

COMMUNITY FACTS

NELIGH, NEBRASKA

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POPULATION (Official U.S. Census)

	<u>2000</u>	<u>2006 Est.</u>
Neligh	1,651	1,521
Antelope County	7,452	6,931
Labor Market*	78,605	75,687

*Includes Antelope County and contiguous counties

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INTRODUCTION

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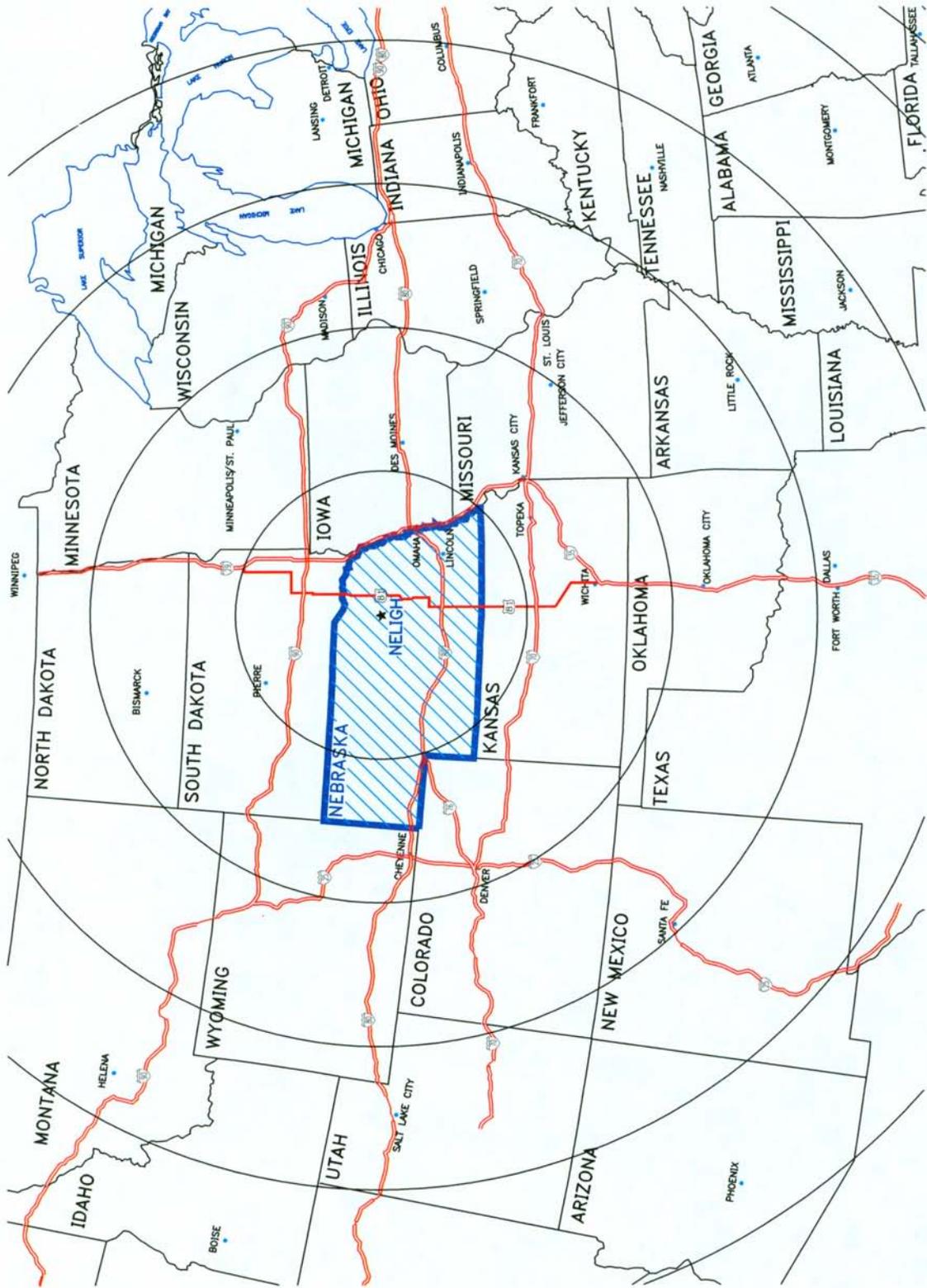
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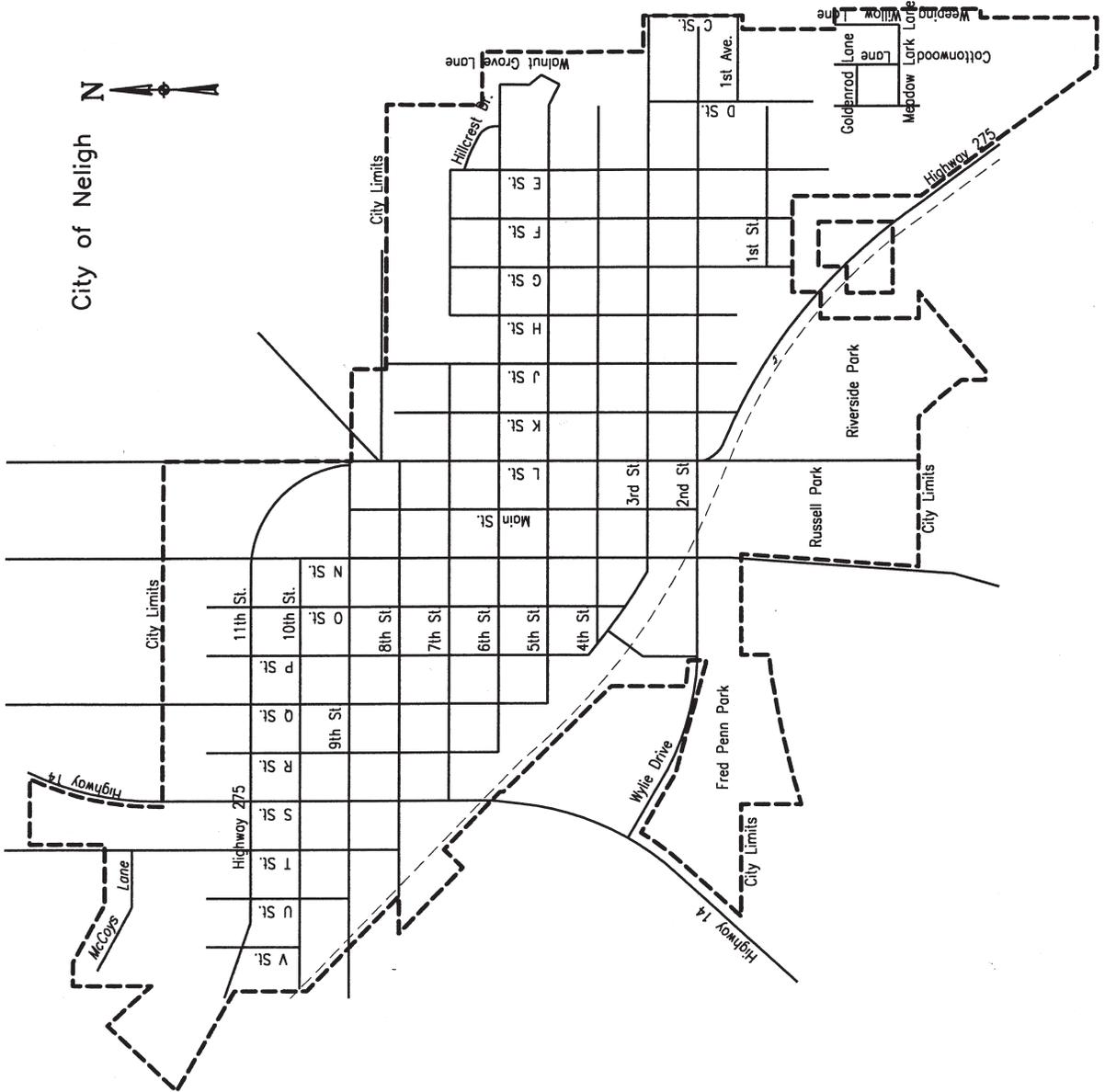
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SCALE: EACH CIRCLE REPRESENTS APPROXIMATELY 200 MILES

City of Neigh



GENERAL INFORMATION

LOCATION

Neligh, the county seat of Antelope County, is located in the Elkhorn River Valley in the northeast section of Nebraska. U.S. Highway 275 and State Highways 14 and 70 pass through the city. Neligh is 150 miles northwest of Omaha and 156 miles northwest of Lincoln.

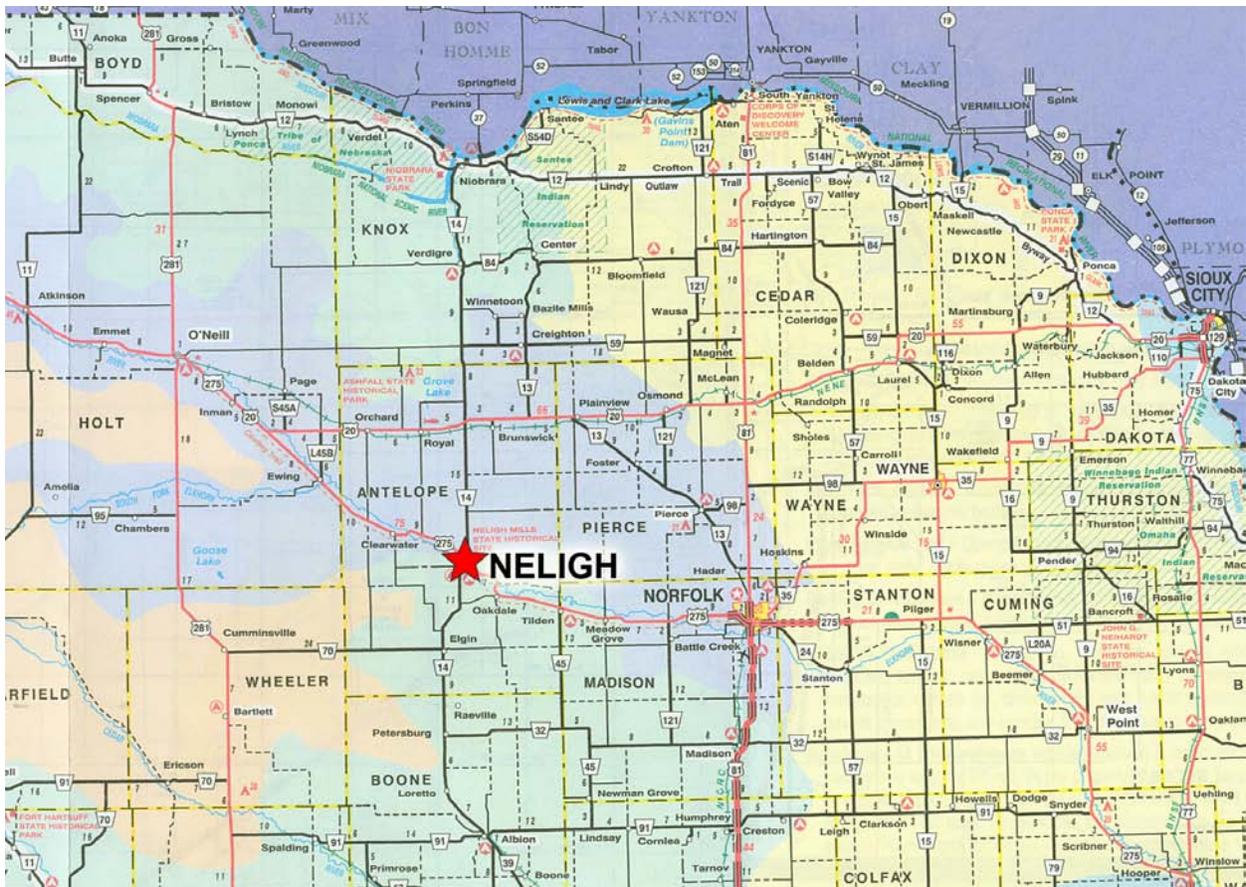
POPULATION (U.S. Census)

Year	Neligh	Antelope County
1970	1,764	9,047
1980	1,893	8,675
1990	1,742	7,965
2000	1,651	7,452
2006 (Est.)	1,521	6,931

Antelope County Population by Race and Hispanic Origin, 2005 U.S. Census

White	99.4%
Black or African American	0.1%
American Indian and Alaska Native	0.3%
Asian	0.0%
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander	0.0%
Two or more races	0.2%
Hispanic or Latino	1.0%
White Persons not Hispanic	98.4%

The 2006 U.S. Census estimates 75,687 people live in Antelope County and the contiguous Nebraska counties of Boone, Holt, Knox, Madison, Pierce, and Wheeler.



LOCAL ECONOMY

Basic economic activities of Neligh, the county seat of Antelope County, include farming, cattle feeding, manufacturing, and retail and wholesale sales.

Retail firms in Neligh reported 2006 net taxable retail sales of \$22,837,034, while Antelope County reported retail sales of \$35,888,714. Wholesale firms in the community distribute marking flags, home decor, roof trusses, beef, pork, corn, soybeans, popcorn, dry edible beans.

ELEVATION

Neligh is 1,762 feet above sea level.

TOPOGRAPHY

The terrain is level to gently rolling. Soils vary from sandy to deep medium texture with excellent fertility. Drainage is good, and the area is well defined by small streams and waterways.

HISTORY

In August of 1872, three men from West Point made a pleasure trip up the Elkhorn River. None of them had been up the valley farther than Norfolk. About 30 miles west of Norfolk, they were so favorably impressed with the lay of the land and its natural advantages for a town site that they decided to purchase a tract of land. Two months later John D. Neligh closed the deal by purchasing 520 acres from the Omaha and Northwestern Railroad for \$6 an acre.

Neligh, a partner in a water-powered complex in West Point, envisioned platting a town around an attractive mill site. In addition to the flour mill, he also planned for a woolen mill, cornstarch factory, and college. Even though financial problems caused Neligh's personal dreams to fail, he built the last complete flour mill in the state. The town prospered and the townspeople honored his vision by naming the town Neligh.

By 1873 the town was platted and Neligh Mill was built on the banks of the Elkhorn. Grinding of the grain began the next year, and by 1890 the production of the Neligh Mill had the fifth largest

capacity of all the mills in Nebraska. The mill was powered by the Elkhorn Dam until 1901, and all kinds of feed were made until 1967. In its prime the mill produced 10 train carloads of Gold Medal Flour and Gold Cake Pancake Flour for export to England and Scotland. Products from the Neligh Mill also fed Indians on the Ponca and Pine Ridge Reservations and soldiers in the Army's sizeable Department of the Platte.

Mills on the frontier were valuable to towns as a center of industry and trade. They were a nucleus for communication, gossip, and entertainment. Through the many fluctuations in the economy and agriculture in the 19th Century, the turning of the mill wheel represented a constant, permanent force. Mills not only precipitated community development, but also stimulated manufacturing growth and innovative ideas.

The Neligh Mill played a direct role in bringing new technology to the public. As early as 1889, mill owners proposed installing electric lights and extending the system to the town. However, it took almost a decade to light the mill. A power plant was built at the mill in 1898 and by 1900 four lamps lit Neligh's main street. At this time local citizens waiting for service were allowed to sign up. The mill also pumped water for the city from 1900 to 1910.

The mill became the source not only for electric power but also for electric appliances as well. Electric irons, waffle irons, coffee makers, toasters, and vacuum cleaners appeared on the market and were sold at the mill. In 1915 the mill purchased a 225-horsepower diesel engine to power the electrical generator on a full-time basis. Dependence on the vagaries of the Elkhorn River the small engine back-ups were no longer necessary.

Neligh Mill reached its maximum production during the first World War—500 barrels or 98,000 pounds of flour each day. Special wartime milling regulations in 1917 and 1918 gave first priority to government orders. In 1923 the Neligh Mill added radios to its line of electrical appliances. Electrical service, which had been available 24 hours a day, six days a week, was extended to Sunday that same year.

The flour mill was discontinued in 1959 and the trade mark, Gold Medal Flour, was sold to General Mills. The mill was sold to the Nebraska Historical Society in December 1969. In 1970 the mill was entered in the National Register of Historical Places, receiving national recognition in American history. The mill has been cleared of sheds and restored to its original appearance. The first floor of the mill was opened to the public in July 1972. Since that time the rest of the mill was opened and exhibits were placed on display.

The first school opened in December 1874 with 46 pupils enrolled. The Congregationalists organized the first church in 1875. Later that same year the Methodists organized and built their first church.

The Fremont, Elkhorn, Missouri Valley Railroad completed the rail to Neligh in 1880. The village was incorporated in 1881 and became a second-class city in 1888.

Gates College opened its doors in 1881 and added to the cultural life of the community until 1915 when it was merged with Doane College at Crete.

Telephone service became available in 1900. During 1901 the electric light plant was built, water works were installed, and the standpipe was erected. Riverside Park was acquired by the city in 1903.

The Carnegie Library, opened in 1911, was replaced by a 5,600 square foot library constructed in 1989. The Carnegie Library is now privately owned.

The airport was taken over by the city in 1947. An administration building has since been built, a signal tower and beacon light installed, runways oiled, and landing lights have also been installed, and runway lengthened.

Antelope Memorial Hospital, one of the few smaller hospitals in Nebraska to receive national accreditation, was opened in May 1952. An expansion and renovation of this hospital was completed in 1981 and again in 2006.

A new swimming pool was completed in June 1980 and was financed by a bond issue and a federal grant.



Downtown Neligh



Neligh Mill

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

MANUFACTURERS

<u>Company/Year Established</u>	<u>Product</u>	<u>Market</u>	<u>Employees</u>		<u>Union</u>
			<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	
Baker Hydra-Fork Company 1945	Hydraulic forks irrigation coils	National	1	0	None
Baker Street 1987	Art design	National	0	3 4*	None
Blackburn Manufacturing Company 1958	Marking flags	National	27 1*	22	None
Neligh News & Leader 1957	Commercial printing and newspaper	State	2	6	None
RAM Enterprises, Inc. 2002	Custom trailers	State	3	1	None
Smeal Fire Apparatus 2005	Fire trucks	National	20	2	None
Tayline Industries, Inc. 1975	Truss rafters	State	1	1	None

*Part-time and/or seasonal

MAJOR NONMANUFACTURING EMPLOYERS (employing 20 or more)

<u>Employer</u>	<u>Type of Activity</u>	<u>Employees</u>		<u>Union</u>
		<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	
Antelope County	Government	49 4*	29 1*	ACRE
Antelope Memorial Hospital	Medical	21	144	None
City of Neligh	Government	8 6*	4 10*	None
Educational Service Unit 8	Education	7 1*	85 23*	NSEA

*Part-time and/or seasonal

<u>Employer</u>	<u>Type of Activity</u>	<u>Employees</u>		<u>Union</u>
		<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	
Green Line Equipment	Machinery sales	18 3*	2 2*	None
Imperial Grill and Steakhouse	Food & liquor	3 1*	0 20*	None
Johnny Dodge	Auto sales	22	2 1*	None
Morrison Farms	Edible beans & corn	9 3*	7 1*	None
Neligh Nursing Center	Nursing care	3	73	None
Neligh/Oakdale Schools	Education	19	45	NSEA
Sargent Irrigation	Well drilling & repair	19	2 1*	None
Thriftway Market	Groceries	2 13*	3 17*	None
The Willows	Assisted living	1	20	None

*Part-time and/or seasonal

OTHER MAJOR AREA EMPLOYERS (within 40 miles and employing more than 100)

<u>Employer</u>	<u>Type of Activity</u>	<u>Employees</u>		<u>Union</u>
		<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	
Norfolk, 35 miles				
Affiliate Foods Cooperative, Inc.	Food distribution	503 55*	155	Teamsters
City of Norfolk	Government	142 2*	58 11*	Firefighters
Faith Regional Health Services	Medical	115 45*	702 305*	None
Goodyear Tire & Rubber	High pressure/hydraulic hose	301 19*	76 15*	None

*Part-time and/or seasonal

<u>Employeer</u>	<u>Type of Activity</u>	<u>Employees</u>		<u>Union</u>
		<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	
Nebraska Public Power District	Electric utility	56	44	None
Norfolk Daily News	Newspaper	65 Total 36*		None
Norfolk Iron & Metal Co.	Steel products, distribution & steel service center	297	38	None
Norfolk Public Schools	Education	133 12*	513 166*	NSEA/ NCEA
Norfolk Regional Center	State psychiatric hospital	71	177	NAPE/ AFSCME
Norfolk Veteran's Home	Health care	160 Total 20*		AFSCME
Northeast Community College	Education	224 Total 45*		NSEDA
Nucor Steel Division of Nucor Corporation	Steel angles, rounds, flats & channels	396	20	None
State of Nebraska	Government	88 8*	109 6*	None
Tyco Health Care	Disposable syringes, blood tubes & thermometer probe covers	202	300	None
Wal-Mart	Retail	104 36*	215 61*	None
Vulcraft Division of Nucor Corporation	Steel joists, metal deck & cold drawn bar	408 4*	51	None
Wis-Pak of Norfolk (Midwest Cannery)	Soft drinks, flavored waters & teas	80 8*	20	None

*Part-time and/or seasonal

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ORGANIZATIONS

The Antelope County Resource Center works together with the Neligh Industrial Development Corporation and the Neligh Coalition Group for business promotion and development in the area.

Antelope County Resource Center staffed by two employees is a non-profit corporation comprised of eight members. Funds are provided by city and county governments.

The Neligh Industrial Development Corporation is a non-profit corporation comprised of seven members. Funds are raised as needed.



Blackburn Manufacturing Co.



Smeal Fire Apparatus



Tayline Industries, Inc.

LABOR

LABOR SUPPLY

- A. Employment in the Neligh labor market, which is defined as the whole of Antelope County and the total labor market consisting of Antelope County and the contiguous Nebraska counties of Boone, Holt, Knox, Madison, Pierce, and Wheeler (12-month average, April 2006 through March 2007).

	<u>Antelope County</u>	<u>Total</u>
<u>Nonfarm Employment</u> (wage and salary workers)		
Goods Producing	191	6,783
Manufacturing	112	(D)
Natural Resources & Construction	79	(D)
Trade, Wholesale	278	(D)
Trade, Retail	255	(D)
Transportation, Warehousing & Utilities	30	(D)
Information	(D)	(D)
Financial Activities	105	(D)
Professional & Business Services	(D)	(D)
Education & Health Services	287	4,948
Leisure & Hospitality	135	2,617
Other Services	51	889
Government	571	7,504
TOTAL NONFARM WAGE AND SALARY WORKERS	1,952	35,476
Farm Employment	902	6,781
TOTAL EMPLOYMENT	3,815	42,127
B. Commuting Out of County	954	
C. Unemployment	113	1,414
TOTAL LABOR FORCE	3,928	43,541
D. 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.	1,010	
E. Estimated number of county high school graduates annually	115	
TOTAL POTENTIAL LABOR SUPPLY (B, C, D & E)	2,192	

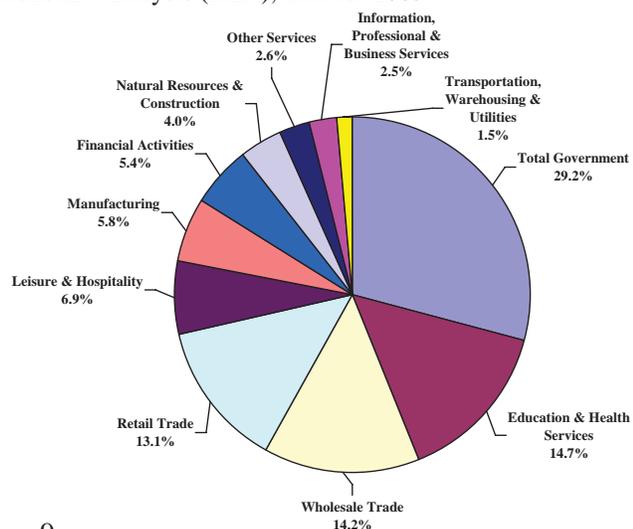
(D) Data not available due to disclosure suppression.

Source: Nebraska Workforce Development

U.S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of Economic Analysis (BEA), data for 2003

U.S. Census

**NONFARM WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT
ANTELOPE COUNTY
12-MONTH AVERAGE,
APRIL 2006 THROUGH MARCH 2007**



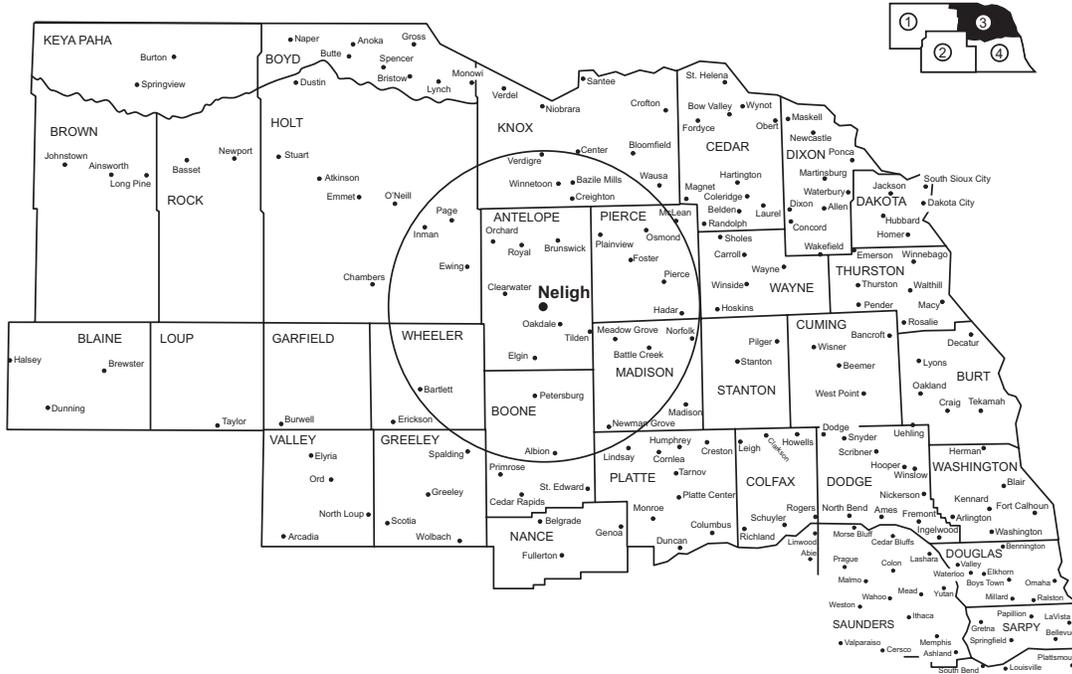
POPULATION DATA

	2000			2005		
	Density/ Sq. Mile	% High School Graduate or Higher	% Bachelor's Degree or Higher	Median Age	% 65 Yrs. & Over	Median Household Effective Buying Income
Antelope Co.	8.7	85.5	14.3	44.1	19.7	\$28,864
Nebraska	22.3	86.6	23.7	36.2	13.3	\$36,910
U.S.	79.6	80.4	24.4	36.4	12.1	\$39,324

Antelope County had 4,833 eligible voters in 2004; 72.2 percent voted in the national election compared to 68.3 percent in Nebraska.

Source: U.S. Census, www.census.gov
 Sales and Marketing Management, 2005
 Statewide General Election 2004 Results, www.sos.state.ne.us/elec/canvass/general2004/General2004

LABOR POTENTIAL IN THE NELIGH AREA



**POPULATION DATA
U.S. Census Estimates**

2006 Estimate		
City of Neligh	—	1,521
Antelope County	—	6,931
30-Mile Radius (2005)	—	32,287

Antelope County Population by Age/Gender, 2005		
Ages	Male	Female
18–24	392	335
25–44	688	712
45–64	979	934

UNIONIZATION

Nebraska has a right-to-work provision in its constitution. In 2004, 10.8 percent of Nebraska's manufacturing workers were members of labor unions compared to a national figure of 12.9 percent. Union membership in Nebraska is concentrated in the railroad and packinghouse industries.

Labor organizations operating in the Neligh area:

<u>Company</u>	<u>Union</u>
Antelope County	Antelope County Road Employees
Educational Service Unit 8	Nebraska State Education Association
Neligh/Oakdale Schools	Nebraska State Education Association

It is estimated that 2 percent of the total nonagricultural labor force in Neligh is unionized. There have been no known strikes during the past five years.

WAGES

Occupation Title	Hourly Wage (\$)/Percentile		
	10th	50th	90th
Professional			
Accountants & Auditors	16.26	22.34	35.76
Engineers			
Civil Engineers	19.67	29.41	37.05
Electrical Engineers*	20.32	36.51	50.35
Industrial Engineers	19.90	28.15	39.45
Mechanical Engineers	19.79	27.02	38.23
Computer Programmers	15.01	27.56	36.96
Computer Systems Analysts	18.74	29.84	43.74
Registered Nurses	16.31	22.88	29.62
Retail			
Hotel, Motel & Resort Desk Clerks	5.97	7.62	11.08
Retail Salespersons	5.99	8.42	21.58
Truck Drivers-Light or Delivery Services	7.56	11.94	18.66
Driver/Sales Workers	6.60	11.27	27.68
Stock Clerks & Order Fillers	6.47	9.63	14.16
Shipping, Receiving & Traffic Clerks	8.20	13.74	17.71
Clerical			
Bookkeeping, Accounting & Auditing Clerks	7.85	11.74	16.98
Customer Service Representatives	7.01	9.99	15.70
Data Entry Keyers	8.23	10.84	13.69
Secretaries, excl. Legal, Medical & Executive	7.76	11.07	15.35
Office Clerks, General	6.54	9.73	14.03
Receptionists & Information Clerks	7.10	10.00	12.38
Telemarketers	7.19	8.09	9.00

*Wage information taken from Balance of the State (nonmetropolitan areas)

Occupation Title	Hourly Wage (\$)/Percentile		
	10th	50th	90th
Unskilled			
Laborers & Freight, Stock & Material Movers, Hand	7.36	10.81	13.83
Packers & Packagers, Hand	6.12	10.36	13.69
Assemblers & Fabricators, All Other	8.64	11.94	14.34
Nursing Aides, Orderlies & Attendants	7.36	9.83	12.46
Semi-Skilled			
Industrial Truck & Tractor Operators	9.38	12.23	16.41
Truck Drivers, Heavy or Tractor-Trailer	9.30	14.73	22.55
Maintenance Workers, Machinery	10.90	15.10	21.41
Machine Operators			
Lathe & Turning Machine Tool Setters/Oper.	12.25	14.54	17.48
Drilling & Boring Machine Tool Setters/Oper.	6.40	11.54	17.02
Milling & Planing Machine Setters/Oper.	12.07	13.39	14.72
Grinding, Lapping, Polishing & Buffing Mach. Oper.	10.91	13.05	15.15
Cutting & Slicing Machine Setters/Oper.*	8.70	12.39	16.84
Cutting, Punching & Press Machine Setters/Oper.	8.50	12.40	17.05
Multiple Machine Tool Setters/Oper.*	10.84	15.63	18.02
Skilled			
Automotive Service Technicians & Mechanics	8.83	13.15	22.22
Electricians	11.38	17.67	22.55
Industrial Machinery Mechanics	12.00	16.11	21.27
Machinists	10.56	14.51	18.39
Tool & Die Makers	13.02	19.47	22.88
Welders, Cutters, Solderers & Brazers	9.99	13.40	17.29
Welding, Soldering & Brazing Machine Setters	10.77	13.59	15.71
Technical			
Electrical & Electronic Engineering Technicians	15.01	25.83	34.04
Medical & Clinical Laboratory Technologists	17.54	23.25	29.84
Computer Operators	9.66	13.18	19.77

*Wage information taken from Balance of the State (nonmetropolitan areas)

Source: Nebraska Workforce Development, Occupational Employment Statistics Program, First Quarter 2007 wage estimates, All Industries, Northeast Region, www.dol.state.ne.us/Lmiwages/toc000.htm

Production workers are paid mostly on a straight-time basis rather than an incentive basis.

FRINGE BENEFITS

Local industries estimate fringe benefits to range from 5 to 10 percent of wages.

TRANSPORTATION

RAILROADS

Northeast Nebraska Railroad serves Brunswick, 19 miles, north of Neligh.

MOTOR

Highways

State Highways 14 and 70 (north-south) and U.S. Highway 275 (east-west) pass through the community. There are no local load limits imposed on these highways. Four-lane U.S. Highway 81 (north-south) is 35 miles east, Interstate 80 (east-west) is 92 miles south, and Interstate 90 is 104 miles northeast of Neligh.

Highway mileage to major cities:

<u>Destination</u>	<u>Mileage</u>
Lincoln	156
Omaha	150
Chicago	603
Dallas	695
Denver	519
Detroit	858
Kansas City	335
Los Angeles	1,531
Minneapolis	433
New York	1,376
St. Louis	586
San Francisco	1,634

Trucklines

More than 8,000 licensed motor carriers with worldwide connections are based in Nebraska and serve businesses throughout North America.

Bus Line

The city of Neligh owns Dial-A-Ride bus service, which is operational 5 days a week during the school year and Monday, Wednesday, and Friday during the summer. The bus travels to Norfolk, Elgin, Clearwater, Orchard, Oakdale, Brunswick, Royal, and Tilden.

AIR

The Antelope County Airport has a 3,800 foot concrete runway and a 2,000 foot sod runway, both are lighted. Services include fuel, hangars, and maintenance shop. There are 10 private planes hangared there; none are available for charter. The elevation at the airport is 1,742 feet, the latitude is 42°6.73'N and the longitude is 98°2.32'W.

Commercial air service is available at the Central Nebraska Regional Airport in Grand Island, 97 miles south (154 minutes); Sioux Gateway Airport, 104 miles northeast (139 minutes); Omaha's Eppley Airfield, 150 miles southeast (194 minutes); and Lincoln Airport, 156 miles southeast (189 minutes) of Neligh.

WATER

Neligh has no nearby water transportation.



Antelope County Airport

UTILITIES

ELECTRICITY

The city of Neligh owns the municipal electrical distribution system and retails electric service to the community. Power is supplied by Nebraska Public Power District (NPPD) who also operates the electric system. A 28,000 kVA, 115,000/34,500 volt transformer provides power to the city's distribution substation located at the south edge of the city. The distribution substation has a 6,250 kVA, 34,500/4,160 volt transformer, which provides power to the city's 2,400/4,160 wye distribution system. The system is connected to NPPD's statewide grid.

BASE ELECTRIC RATES—CITY OF NELIGH (effective 3/1/07)

Summer bills run from June–September.
Winter bills run from October–May.

Residential Service:

Customer Charge: \$11.00 per month		
Summer	Winter	
\$0.09225	\$0.0697	per kWh for the first 750 kWh used per month
\$0.0810	\$0.0359	per kWh for all additional use
Minimum Bill: The Customer Charge		

Rural Residential Service:

Customer Charge: \$12.00 per month		
Summer	Winter	
\$0.0969	\$0.0732	per kWh for the first 750 kWh used per month
\$0.0850	\$0.0378	per kWh for all additional use
Minimum Bill: The Customer Charge		

General Service:

Customer Charge: \$15.00 for single phase \$26.00 for three phase		
Summer	Winter	
\$0.1066	\$0.0913	per kWh for the first 1,000 kWh used per month
\$0.0964	\$0.862	for the next 2,000 kWh used per month
\$0.0751	\$0.0609	per kWh for all additional use
Minimum Bill: The Customer Charge		

General Service Demand:

Customer Charge: \$60.00 per month		
Summer	Winter	
Demand Charge:		
\$10.00	\$7.50	per kW
Energy Charge:		
\$0.0386	\$0.0360	per kWh

General Service Space Heating:

Service Charge:		
Single Phase		\$15.00 per month
Three Phase		\$26.00 per month
Energy Charge:		
\$0.0588	\$0.0445	per kW for the first 3,000 kWh
\$0.0588	\$0.0355	per kWh for all additional use

Prospective customers should contact the city of Neligh, Nebraska, (402) 887-5042, neligh@frontiernet.net, www.nelighpub.info, for further information regarding electric rates and services.

Elkhorn Rural Public Power District, a wholesale power customer of Nebraska Public Power District, serves the rural area surrounding Neligh.

For information regarding electrical services in the Elkhorn Rural Public Power District service area, contact Terry Carson, manager, Elkhorn Rural Public Power District, Battle Creek, Nebraska, (402) 675-2185, or visit www.erppd.com.

NATURAL GAS

Natural gas is supplied to Neligh by SourceGas through a two-inch transmission pipeline with an operating pressure of approximately 880 pounds per square inch.

Kinder Morgan is also the distributor of natural gas within the community, serving approximately 750 residential, commercial, and industrial customers.

Natural gas is available for residential and commercial uses. Availability of natural gas for industrial uses is subject to individual situations. As specific requirements of an industrial prospect become available, information on gas service availability and applicable rates can be obtained from SourceGas Service Center at (800) 563-0012.

OTHER FUELS

LP Gas

LP gas is available for residential, commercial, and industrial uses at Central Valley Ag and Wards in Neligh.

Oil

Oil is available for residential, commercial, and industrial uses in Neligh at Sapp Bros. of Elgin.

WATER

The municipal water system in Neligh is supplied by four wells, which have an average depth of 300 feet. The system has a pumping capacity of 1,400 gallons per minute and an underground storage capacity of 250,000 gallons. The average daily demand is 750,000 gallons in the summer and 300,000 gallons in the winter, and the historic peak daily demand is 800,000 gallons in summer. The system has a maximum capacity of 2,266,000 gallons per day. The static pressure varies from 70–80 pounds per square inch.

The water treatment plant in Neligh adds fluoride to the water.

The water level fluctuates during the irrigation season.

The color of the water is clear and the hardness, in parts per million, is 260. The average tap water temperature averages 56° year around.

Chemical Analysis (parts per million)

Hydrogen Ion Concentration	7.38
Calcium	79.2
Total Solids	337
Magnesium	LDL
Iron	0.097
Nitrate	1.1-3.4
Manganese	LDL
Chloride	2.9
Fluoride	0.85
Sulfate	10-16
Total Alkalinity	260
Sodium	LDL
Total Hardness	260
Potassium	LDL

LDL - Less than detection limit

WATER RATES (effective 12/1/05)

A \$150 tap fee is charged for new water service.

Residential, Commercial & Industrial:

\$2.00 per 1,000 gallons used
Minimum Bill: \$9.00 per month

Improvements in 2005 included a new well financed by water bonds for \$125,000.

SEWERAGE

Neligh has a municipal sanitary sewerage system and a storm sewer system. The activated sludge sewage treatment plant was built in 2002 and has a daily capacity of 250,000 gallons, an average daily flow of 150,000 gallons, and a historic peak daily discharge of 200,000 gallons.

SEWER-USE CHARGES (effective 9/20/03)

A \$150 tapping fee is charged for new service.

Residential (based on usage from January through March):

\$3.25 per 1,000 gallons of water used
Minimum Bill: \$11.75 per month

Commercial & Industrial (based on monthly usage):

\$3.25 per 1,000 gallons of water used
Minimum Bill: \$11.75 per month

SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL

Neligh operates the municipal solid waste collection system. Wastes are hauled to the landfill located near Jackson, 95 miles northeast of Neligh.

SOLID WASTE REMOVAL RATES
(effective 10/1/04)

Residential:

\$2.00 per bag
Minimum Bill: \$8.00 per month

Commercial & Industrial:

\$8.00 per yard dumpster
Minimum Bill: \$8.00 per month

RECYCLING

The city of Neligh provides recycling bins and once-a-month curbside pickup. Materials accepted for recycling include newspapers, magazines, office paper, cardboard boxes, tin and aluminum cans, and plastics.



Neligh City Offices



Antelope County Museum



Memorial to Antelope County Veterans

COMMUNICATIONS

TELECOMMUNICATIONS

Frontier, a Citizens Communications Company, is the local exchange carrier for the city of Neligh. A digital, stand-alone DMS 10 switch, with transport provided by a fiber optic system serves the community. Local services available include all digital calling features, dial Internet, DSL/HSI, T1s, and T3s. Neligh has Extended Area Service to the communities of Brunswick, Royal, and Orchard. A central office technician and local manager report to Neligh and a local repair technician reports to Orchard.

TARIFFED RATES (effective 4/3/2007)

Residence Line	\$17.50
Business Line	\$27.50

For more information visit www.frontieronline.com.

INTERNET

High-speed Internet service is provided in Neligh by Frontier and Great Plains Communications.

POST OFFICE

Neligh provides house-to-house delivery service and has one mail receipt and one dispatch daily.

PACKAGE DELIVERY SERVICES

Overnight express service availability:

	UPS	U.S. Postal Service
Latest Pick-up Time	4:00 p.m.	6:45 p.m.
Earliest Delivery	11:00 a.m.	8:00 a.m.
Next Day Delivery Guarantee	Yes	No
Saturday Delivery Guarantee	No	Yes

NEWSPAPER

The Neligh News & Leader, the local weekly newspaper, has 2,300 subscribers. Daily papers delivered locally are the Norfolk Daily News and Omaha World-Herald.

RADIO

Radio stations carrying local news:

Call Letters	Frequency	Location
KBRX	1350 KHz	O'Neill
KBRX	102.9 MHz	O'Neill
WJAG	780 KHz	Norfolk
KEXL	106.7 MHz	Norfolk
KNEN	94.7 MHz	Norfolk
US92	92.7 MHz	Norfolk
KKOT	93.5 MHz	Columbus
WNAX	104.1 MHz	Yankton, SD

TELEVISION

Television stations carrying local news include:

Call Letters	Channel	Location
KOLN/KGIN	10/11	Lincoln/ Grand Island
KTIV	48	Norfolk
KXNE	19	Norfolk
KLKN	8	Lincoln

Cable television service is available on 21 basic and 3 premium channels.



Antelope Country Club



Elkhorn River

TAX STRUCTURE

VALUES FOR TAX LEVY PURPOSES—CITY OF NELIGH

All real property is subject to tax at market value. Agricultural land is valued at 74–80 percent of its actual value. Personal property that is used in a trade or business and is depreciable is subject to tax at its “net book value.” All other personal property is exempt from taxation.

	Actual Valuation		
	2004	2005	2006
Real Estate	\$37,553,705	\$37,711,160	\$42,045,755
Personal Property	1,266,383	1,038,521	1,582,493
Special (railroad and utilities)	760,164	661,429	576,830
TOTAL	<u>\$39,580,252</u>	<u>\$39,411,110</u>	<u>\$44,205,078</u>

TAX RATE (dollars and cents per \$100 of actual value)

	2004	2005	2006
City	\$0.724590	\$0.698160	\$0.814730
County	.377120	.377380	.340920
School District	1.062260	1.021800	.983740
Community College	.082711	.089622	.090421
Educational Service Unit	.014990	.014910	.014900
Natural Resource District	.025015	.024770	.025209
Agricultural Society	.016590	.014650	.013580
Airport	.010520	.009380	.008510
TOTAL	<u>\$2.313796</u>	<u>\$2.250672</u>	<u>\$2.292010</u>

The 2006 tax rate at the industrial site outside the city limits is \$1.533910 per \$100 of actual value.

CITY SALES TAX

The city of Neligh imposes a 1 percent city sales tax in addition to the Nebraska sales tax.

LOCAL BONDED INDEBTEDNESS

As of April 15, 2007:

City—Revenue Bonds	\$10,000
State Revolving Loan Fund	\$1,397,516
City—General Obligation Bonds	\$775,000
School District	None
County	None

CITY BOND ISSUES

Type	Date Issued	Original Amount	Unpaid Balance As of 4/15/07	Interest Rate (%)	Date Due
Revenue					
Water	9/1/00	\$70,000	\$10,000	4.9–5.2	9/1/07
State Revolving Loan Fund	6/15/02	\$1,653,678	\$1,397,516	4.0	6/15/22
General Obligation					
Various Purpose	4/15/01	\$60,000	\$10,000	4.25–4.6	4/15/08
Paving	4/15/02	\$375,000	\$295,000	2.75–5.2	4/15/17
Neligh Refunding Bonds	7/15/03	\$270,000	\$100,000	1.25–2.75	4/1/09
Various Purpose	3/15/04	\$310,000	\$270,000	1.5–4.6	5/15/19
Various Purpose	9/23/04	\$485,000	\$100,000	1.7–4.35	4/15/18



Antelope County Sherrif's Department



Neligh Fire and Rescue

LOCAL GOVERNMENT

COUNTY GOVERNMENT

Antelope County has 24 townships and is governed by seven county commissioners, who are elected by popular vote for four-year terms. The next election will be held in 2008. The county belongs to the Northeast Nebraska Economic Development District along with 15 other counties and the Elkhorn Valley Economic Development Council along with four other counties. The actual county budget for 2006–07 is \$7,418,661.

Zoning classifications are:

Ag-G	General Agricultural
Ag-R	River Corridor Agriculture
Ag-T	Transitional Agriculture
WPO	Wellhead Protection Overlay

MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT

Neligh, a second-class city, has a mayor-council form of government. The next election will be held in May 2008. The 2006–07 actual budget is \$4,903,750. Municipal officials are:

Title	Term of Office
Elected	
Mayor	4 Years
Elected at Large	
Council Members (4)	4 Years

FIRE PROTECTION

Fire protection is provided to the city by a 45-member volunteer fire department. The department also provides protection to areas outside the city limits and responds to mutual aid calls with area communities.

There are 108 fire hydrants in Neligh. The fire insurance classification inside the corporate limits

is 3.5; outside it is 7.5. Annual expenditures for fire protection for the past three years for both city and rural districts averaged \$65,000.

Equipment in the fire department:

Year/Make	Description
City	
1975 Ford	750 gpm
Rural	
1965 Ford	750 gpm
1975 Chevy	2,000 gallon tanker
1984 Ford	3,000 gallon tanker
1975 Chevy	300 gallon grass rig
1977 Dodge	500 gallon grass rig
City/Rural	
1991 Ford	1,000 gpm

Fire losses for the last five years:

Year	Amount
2006	\$11,650
2005	\$10,000
2004	\$20,000
2003	\$25,000
2002	\$27,000

The department is contemplating the purchase of a new pumper and protective gear.

LAW ENFORCEMENT

Police Department

The Neligh Police Department, staffed with three full-time officers, has an in-car video camera and other standard equipment. Annual expenditures for police protection during the last three years averaged \$145,972.

Sheriff's Department

The Antelope County Sheriff's Department in Neligh employs a sheriff, five deputies, three part-time certified officers, one part-time uncertified officer, and six dispatchers/jailers. The department has six units with in-car video, Enhanced 911, canine drug unit, intoxilizer, high-speed DSL, weather-alerts, and jail. The sheriff's department patrols all of the county and contracts with the towns of Orchard, Clearwater, and Oakdale.

Crime Rate per 1,000 population in 2006:

Location	Violent Crimes	Property Crimes
Antelope County	0.3	2.0
Nebraska	2.9	34.2
U.S.	4.7	34.3

State Patrol

Troop B of the Nebraska State Patrol is headquartered in Norfolk. One investigator is stationed in Neligh, one sergeant is stationed in Osmond. Four troopers regularly serve the Neligh area.

STREETS

Neligh has 18.2 miles of streets, 13.3 miles are hard-surfaced with concrete, 1.9 miles with asphalt, and 15 percent are gravel. There are

no local load restrictions. Eighty percent of the streets have curbs and sidewalks.

Street maintenance includes street sweeping and snow removal.

BUILDING AND ZONING REGULATIONS

Local zoning classifications are:

BCB	Business Central Business
BCS	Business Commercial Service
RH	Residential High Density
AGT	Agricultural Transitional
ML	Manufacturing Light
Flood Plain	Flood Plain District

PLANNING

Neligh has a five-member planning commission. Members are appointed by the Mayor to serve three-year terms.

The Comprehensive Plan for Neligh was prepared in 1977 by the State Office of Planning and Programming in Washington, D.C. A revision was completed in 1985 by the Department of Urban Development and Housing.



Antelope County Courthouse

COMMUNITY FACILITIES

SCHOOLS AND COLLEGES

Neligh-Oakdale Schools

Type of School	Classrooms	Students	Teacher/ Pupil Ratio	Computer/ Pupil Ratio
Elementary (K–2)	13	82	1:13	1:2
School (3–12)	18	350	1:11	1:2

Antelope County School District No. 02–009 covers 132 square miles and has a 2005–06 actual valuation of \$185,713,220, with an actual valuation per student of \$473,758. This Class 3 District is accredited by North Central Association and Nebraska Department of Education.

The 2005–06 school operating expenses totaled \$3,942,029, with an average cost per pupil of \$8,311.

The elementary school was built in 1978 with an addition in 1995 and has a maximum capacity of 135. The junior high school, built in 1930, and the high school, built in 1950, expanded and combined grades 3–12 in 1966. The maximum capacity of the school is 600. The school has an elevator, stair lifts, and ramped entrances and exits for the physically challenged.

Test Results

Name	% Students Taking Test	Average Score
7 th Grade	100	72
Terra Nova Achievement		
ACT	30	20.4

It is estimated that 99 percent of the eighth grade students finish high school, 97 percent of the graduating seniors pursue a college degree, and 3 percent of the seniors enter the job market or military immediately after graduation.

Vocational/tech prep programs offered include Family and Consumer Science, Business, and Industrial Technology. Adult education programs

are available in the high school in conjunction with the Wayne State College and Northeast Community College.

Educational Service Unit

Educational Service Unit 8 in Neligh serves schools located in a seven-county area. Services include staff development, special education, cooperative purchasing, instructional media, technology instruction and support, distance learning, Internet support, and nursing services.

The programs for the mentally handicapped serve persons ages 5 through 21, while the early childhood handicapped programs serve children from birth to five.

Community College

Neligh-Oakdale is part of the **Northeast Community College (NECC)** service area. The college, governed by an 11-member elected board, serves 20 counties in northeast Nebraska from the main campus located in Norfolk, 35 miles southeast of Neligh, and through regional education centers located in O’Neill, South Sioux City, and West Point. Enrollment at NECC for 2005–06 included 7,311 students taking credit courses and 16,570 students taking noncredit, continuing education classes.

NECC offers more than 70 majors and transfer concentrations preparing students for immediate employment or transfer to a four-year college or university. In May 2006 the college awarded a record number, 747 diplomas and degrees. According to the latest Graduate Employment

Report, approximately 99 percent of the 2005 graduates seeking employment found jobs.

The Graduate Employment Report also showed that 34 percent of the 2005 graduates chose to continue their education, with most transferring to a four-year school. Other data confirm that college transfer students from NECC who continue their educations at four-year institutions do as well as or better than native and other transfer students.

The Business and Industry Division of NECC works with area industries, retail and service establishments, agriculture, and other agencies in planning employee development and training. The programs can be delivered on site at the company or at the state-of-the-art facilities at NECC. Training is arranged at any time of the day or evening to meet the organization's special needs.

The Business and Industry Division served 253 employers and trained more than 5,800 employees through customized training workshops and seminars in fiscal year 2005–06. The division also worked with 22 communities on strategic planning and economic development initiatives. More than 40 individuals seeking to start or expand their businesses received assistance through this division. An additional 12 minority-owned businesses were provided start-up assistance and consulting services. NECC also assisted in recruiting several new companies and divisions to the region.

The 205-acre main campus includes 19 buildings with classroom, shop, and lab facilities; library/resource center; student center; an activities center with gym and theater; the Lifelong Learning Center; residence hall for students; and two apartment buildings for student living. Burkhardt Hall, a 147-bed residence hall addition, and the \$2.4 million Agriculture Complex, one mile east of the main campus, were dedicated in 2004. The Agriculture Complex includes a 550-seat arena and four classrooms. Northeast

also owns a 566-acre college farm with all facilities necessary for teaching farm operations.

In 2005 a \$2.57 million addition was completed to the Cox Activity Center, including 30 rooms that house the radio/TV broadcasting, audio recording, technology, and music departments. In spring 2006 ground was broken for a new utility line-professional truck driver training building. The \$2.7 million, 36,800-square-foot building will include nine new classrooms/labs, six offices, and two mechanic's bays. The building will be ready for classes in fall 2007.

The South Sioux City Education Center moved into a new 10,000-square-foot facility in South Sioux City in 2005. The state-of-the-art education center houses several classrooms, a large business-industry training room, computer lab, distance-learning classroom, conference rooms, and administrative offices. The center has classes leading to an associate of arts degree with a business administration or general studies emphasis and associate of applied science degree in administrative assistant-medical and business management.

Representatives of the governing boards of NECC and Wayne State College and the South Sioux City Community Development Agency have signed an Interlocal Agreement for construction of a college center in South Sioux City. When the college center is complete, students will be able to take their freshman- and sophomore-level courses from NECC and then take junior- and senior-level or graduate-level courses from Wayne State College at the same location in South Sioux City. Northeast will also offer vocational classes, continuing education, and customized training for business and industry at this location.

For more information on Northeast Community College, call (800) 348-9033 or visit the web site at www.northeastcollege.com.



West Ward Elementary School



Neligh Oakdale Public School



Neligh Oakdale Gymnasium



Antelope Memorial Hospital



Neligh Golden Living Center

**Northeast Community College
Representative Sample of the Class of 2005**

Program	Degree/Certificate	Conferred
Accounting	A.A. & A.A.S.	17
Administrative Assistant (Medical)	A.A., A.A.S. & 1-year diploma	21
Agriculture	A.A.S. & A.S.	53
Audio Recording Technology	A.A.S. & 1-year diploma	6
Auto/Auto Body Technology	A.A.S.	40
Building Construction	A.A.S.	29
Diesel Technology	A.A.S.	27
Electrical Construction & Control	A.A.S.	18
Nursing-LPN (Licensed Practical)	1-year diploma	63
Nursing-ADN (Registered Nursing)	A.D.N.	25
Utility Line	A.A.S.	36

Lifelong Learning Center

The **Lifelong Learning Center** at Northeast Community College in Norfolk serves the business and professional community through a variety of uses. The 20,000-square-foot educational wing includes two classrooms which can be opened into one large room, two distance learning classrooms, a computer center for software training, and the conference center that can be divided into six rooms and accommodate up to 700 people. Full technology, including video conferencing, and food services are available to make the center a highly desirable location for meetings, training activities, and conferences.

In addition to the associate degree and continuing education programs offered through NECC, the Lifelong Learning Center serves as a clearinghouse for educational offerings from Educational Service Unit 8, Lower Elkhorn Natural Resources District, UNL Northeast Research and Extension Center, University of Nebraska Cooperative Extension Madison County, and Wayne State College, as well as other public and private institutions. Using state-of-the-art distance education technology and live instruction, several bachelor's, master's, and doctorate degrees are offered, including computer science and engineering, industrial management systems engineering, and two MBA programs.

For more information on the Lifelong Learning Center, its programs and facilities, call the facility's coordinator at (402) 844-7246.

Colleges and Universities

Wayne State College (WSC) located in Wayne, 63 miles southeast of Neligh, serves approximately 3,400 students from throughout Nebraska and Iowa as well as more than 25 other states and 13 foreign countries. At the undergraduate level, WSC offers more than 70 nonteaching majors and minors plus 39 various teaching endorsements in four academic schools including arts and humanities, business and technology, education and counseling, and natural and social sciences. Masters degrees are also available in business and education.

Of those undergraduate students declaring a major, approximately 13 percent major in the arts and humanities, 19 percent in education and counseling, 29 percent in business and technology, and 39 percent in natural and social sciences.

Founded in 1891, the college became a State College in 1909. The picturesque 128-acre campus serves as a state arboretum and features a walking/jogging trail, numerous indoor and outdoor recreation facilities, a renovated and expanded Student Center, a state-of-the-art business building, and a new studio arts building.

Wayne State College				
Program	Undergraduate		Graduate	
	Majors*	Degrees**	Majors*	Degrees**
Applied Human & Sport Physiology	22	3	—	—
Art	46	7	—	—
Business	532	146	55	11
Chemistry	48	15	—	—
Computer Information Systems	62	22	—	—
Computer Science	31	5	—	—
Counselor Education/Counseling	—	—	63	18
Criminal Justice	160	40	—	—
Curriculum & Instruction	—	—	323	164
Early Childhood	93	22	—	—
Elementary Education	344	62	—	—
English	72	17	—	—
Exercise Science	59	18	6	1
Family & Consumer Sciences	62	9	—	—
French Education	2	—	—	—
Geography	27	8	—	—
Graphic Design	44	8	—	—
Health & PE	61	12	—	—
History	65	5	—	1
Human Service Counseling	84	22	—	—
Industrial Technology	94	17	—	—
Interdisciplinary Studies	3	2	—	—
Life Sciences	117	29	—	—
Mass Communications	47	13	—	—
Mathematics	32	8	—	—
Middle Level Education	20	4	—	—
Modern Language and Culture	1	1	—	—
Music	63	1	—	—
Natural Sciences	5	1	—	—
Organizational Management-Sport/Rec. Man.	—	—	7	—
Physical Science	3	—	—	—
Political Science	33	7	—	—
Pre-Professional	209	—	—	—
Psychology	86	15	—	—
School Administration	—	—	74	9
Social Sciences	49	7	1	3
Sociology	21	8	—	—
Spanish	31	4	—	—
Special Education	51	6	2	1
Speech Communications	48	14	2	—
Sport Management/Leisure Services	100	21	8	9
Technology	12	4	—	—
Theatre	22	1	—	—
Undeclared	308	—	—	—

*Includes first and second majors as of October 10, 2006

**Degrees awarded December 2005 through August 2006

The Office of Continuing Education at Wayne State College offers undergraduate and graduate coursework via Internet and distance learning. In addition, a variety of courses are also offered on-site in several area cities. Schedules and course offerings vary.

Contact Wayne State College at (800) 228-9972 or visit www.wsc.edu for further information.

Other Schools

Colleges, universities, and community colleges frequently attended by Neligh High School graduates include:

Community/ College or University	Mileage
Norfolk Northeast Community College	35
Wayne Wayne State College	70
Omaha University of Nebraska at Omaha University of Nebraska Medical Center Creighton University	147
Crete Doane College	153
Lincoln University of Nebraska-Lincoln Nebraska Wesleyan University	155
Kearney University of Nebraska at Kearney	163

CHURCHES

Denomination	Number of Churches
Abundant Life	1
Calvary Bible	1
Catholic	1
Church of Christ	1
Congregational	1
Lutheran, Missouri Synod	1
Seventh Day Adventist	1
United Methodist	1

HEALTH CARE

Hospital

The **Antelope Memorial Hospital** was built in 1952 with additions in 1972, 1981, and 2006. The 2006, \$5.5 million addition included a new entrance, emergency room with x-ray and lab, outreach clinics, and remodeled surgery and obstetrics departments. This 25-bed facility is accredited by the state of Nebraska. The acute care hospital offers swing bed care, home health, obstetrics, respiratory therapy, physical therapy, cardiac/pulmonary, surgery, diabetic teaching, EEG, remote cardiac monitoring, radiology, CT scan, and lifeline.

The hospital owns three ambulances and provides transfer services to regional medical centers.

Faith Regional Hospital in Norfolk, 35 miles southeast of Neligh, is available for patients in need of advanced critical/medical care.

Clinics

Dr. Leigh's Family Practice Clinic and **Antelope Memorial Hospital Family Practice Clinic** are the two clinics in Neligh.

Outreach clinics held at **Antelope Memorial Hospital** offer cardiac, surgery, urology, ultrasound, eye surgery, gynecology, radiology, mammography, nuclear imaging, orthopedic, audiology, and ear, nose, and throat.

Rescue Squad

Transfer service to regional medical centers is provided by the Antelope Memorial Hospital. The Neligh Fire Department has 28 emergency medical technicians and 1 paramedic who respond to emergency calls with 3 ambulances, one is equipped with the Jaws of Life.

NURSING HOMES

The **Golden Living Center**, built in 1963, is an 81-bed nursing facility certified by Medicare and Medicaid. Services include 24-hour nursing care, occupational therapy, physical therapy, speech/language pathology, pharmacy, mental health, social work, dietary, housekeeping, and

activities. Sixteen of the beds were converted to an Alzheimers Unit in 2006.

LIBRARY

Neligh Public Library contains 20,779 volumes and has an average annual circulation of 42,553. The library has books, periodicals, e-books, audio books, compact discs, cassettes, videos, computers with Internet access, databases, on-line catalog, community calendar, laptops, language tapes, audio visual equipment, copier, and meeting room. Library activities include story hour, story time, after school activities, summer reading, college-bound reading group, student reading group, ladies night out, adult book discussion, brown bag lunch, evening programs, holiday parties, and parade floats.

RECREATION

There are three parks in Neligh with playground equipment, picnic tables and benches, picnic shelters, fireplaces and grills, rest rooms, lighted basketball/tennis court, baseball diamonds with covered 1,600-seat grandstand, and overnight camping facilities with electrical outlets. A large pavilion is available for dances, county fair exhibits, and large gatherings. The park department employs one full-time and three part-time employees.

Neligh has a tennis/basketball court, three baseball diamonds, swimming pool, soccer field, sand volleyball court, rest rooms, standard playground equipment, and walking trails.

Neligh has facilities for:

Basketball	— One court in Neligh
Boating	— Penn Lake, Neligh; Grove Lake, Royal, 22 miles
Bowling	— Eight lanes
Campgrounds	— Two campgrounds in parks
Fishing	— Excellent fishing in private lakes and Grove Lake in Royal, 22 miles

Golf Courses	— Four public 9-hole grass greens with clubhouses within 30 minutes
Hiking/Biking Trails	— Riverside Park Trail and Cowboy Trail
Horseshoes	— Eleven pits Neligh
Hunting	— Deer, quail, ducks, goose, pheasant, turkey, and prairie chicken
Sand Volleyball	— One court
Soccer	— One field
Stock Car Track	— 35 miles, Norfolk
Swimming	— Riverside Park
Tennis	— One court in Riverside Park
Theaters	— One indoor, 300 seats; Starlite Drive Inn, 150 cars in Neligh

Annual celebrations include Old Mill Days in July with a parade, the Antelope County Fair in August, and the “Bread and Jam Festival” in September.

Summer recreation programs include soccer, swimming, basketball, tennis, horseshoes, baseball, t-ball, softball, and fishing.

Neligh Senior Citizens Center offers meals, cards, bingo, potluck dinners, bowling, and educational trips.

The **Neligh Mill**, built in 1873, was sold to the Nebraska Historical Society in December 1969. The Neligh Mill, complete with its original 1880 equipment, is a surviving reminder of the grist mill architecture and machinery that once dotted Nebraska’s landscape. At the site visitors can explore the mill, the restored mill office, reconstructed flume and penstock, and the remains of the mill dam. Original files kept by the mill operator and information about other water-powered mills once located throughout Nebraska and the Midwest are deployed. Tours are available year around.

The **Cowboy Trail**, the longest rails-to-trails conversion in the nation, will span 321 miles through northern Nebraska when completed.



Russell Park



Penn Lake Park



Scenes from Riverside Park



Riverside Park



Camp sites in Riverside Park



Tennis & Basketball Courts in Riverside Park



"Butterfield" Memorial Ball Park



Old Mill Day's



"Jammin in the Park"



Cowboy Trail Railroad Bridge



1935 Historical Swinging Bridge in Riverside Park



Starlight Drive-In

Today 136 miles of the trail are open to the public for hiking, biking, and horseback riding. This includes a 102-mile continuous segment from Norfolk to Stuart, a 16-mile segment from Bassett to Ainsworth, and an 18-mile stretch at Valentine that crosses over the Niobrara River on a 148-foot-high bridge, and numerous community trails. The section between Stuart and Bassett was completed in 2006. This trail follows the gentle slopes of the old Chicago and NorthWestern rail line.

Pierson Wildlife Museum Learning Center is a wild game collection exhibit including 100 full-body mounts and 50 head mounts from around the world. It is one of the largest private collections in the United States.

HOUSING

New Construction

Five new homes were constructed in the past two years and it is estimated two will be built in 2007. The cost of new home construction averages \$100 per square foot. Building permits were issued for nine single-family homes during the last five years.

Housing Market (as of 12/06):

Number of Homes on the Market

Single Family - 25–30

Avg. Selling Prices (New and Existing)

Single Family Home

1,800–2,200 sq. ft. 3 bedroom \$125,000

1,000–1,200 sq. ft. 3 bedroom \$50,000

800–1,000 sq. ft. 2 bedroom \$30,000

Apartment Vacancy Rate less than 2%

Number of Single Family Homes for Sale by Price (New and Existing)

Less than \$100,000 25–30

Low Cost and/or Retirement Housing

Neligh Housing Authority provides housing, for the low income and elderly. Pioneer Homes with 34 units, built in 1964 and 12 units in 1980 has several handicapped accessible units. A community room, office, and laundry were added to the complex in 2006.

Assisted Living

The Willows, with 28 units, was built in 2001. Services available to residents are meals, house-keeping, laundry, maintenance, and personal services. An on-staff director coordinates activities for residents.

FINANCIAL

As of December 31, 2006:

Name	Capital		
	Accounts	Deposits	Loans
	----- thousand dollars -----		
Heritage Bank*	\$41,085	\$275,001	\$258,161
Pinnacle Bank	\$3,975	\$45,718	\$23,749

*Branch bank; figures represent headquarters.



The Willows, Assisted Living Facility



Pioneer Homes

COMMUNITY SERVICES

PROFESSIONAL

Abstract & Title Companies.....	1
Attorneys.....	4
Auctioneers	2
Certified Public Accountants	2
Dentists	1
Medical Doctors (residing in Neligh)	
—allergists.....	1
—chiropractors.....	2
—general practitioners	4
—nurse practitioners	2
—ophthalmologists	1
Medical Doctors (on hospital consulting staff)	
—anesthetists-CRNA.....	6
—cardiologists.....	5
—ear, nose & throat.....	2
—general practitioners.....	3
—general surgeons	1
—nuclear medicine.....	2
—ophthalmologists.....	1
—orthopedic surgeons.....	2
—pathologists.....	3
—radiologists.....	3
—urologists	1
Nurse Practitioners.....	13 (6 consulting)
Nurses, Registered	40
Optometrists.....	2
Pharmacists	2
Physician Assistants.....	1

BUSINESS AND COMMERCIAL

Accounting/Bookkeeping Agencies.....	2
Advertising Agencies	1
Agricultural Implement Dealers	3
Antique Shops.....	4
Apparel Stores—children’s.....	4
—combination.....	2
—men’s.....	3
—women’s.....	3
Appliance Stores	1
Auto Repair & Services	5
Auto Supply Parts	2
Automobile Dealers	3
Automobile Renting & Leasing.....	1
Aviation Seeding & Spraying	2
Bakeries.....	2

Banquet Facilities, Halls & Auditoriums	3	
Beauty Salons & Barber Shops	4	
Bed & Breakfasts	1	
Bee Keepers	1	
Car Washes	1	
Carpet & Rug Dealers	1	
Caterers	2	
Child Care Services.....	4	
Contractors—building.....	13	
—carpentry.....	8	
—concrete	8	
—electric	3	
—excavating	2	
—general.....	8	
—gravel.....	1	
—heating & air conditioning	3	
—painting.....	8	
—plumbing	1	
—remodeling	8	
—roofing.....	8	
Convenience Stores.....	2	
Copying & Duplicating Services	1	
Craft Stores	2	
Department Stores.....	1	
Discount Stores	2	
Drug Stores	1	
Dry Cleaning & Laundries.....	1	
Financial & Investments	4	
Floral Shops	2	
Garbage Collections.....	1	
Gift Shops	2	
Grocery Stores	1	
Hardware Stores.....	1	
Irrigation & Motor Repairs	1	
Insurance Companies	5	
Interior Decorators & Designers.....	1	
Laundries, Self-Service.....	1	
Lawn Services.....	2	
Lumberyards	1	
Machine Shops.....	2	
Meat Lockers	1	
Motels	2	(24 rooms)
Nurseries & Garden Centers	1	
Office Machine Repairs	2	
Office Equipment Services & Supplies	2	
Photography Studios	1	
Preschools	1	
Printers.....	2	
Real Estate Firms	7	
Restaurants.....	3	

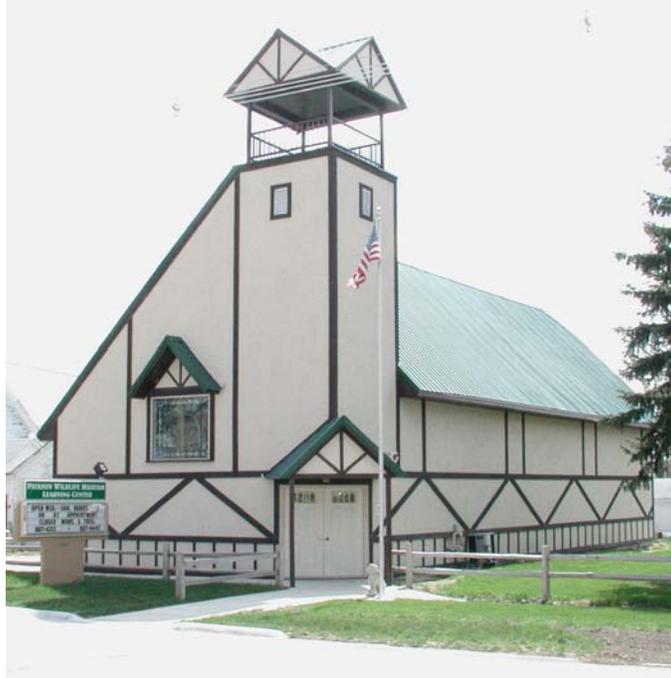
Service Stations.....	3
Shoe Stores.....	2
Shoe Repairs	1
Television & Radio Repairs	1
Tire Dealers.....	2
Theaters.....	2
Variety Stores.....	2
Welding Shops	2



Neligh Public Library



Antelope County Resource Center



Wildlife Museum and Learning Center

AGRICULTURE & RAW MATERIALS

AGRICULTURE

2002 Statistics	Antelope County	State of Nebraska
Number of Farms	792	49,355
Land in Farms (acres)	526,896	45,903,116
Average Size of Farms (acres)	665	930
Market Value of Agricultural Products Sold	\$196,383,000	\$9,703,657,000
Market Value Per Farm	\$247,958	\$196,609
Total Acres Irrigated	225,403	7,625,170
Percent of Farmland Irrigated	42.8%	16.6%
Five-Year Average Production of Leading Crops (2002–2006)		
Hay Alfalfa (Dry)	86,976 tons	4,516,600 tons
Corn for Grain	25,862,900 bu.	1,166,640,000 bu.
Oats	62,500 bu.	3,794,000 bu.
Soybeans	5,853,460 bu.	212,582,000 bu.
Five-Year Average Livestock Population (2003–2007)		
All Cattle	103,600	6,400,000

Antelope County ranked in the top eight counties in Nebraska in the production of soybeans and in the top ten counties in oats production during the last five years.

Source: National Agriculture Statistics Service, 2002–2007
2002 Census of Agriculture

RAW MATERIALS

There are no metallic minerals in the area; however, gravel, a nonmetallic mineral, is available in commercial quantities.



Antelope County Fairgrounds

CLIMATE

TEMPERATURE, PRECIPITATION, AND HUMIDITY

Month	AVERAGES						
	Temperature			Precipitation		Humidity*	
	Min.	Mean	Max.	Rain (Inches)	Snow (Inches)	Morning	Afternoon
January	7.8	19.6	31.4	0.52	5.2	76	65
February	13.4	25.1	36.8	0.72	5.7	79	65
March	23.1	34.6	46.2	1.62	6.7	80	62
April	35.6	48.3	61.0	2.57	2.3	79	52
May	47.1	59.3	71.6	3.86	0.0	80	53
June	57.0	69.1	81.2	4.21	0.0	82	55
July	62.3	74.4	86.4	3.30	0.0	84	56
August	60.0	72.1	84.2	3.23	0.0	86	58
September	49.1	62.5	75.9	2.29	0.0	83	54
October	36.6	50.7	64.7	1.58	0.6	79	52
November	23.7	35.7	47.7	1.02	4.2	80	60
December	12.9	24.4	35.8	0.60	5.7	79	66
Annual	35.7	48.0	60.3	25.53	30.5	81	58

*Recorded at Norfolk Weather Station

FROST DATA

Average date of last frost in spring	May 7
Average date of first frost in fall	September 28
Average length of growing season	145 days
Average number of "heating degree days" based on 65° Fahrenheit.....	7,010
Average number of "cooling degree days" based on 65° Fahrenheit	833
Wind speed in miles per hour (annual average).....	12
Prevailing wind direction (annual average)	South

Source: High Plains Regional Climate Center, University of Nebraska, 1948–2004, www.hprcc.unl.edu