



EXETER

NEBRASKA



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The following pages contain basic information about Exeter, Nebraska. This information was compiled by the Village of Exeter, Fillmore County Development Corporation, Exeter-Milligan School, and Nebraska Public Power District in order to promote community development and quality of life.

ABOUT EXETER NEBRASKA

Exeter sits astride the twin avenues of commerce, the BNSF Railway Company main line and U.S. Highway 6. With its own exit, Exeter has easy access to Interstate 80, only 13 miles to the north. Exeter is 8 miles east of U.S. Highway 81, a four-lane expressway.

The thriving community of Exeter exemplifies all the qualities that make Fillmore County a place to come home to. Hard working, friendly people enjoy the amenities of a rural community with its excellent school system, new paving, and a beautiful park with a swimming pool. Exeter has a national boring and tunneling company; a Chrysler, Jeep, Dodge, RAM automobile dealership; and a full-service grocery store. There is a new county hospital located in Geneva, the county seat of Fillmore County.

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2015 U.S. Census Population	
Exeter	538
Fillmore County	5,619

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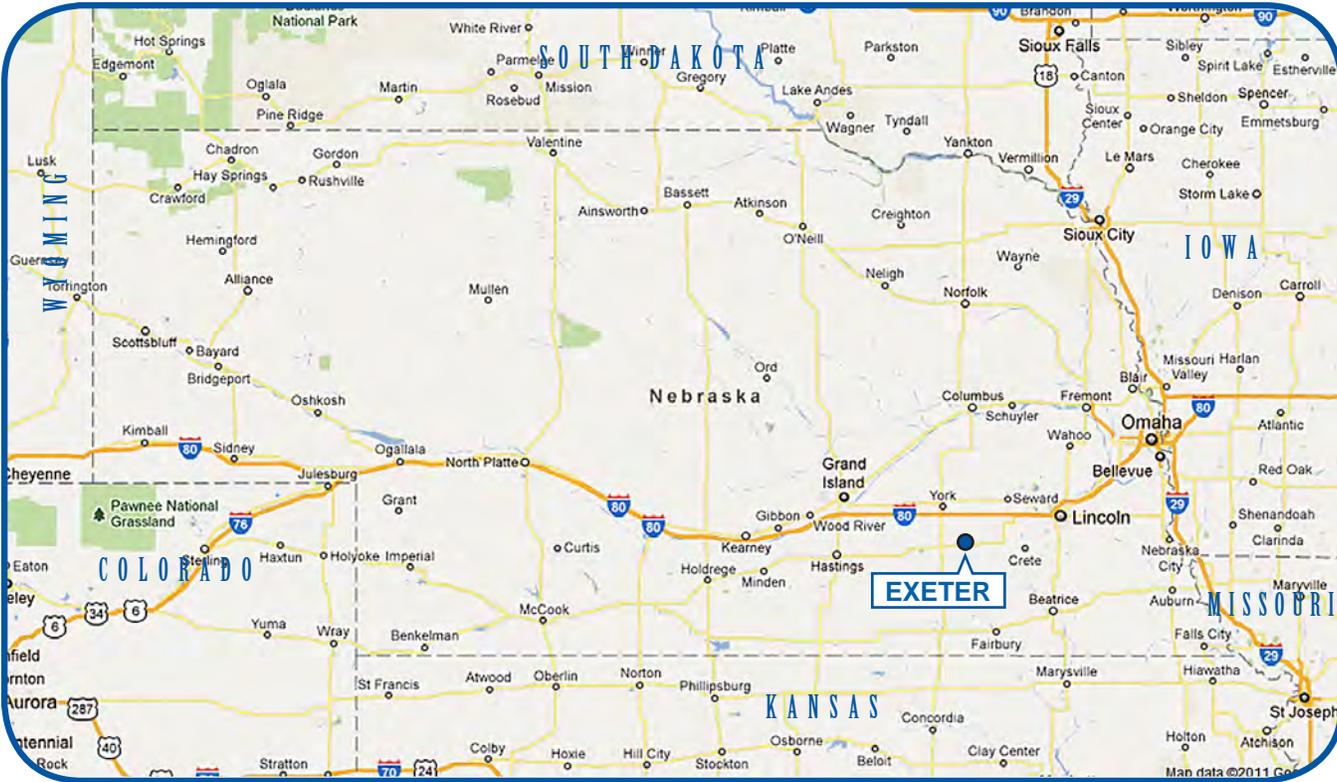
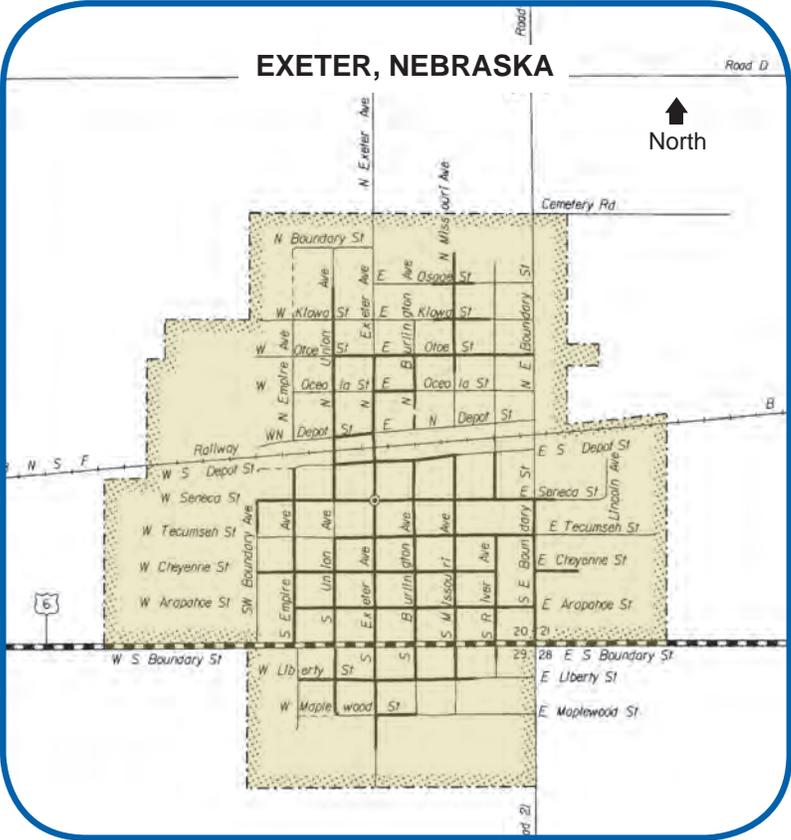
Geography

Location

Exeter, one of eight communities in rural Fillmore County, is located in central Nebraska along transcontinental U.S. Highway 6. Exeter is 51 miles (54 minutes) west of Lincoln and 52 miles (60 minutes) east of Hastings, Nebraska. Interstate 80 is 12 miles north of Exeter.

Elevation

Exeter is 2,552 feet above sea level.



Economic Development

Firms with retail sales tax permits in Exeter reported 2015 net taxable retail sales of \$3,429,094, while Fillmore County reported retail sales of \$36,821,124.

Economic Development Organizations

The Fillmore County Development Corporation (a non-profit organization), the Village of Exeter, and Fillmore County work together to insure that businesses have every opportunity to be successful.

The Fillmore County Development Corporation (FCDC) assists businesses with current data on available sites and buildings that are for sale or lease, zoning regulations, area information and statistics, start-up assistance, utility information and availability, guidance on use and application of development incentives, and training programs. The FCDC also has a revolving loan fund for new or expanding businesses who need some gap financing.

Over the last five years, three of Exeter's major businesses expanded and a plumbing business transitioned to a younger plumber. The FCDC is a public/private organization with more than 100 business and private members as well as every community within Fillmore County.

A new county hospital opened in March 2012 and expanded in 2015 adding a behavioral health pavilion. A new manufacturing plant began construction in 2016 and will be making anhydrous ammonia by 2017 to support our strong agricultural economy. Organizations, public entities, businesses, and citizens working together will help the area realize the full potential of Fillmore County today and tomorrow.

Exeter's Top Ten Employers	
	<i>Employees</i>
Horizontal Boring & Tunneling Co.	73
<i>Boring and tunneling for construction projects</i>	
Exeter-Milligan School	47
<i>Education</i>	
Farmer's Cooperative	25
<i>Agriculture</i>	
Generations Bank	8
<i>Financial services</i>	
Casey's General Store	6
<i>Convenience store</i>	
Frank Black Pipe & Supply Co.	5
<i>Pipe supplier for well drilling</i>	
Harre Feed Yards	5
<i>Beef cattle</i>	
Greg's Market	4
<i>Groceries, catering & custom orders</i>	
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Horizontal Boring & Tunneling Co.



Farmers Cooperative



Frank Black Pipe & Supply Co.



Greg's Market



Harre Feed Yards



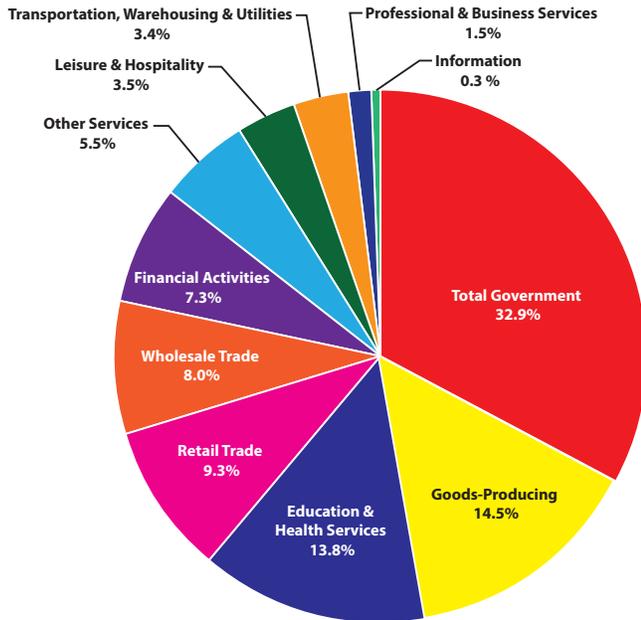
Exeter Lumber



Erdkamp Motors



Nonfarm Wage & Salary Employment, Fillmore County, 2015 Annual Average



Source: Nebraska Department of Labor

Fillmore County Labor Supply Annual Average 2015

	Fillmore & Contiguous Counties*	Fillmore County
Non-farm wage and salary workers.....	36,533	2,281
Total employment.....	43,574	3,176
Labor force population	44,731	3,264
ADDITIONAL POTENTIAL LABOR SUPPLY		
County high school graduates annually.....		60
Commuting out of county (2014).....		1,399
Unemployed.....		88
Total.....		1,547

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.

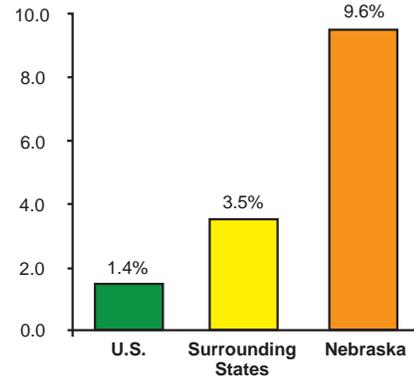
*Contiguous counties include Clay, Hamilton, Jefferson, Nuckolls, Saline, Seward, Thayer, and York Counties in Nebraska.

Unemployment Rate Annual Average 2015

Fillmore County	2.9%
Nebraska	3.0%
United States	5.3%

Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics

2009-2014 Percent Change Value Added Per Dollar Manufacturing Production Worker Wages Nebraska, Surrounding States & U.S.



Surrounding states include data for states contiguous to Nebraska as a group, including Colorado, Iowa, Kansas, Missouri, South Dakota, and Wyoming.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, www.census.gov

Unionization

Nebraska has a right to work provision in its constitution. In 2012, 6.0 percent of Nebraska's wage and salary workers were members of labor unions compared to a national figure of 11.3 percent.

Local Labor Unions

- Exeter-Milligan School - Exeter-Milligan Education Association
- Nebraska State Education Association

Fringe Benefits

Local industries estimate fringe benefits to range from 20 to 30 percent of wages.

Average Hourly Earnings for Production Workers, 2015



Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics (www.bls.gov)

Average Annual Unemployment Insurance Contribution Per Covered Employee, 2015



Source: Values calculated by Ken Lemke, Nebraska Public Power District, from U.S. Department of Labor, Employment and Training Administration. Average Employer Contribution Rates by State, 2014. <http://workforcesecurity.doleta.gov>

Wage Sampling: Hourly wage rates for various occupations, Southeast Region, Nebraska

Standard Occupational Code Title	10th Percentile	50th Percentile	90th Percentile
Accountants and Auditors	15.68	26.48	48.33
Computer Programmers	14.69	33.68	49.23
Registered Nurses	20.64	27.12	34.64
Retail Salespersons	8.38	9.82	20.04
Secretaries and Administrative Assistants, Except Legal, Medical	9.90	14.31	22.06
Customer Service Representatives	8.62	12.81	20.84
Office Clerks, General	8.63	11.13	17.33
Assemblers and Fabricators, All Other	15.31	17.10	18.89
Laborers and Freight, Stock, and Material Movers, Hand	9.35	14.01	18.57
Machinists	13.47	20.14	29.05
Welders, Cutters, Solderers, and Brazers	9.78	16.85	22.53
Welding, Soldering, and Brazing Machine Setters*	12.44	17.77	23.20
Heavy and Tractor-Trailer Truck Drivers	12.43	14.59	22.87
Cutting, Punching, and Press Machine Setters/Operators	10.68	13.74	18.31
Electricians	13.98	21.46	35.71
Tool and Die Makers	14.42	19.36	24.38

*Wage information taken from Nebraska Statewide
Source: Nebraska Workforce Development, Occupational Employment Statistics Program, First Quarter 2016

Workforce

The Nebraska Department of Labor serves employers and job seekers across Nebraska through its “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 Innovation and Opportunity Act partners. To access Nebraska Department of Labor’s One-Stop for Jobs, go to www.networks.nebraska.gov.



Donrich Machine & Driveline



Ekeler Repair



Pulliam Plumbing Inc.



Kelch Plumbing, Heating & Refrigeration Inc.



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First National Insurance Agency, Inc.



Farmer Funeral Home



Speece Family Chiropractic



Salon C



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Esthetics by Malinda



Casey's General Store



John E's Bar and Grill



Sweetwater

Market Access

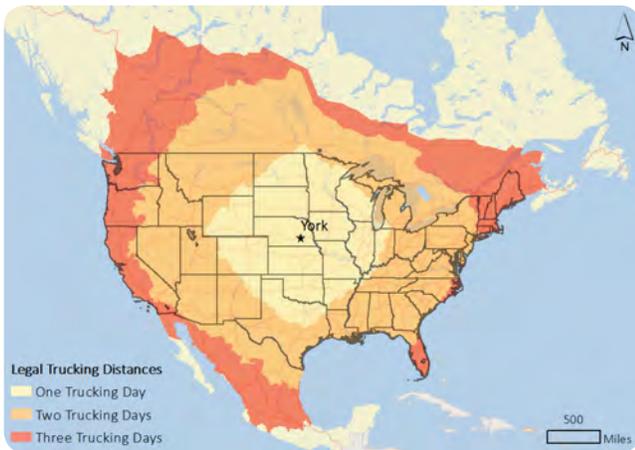
Highways

Exeter is located on U.S. Highway 6. Interstate 80 (east-west) is 12 miles northeast, Interstate 29 (north-south) is 110 miles east, and Interstate 70 (east-west) is 135 miles southwest of Exeter.

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 York, Nebraska, 25 miles northwest of Exeter.



Source: Nebraska Department of Economic Development. Legal Trucking Distances from York, Nebraska, 2016; ESRI Business Analyst Desktop 10.2.1 Software and Data.

Wynne Transport in Geneva, 16 miles southwest of Exeter, is the nearest local trucking company.

Bus Lines

Greyhound serves Lincoln, 51 miles northeast of Exeter.

Rail

The BNSF Railway Company main line runs through Exeter with approximately 12 freight trains daily. Switching is completed twice a week by Lincoln road crews. For more information on rail service, visit www.bnsf.com.

Amtrak provides Hastings, 52 miles west of Exeter, with rail passenger service throughout the United States. Additional Nebraska Amtrak stations are located in Holdrege, Lincoln, McCook, and Omaha. For more information, visit www.amtrak.com.

Air

The Fairmont State Airfield is located 11 miles southwest of Exeter. The airport has a 4,317-foot concrete, lighted runway and a 3,021-foot concrete runway. Other services include 100 low-lead fuel, rest rooms, courtesy car, beacon, windsock, hangars, and tie downs. There are 25 private planes hangared there. Charter service is available. The elevation at the airport is 1,636 feet, the latitude is 40-35N, and the longitude is 097-34W.

Nearest Commercial Air Service

Lincoln Airport	
Lincoln	52 miles, 53 minutes
Eppley Airfield	
Omaha.....	110 miles, 108 minutes

Water

Barge service is not available near Exeter.

Pipeline

NuStar Pipeline has a terminal in Geneva, 17 miles southwest of Exeter. Twenty-five tanks have the capacity of 49,413 barrels. Products include diesel, gasoline, and propane.



Infrastructure

Nebraska Highlights

Energy costs are often 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, the state claims industrial rates well below the national average. Nebraska electric utilities are able to offer low rates, in part, because they draw from a balanced and efficient "mix" of generation resources. This mix includes coal, natural gas, oil, diesel, and methane along with carbon-free generation, like nuclear power, wind power, and hydropower.

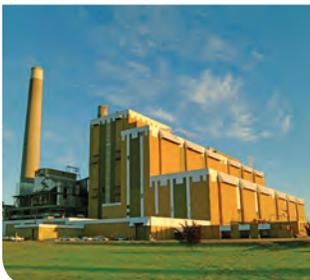
Nebraska Public Power District (NPPD) is the state's largest electric generating utility in terms of chartered territory, which includes all or parts of 86 of Nebraska's 93 counties. NPPD relies upon nine major generating facilities, more than 5,000 miles of high-voltage power lines, approximately 260 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.



Beatrice Power Station



Cooper Nuclear Station



Gerald Gentleman Station



Ainsworth Wind Facility

NPPD has a new wholesale Economic Development Rate (EDR) for qualifying projects. To be eligible for the

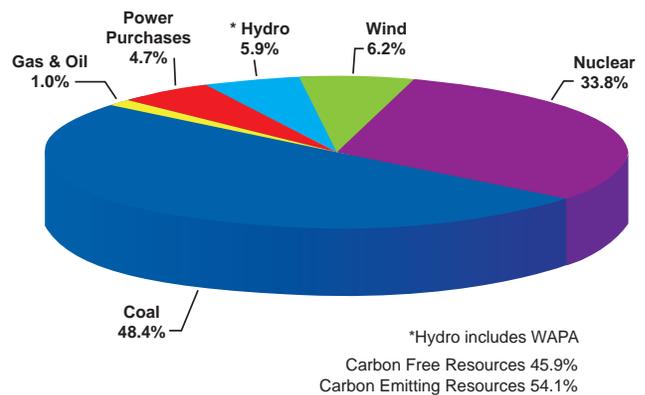
new, low EDR, a project must be a customer of NPPD's Retail Division or an NPPD wholesale customer, generate a new or additional electric load of at least one megawatt, have a minimum monthly load demand factor of 60 percent, and end-use customer enters into a written agreement with the State or any political subdivision to provide an economic development project pursuant to state or local law.

NPPD is the state's leader in generating electricity with renewable resources. NPPD owns and operates three hydropower facilities and a 36-turbine, 60-megawatt wind energy facility. NPPD has invested millions in the state's development of wind power during the past 13 years. Knowing that it would be more economical for ratepayers, NPPD recently signed 20-year, multi-million-dollar agreements with private wind developers to purchase power generated from community-based, wind-powered generation facilities. In addition, NPPD continues to explore other opportunities to add more wind power to its generation portfolio in the next ten years.

With a proven not-for-profit power system, strong infrastructure, a commitment to renewable energy, and a plan for meeting customers' needs well into the future, Nebraska's public power utilities help make Nebraska an excellent location for industries.

NPPD's Sources of Energy - 2015

(Native Load + Nonfirm Sales)



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.

The pipelines of two major companies, Northern Natural Gas and Kinder Morgan, provide an ample supply of natural gas to most areas of Nebraska. Depending on usage requirements, natural gas is offered both on a "firm" and "interruptible" basis.

Nebraska's Energy Costs Are Among The Lowest In The Nation

	Electric <i>(Cents per Kilowatt Hour)</i>			Natural Gas <i>(Dollars per Thousand Cubic Feet)</i>		
	<i>Residential</i>	<i>Commercial</i>	<i>Industrial</i>	<i>Residential</i>	<i>Commercial</i>	<i>Industrial</i>
U.S. Average	12.50	10.75	7.01	10.97	8.90	5.55
NEBRASKA	10.40	8.73	7.47	8.77	7.27	5.69
California	16.25	15.62	12.34	11.51	9.05	7.65
Colorado	12.18	10.08	7.47	8.89	8.15	6.84
Illinois	11.91	9.26	6.85	9.59	8.86	7.75
Indiana	11.46	9.96	6.97	9.02	8.19	7.45
Iowa	11.16	8.67	5.71	10.02	8.15	7.40
Kansas	12.17	10.13	7.80	10.59	9.53	5.70
Massachusetts	17.39	14.68	12.74	14.50	12.48	11.53
Michigan	14.46	10.87	7.68	9.33	8.28	7.84
Minnesota	12.01	9.85	6.72	9.89	8.66	6.57
Missouri	10.64	8.90	6.36	10.83	8.96	8.00
New Jersey	15.78	13.15	11.38	9.69	10.08	10.45
New York	20.07	16.12	6.58	12.54	8.31	8.13
Ohio	12.50	9.83	6.77	10.16	7.82	7.06
Pennsylvania	13.32	9.73	7.41	11.77	10.13	9.95
Texas	11.86	8.16	6.16	11.16	8.26	4.71
Wisconsin	13.67	10.77	7.52	10.52	8.74	8.08

Source: U.S. Energy Information Administration, 2014 Annual

Exeter Utilities

Electricity

Exeter is provided electric service by Perennial Public Power District, a wholesale customer of Nebraska Public Power District.

The Perennial Public Power District's electric system is a transmission and distribution system consisting of 203 miles of 34.5 and 69 kV transmission lines, 1,755 miles of primary distribution system, and 21 substations. Approximately 16 miles of the 2,033 miles of line are underground. Perennial Public Power District receives all of its power and energy at four delivery points, through the Nebraska Electric Generation and Transmission Cooperative Inc., from Nebraska Public Power District.

Base Electric Rates *(effective 1/1/2013)*

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

In case the rate under which the District purchases power at wholesale is amended or is adjusted in accordance with a production cost adjustment (PCA) provision in the District's wholesale power contract, the foregoing energy charge shall be adjusted each month by the rate as set forth in the Production Cost Adjustment (PCA) schedule.

Residential Service		
Monthly Rate		
Facilities Charge:	\$22.75	
Energy Charge per kWh:	Summer	Winter
Purchased Power	\$0.0580	\$0.0565
Distribution Delivery	\$0.0165	\$0.0165

Residential Service w/ Space and/or Water Heating

Monthly Rate		
Facilities Charge:	\$22.75	
Energy Charge per kWh:	Summer	Winter
Purchased Power	\$0.0578	\$0.0568
Distribution Delivery	\$0.0142	\$0.0142

Large Power Service

Monthly Rate		
Facilities Charge:		
150 kVA up to 750 kVA	\$42.50	
750 kVA and Over	\$138.00	
Demand Charge, per kW of billing demand:	Summer	Winter
Purchased Power	\$12.75	\$9.95
Distribution Delivery	\$5.80	\$5.80
Energy Charge per kWh:	\$0.0325	\$0.0285

Prospective customers should contact General Manager Jamey Pankoke, Perennial Public Power District, York, Nebraska, (402) 362-3355, www.perennialpower.com, for further information regarding electric rates and service.

Natural Gas

A subsidiary of Black Hills Corporation, Black Hills Energy, serves 429,000 natural gas customers in 294 Nebraska communities, including Exeter. Black Hills Energy Nebraska headquarters is located in Lincoln, Nebraska.

Black Hills Energy is a full service natural gas distributor in Exeter. The transmission provider is Tallgrass Energy Partners. Exeter is served by a 3-inch line. Natural gas, with an average value of 1,000 BTU per cubic foot, is available for residential, commercial, and industrial customers for base and peak use on a firm basis. Interruptible service is available for customers with an alternate fuel capability.

Rates vary slightly due to season and commodity price fluctuations. Current rates for commercial/light industrial class customers as well as a one year's history for Nebraska Area 3 can be found on the website at www.blackhillsenergy.com.

Contact the Economic Development Department at Black Hills Energy at (800) 232-1850 for information regarding gas rates and service.

Other Fuels

LP Gas

LP gas is available in Exeter for residential, commercial, and industrial uses from Farmer's Cooperative.

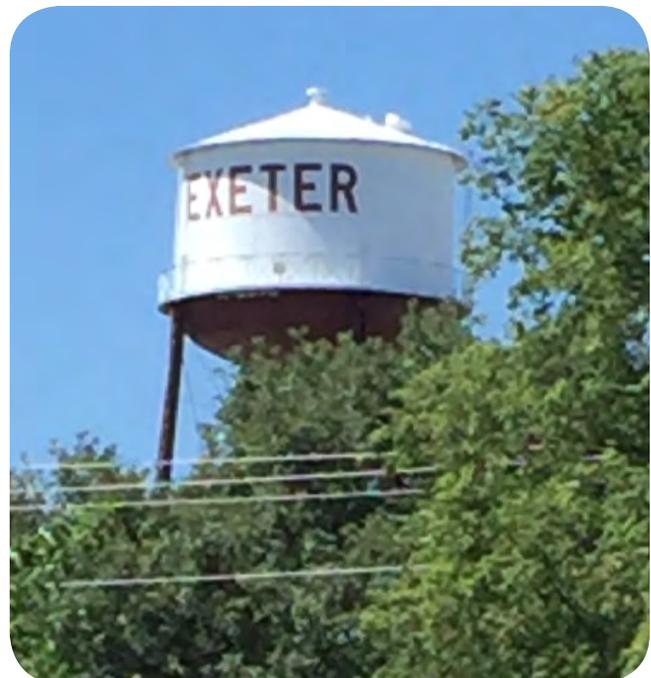
Oil

Oil is available in Exeter for residential, commercial, and industrial uses from Farmer's Cooperative.

Water

The municipal water system in Exeter is supplied by two wells, which have an average depth of 290 feet. The system, serving the entire city, has a combined pumping capacity of 1,200 gallons per minute and an overhead storage capacity of 100,000 gallons. The average daily demand is 400,000 gallons, and the historic peak daily demand is 700,000 gallons. The system has a maximum capacity of 1,828,000 gallons per day. The static pressure is 55 pounds per square inch and the residual pressure is 75 pounds per square inch.

The water table has not changed significantly in the past five years. The quality of water in Exeter does not necessitate a water treatment plant. Chlorine and phosphate are added to the water.



Exeter Water Tower

Water Rates *(effective 1/1/2013)*

Residential Rates	
Usage Fee: \$1.20 per 1,000 gallons of water	
Meter Size	Monthly Service Charge
3/4" or less	\$17.00
1"	\$17.50
1 1/2"	\$30.05
2"	\$43.10
3"	\$77.90
4"	\$131.55
6"	\$243.20

Sewerage

Exeter has a municipal sanitary sewerage disposal treatment system. The lagoon treatment plant was built in 1985 and has a daily capacity of 600,000 gallons and an average daily flow of 120,000 gallons.

Sewer-Use Charges *(effective 1/1/2013)*

Single Family Residence	
Customer Charge:	\$10.50 per month

Multiple Family per Residence	
Customer Charge:	\$10.50 per month

Commercial Business	
Customer Charge:	\$10.50 per month

Solid Waste Disposal

Three privately owned waste removal services are available in Exeter. Wastes are hauled to landfills in David City, Milford, and York. Large dumpsters are available upon request.

Recycling

A recycling trailer is available for residents in downtown Exeter. Items accepted include corrugated boxes, magazines, newspapers, aluminum cans, tin cans, and number 1 and 2 plastics.



Exeter Recycling

Communications

Nebraska is the first state to be served totally by digital switching, and continues to be served by one of the nation's most advanced telecommunications networks.

Telecommunications & Internet

Providers / Services

Windstream Communications

Fiber optic, local exchange service, wireless service, interexchange telephone service, business equipment, Internet

ZitoMedia

Cable, fiber broadband, Internet

Dark Fiber Solution (DSF)

Fiber optic-based, IP transport services, web development, local area network management, on-site computer repair and support, Internet

Post Office

The U.S. Postal Service in Exeter provides house-to-house delivery service and has one mail receipt and two dispatches daily.



U.S. Post Office

Package Delivery Service

The U.S. Postal Service provides package delivery services in the Exeter area.

Newspaper

The Nebraska Signal, the local weekly newspaper, has 3,500 subscribers. Other papers delivered locally are the Omaha World-Herald, Lincoln Journal Star, York News-Times, and Friend Sentinel.

Radio

Stations Carrying Local News

Call Letters	Frequency	Location
KTMX-FM	104.9 MHz	York
KAWL-AM	1370 KHz	York
KIBZ-FM	104.1 MHz	Crete
KHAS-AM	1230 KHz	Hastings
KRVN-AM	880 KHz	Lexington
KKNB-FM	104.1 MHz	Lincoln
KLIN-AM	1400 KHz	Lincoln
KFGE-FM	98.1 MHz	Milford

Television

Stations Carrying Local News

Call Letters	Channel	Location
KHAS	4	Hastings
KLKN	8	Lincoln
KOLN	10	Lincoln
NETV	29	Lincoln

Tax Structure

Nebraska Highlights

- Nebraska assesses income tax based upon the amount of federal taxable income
- No state property tax
- No inventory tax
- No personal property tax on intangibles
- 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:

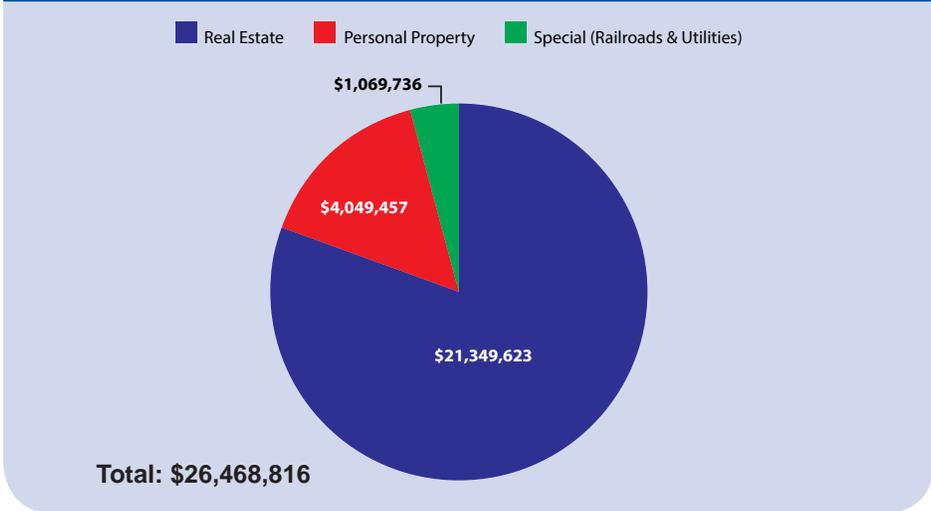
- Comparison with sales of real property of known or recognized value, taking into account location, zoning, current functional use, and other statutory guidelines (sales comparison approach)
- Earning capacity of the real property (income approach)
- Cost less depreciation (cost approach)

Nebraska Tax Incentives

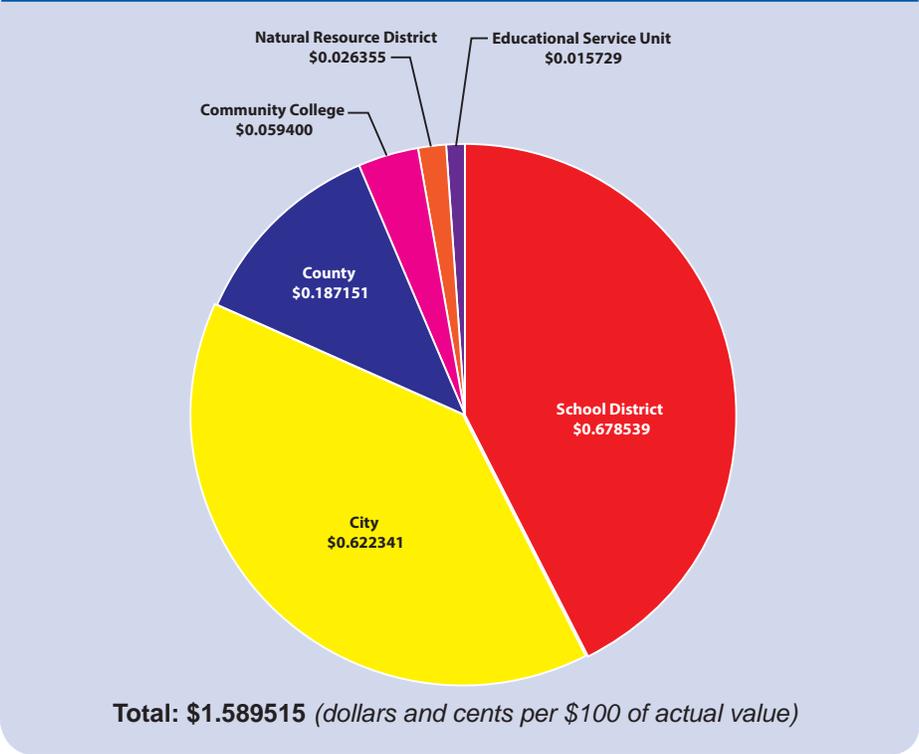
Nebraska's performance-based tax incentive programs demonstrate the state's commitment to creating a favorable business environment for your business expansion or location. Known collectively as the "Nebraska Advantage Package," this multi-tiered program provides investment credits, wage credits, sales tax refunds based on investment and job creation in Nebraska. Qualified 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, (800) 426-6505 or visit www.neded.org.



2015 Actual Valuation Village of Exeter, Nebraska



Exeter 2015 Tax Rates



Local Bonded Indebtedness

As of November 2015:	
City Revenue Bonds	None
City General Obligation Bonds	\$4,938
School District Bonds	\$659,090
County Bonds	\$4,740,000

Local Government

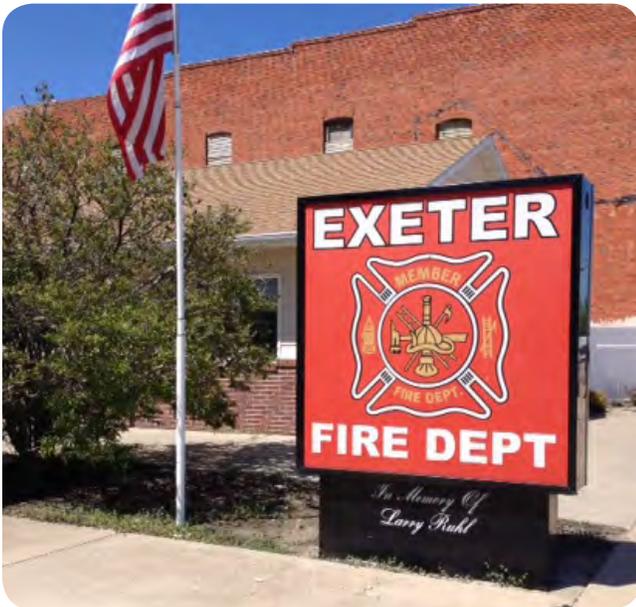
The Village of Exeter is governed by a council. The council members are elected to serve four-year terms. The 2016–17 actual budget is \$1,601,091.

Fillmore County has 16 townships and is governed by seven county commissioners, who are elected by popular vote for four-year terms. The actual county budget for 2015–16 was \$4,167,702. The county belongs to the Southeast Nebraska Development District along with 14 other counties.

Fire Protection

Fire protection is provided to the village by a 35-member volunteer fire department; 15 members are certified emergency medical technicians. The Rural Fire District provides protection to areas outside the community and responds to mutual aid calls with area communities.

Exeter has one fire station and 56 fire hydrants. The fire insurance classification is 04/4Y. Annual expenditures for fire protection for the past three years averaged \$64,548.



Exeter Fire Department

Law Enforcement

The Exeter Police Department employs one part-time police officer. Annual expenditures for police protection for the last three years averaged \$20,145.

Sheriff

The Fillmore County Sheriff’s Department has seven full-time and four part-time sworn officers and two part-time support personnel. Regular patrol by the sheriff’s department provides protection to existing industries in the area.

2014 Crime Rates (per 1,000 population)

	<i>Violent Crimes</i>	<i>Property Crimes</i>
Nebraska	2.5	24.7
U.S Total	3.7	26.0

Source: www.ncc.nebraska.gov

State Patrol

Troop H of the Nebraska State Patrol is headquartered in Lincoln, 51 miles northeast of Exeter. One patrol officer is stationed in Exeter.

Streets

Exeter has 6 miles of streets; 1.5 miles are hard-surfaced with concrete, 2.5 miles are hard-surfaced with asphalt, and 2 miles are graveled. Restrictions on oversized loads are enforced. Sixty percent of the streets have curbs and 15 percent have sidewalks.

Building Regulations

The Uniform Building Codes are recommended in Exeter.

Planning

Exeter belongs to a county-wide planning commission which has nine members who are appointed for four-year terms by the County Board of Supervisors.

A Comprehensive Plan for Exeter was prepared in April 2016 by JEO Consulting Group of Lincoln, Nebraska.

Education

Exeter-Milligan School District

Type of School	Students	Teacher/Pupil Ratio	Computer/Pupil Ratio
Elementary (K–2), Exeter	42	1:14	1:1
Elementary (3–6), Milligan	48	1:11	1:1
Jr. /Sr. High (7–12), Exeter	87	1:6	1:1

School District No. 01 in Fillmore County covers 244 square miles and had a 2015–16 actual valuation of \$674,836,806, with an actual valuation per student of \$3,628,160. This Class III school is accredited by the Nebraska Department of Education.

The 2015–16 school operating expenses totaled \$4,549,630, with an average cost per pupil of \$23,933.

A state-based pre-school for children ages 3 and 4 is located at the Exeter Elementary School.

Report Card 2014–2015	
ACT Test	Composite
District	23.9
Nebraska	21.5
National	21.0
Source: Nebraska Department of Education	



Exeter-Milligan Public Schools

Educational Service Unit

Educational Service Unit (ESU) 6, headquartered in Milford, serves five counties including Fillmore County. ESU 6 services include technology training, repair of media equipment, video tape library, speech therapy, resource teachers, psychological services, special education supervision, physical and occupational therapy, services for early childhood development and children with autism, staff development, telecommuting, and cooperative federal project programs. Additional services include effective school trainings, board workshops, test booklet loan, and Star Lab.

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.

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

Colleges & Universities Frequently Attended by Exeter-Milligan High School Graduates

	Miles
York York College	25
Crete Doane University	27
Milford Southeast Community College	29
Seward Concordia University	36
Lincoln Nebraska Wesleyan University Southeast Community College Union College University of Nebraska-Lincoln	51
Hastings Hastings College Central Community College	52
Grand Island Central Community College	67
Kearney University of Nebraska at Kearney	104



Quality of Life

Health Care

Hospital

Fillmore County Hospital, located in Geneva, is 14 miles southwest of Exeter. The newly built \$18.5 million, 55,587 square-foot county-owned hospital was opened in 2012 and is licensed for 20 acute care beds.

A 13,200-square-foot Behavioral Health Services unit was built in 2015. This serves 55 plus age populations and deals with both preventative and in-patient treatment.

Specialty clinics at the hospital include cardiology; dermatology; ear, nose, and throat; gastroenterology; hematology/oncology; neurology; obstetrics and gynecology; orthopedic; ophthalmology; podiatry; plastic/reconstructive surgery; pulmonology; surgery; psychology; urology; vascular; and wound care.

Outpatient and inpatient services are provided along with in-house diagnostic services. The hospital owns and operates one ambulance for patient transfer.



Fillmore County Hospital

Warren Memorial Hospital is located in Friend, eight miles east of Exeter.

Bryan LGH Medical Center, CHI Health St. Elizabeth, and **Nebraska Heart Institute** provide local patrons with care in Lincoln, 51 miles northeast of Exeter.

Clinics

Fillmore County Medical Center, P.C., attached to the Fillmore County Hospital in Geneva, is a family practice/general practice health center.



Fillmore County Medical Center, P.C.

Zimmer Medical Clinic is a family practice/general practice clinic located in Friend, eight miles east of Exeter.

Rescue Squad

The **Exeter Volunteer Fire Department**, with one ambulance, has 15 volunteer emergency medical technicians. The state-licensed unit contains all standard equipment including a defibulator and jaws of life equipment. Exeter has a mutual aid agreement with the surrounding communities.

Nursing Homes

Heritage Crossing, Geneva
Fairview Manor, Fairmont

Assisted / Independent Living

Heritage Crossing, Geneva
Fairview Manor, Fairmont

Low Cost and/or Retirement Housing

Pioneer Manor, Geneva

Library

The **Exeter Public Library** contains 11,953 volumes and has an average annual circulation of 3,501. The library is free to the public and offers books, newspapers, magazines, Internet, puppets, puzzles for both kids and adults, special story time throughout the year, special parties and events, and interlibrary loan.



Exeter Public Library

Churches

Denomination

- Catholic
- Church of Christ
- Methodist



St. Stephens Catholic Church



United Church of Christ



Methodist Church

Recreation

There are three parks in Exeter covering 15 acres.

Gilbert Park provides an aquatic center for swimming with zero entry, playground equipment, ball field, and picnic facilities.



Gilbert Park

The **Edgar Recreation Center** offers tennis and basketball courts.

Storybook Park, located behind the Exeter Public Library, is a park for preschool children.

Summer recreation programs in Exeter include softball and baseball.



Edgar Recreation Center



Storybook Park

Area attractions include:

- Fishing - Lone Star Recreation Area, 15 miles southeast of Exeter.
- Golf - Two nine-hole grass greens private courses with public access and clubhouses in Friend, eight miles east and Geneva, 14 miles southwest of Exeter.
- Hunting - Excellent hunting in the area for a variety of game including deer, turkeys, pheasants, quail, ducks, and geese.



Exeter Gun Club



RV Pad in Gilbert Park

The **Exeter Senior Center** offers meals, educational programs, birthday and anniversary parties, coffee and conversation, health clinics, and entertainment.



Exeter Senior Center

The historic St. Stephens Catholic Church and many turn of the century homes in Exeter offer a glimpse of the beauty of the architecture of the late 1800 and early 1900 buildings.

St. Stephens Catholic Church dates from 1902 and has undergone many renovations and restorations. Original to the interior are the altars and stained glass windows; also original and still in use are “Thomas” and “Paul,” the bells in the church tower.

The **Fillmore County Museum** is located in Fairmont, eight miles west.

The historic **World Word II Army Airfield** is south of Fairmont.

The 1893 **Geneva Courthouse** stands in the two blocks of the Courthouse Square located 16 miles southwest. It was awarded the National Preservation Award in 2002.



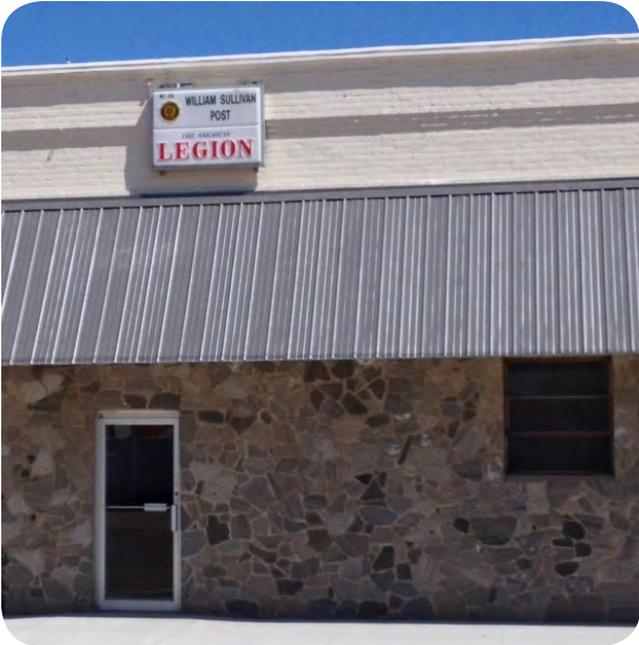
Fillmore County Courthouse

Annual Celebrations

SUMMER	Fireman’s Street Dance and BBQ <i>Food, music, games</i>
OCTOBER	Salad Luncheon and Cards <i>Lunch, card games</i>
NOVEMBER/ DECEMBER	Holiday Activities <i>Cookie walk, holiday sampler</i>

Housing

Four new homes were constructed in the past three years and it is estimated four will be built in 2016. The cost of new home construction averages \$147 per square foot.



American Legion

Financial Institutions



Generations Bank



Housing in Exeter

Community Services

With a business climate full of opportunity, Exeter offers many services to its residents. A quality school with strong sports and arts programs, a state-of-the-art Fillmore County Hospital located just 15 minutes away in Geneva, and great parks along with an up-to-date library offering an ideal blend of small town living with larger city amenities. The residents of Exeter have completed a strategic plan that looks to the future and builds on talent and a strong work ethic to create an ideal setting in which to work and live.

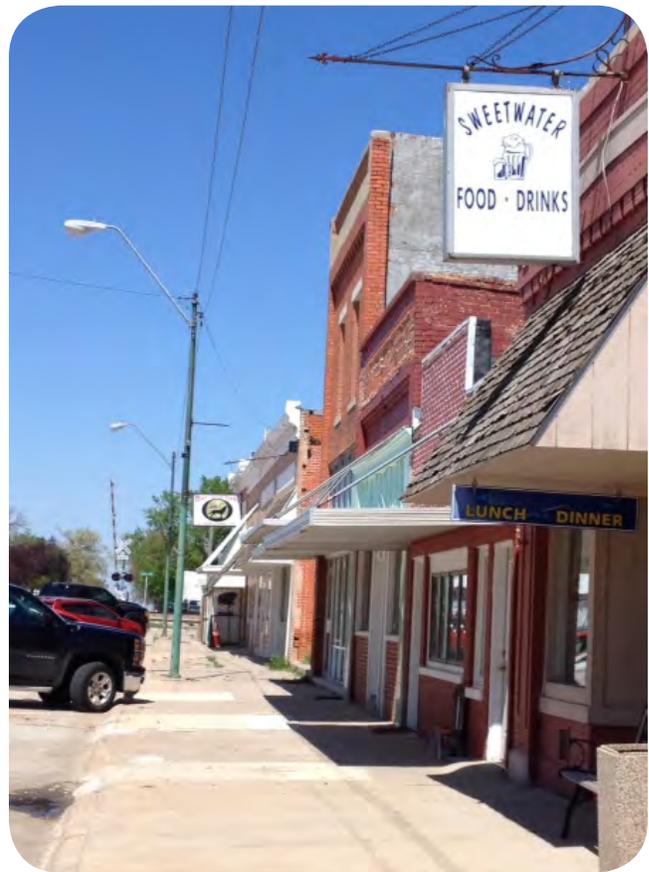
Professional

- Attorneys1
- Auctioneers.....1
- Medical
 - Chiropractors1

Business and Commercial

- Auto Body Repair & Services 1
- Auto Repair & Services 2
- Automobile Dealers 1
- Automobile Renting & Leasing 1
- Banquet Facilities, Halls
 - Auditoriums & Meeting Rooms 2
- Beauty Salons/Barber Shops 4
- Car Washes 1
- Child Care Services..... 2
- Computer Services..... 1
- Contractors
 - Carpentry 1
 - General (residential) 1
 - Heating & Air Conditioning..... 2
 - Plumbing..... 2
 - Remodeling 1
 - Tunneling & Boring 1
 - Well Digging..... 1
- Convenience Stores 1
- Electric Motor Repairs 1
- Farm/Ranch Supplies 1

- Feed & Seed Dealers 1
- Feedlots..... 2
- Fertilizer Suppliers/Applicators 1
- Funeral Homes 1
- Grain Dealers 1
- Grocery Stores 1
- Insurance Companies..... 1
- Lumberyards..... 1
- Machine Shops..... 1
- Photography Studios 1
- Preschools..... 1
- Real Estate Firms 1
- Restaurants 2



Main Street in Exeter



Junk in Trunk



Exeter Barn Quilts



Ekeler-Harre Rentals



Agriculture & Raw Materials

In 2014 Nebraska ranked third among the states in corn exports, third in total cash receipts from all farm commodities, and fifth in agricultural exports. Nebraska's farms and ranches utilized 45.3 million acres or 92 percent of the state's total land area. Cash receipts from farm markets in 2014 contributed more than \$25 billion to the state's economy and 5.9 percent of the U.S. total. Food processing is the state's largest manufacturing sector and foreign markets are important for many of the state's manufacturers.

Sources: Nebraska Agriculture Rankings - USDA ERS, USDA NASS; Food Processing Status - Bureau of Labor Statistics, Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages

The **Ogallala Aquifer** underlies 174,000 square miles in parts of eight states. The Ogallala Aquifer within Nebraska contains approximately 65 percent of the water in storage in the entire aquifer. With the implementation of more efficient irrigation systems and other water management measures, the Ogallala Aquifer will remain a valuable resource in Nebraska.

Nebraska's Natural Resource Districts (NRDs) have responsibility for managing groundwater resources. 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.



Nebraska's Rank Among States

1st...

- Cattle on Feed, Jan. 2016
- Beans, Great Northern, 2015
- Commercial Cattle Slaughter, 2015
- Commercial Red Meat, 2015
- Beef and Veal, 2014
- Cash Receipts from Meat Animal, 2014
- Irrigated Acres of Cropland, 2012
- Popcorn, 2012

2nd...

- Cattle and Calves, All, Jan. 2016
- Beans, Light Red Kidney, 2015
- Beans, Pinto, 2015
- Millet, Proso, 2015
- Bison, Dec. 2012

3rd...

- Corn for Grain, 2015
- Cash Receipts from All Farm Commodities, 2014
- Corn, Exports, 2014

4th...

- Beans, Dry Edible, 2015
- Beef Cows, Jan. 2015
- Hay, Alfalfa, 2015
- Sorghum for Grain, 2015
- Soybeans, 2015
- Cash Receipts, All Crops, 2014
- Cash Receipts, All Livestock and Products, 2014
- Land in Farms and Ranches, 2014

5th...

- Hay, All 2015
- Agricultural Exports, 2014
- Soybeans, Exports, 2014

6th...

- Hogs and Pigs, All, Dec. 2015
- Principal Crops, Harvested Acres, 2015
- Sugar Beets, 2015

7th...

- Hog Slaughter, Commercial, 2015
- Sunflower, 2015

8th...

- Oats, 2015
- Winter Wheat, 2015

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

Fillmore County

2012 Statistics	Fillmore County	State of Nebraska
Number of Farms.....	472.....	49,969
Land in Farms (acres)	328,386.....	45,331,783
Average Size of Farms (acres).....	696.....	907
Market Value of Agricultural Products Sold	\$334,806,000.....	\$23,068,756,000
Market Value Per Farm.....	\$709,334.....	\$461,661
Total Acres Irrigated.....	210,981.....	8,296,573
Percent of Farmland Irrigated.....	64.2%.....	18.3%

Source: 2012 Census of Agriculture

Five-Year Average Production of Leading Crops (2011–2015)	Fillmore County	State of Nebraska
Corn for Grain (bushels)	35,742,000.....	1,547,390,000
Sorghum for Grain (bushels)	238,275*	11,611,000
Soybeans (bushels).....	6,637,800.....	263,424,000
Winter Wheat (bushels)	112,420.....	55,366,000

*Four-year average

Five-Year Average Livestock Population (2011–2015)	Fillmore County	State of Nebraska
All Cattle	35,100	6,340,000

Fillmore County ranked in the top ten counties in the state in the production of corn three years during the past five years and in the top eight counties for soybean production each of the last five years.

Source: National Agricultural Statistics Service

Raw Materials

Sand and gravel, non metallic minerals are available in commercial quantities. There are no known metallic minerals found in the Exeter area.

Other available products include white and yellow corn, soybeans, beef, swine, and alfalfa hay.

A large amount of white corn is grown in the Exeter and Fillmore County area. Some is cleaned and then sent to manufacturers in the southwest USA and made into tortilla chips.

Bovine trachea and swine intestine linings are made into intermediate products in nearby Geneva and then shipped to Spain for further refinement for the pharmaceutical, food supplement, and functional foods industry.



Climate

Nebraskans enjoy four distinct seasons... spring, summer, fall, and winter

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.

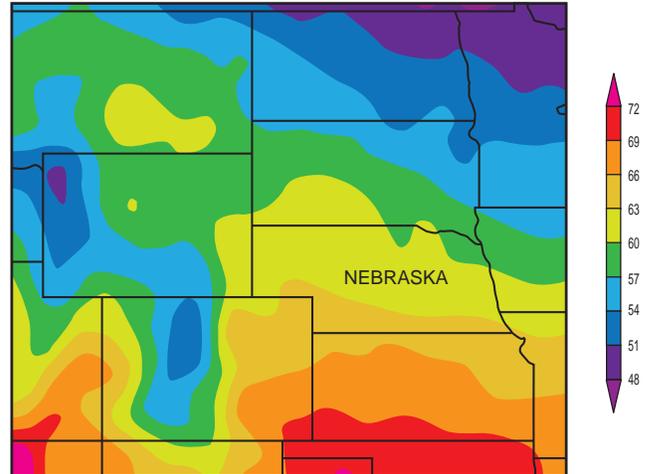
Precipitation

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.

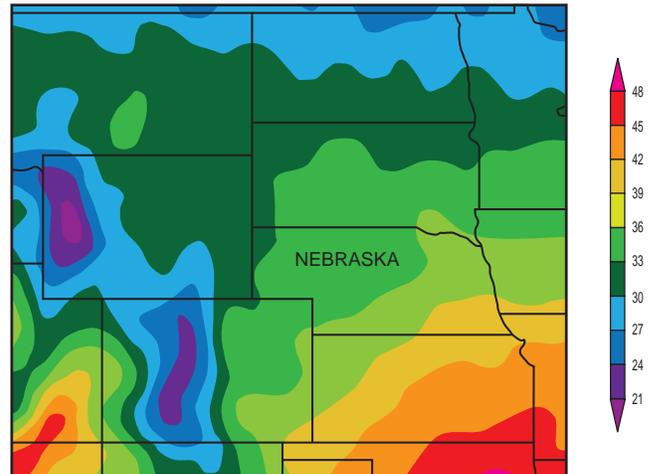
Growing Season

The growing season fluctuates in length, but on average it ranges from 120 days in the extreme northwest to 170 days in the southeast. The average date of the last freeze in spring varies from April 25 in extreme southeast Nebraska to May 21 in extreme northwest. The first fall freeze typically occurs from September 20 in the extreme northwest to October 6 in the southeast part of the state.

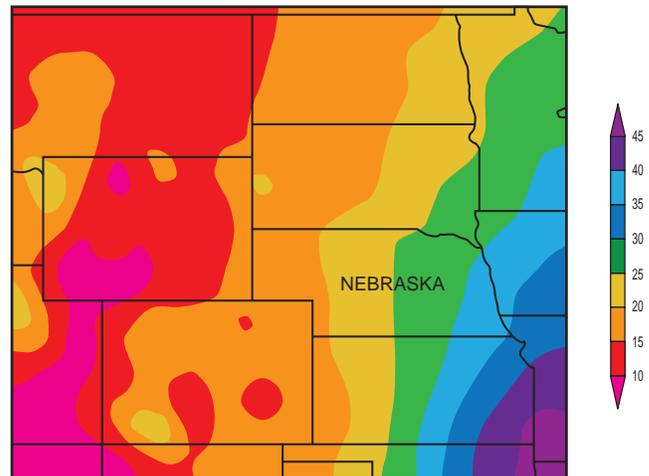
Annual Maximum Temperature (F)



Annual Minimum Temperature (F)



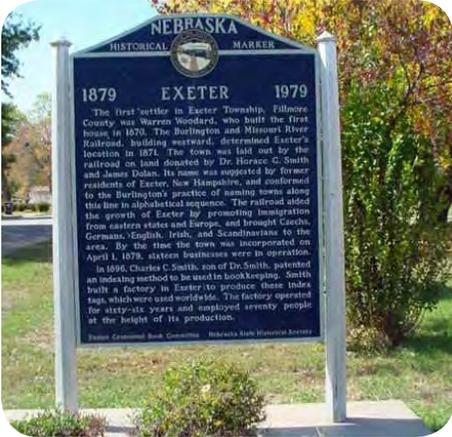
Annual Precipitation (inches)



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

Source: www.hprcc.unl.edu

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