, Jan. 1, 2024

 Pinto bean production, 2023

 Proso millet production, 2023

 Ethanol production, 2023

 Commercial red meat production, 2023

 No-till cropland acres, 2022

 Popcorn production, 2022

 Bison, 2022

Commercial red meat production, 2021

3RD Corn for grain production - 2023 Cash Receipts from All Farm Commodities, 2022 Corn Exports, 2022

4TH Beef Cows, Jan. 1, 2024

- Land in Farms and Ranches, 2023 Light red kidney bean production, 2023 All hay production, 2023 Dry edible pea production, 2023 Cash receipts from all crops, 2022 Total animal products exports, 2022 Cover crop acres, 2022 All dry edibile bean production, 2022 Cash receipts from all livestock and products, 2022
- Grain sorghum production, 2023

 Sugarbeet production, 2023

 Sunflower production, 2023

 Alfalfa hay production, 2023

 Soybean Exports, 2022

 Agricultural exports, 2022
 - Harvested Acres of Principal Crops, 2021
- 6TH Commercial hog slaughter, 2023 All hogs and pigs on farms, Dec. 1, 2023 Soybean production, 2023 Harvest cropland acres, 2022 Sugar beet production, 2022

Source: Nebraska Department of Agriculture - USDA,NASS, NFO, and NBA



Ruskamp Seed & VO Enterprises

Agriculture

In 2023 Nebraska ranked first among the states in beef and beef product exports; third in corn exports and grain production. Nebraska's farms and ranches utilized 44 million acres or 89 percent of the state's total land area. Cash receipts from farm markets in 2022 contributed more than \$31.6 billion to the state's economy. Of that 52 percent originated from livestock and 48 percent from crops.

Nebraska's farms and ranches utilize 44 million acres, 89.4 percent of the state's total land area.

Sources: Nebraska Agriculture Rankings - USDA ERS, USDA NASS; Food Processing Status

Groundwater

One of Nebraska's most vital natural resources is its massive supply of groundwater. The High Plains Aquifer, also commonly referred to as the **Ogallala Aquifer**, stretches through parts of eight states, but its most abundant water resource is located in nearly two-thirds of Nebraska. This groundwater availability has been essential to the success of agriculture in the state. Center pivot irrigation is the most common method of providing water to row crops in the state, and as a result, four of the largest manufacturers of center pivot systems in the world are located in Nebraska. Nebraska has more than 100,000 registered irrigation wells.

Surface Water

Nebraska's surface water resources are surprisingly extensive, including approximately 18,000 miles of continuously flowing rivers and streams and about 430 square miles of lakes. Surface water is predominantly used by grazing livestock as its source drinking water.

An accessible water supply also is vital to Nebraska's livestock and dairy production.



The Nebraska Department of Natural Resources maintains responsibility for administration of surface water rights. In locations where groundwater and surface water are connected, the responsibility is shared among the NRDs and the state for achieving a sustainable balance between water supplies and water use.









Stieren Farm Repair

2022 STATISTICS		
	CUMING COUNTY	NEBRASKA
NUMBER OF FARMS	832	44,479
LAND IN FARMS acres	362,361	43,975,693
AVERAGE SIZE OF FARMS acres	436	989
MARKET VALUE per year	\$3,269,751	\$3,397,806
MARKET VALUE OF AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS SOLD	\$1,583,912	\$29,413,806
TOTAL ACRES IRRIGATED	55,579	7,965,938
PERCENT OF FARMLAND IRRIGATED	15.3%	18.1%

Source: 2022 Census of Agriculture

PRODUCTION OF LEADING CROPS 5 year average - 2019-2023

	CUMING COUNTY	NEBRASKA
CORN FOR GRAIN bushels	28,339,800	1,719,112,000
HAY, ALFALFA tons	6,556,400	295,390,000

Source: National Ag Stats

AVERAGE LIVESTOCK POPULATION 5 year average - 2020-2024		
	CUMING COUNTY	NEBRASKA
ALL CATTLE	331,000	6,630,000

Source: National Agricultural Statistics Service

Climate

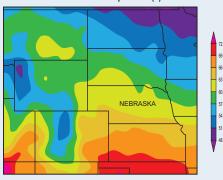
Four Distinct Seasons

Nebraska has a continental climate, with hot summers and cold winters. Temperatures are highly variable from season to season and year to year. The majority of the state has an average annual maximum temperature of 60°F to 65°F with average annual minimum temperatures in the 30°F to 40°F range. State temperature records are -47°F and 118°F. The average number of days in excess of 100°F range from 5 (northeast) to 11 (southwest) with most of the state between 6 and 9 days. Minimum temperatures below zero occur on average 7 days per year in southeast Nebraska to 20 days in north-central Nebraska.

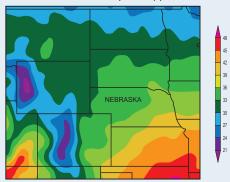
Precipitation

Precipitation is also variable and ranges from an annual average of 15 to 20 inches in the west to 30 to 35 inches in southeast Nebraska. Approximately 75 percent of the precipitation falls as rain from April to September. Annual average snowfall ranges from 20 inches in the southeast to 50 inches in the northwest. Snowfall usually increases during late winter and reaches a maximum in March

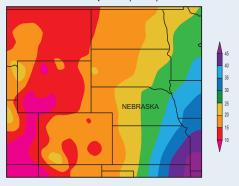
Annual Maximum Temperature (F)



Annual Minimum Temperature (F)



Annual Precipitation (inches)



Based on 30-year. climate normals 1981–2010 data from the High Plains Climate Center, University of Nebraska-Lincoln

Source: www.hprcc.unl.edu





Beemer Grain





Welcome to Beemer! A small town with all the charm and warmth you'd expect!

Nebraska Public Power District (NPPD), Nebraska's largest electric utility, assists in economic development for the areas it serves. For more information on NPPD's economic development assistance, contact Economic Development Department, 1414 15th Street, PO Box 499, Columbus, Nebraska 68602-0499, (877) 275–6773, Ext. 5534, email: econdev@nppd.com, or visit our website at **sites.nppd.com**.

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