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for Lancaster County

Residential Real Property - Current

Number of Sales	6523	Median	98.67
Total Sales Price	\$1,069,064,628	Mean	98.95
Total Adj. Sales Price	\$1,069,064,628	Wgt. Mean	98.77
Total Assessed Value	\$1,055,884,600	Average Assessed Value of the Base	\$144,451
Avg. Adj. Sales Price	\$163,892	Avg. Assessed Value	\$161,871

Confidence Interval - Current

95% Median C.I	98.54 to 98.80
95% Wgt. Mean C.I	98.62 to 98.91
95% Mean C.I	98.80 to 99.10
% of Value of the Class of all Real Property Value in the	67.08
$\tilde{\%}$ of Records Sold in the Study Period	7.26
% of Value Sold in the Study Period	8.14

Residential Real Property - History

Year	Number of Sales	LOV	Median
2011	7,389	95	95
2010	6,976	95	95
2009	8,339	94	94
2008	9,828	96	96

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for Lancaster County

Commercial Real Property - Current

Number of Sales	297	Median	98.26
Total Sales Price	\$149,643,299	Mean	98.23
Total Adj. Sales Price	\$149,643,299	Wgt. Mean	85.87
Total Assessed Value	\$128,501,800	Average Assessed Value of the Base	\$700,467
Avg. Adj. Sales Price	\$503,849	Avg. Assessed Value	\$432,666

Confidence Interval - Current

95% Median C.I	97.30 to 98.93
95% Wgt. Mean C.I	74.24 to 97.51
95% Mean C.I	95.63 to 100.83
% of Value of the Class of all Real Property Value in the County	25.93
% of Records Sold in the Study Period	4.15
% of Value Sold in the Study Period	2.56

Commercial Real Property - History

Year	Number of Sales	LOV	Median	
2011	317	94	94	
2010	351	92	92	
2009	326	92	92	
2008	413	96	96	

Opinions

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My opinions and recommendations are stated as a conclusion based on all of the factors known to me regarding the assessment practices and statistical analysis for this county. See, Neb. Rev. Stat. § 77-5027 (2011). While the median assessment sales ratio from the Qualified Statistical Reports for each class of real property is considered, my opinion of the level of value for a class of real property may be determined from other evidence contained within these Reports and Opinions of the Property Tax Administrator. My opinion of quality of assessment for a class of real property may be influenced by the assessment practices of the county assessor.

Class	Level of Value	Quality of Assessment	Non-binding recommendation		
Residential Real Property	99	Meets generally accepted mass appraisal practices.	No recommendation.		
Commercial Real Property	mmercial Real 98 Meets generally		No recommendation.		
Agricultural Land *NEI		Meets generally accepted mass appraisal practices.	No recommendation.		
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Special Valuation of Agricultural Land	75	Meets generally accepted mass appraisal practices.	No recommendation.		

**A level of value displayed as NEI (not enough information) represents a class of property with insufficient information to determine a level of value.

Dated this 9th day of April, 2012.



Ruth a. Sorensen

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Residential Reports

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	Assessors a	opraisal staff							
2.	In your op	inion, what are the valuation groupings recognized in the County							
	and describ	e the unique characteristics of each grouping:							
	<u>Valuation</u>	Description of unique characteristics							
	<u>Grouping</u>								
	01	Average-City of Lincoln intermediate valued dwellings							
	02	Hi-rise-Condominiums							
	03	High-High end dwellings approximately values of 350,000 and up							
	04	Rural- Acreages and Ag dwellings							
	05	Townhouses							
	06	Villages-Small towns							
	07	Low- low end properties in City of Lincoln							
3.	List and d	lescribe the approach(es) used to estimate the market value of							
	residential	properties.							
	Market com	parison approach to value is used by the county to establish the assessed							
	value for t	he residential properties, utilizing automated market modeling and							
	multiple reg	ression analysis.							
4	What is the costing year of the cost approach being used for each valuation								
	grouping?								
	2011								
5.	If the cost	t approach is used, does the County develop the depreciation							
	study(ies) b	based on local market information or does the county use the tables							
	provided by	y the CAMA vendor?							
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-	for assessme								
6.	Are individ	ual depreciation tables developed for each valuation grouping?							
	No, the Cou	nty does not rely on the cost approach in determining market value.							
/.	When were	the depreciation tables last updated for each valuation grouping?							
	2011								
8.	When was	the last lot value study completed for each valuation grouping?							
	Each year th	ne county conducts a lot value study							
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	The County	relies on the experience and opinion of the appraiser in making the							
	determinatio	on if a parcel is substantially changed, and if the change has altered the							
	market valu	e of the property by a substantial amount.							

55 Lancaster				PAD 2012	R&O Statisti	cs (Using 20	12 Values)				
RESIDENTIAL				Date Range:	Qua	lified /2011 Posted	on: 3/21/2012				
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RANGE	COUNT	MEDIAN	MEAN	WG1.MEAN	COD	PRD	MIN	MAX	95%_Median_C.I.	Sale Price	Assd. Val
Qrtrs											
01-JUL-09 To 30-SEP-09	1,165	97.70	97.81	97.92	04.28	99.89	68.93	129.83	97.39 to 97.91	154,758	151,535
01-OCT-09 To 31-DEC-09	898	97.89	98.16	98.19	04.59	99.97	70.63	128.22	97.53 to 98.35	158,256	155,398
01-JAN-10 To 31-MAR-10	571	98.76	99.13	99.15	04.05	99.98	78.95	131.00	98.38 to 99.08	171,227	169,777
01-APR-10 To 30-JUN-10	1,292	98.31	98.59	98.41	04.03	100.18	71.62	137.00	98.07 to 98.57	157,208	154,714
01-JUL-10 To 30-SEP-10	613	98.89	99.16	98.85	04.26	100.31	70.81	135.76	98.39 to 99.20	181,004	178,919
01-OCT-10 To 31-DEC-10	595	99.56	99.89	99.28	04.33	100.61	78.51	128.22	99.11 to 100.06	171,593	170,349
01-JAN-11 To 31-MAR-11	471	99.68	100.28	99.85	04.31	100.43	78.18	133.67	99.18 to 100.27	165,918	165,669
01-APR-11 To 30-JUN-11	918	99.52	100.15	99.57	04.42	100.58	69.75	176.47	99.19 to 99.79	168,380	167,648
Study Yrs											
01-JUL-09 To 30-JUN-10	3,926	98.12	98.34	98.34	04.25	100.00	68.93	137.00	97.94 to 98.26	158,760	156,118
01-JUL-10 To 30-JUN-11	2,597	99.37	99.88	99.37	04.35	100.51	69.75	176.47	99.19 to 99.56	171,650	170,568
Calendar Yrs											
01-JAN-10 To 31-DEC-10	3,071	98.71	99.06	98.82	04.16	100.24	70.81	137.00	98.55 to 98.87	167,352	165,376
ALL	6,523	98.67	98.95	98.77	04.33	100.18	68.93	176.47	98.54 to 98.80	163,892	161,871
VALUATION GROUPING										Avg. Adj.	Avg.
RANGE	COUNT	MEDIAN	MEAN	WGT.MEAN	COD	PRD	MIN	MAX	95% Median C.I.	Sale Price	Assd. Val
01	3.460	98.84	99.20	98.94	03.75	100.26	79.83	176.47	98.70 to 98.99	158.456	156.771
02	166	97.87	98.28	98.13	05.70	100.15	76.36	137.00	96.34 to 98.87	92.638	90.907
03	439	100.00	100.03	99.67	04.00	100.36	84.55	131.00	99.38 to 100.63	341.227	340.114
0.4	243	99.26	99.36	98 87	04 47	100 50	81 55	124 83	98 53 to 99 96	249 931	247 112
05	1.083	98.29	98.21	98.06	03.61	100.15	81.10	129.83	98.09 to 98.52	147,969	145.092
06	294	98.00	98.53	98.18	04 42	100.36	80.98	125 79	97 53 to 98 59	147 221	144 541
07	838	97.56	98.51	97.83	07.28	100.70	68.93	145.95	97.00 to 98.13	109,026	106,655
ALL	6,523	98.67	98.95	98.77	04.33	100.18	68.93	176.47	98.54 to 98.80	163,892	161,871
PROPERTY TYPE *											<u></u>
RANGE	COUNT				COD	PDN	MIN	MAY	95% Median Cl	Avy. Auj. Sala Drico	Avy.
01	6 500				04.22			176 47			101 074
0.5	0,525	90.07	90.90	90.77	04.33	100.16	00.93	1/0.4/	90.04 10 90.80	103,892	101,871
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ALI	6 523	98 67	98 95	98 77	04.33	100 18	68 93	176 47	98 54 to 98 80	163 892	161 871
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55 Lancaster					PAD 2012	2 R&O Statisti Qua	i cs (Using 201 Ilified	2 Values)				
RESIDENTIAL					Date Range:	7/1/2009 To 6/30	/2011 Posted of	on: 3/21/2012				
Numbe	r of Sales: 6,52	3	MED	DIAN: 99			COV: 06.29			95% Median C.I.: 98.5	4 to 98.80	
Total Sa	ales Price: 1,06	9,064,628	WGT. M	EAN: 99			STD: 06.22		95	% Wgt. Mean C.I.: 98.6	2 to 98.91	
Total Adj. Sa	ales Price: 1,06	9,064,628	М	EAN: 99		Avg. Abs.	Dev: 04.27			95% Mean C.I.: 98.8	0 to 99.10	
Total Assess	sed Value: 1,05	5,884,600				-						
Avg. Adj. Sa	ales Price : 163,	892	(COD: 04.33		MAX Sales I	Ratio : 176.47					
Avg. Asses	sed Value : 161,	871	F	PRD: 100.18		MIN Sales F	Ratio : 68.93			Pri	nted:3/29/2012	3:22:33PM
SALE PRICE *											Ava. Adi.	Ava.
RANGE		COUNT	MEDIAN	MEAN	WGT.MEAN	COD	PRD	MIN	MAX	95%_Median_C.I.	Sale Price	Assd. Val
Low \$ Range	s											
Less Than	5,000											
Less Than	15,000											
Less Than	30,000	8	101.10	103.23	103.10	08.68	100.13	88.73	126.15	88.73 to 126.15	26,188	27,000
Ranges Excl. Lov	w \$											
Greater Than	4,999	6,523	98.67	98.95	98.77	04.33	100.18	68.93	176.47	98.54 to 98.80	163,892	161,871
Greater Than	14,999	6,523	98.67	98.95	98.77	04.33	100.18	68.93	176.47	98.54 to 98.80	163,892	161,871
Greater Than	29,999	6,515	98.67	98.95	98.77	04.32	100.18	68.93	176.47	98.54 to 98.79	164,061	162,037
_Incremental Rang	ges											
0 ТО	4,999											
5,000 TO	14,999											
15,000 TO	29,999	8	101.10	103.23	103.10	08.68	100.13	88.73	126.15	88.73 to 126.15	26,188	27,000
30,000 TO	59,999	110	100.00	102.76	102.57	09.24	100.19	70.00	145.95	98.00 to 102.16	49,395	50,664
60,000 TO	99,999	901	98.89	100.03	99.86	06.81	100.17	68.93	176.47	98.25 to 99.33	84,328	84,209
100,000 TO	149,999	2,666	98.54	98.69	98.68	04.02	100.01	71.62	137.00	98.29 to 98.71	124,978	123,332
150,000 TO	249,999	2,023	98.73	98.76	98.74	03.55	100.02	76.36	128.22	98.51 to 98.93	187,253	184,900
250,000 TO	499,999	763	98.79	98.59	98.60	03.71	99.99	81.55	119.40	98.47 to 99.18	318,338	313,885
500,000 TO	999,999	51	97.84	98.10	97.97	04.76	100.13	85.21	115.52	95.79 to 100.45	615,340	602,839
1,000,000 +		1	96.96	96.96	96.96	00.00	100.00	96.96	96.96	N/A	1,165,000	1,129,600
ALL		6,523	98.67	98.95	98.77	04.33	100.18	68.93	176.47	98.54 to 98.80	163,892	161,871

A. Residential Real Property

Lancaster County is located in southeast Nebraska. The county seat of Lincoln is home for both County and State government as well as the main campus of the University of Nebraska. Lancaster County has seen a gradual increase in population and boasts of one of the lowest unemployment rates in the country. The county has maintained a pattern of growth in the residential class of property.

The residential sales file consists of 6,523 qualified sales. This sample of sales is considered adequate and reliable for the residential class of property. All three measures of central tendency are within the acceptable range at 99 percent. Both of the qualitative measurements namely the COD and PRD are also within the recommended range. All of the valuation groupings fall within the acceptable range and the qualitative statistics for each group are also within the recommended range.

The county maintains a consistent procedure for sales verification, by verifying sales within a month of filing. The appraisal staff indicates the usability of the sale as well as reviewing present use of the property. The County utilizes an acceptable portion of available sales and there is no evidence of excessive trimming in the file.

The county revalued the residential class of property for the 2012 assessment year. The County annually conducts various analyses for the class on an annual basis. Even with ongoing budget constraints the County has continued an aggressive valuation process. The County is progressive in the use of technology to increase efficiency for the office practices. The County maintains a web site for parcel searches as well as transfers of properties.

The sample size and qualitative statistics, demonstrate that the statistics can be relied on as a representative sample of the residential class of property. The known assessment practices are reliable and consistent and demonstrate that the residential class is treated uniformly and proportionately.

Based on the consideration of all available information, the level of value is determined to be 99% of market value for the residential class of property, and all subclasses are determined to be valued within the acceptable range.

B. Analysis of Sales Verification

Neb. Rev. Stat. § 77-1327(2) (2011) provides that all sales are deemed to be arms length transactions unless determined to be otherwise under professionally accepted mass appraisal techniques. The county assessor is responsible for the qualification of the sales included in the state sales file.

The Standard on Ratio Studies, International Association of Assessing Officials (2010), indicates that excessive trimming (the arbitrary exclusion or adjustment of arms length transactions) may indicate an attempt to inappropriately exclude arms length transactions to create the appearance of a higher level of value and quality of assessment. The sales file, in a case of excess trimming, will fail to properly represent the level of value and quality of assessment of the population of real property.

The Nebraska Department of Revenue, Property Assessment Division (Division) frequently reviews the procedures used by the county assessor to qualify sales to ensure bias does not exist in judgments made. Arms length transactions should only be excluded when they compromise the reliability of the resulting statistics. In cases where a county assessor has disqualified sales without substantiation, the Division may include such sales in the ratio study.

C. Measures of Central Tendency

There are three measures of central tendency calculated by the Division: median ratio, weighted mean ratio, and mean ratio. Since each measure of central tendency has strengths and weaknesses, the use of any statistic for equalization should be reconciled with the other two, as in an appraisal, based on the appropriateness of the use of the statistic for a defined purpose, the quantity of the information from which it was drawn, and the reliability of the data that was used in its calculation. An examination of the three measures can serve to illustrate important trends in the data if the measures do not closely correlate to each other.

The International Association of Assessing Officers (IAAO) considers the median ratio the most appropriate statistical measure for use in determining level of value for direct equalization; the process of adjusting the values of classes or subclasses of property in response to the determination of level of value at a point above or below a particular range. Since the median ratio is considered neutral in relationship to either assessed value or selling price, its use in adjusting the class or subclass of properties will not change the relationships between assessed value and level of value already present within the class or subclass of properties, thus rendering an adjustment neutral in its impact on the relative tax burden to an individual property. Additionally, the median ratio is less influenced by the presence of extreme ratios, commonly called outliers. One outlier in a small sample size of sales can have controlling influence over the other measures of central tendency. The median ratio limits the distortion potential of an outlier.

The weighted mean ratio is viewed by the IAAO as the most appropriate statistical measure for indirect equalization. The weighted mean, because it is a value weighted ratio, best reflects a comparison of the assessed and market value of property in the political subdivision. If the distribution of aid to political subdivisions must relate to the market value available for assessment in the political subdivision, the measurement of central tendency used to analyze level of value should reflect the dollars of value available to be assessed. The weighted mean ratio does that more than either of the other measures of central tendency.

If the weighted mean ratio, because of its dollar-weighting feature, is significantly different from the median ratio, it may be an indication of other problems with assessment proportionality. When this occurs, an evaluation of the county's assessment practices and procedures is appropriate to discover remedies to the situation.

The mean ratio is used as a basis for other statistical calculations, such as the price related differential and coefficient of variation. However, the mean ratio has limited application in the analysis of level of value because it assumes a normal distribution of the data set around the mean ratio with each ratio having the same impact on the calculation regardless of the assessed value or the selling price.

2012 Correlation Section for Lancaster County

D. Analysis of Quality of Assessment

In analyzing the statistical data of assessment quality, there are two measures upon which assessment officials will primarily rely: the Coefficient of Dispersion (COD), and the Price Related Differential (PRD). Whether such statistics can be relied upon as meaningful for the population depends on whether the sample is representative.

The COD is commonly referred to as the index of assessment inequality. It is used to measure how closely the individual ratios are clustered around the median ratio and suggests the degree of uniformity or inaccuracy resulting in the assessments. The COD is computed by dividing the average deviation by the median ratio. For example, a COD of 20 means half of the ratios are 20 percent above or below the median. The closer the ratios are grouped around the median, the more equitable the assessment of property tends to be. Conversely, if the dispersion is quite large, there is a large spread in the ratios typically indicating a large spread around the median in the assessment of property, which results in an inequity in assessment and taxes. There is no range of acceptability stated in the Nebraska statutes for the COD measure. The IAAO recommended ratio study performance standards are as follows:

Single-family residences: a COD of 15 percent or less.

For newer and fairly homogeneous areas: a COD of 10 or less.

Income-producing property: a COD of 20 or less, or in larger urban jurisdictions, 15 or less. Vacant land and other unimproved property, such as agricultural land: a COD of 20 or less. Rural residential and seasonal properties: a COD of 20 or less.

Mass Appraisal of Real Property, International Association of Assessing Officers, (1999), p. 246.

In unusually homogeneous types of property low CODs can be anticipated; however, in all other cases CODs less than 5 percent may be indicative of non-representative samples or the selective reappraisal of sold parcels.

The PRD, also known as the index of regression, is a measurement of the relationship between the ratios of high-value and low-value properties to determine if the value of property has any influence on the assessment ratio. It is calculated by dividing the arithmetic mean ratio by the weighted mean ratio. The PRD provides an indicator of the degree to which high-value properties are over-assessed or under-assessed in relation to low-value properties. A PRD of 100 indicates there is no bias in the assessment of high-value properties in comparison to low-value properties. A PRD greater than 100 indicates the assessments are regressive, which means low-value properties tend to have a higher assessment ratio than high-value properties. The result is the owner of a low-value property pays a greater amount of tax in relation to value than the owner of a high-value property. Conversely, a PRD less than 100 indicates that high-value properties are over assessed in relation to low-value properties.

There is no range of acceptability stated in the Nebraska statutes for the PRD measure. The Standard on Ratio Studies, adopted by the International Association of Assessing Officers, January, 2010, recommends that the PRD should lie between 98 and 103. This range is

centered slightly above 100 to allow for a slightly upward measurement bias inherent in the PRD.

The PRD is calculated based on the selling price/assessed value in the sales file. This measure can be misleading if the dollar value of the records in the sales file is not proportionate to the dollar value of records in the population.

Mass Appraisal of Real Property, International Association of Assessing Officers, (1999), p. 239.

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2012 Commercial Assessment Actions for Lancaster County

The County completed a complete reappraisal for the commercial class of property for 2012. This reappraisal consisted of the remodeling of all properties utilizing the three approaches to value. It included an on-site property inspection of all sales and pickup work, and a general site review of more than one sixth of the data base as well as a complete drive by review of all parcels in the county to set final values. The County continuously verified sales, within the month that they were filed.

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	The assessors	s appraisal staff
2.	In your opin	nion, what are the valuation groupings recognized in the County
	and describe	e the unique characteristics of each grouping:
	<u>Valuation</u>	Description of unique characteristics The County uses Primary use as
	<u>Grouping</u>	a valuation group. This is not a characteristic that is captured in the
		sales file.
	01	Lancaster County is considered as one valuation group.
3.	List and de	escribe the approach(es) used to estimate the market value of
	commercial	properties.
	Lancaster Co	bunty uses the cost and income approaches for the valuation of all
20	Describe the	process used to volve unique commercial properties
<u> </u>	Describe the	process used to value unique commercial properties.
	The county r	eries on appraisers in their office that have the experience to value the
1	What is the	ageting year of the cost approach being used for each valuation
4.	what is the	costing year of the cost approach being used for each valuation
	2011	
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5.	study(ies) ha	approach is used, does the county develop the depreciation ased on local market information or does the county use the tables
	provided by	the CAMA vendor?
	The county d	evelops a depreciation model during each reappraisal cycle.
6.	Are individu	al depreciation tables developed for each valuation grouping?
	N/A	
7.	When were t	the depreciation tables last updated for each valuation grouping?
	2011	
8.	When was th	he last lot value study completed for each valuation grouping?
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	The County	relies on the experience and opinion of the appraiser. If a change
	affects the m	arket value of the property they would mark the parcel as substantially
	changed.	

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55 Lancaster		PAD 2012 R&O Statistics (Using 2012 Values)									
COMMERCIAL				Date Range:	7/1/2008 To 6/30/2	2011 Posted	d on: 3/21/2012				
Number of Sales : 297		MED	DIAN: 98		C	OV : 23.24			95% Median C.I. :	97.30 to 98.93	
Total Sales Price: 149,64	3,299	WGT. M	EAN: 86		S	TD: 22.83		95	% Wgt. Mean C.I. :	74.24 to 97.51	
Total Adj. Sales Price: 149,64	3,299	М	EAN: 98		Avg. Abs. D	Dev: 12.33			95% Mean C.I. :	95.63 to 100.83	
Total Assessed Value: 128,50	1,800										
Avg. Adj. Sales Price : 503,84	9	(COD: 12.55		MAX Sales Ra	atio : 300.37				Driveto d. 2/20/2042	2.22.24014
Avg. Assessed Value : 432,66	6		PRD: 114.39		MIN Sales Ra	atio : 06.03				Printed:3/29/2012	3:22:34PM
DATE OF SALE *										Avg. Adj.	Avg.
RANGE	COUNT	MEDIAN	MEAN	WGT.MEAN	COD	PRD	MIN	MAX	95%_Median_C.I	. Sale Price	Assd. Val
Qrtrs											
01-JUL-08 To 30-SEP-08	30	97.73	97.42	95.33	08.70	102.19	62.65	136.93	92.51 to 98.93	327,732	312,440
01-OCT-08 To 31-DEC-08	17	93.89	91.85	85.71	08.66	107.16	67.51	118.13	86.04 to 99.23	443,812	380,412
01-JAN-09 To 31-MAR-09	27	95.83	94.28	81.46	10.30	115.74	60.56	114.85	90.63 to 101.86	377,570	307,581
01-APR-09 To 30-JUN-09	25	95.93	98.87	94.20	13.10	104.96	73.75	155.96	91.14 to 105.97	476,748	449,104
01-JUL-09 To 30-SEP-09	31	97.48	95.23	93.08	11.62	102.31	48.40	150.21	89.00 to 100.64	553,125	514,858
01-OCT-09 To 31-DEC-09	22	101.82	96.01	88.41	09.60	108.60	18.74	111.62	95.76 to 105.71	352,696	311,805
01-JAN-10 To 31-MAR-10	11	97.34	102.38	100.85	17.00	101.52	62.18	198.91	85.81 to 107.90	226,192	228,109
01-APR-10 To 30-JUN-10	34	97.90	97.99	97.82	09.87	100.17	50.18	131.35	93.19 to 103.11	500,934	490,026
01-JUL-10 To 30-SEP-10	20	102.34	101.37	87.61	12.66	115.71	23.82	157.37	97.38 to 108.70	423,041	370,625
01-0CT-10 To 31-DEC-10	24	98.87	96.34	95.87	07.95	100.49	61.99	117.98	91.00 to 103.62	658,681	631,450
UI-JAN-II TO 3I-MAR-II	21	97.55	97.21	96.88	11.70	100.34	17.07	145.44	94.48 to 101.13	486,933	4/1,/5/
Study Yro	35	101.25	107.72	59.76	23.31	100.25	06.03	300.37	97.30 10 107.00	092,300	555,277
Sludy HS	99	05.83	95.97	89 57	10 30	107 15	60 56	155.96	03 18 to 08 26	308 887	357 208
01 - 101 - 09 = 0 30 - 100 - 10	99	93.05	97.16	94.52	11.37	107.10	18 74	108.00	95.76 to 100.35	453 327	428 473
01 - 101 = 10 To $30 - 100 = 10$	100	100.03	101 51	77.80	15.42	130.48	06.03	300.37	97.57 to 102.48	657 274	511 389
Calendar Yrs	100	100.00	101.01	11.00	10.42	100.40	00.00	000.07	01.01 10 102.40	001,214	011,000
01-JAN-09 To 31-DEC-09	105	97.92	96.01	90.07	11.39	106.59	18.74	155.96	95.34 to 99.82	447.803	403.358
01-JAN-10 To 31-DEC-10	89	98.91	98.85	95.31	11.15	103.71	23.82	198.91	96.70 to 101.26	492,012	468,960
ALL	297	98.26	98.23	85.87	12.55	114.39	06.03	300.37	97.30 to 98.93	503,849	432,666
PANCE	COUNT				000	חחח	MINI	MAX	05% Madian Cl	Avg. Adj.	Avg.
	COUNT	MEDIAN	MEAN	WGT.MEAN	COD 40.55	PRD			95%_Median_C.I	. Sale Price	Asso. Vai
10		98.26	98.23	85.87	12.55	114.39	06.03	300.37	97.30 to 98.93	503,849	432,666
ALL	297	98.26	98.23	85.87	12.55	114.39	06.03	300.37	97.30 to 98.93	503,849	432,666
PROPERTY TYPE *										Avg. Adj.	Avg.
RANGE	COUNT	MEDIAN	MEAN	WGT.MEAN	COD	PRD	MIN	MAX	95%_Median_C.I	. Sale Price	Assd. Val
02											
03	297	98.26	98.23	85.87	12.55	114.39	06.03	300.37	97.30 to 98.93	503,849	432,666
04											
ALL	297	98.26	98.23	85.87	12.55	114.39	06.03	300.37	97.30 to 98.93	503,849	432,666

55 Lancaster	T				PAD 2012	2 R&O Statisti Qua	i cs (Using 20 1 Ilified	12 Values)				
COMMERCIA	L				Date Range:	7/1/2008 To 6/30	/2011 Posted	on: 3/21/2012				
Numbe	er of Sales : 297	7	MED	DIAN: 98			COV : 23.24			95% Median C.I.: 9	97.30 to 98.93	
Total S	ales Price: 149	9,643,299	WGT. M	EAN: 86			STD : 22.83		95	% Wat. Mean C.I. : 7	74.24 to 97.51	
Total Adi. S	ales Price: 149	9.643.299	М	EAN: 98		Avg. Abs.	Dev: 12.33			95% Mean C.I. : 9	95.63 to 100.83	
Total Assessed Value: 128,501,800 Avg. Adj. Sales Price: 503,849						0						
			C	COD: 12.55	2.55 MAX Sales Ratio : 300.37							
Avg. Asses	sed Value: 432	2,666	F	PRD: 114.39		MIN Sales F	Ratio : 06.03				Printed:3/29/2012	3:22:34PM
SALE PRICE *											Ava, Adi,	Ava.
RANGE		COUNT	MEDIAN	MEAN	WGT.MEAN	COD	PRD	MIN	MAX	95%_Median_C.I.	. Sale Price	Assd. Val
Low \$ Range	es											
Less Than	5,000											
Less Than	15,000	2	99.00	99.00	99.00	07.07	100.00	92.00	106.00	N/A	10,000	9,900
Less Than	30,000	6	99.05	99.12	98.10	21.49	101.04	48.40	150.21	48.40 to 150.21	19,333	18,967
Ranges Excl. Lo	w \$											
Greater Than	n 4 , 999	297	98.26	98.23	85.87	12.55	114.39	06.03	300.37	97.30 to 98.93	503,849	432,666
Greater Than	n 14,999	295	98.26	98.23	85.87	12.59	114.39	06.03	300.37	97.30 to 98.93	507,198	435,532
Greater Than	n 29,999	291	98.26	98.21	85.86	12.37	114.38	06.03	300.37	97.30 to 98.93	513,840	441,196
Incremental Ran	ges											
0 ТО	4,999											
5,000 TO	14,999	2	99.00	99.00	99.00	07.07	100.00	92.00	106.00	N/A	10,000	9,900
15,000 TO	29,999	4	99.05	99.18	97.92	28.70	101.29	48.40	150.21	N/A	24,000	23,500
30,000 TO	59 , 999	4	97.22	99.27	102.21	14.89	97.12	76.00	126.63	N/A	45,300	46,300
60,000 TO	99,999	15	98.93	111.50	111.59	18.82	99.92	79.24	173.03	97.38 to 123.67	80,467	89,793
100,000 TO	149,999	42	97.72	97.35	97.46	05.09	99.89	80.48	114.85	94.91 to 99.23	123,123	119,990
150,000 TO	249,999	86	98.33	97.69	97.24	09.11	100.46	62.18	198.91	96.11 to 100.35	192,758	187,429
250,000 TO	499,999	71	100.17	103.59	103.52	13.43	100.07	45.75	300.37	95.68 to 103.47	336,968	348,830
500,000 TO	999,999	38	97.58	95.94	95.89	14.39	100.05	17.07	155.96	92.51 to 101.98	702,000	673,179
1,000,000 +		35	90.37	86.27	73.03	21.15	118.13	06.03	162.00	81.36 to 98.89	2,165,429	1,581,420
ALL		297	98.26	98.23	85.87	12.55	114.39	06.03	300.37	97.30 to 98.93	503,849	432,666

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55	Lancaster				PAD 2012	2 R&O Statisti	cs (Using 20	12 Values)				
CO	OMMERCIAL				Data Banga	Qua	lified	l on: 2/21/2012				
					Date Range:	//1/2008 10 6/30	2011 Posted	1 ON: 3/21/2012				
	Number of Sales : 297		MED	DIAN: 98		(COV : 23.24			95% Median C.I. : 9	97.30 to 98.93	
	Total Sales Price : 149,643,29	9	WGT. M	EAN: 86			STD: 22.83		95	% Wgt. Mean C.I.: 7	74.24 to 97.51	
	Total Adj. Sales Price : 149,643,29	9	М	EAN: 98		Avg. Abs.	Dev: 12.33			95% Mean C.I.: 9	95.63 to 100.83	
	Iotal Assessed Value : 128,501,80	0		20D + 42 FF			Datia : 200.27					
	Avg. Adj. Sales Price : 503,849			JUD : 12.55		MAX Sales F					Printed:3/20/2012	3.22.31PM
	Avg. Assessed value : 432,000		ľ	PRD : 114.39		Min Sales F	Ratio : 06.03				1 1111111111111111111111111111111111111	5.22.5 4 1 W
000	CUPANCY CODE										Avg. Adj.	Avg.
RAN	IGE	COUNT	MEDIAN	MEAN	WGT.MEAN	COD	PRD	MIN	MAX	95%_Median_C.I.	Sale Price	Assd. Val
157		8	95.01	88.79	68.44	17.68	129.73	23.82	119.37	23.82 to 119.37	367,909	251,813
300		2	100.93	100.93	101.56	01.68	99.38	99.23	102.63	N/A	186,000	188,900
304		1	107.06	107.06	107.06	00.00	100.00	107.06	107.06	N/A	650,000	695,900
309		3	115.15	172.73	144.60	57.23	119.45	102.67	300.37	N/A	530,000	766,400
326		1	94.07	94.07	94.07	00.00	100.00	94.07	94.07	N/A	135,000	127,000
336		1	99.21	99.21	99.21	00.00	100.00	99.21	99.21	N/A	190,000	188,500
341		3	100.18	110.86	118.83	30.48	93.29	70.40	162.00	N/A	1,037,879	1,233,333
343		1	73.53	73.53	73.53	00.00	100.00	73.53	73.53	N/A	1,700,000	1,250,000
344		34	99.36	98.68	71.22	13.27	138.56	06.03	150.21	93.15 to 105.71	829,456	590,703
349		8	101.85	111.36	107.59	24.59	103.50	62.33	198.91	62.33 to 198.91	412,202	443,488
350		3	90.17	85.33	81.98	11.39	104.09	67.51	98.31	N/A	1,200,000	983,700
351		2	96.84	96.84	95.78	01.84	101.11	95.06	98.62	N/A	160,000	153,250
352		93	99.57	100.30	83.87	08.27	119.59	46.80	153.29	98.46 to 102.08	374,462	314,056
353		11	98.92	101.23	99.72	13.86	101.51	77.71	155.96	81.48 to 122.79	713,000	711,018
356		1	70.77	70.77	70.77	00.00	100.00	70.77	70.77	N/A	175,500	124,200
381		1	93.21	93.21	93.21	00.00	100.00	93.21	93.21	N/A	577,500	538,300
386		1	95.28	95.28	95.28	00.00	100.00	95.28	95.28	N/A	1,187,500	1,131,500
387		1	157.37	157.37	157.37	00.00	100.00	157.37	157.37	N/A	415,000	653,100
391		12	92.42	102.79	103.92	22.20	98.91	48.40	173.03	90.63 to 123.67	207,567	215,708
406		9	96.44	93.07	86.90	06.52	107.10	81.08	102.96	81.36 to 101.10	544,213	472,922
412		2	92.91	92.91	95.03	03.10	97.77	90.03	95.78	N/A	1,177,500	1,119,000
423		1	100.87	100.87	100.87	00.00	100.00	100.87	100.87	N/A	310,000	312,700
426		3	96.70	96.92	96.47	00.62	100.47	96.12	97.93	N/A	367,000	354,033
436		1	117.74	117.74	117.74	00.00	100.00	117.74	117.74	N/A	350,000	412,100
442		3	83.88	86.71	85.04	06.07	101.96	80.48	95.76	N/A	881,667	749,800
453		11	95.78	88.53	70.45	14.16	125.66	17.07	110.16	67.22 to 106.04	370,546	261,055
455		1	98.93	98.93	98.93	00.00	100.00	98.93	98.93	N/A	1,900,000	1,879,600
483		3	111.23	108.08	107.06	03.42	100.95	100.80	112.21	N/A	608,333	651,267
494		4	101.80	107.38	105.84	08.77	101.46	97.67	128.27	N/A	859,038	909,175
496		1	60.56	60.56	60.56	00.00	100.00	60.56	60.56	N/A	4,250,000	2,573,600
528		2	91.46	91.46	90.53	02.33	101.03	89.33	93.58	N/A	94,000	85,100
529		1	84.67	84.67	84.67	00.00	100.00	84.67	84.67	N/A	330,000	279,400
531		5	85.37	93.02	79.88	28.14	116.45	50.18	136.93	N/A	987,000	788,420
534		35	97.73	94.29	93.56	09.18	100.78	45.75	126.63	92.68 to 101.13	299,221	279,937
554		26	96.06	91.53	88.50	10.87	103.42	18.74	110.35	91.14 to 100.13	381,123	337,312
582		1	76.00	76.00	76.00	00.00	100.00	76.00	76.00	N/A	35,000	26,600
588		1	82.11	82.11	82.11	00.00	100.00	82.11	82.11	N/A	3,000,000	2,463,400

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55 Lancaster COMMERCIAL		PAD 2012 R&O Statistics (Using 2012 Values) Qualified Date Range: 7/1/2008 To 6/30/2011 Posted on: 3/21/2012									
Number of Sales :	297	MEDIAN :	98		COV	: 23.24			95% Median C.I. :	97.30 to 98.93	
Total Sales Price :	149,643,299	WGT. MEAN :	86		STD	: 22.83		959	% Wgt. Mean C.I. :	74.24 to 97.51	
Total Adj. Sales Price : Total Assessed Value :	149,643,299 128,501,800	MEAN :	98		Avg. Abs. Dev	: 12.33			95% Mean C.I. :	95.63 to 100.83	
Avg. Adj. Sales Price :	503,849	COD :	12.55		MAX Sales Ratio	: 300.37					
Avg. Assessed Value :	432,666	PRD :	114.39		MIN Sales Ratio	: 06.03				Printed:3/29/2012	3:22:34PM
ALL	297	98.26	98.23	85.87	12.55	114.39	06.03	300.37	97.30 to 98.93	503,849	432,666

Commercial Correlation

A. Commercial Real Property

Lancaster County is located in southeast Nebraska. The county seat of Lincoln is home for both County and State government as well as the main campus of the University of Nebraska. The County has seen an increase in population of over 35,000 since 2000. The economic trend is stable in the area and the county boasts relatively low unemployment.

The 2012 Lancaster County commercial statistical profile reveals a total of 297 qualified sales to be used as a sample for the three-year study period. The calculated median is 98. The profile indicates that two of the three measures of central tendency are within the acceptable range, with only the weighted mean being outside the range. The qualitative statistics reveal that the PRD is above the recommended range with the COD being within the range.

The valuation for commercial properties in Lancaster County is based on the primary or present use of the parcel. In analyzing the sales by occupancy all with adequate representation are within the acceptable range. The entirety of the county is considered as one valuation group in the commercial class of property. A complete reappraisal for the commercial class of property was conducted for the 2012 assessment year. The reappraisal consisted of the remodeling of all properties utilizing the three approaches to value. On-site inspections of all sales and pickup work along with a general site review of more than one sixth of the data base, as well as a drive by review of parcels.

Lancaster County has a consistent procedure for sales verification. The county verifies sales within a month of filing. The appraisal staff indicates the usability of the sale as well as reviewing present use of the property.

The sales file has been determined to be representative of the commercial class of property. It is believed that the assessment practices of the County produce an overall uniform and proportionate treatment of the commercial property.

Based on the consideration of all available information, the level of value is determined to be 98% of market value for the commercial class of property, and all subclasses are determined to be valued within the acceptable range.

B. Analysis of Sales Verification

Neb. Rev. Stat. § 77-1327(2) (2011) provides that all sales are deemed to be arms length transactions unless determined to be otherwise under professionally accepted mass appraisal techniques. The county assessor is responsible for the qualification of the sales included in the state sales file.

The Standard on Ratio Studies, International Association of Assessing Officials (2010), indicates that excessive trimming (the arbitrary exclusion or adjustment of arms length transactions) may indicate an attempt to inappropriately exclude arms length transactions to create the appearance of a higher level of value and quality of assessment. The sales file, in a case of excess trimming, will fail to properly represent the level of value and quality of assessment of the population of real property.

The Nebraska Department of Revenue, Property Assessment Division (Division) frequently reviews the procedures used by the county assessor to qualify sales to ensure bias does not exist in judgments made. Arms length transactions should only be excluded when they compromise the reliability of the resulting statistics. In cases where a county assessor has disqualified sales without substantiation, the Division may include such sales in the ratio study.

C. Measures of Central Tendency

There are three measures of central tendency calculated by the Division: median ratio, weighted mean ratio, and mean ratio. Since each measure of central tendency has strengths and weaknesses, the use of any statistic for equalization should be reconciled with the other two, as in an appraisal, based on the appropriateness of the use of the statistic for a defined purpose, the quantity of the information from which it was drawn, and the reliability of the data that was used in its calculation. An examination of the three measures can serve to illustrate important trends in the data if the measures do not closely correlate to each other.

The International Association of Assessing Officers (IAAO) considers the median ratio the most appropriate statistical measure for use in determining level of value for direct equalization; the process of adjusting the values of classes or subclasses of property in response to the determination of level of value at a point above or below a particular range. Since the median ratio is considered neutral in relationship to either assessed value or selling price, its use in adjusting the class or subclass of properties will not change the relationships between assessed value and level of value already present within the class or subclass of properties, thus rendering an adjustment neutral in its impact on the relative tax burden to an individual property. Additionally, the median ratio is less influenced by the presence of extreme ratios, commonly called outliers. One outlier in a small sample size of sales can have controlling influence over the other measures of central tendency. The median ratio limits the distortion potential of an outlier.

The weighted mean ratio is viewed by the IAAO as the most appropriate statistical measure for indirect equalization. The weighted mean, because it is a value weighted ratio, best reflects a comparison of the assessed and market value of property in the political subdivision. If the distribution of aid to political subdivisions must relate to the market value available for assessment in the political subdivision, the measurement of central tendency used to analyze level of value should reflect the dollars of value available to be assessed. The weighted mean ratio does that more than either of the other measures of central tendency.

If the weighted mean ratio, because of its dollar-weighting feature, is significantly different from the median ratio, it may be an indication of other problems with assessment proportionality. When this occurs, an evaluation of the county's assessment practices and procedures is appropriate to discover remedies to the situation.

The mean ratio is used as a basis for other statistical calculations, such as the price related differential and coefficient of variation. However, the mean ratio has limited application in the analysis of level of value because it assumes a normal distribution of the data set around the mean ratio with each ratio having the same impact on the calculation regardless of the assessed value or the selling price.

2012 Correlation Section for Lancaster County

D. Analysis of Quality of Assessment

In analyzing the statistical data of assessment quality, there are two measures upon which assessment officials will primarily rely: the Coefficient of Dispersion (COD), and the Price Related Differential (PRD). Whether such statistics can be relied upon as meaningful for the population depends on whether the sample is representative.

The COD is commonly referred to as the index of assessment inequality. It is used to measure how closely the individual ratios are clustered around the median ratio and suggests the degree of uniformity or inaccuracy resulting in the assessments. The COD is computed by dividing the average deviation by the median ratio. For example, a COD of 20 means half of the ratios are 20 percent above or below the median. The closer the ratios are grouped around the median, the more equitable the assessment of property tends to be. Conversely, if the dispersion is quite large, there is a large spread in the ratios typically indicating a large spread around the median in the assessment of property, which results in an inequity in assessment and taxes. There is no range of acceptability stated in the Nebraska statutes for the COD measure. The IAAO recommended ratio study performance standards are as follows:

Single-family residences: a COD of 15 percent or less.

For newer and fairly homogeneous areas: a COD of 10 or less.

Income-producing property: a COD of 20 or less, or in larger urban jurisdictions, 15 or less. Vacant land and other unimproved property, such as agricultural land: a COD of 20 or less. Rural residential and seasonal properties: a COD of 20 or less.

Mass Appraisal of Real Property, International Association of Assessing Officers, (1999), p. 246.

In unusually homogeneous types of property low CODs can be anticipated; however, in all other cases CODs less than 5 percent may be indicative of non-representative samples or the selective reappraisal of sold parcels.

The PRD, also known as the index of regression, is a measurement of the relationship between the ratios of high-value and low-value properties to determine if the value of property has any influence on the assessment ratio. It is calculated by dividing the arithmetic mean ratio by the weighted mean ratio. The PRD provides an indicator of the degree to which high-value properties are over-assessed or under-assessed in relation to low-value properties. A PRD of 100 indicates there is no bias in the assessment of high-value properties in comparison to low-value properties. A PRD greater than 100 indicates the assessments are regressive, which means low-value properties tend to have a higher assessment ratio than high-value properties. The result is the owner of a low-value property pays a greater amount of tax in relation to value than the owner of a high-value property. Conversely, a PRD less than 100 indicates that high-value properties are over assessed in relation to low-value properties.

There is no range of acceptability stated in the Nebraska statutes for the PRD measure. The Standard on Ratio Studies, adopted by the International Association of Assessing Officers, January, 2010, recommends that the PRD should lie between 98 and 103. This range is

centered slightly above 100 to allow for a slightly upward measurement bias inherent in the PRD.

The PRD is calculated based on the selling price/assessed value in the sales file. This measure can be misleading if the dollar value of the records in the sales file is not proportionate to the dollar value of records in the population.

Mass Appraisal of Real Property, International Association of Assessing Officers, (1999), p. 239.

Agricultural and/or Special Valuation Reports

2012 Agricultural Assessment Actions for Lancaster County

The County utilizes Special value on all agricultural properties for the agricultural land portion of the parcel. The county completed an analysis of the agricultural sales from comparable counties that do not have other than agricultural use for the parcels. The County continuously updates land use in the agricultural class from GIS imagery FSA maps and physical inspections. The County completed permit and pickup work for the agricultural class of property.

2012 Agricultural Assessment Survey for Lancaster County

1.	Valuation data collection done by:
	Assessors appraisal staff
2.	List each market area, and describe the location and the specific characteristics
	that make each unique.
	Market Area Description of unique characteristics
	01 The agricultural special value land is one market area.
3.	Describe the process that is used to determine and monitor market areas.
	Class or subclass includes, but not limited to , the classifications of agricultural land
	listed in section 77-1363, parcel use, parcel type, location, geographic characteristics,
	zoning, city size, parcel size and market characteristics.
4.	Describe the process used to identify rural residential land and recreational land
	in the county apart from agricultural land.
	Present use of the parcel is the deciding factor in determining the differences.
5.	Do farm home sites carry the same value as rural residential home sites or are
	market differences recognized? If differences, what are the recognized market
	differences?
	Market areas are recognized for the sites and improvements based on sales analysis.
	The differences that are recognized are location factors that affect the market.
6.	What process is used to annually update land use? (Physical inspection, FSA
	maps, etc.)
	GIS imagery, Field inspection, and FSA maps as supplied by parcel owners.
7.	Describe the process used to identify and monitor the influence of non-
	agricultural characteristics.
	The County continually reviews and verifies sales to determine if there are influences
	other than for agricultural use. The County than compares the sales to similar sales
	from non-influenced counties with the same general land capabilities.
8.	Have special valuation applications been filed in the county? If yes, is there a
	value difference for the special valuation parcels.
	Yes, Yes
9.	How do you determine whether a sold parcel is substantially changed?
	The county relies on the experience and the opinion of the appraiser in making the
	determination. The appraiser will determine if the change was substantial enough to
	affect the market value of the property.

Lancaster County 2012 Average LCG Value Comparison

	County	Mkt Area	1A1	1A	2A1	2A	3A1	3A	4A1	4A	AVG IRR
55.10	Lancaster	1	3,734	3,750	3,747	3,744	3,000	2,986	2,623	2,616	3,493
34.10	Gage	1	2,848	2,872	2,566	2,575	2,303	2,309	2,130	2,113	2,609
76.30	Saline	3	3,746	3,749	3,695	3,668	3,297	2,600	2,599	2,550	3,583
78.10	Saunders	1	3,725	3,432	3,349	2,858	2,420	2,100	1,799	1,730	2,712
13.27	Cass	27	3,510	3,400	2,990	2,990	2,430	2,430	2,200	1,740	2,667
66.70	Otoe	7000	3,240	2,910	2,910	2,010	1,890	#DIV/0!	1,740	850	2,194
66.80	Otoe	8000	3,630	3,630	3,360	2,750	2,750	2,750	2,090	1,210	2,895
49.10	Johnson	1	3,331	3,103	3,100	2,632	2,500	#DIV/0!	1,556	1,300	2,626
	County	Mkt Area	1D1	1D	2D1	2D	3D1	3D	4D1	4D	AVG DRY
	Lancaster	1	3,371	3,375	2,845	2,847	2,250	2,248	1,649	1,647	2,649
	Gage	1	2,205	2,205	1,860	1,860	1,575	1,575	1,400	1,400	1,780
	Saline	3	2,694	2,687	2,297	2,140	1,895	1,525	1,522	1,425	2,262
	Saunders	1	3,415	3,139	3,061	2,642	2,295	1,850	1,590	1,599	2,201
	Cass	27	2,790	2,768	2,660	2,369	2,250	2,249	2,310	1,898	2,422
	Otoe	7000	2,950	2,650	2,650	1,830	1,720	#DIV/0!	1,580	770	1,841
	Otoe	8000	3,300	3,300	3,050	2,500	2,500	2,500	1,900	1,100	2,581
	Johnson	1	2,465	2,276	2,310	1,882	1,950	1,962	1,185	1,000	1,798
	County	Mkt Area	1G1	1G	2G1	2G	3G1	3G	4G1	4G	AVG GRASS
	Lancaster	1	1,860	2,017	1,707	1,786	1,440	1,451	1,052	996	1,401
	Gage	1	786	1,097	935	1,105	984	885	885	641	889
	Saline	3	1,047	1,224	1,002	1,230	1,148	959	1,008	752	978
	Saunders	1	1,324	1,166	1,511	1,495	1,737	1,126	788	675	1,117
	Cass	27	1,030	1,060	970	790	860	860	830	630	778
	Otoe	7000	1,006	1,106	1,026	1,157	992	#DIV/0!	996	677	1,016
	Otoe	8000	1,217	1,232	1,174	1,282	1,140	1,111	1,037	729	1,084
	Johnson	1	1,288	1,666	1,453	1,204	1,251	1,236	940	679	1,039

*Land capability grouping averages calculated using data reported on the 2012 Form 45, Abstract of Assessment

2012 Special Value Methodology for Lancaster County:

Lancaster County focused on using generally accepted appraisal practices in establishing its special valuations on agricultural land. Utilizing sales supplied by the Property Assessment Division of the Nebraska Department of Revenue from similar surrounding uninfluenced counties, namely Gage, Johnson, Nemaha, Otoe, Pawnee, and Saline. The county analyzed the sales using statistical studies and market analysis of the sales with predominately the same general classification to determine a value for the four productivity levels of each of the three major majority land uses.



Agricultural and/or Special Valuation Correlation

A. Agricultural Land

Agricultural Land in Lancaster County is determined to be completely influenced by non-agricultural factors and valued primarily using special valuation. Therefore, measurement is not conducted on the influenced valuation for agricultural land.

A1. Correlation for Special Valuation of Agricultural Land

The special valuation in Lancaster County was analyzed using assessment-to-sales ratios developed using sale data from uninfluenced counties considered comparable to Lancaster County. Income rental rates, production factors, topography, typical farming practices, proximity, and other factors were considered to determine general areas of comparability. The 2012 assessed values established by Lancaster County were used to estimate value for the uninfluenced sales and the results were analyzed against the sale prices.

Analysis is also conducted of the rental rates in the comparable counties and used to estimate the total rents per land capability grouping for the county being measured. Gross rent multipliers are determined based on an analysis of rental information from the comparable counties and market values indicated from sale prices. An assessment level is estimated by the ratio of special valuation assessment divided by the estimated agricultural land market value determination.

In comparing the average assessed values by LCG of Lancaster County to adjacent counties the comparison demonstrates the values are generally equalized. Based on this analysis it is the opinion of the PTA that the level of value of Agricultural Special Value in Lancaster County is 75%.

B. Analysis of Sales Verification

Neb. Rev. Stat. § 77-1327(2) (2011) provides that all sales are deemed to be arms length transactions unless determined to be otherwise under professionally accepted mass appraisal techniques. The county assessor is responsible for the qualification of the sales included in the state sales file.

The Standard on Ratio Studies, International Association of Assessing Officials (2010), indicates that excessive trimming (the arbitrary exclusion or adjustment of arms length transactions) may indicate an attempt to inappropriately exclude arms length transactions to create the appearance of a higher level of value and quality of assessment. The sales file, in a case of excess trimming, will fail to properly represent the level of value and quality of assessment of the population of real property.

The Nebraska Department of Revenue, Property Assessment Division (Division) frequently reviews the procedures used by the county assessor to qualify sales to ensure bias does not exist in judgments made. Arms length transactions should only be excluded when they compromise the reliability of the resulting statistics. In cases where a county assessor has disqualified sales without substantiation, the Division may include such sales in the ratio study.

C. Measures of Central Tendency

There are three measures of central tendency calculated by the Division: median ratio, weighted mean ratio, and mean ratio. Since each measure of central tendency has strengths and weaknesses, the use of any statistic for equalization should be reconciled with the other two, as in an appraisal, based on the appropriateness of the use of the statistic for a defined purpose, the quantity of the information from which it was drawn, and the reliability of the data that was used in its calculation. An examination of the three measures can serve to illustrate important trends in the data if the measures do not closely correlate to each other.

The International Association of Assessing Officers (IAAO) considers the median ratio the most appropriate statistical measure for use in determining level of value for direct equalization; the process of adjusting the values of classes or subclasses of property in response to the determination of level of value at a point above or below a particular range. Since the median ratio is considered neutral in relationship to either assessed value or selling price, its use in adjusting the class or subclass of properties will not change the relationships between assessed value and level of value already present within the class or subclass of properties, thus rendering an adjustment neutral in its impact on the relative tax burden to an individual property. Additionally, the median ratio is less influenced by the presence of extreme ratios, commonly called outliers. One outlier in a small sample size of sales can have controlling influence over the other measures of central tendency. The median ratio limits the distortion potential of an outlier.

The weighted mean ratio is viewed by the IAAO as the most appropriate statistical measure for indirect equalization. The weighted mean, because it is a value weighted ratio, best reflects a comparison of the assessed and market value of property in the political subdivision. If the distribution of aid to political subdivisions must relate to the market value available for assessment in the political subdivision, the measurement of central tendency used to analyze level of value should reflect the dollars of value available to be assessed. The weighted mean ratio does that more than either of the other measures of central tendency.

If the weighted mean ratio, because of its dollar-weighting feature, is significantly different from the median ratio, it may be an indication of other problems with assessment proportionality. When this occurs, an evaluation of the county's assessment practices and procedures is appropriate to discover remedies to the situation.

The mean ratio is used as a basis for other statistical calculations, such as the price related differential and coefficient of variation. However, the mean ratio has limited application in the analysis of level of value because it assumes a normal distribution of the data set around the mean ratio with each ratio having the same impact on the calculation regardless of the assessed value or the selling price.

2012 Correlation Section for Lancaster County

D. Analysis of Quality of Assessment

In analyzing the statistical data of assessment quality, there are two measures upon which assessment officials will primarily rely: the Coefficient of Dispersion (COD), and the Price Related Differential (PRD). Whether such statistics can be relied upon as meaningful for the population depends on whether the sample is representative.

The COD is commonly referred to as the index of assessment inequality. It is used to measure how closely the individual ratios are clustered around the median ratio and suggests the degree of uniformity or inaccuracy resulting in the assessments. The COD is computed by dividing the average deviation by the median ratio. For example, a COD of 20 means half of the ratios are 20 percent above or below the median. The closer the ratios are grouped around the median, the more equitable the assessment of property tends to be. Conversely, if the dispersion is quite large, there is a large spread in the ratios typically indicating a large spread around the median in the assessment of property, which results in an inequity in assessment and taxes. There is no range of acceptability stated in the Nebraska statutes for the COD measure. The IAAO recommended ratio study performance standards are as follows:

Single-family residences: a COD of 15 percent or less.

For newer and fairly homogeneous areas: a COD of 10 or less.

Income-producing property: a COD of 20 or less, or in larger urban jurisdictions, 15 or less. Vacant land and other unimproved property, such as agricultural land: a COD of 20 or less. Rural residential and seasonal properties: a COD of 20 or less.

Mass Appraisal of Real Property, International Association of Assessing Officers, (1999), p. 246.

In unusually homogeneous types of property low CODs can be anticipated; however, in all other cases CODs less than 5 percent may be indicative of non-representative samples or the selective reappraisal of sold parcels.

The PRD, also known as the index of regression, is a measurement of the relationship between the ratios of high-value and low-value properties to determine if the value of property has any influence on the assessment ratio. It is calculated by dividing the arithmetic mean ratio by the weighted mean ratio. The PRD provides an indicator of the degree to which high-value properties are over-assessed or under-assessed in relation to low-value properties. A PRD of 100 indicates there is no bias in the assessment of high-value properties in comparison to low-value properties. A PRD greater than 100 indicates the assessments are regressive, which means low-value properties tend to have a higher assessment ratio than high-value properties. The result is the owner of a low-value property pays a greater amount of tax in relation to value than the owner of a high-value property. Conversely, a PRD less than 100 indicates that high-value properties are over assessed in relation to low-value properties.

There is no range of acceptability stated in the Nebraska statutes for the PRD measure. The Standard on Ratio Studies, adopted by the International Association of Assessing Officers, January, 2010, recommends that the PRD should lie between 98 and 103. This range is

centered slightly above 100 to allow for a slightly upward measurement bias inherent in the PRD.

The PRD is calculated based on the selling price/assessed value in the sales file. This measure can be misleading if the dollar value of the records in the sales file is not proportionate to the dollar value of records in the population.

Mass Appraisal of Real Property, International Association of Assessing Officers, (1999), p. 239.

Total Real Property Sum Lines 17, 25, & 30		Records : 104,9	948	Value : 19	9,347,441,345	Gre	owth 224,258,89	96 Sum Lines 17, 2	25, & 41
Schedule I : Non-Agricult	ural Records								
	τ	Jrban	Subl	U rban) (R	ural	Т	otal	Growth
	Records	Value	Records	Value	Records	Value	Records	Value	
01. Res UnImp Land	4,731	188,253,700	0	0	0	0	4,731	188,253,700	
02. Res Improve Land	83,148	3,187,077,300	0	0	0	0	83,148	3,187,077,300	
03. Res Improvements	85,115	9,603,030,712	0	0	0	0	85,115	9,603,030,712	
04. Res Total	89,846	12,978,361,712	0	0	0	0	89,846	12,978,361,712	148,871,674
% of Res Total	100.00	100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	85.61	67.08	66.38
05 Com UnImp Land	1 264	239 246 300	0	0	0	0	1 264	239 246 300	
06 Com Improve Land	5 888	1 361 817 800	0	0	0	0	5 888	1 361 817 800	
07. Com Improve Land	5,800	3 414 982 533	0	0	0	0	5 897	3 414 982 533	
08 Com Total	7 161	5,916,046,633	0	0	0	0	7 161	5,016,046,633	67 245 234
% of Com Total	100.00	100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	6.82	25.93	29.99
09. Ind UnImp Land	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
10. Ind Improve Land	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
11. Ind Improvements	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
12. Ind Total	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
% of Ind Total	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
13. Rec UnImp Land	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
14. Rec Improve Land	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
15. Rec Improvements	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
16. Rec Total	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
% of Rec Total	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Res & Rec Total	89 846	12 978 361 712	0	0	0	0	89 846	12 978 361 712	148 871 674
% of Res & Rec Total	100.00	100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	85.61	67.08	66.38
Com & Ind Total	7,161	5,016,046,633	0	0	0	0	7,161	5,016,046,633	67,245,234
% of Com & Ind Total	100.00	100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	6.82	25.93	29.99
17. Taxable Total	97.007	17 994 408 345	0	0	0	0	97.007	17 994 408 345	216 116 908
% of Taxable Total	100.00	100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	92 43	93.01	96 37
/ VI TAADIC IUtai	100.00	100.00	0.00	0.00) 0.00	0.00	J2.7J	75.01	,0.57

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Schedule II : Tax Increment Financing (TIF)

		Urban			SubUrban	
	Records	Value Base	Value Excess	Records	Value Base	Value Excess
18. Residential	1,287	53,431,112	44,347,788	0	0	0
19. Commercial	661	173,252,833	200,321,567	0	0	0
20. Industrial	0	0	0	0	0	0
21. Other	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Records	Rural Value Base	Value Excess	Records	Total Value Base	Value Excess
18. Residential	0	0	0	1,287	53,431,112	44,347,788
19. Commercial	0	0	0	661	173,252,833	200,321,567
20. Industrial	0	0	0	0	0	0
21. Other	0	0	0	0	0	0
22. Total Sch II				1,948	226,683,945	244,669,355

Schedule III : Mineral Interest Records

Mineral Interest	Records Urba	n _{Value}	Records SubU	rban Value	Records Rura	al Value	Records Tot	al _{Value}	Growth
23. Producing	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
24. Non-Producing	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
25. Total	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Schedule IV : Exempt Records : Non-Agricultural

-	Urban	SubUrban	Rural	Total
	Records	Records	Records	Records
26. Exempt	2,607	0	69	2,676

Schedule V : Agricultural Records

_ (Urban		Subl	Urban	R	ural	Т	otal
	Records	Value	Records	Value	Records	Value	Records	Value
27. Ag-Vacant Land	4,259	621,598,100	0	0	0	0	4,259	621,598,100
28. Ag-Improved Land	2,407	358,759,200	0	0	0	0	2,407	358,759,200
29. Ag Improvements	3,682	372,675,700	0	0	0	0	3,682	372,675,700
30. Ag Total							7,941	1,353,033,000

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Schedule VI : Agricultural Rec	ords :Non-Agricu	ıltural Detail					
		Urban			SubUrban		
	Records	Acres	Value	Records	Acres	Value	
31. HomeSite UnImp Land	0	0.00	0	0	0.00	0	
32. HomeSite Improv Land	0	0.00	0	0	0.00	0	
33. HomeSite Improvements	0	0.00	0	0	0.00	0	
34. HomeSite Total							
35. FarmSite UnImp Land	0	0.00	0	0	0.00	0	
36. FarmSite Improv Land	0	0.00	0	0	0.00	0	
37. FarmSite Improvements	0	0.00	0	0	0.00	0	
38. FarmSite Total							
39. Road & Ditches	0	0.00	0	0	0.00	0	
40. Other- Non Ag Use	0	0.00	0	0	0.00	0	
	Records	Rural Acres	Value	Records	Total Acres	Value	Growth
31. HomeSite UnImp Land	11	0.00	323,700	11	0.00	323,700	
32. HomeSite Improv Land	2,098	0.00	69,922,800	2,098	0.00	69,922,800	
33. HomeSite Improvements	2,068	0.00	341,508,500	2,068	0.00	341,508,500	8,141,988
34. HomeSite Total				2,079	0.00	411,755,000	
35. FarmSite UnImp Land	77	0.00	408,100	77	0.00	408,100	
36. FarmSite Improv Land	332	0.00	1,831,300	332	0.00	1,831,300	
37. FarmSite Improvements	1,605	0.00	28,562,900	1,605	0.00	28,562,900	0
38. FarmSite Total				1,682	0.00	30,802,300	
39. Road & Ditches	0	0.00	0	0	0.00	0	
40. Other- Non Ag Use	0	0.00	6,378,800	0	0.00	6,378,800	
41. Total Section VI				3,761	0.00	448,936,100	8,141,988

Schedule VII : Agricultural Records : Ag Land Detail - Game & Parks

		Urban		(SubUrbar	1		
	Records	Acres	Value		Records	Acres	Value		
42. Game & Parks	0	0.00	0		0 0.00 0				
	Rural				Total				
	Records	Acres	Value		Records	Acres	Value		
42. Game & Parks	0	0.00	0		0	0.00	0		

Schedule VIII : Agricultural Records : Special Value

		Urban			SubUrban	
	Records	Acres	Value	Records	Acres	Value
43. Special Value	0	0.00	0	0	0.00	0
44. Recapture Value N/A	0	0.00	0	0	0.00	0
		Rural			Total	
	Records	Acres	Value	Records	Acres	Value
43. Special Value	6,555	0.00	904,096,900	6,555	0.00	904,096,900
44. Market Value	0	0	0	0	0	0

* LB 968 (2006) for tax year 2009 and forward there will be no Recapture value.

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Schedule IX : Agricultural Records : Ag Land Market Area Detail			Market Are		
Irrigated	Acres	% of Acres*	Value	% of Value*	Average Assessed Value*
45. 1A1	1,914.99	10.62%	7,150,302	11.35%	3,733.86
46. 1A	5,095.29	28.26%	19,106,877	30.33%	3,749.91
47. 2A1	1,398.65	7.76%	5,241,144	8.32%	3,747.29
48. 2A	4,593.10	25.47%	17,198,058	27.30%	3,744.32
49. 3A1	2,563.56	14.22%	7,690,130	12.21%	2,999.79
50. 3A	376.65	2.09%	1,124,646	1.79%	2,985.92
51. 4A1	1,690.05	9.37%	4,433,773	7.04%	2,623.46
52. 4A	399.41	2.22%	1,044,691	1.66%	2,615.59
53. Total	18,031.70	100.00%	62,989,621	100.00%	3,493.27
Dry					
54. 1D1	18,604.16	6.67%	62,722,772	8.49%	3,371.44
55. 1D	58,846.04	21.09%	198,577,097	26.87%	3,374.52
56. 2D1	11,617.23	4.16%	33,050,855	4.47%	2,844.99
57. 2D	62,437.01	22.37%	177,781,963	24.05%	2,847.38
58. 3D1	71,713.24	25.70%	161,334,803	21.83%	2,249.72
59. 3D	22,688.46	8.13%	51,003,192	6.90%	2,247.98
60. 4D1	29,156.55	10.45%	48,090,395	6.51%	1,649.39
61. 4D	3,999.21	1.43%	6,588,450	0.89%	1,647.44
62. Total	279,061.90	100.00%	739,149,527	100.00%	2,648.69
Grass					
63. 1G1	1,677.86	2.35%	3,120,869	3.12%	1,860.03
64. 1G	6,436.49	9.01%	12,983,870	12.97%	2,017.23
65. 2G1	2,798.34	3.92%	4,776,911	4.77%	1,707.05
66. 2G	8,369.21	11.71%	14,951,578	14.94%	1,786.50
67. 3G1	21,451.62	30.02%	30,882,471	30.86%	1,439.63
68. 3G	4,081.80	5.71%	5,922,111	5.92%	1,450.86
69. 4G1	16,088.74	22.52%	16,928,378	16.92%	1,052.19
70. 4G	10,549.50	14.76%	10,510,225	10.50%	996.28
71. Total	71,453.56	100.00%	100,076,413	100.00%	1,400.58
Irrigated Total	18,031.70	4.58%	62,989,621	6.97%	3,493.27
Dry Total	279,061.90	70.89%	739,149,527	81.76%	2,648.69
Grass Total	71,453.56	18.15%	100.076.413	11.07%	1,400.58
72. Waste	25,124.74	6.38%	1,881,339	0.21%	74.88
73. Other	0.00	0.00%		0.00%	0.00
74. Exempt	0.00	0.00%	0	0.00%	0.00
75. Market Area Total	393.671.90	100.00%	904.096.900	100.00%	2.296.57

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Schedule X : Agricultural Records : Ag Land Total

	Urban		SubUrban		Ru	Rural		Total	
	Acres	Value	Acres	Value	Acres	Value	Acres	Value	
76. Irrigated	0.00	0	0.00	0	18,031.70	62,989,621	18,031.70	62,989,621	
77. Dry Land	0.00	0	0.00	0	279,061.90	739,149,527	279,061.90	739,149,527	
78. Grass	0.00	0	0.00	0	71,453.56	100,076,413	71,453.56	100,076,413	
79. Waste	0.00	0	0.00	0	25,124.74	1,881,339	25,124.74	1,881,339	
80. Other	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	
81. Exempt	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	
82. Total	0.00	0	0.00	0	393,671.90	904,096,900	393,671.90	904,096,900	

	Acres	% of Acres*	Value	% of Value*	Average Assessed Value*
Irrigated	18,031.70	4.58%	62,989,621	6.97%	3,493.27
Dry Land	279,061.90	70.89%	739,149,527	81.76%	2,648.69
Grass	71,453.56	18.15%	100,076,413	11.07%	1,400.58
Waste	25,124.74	6.38%	1,881,339	0.21%	74.88
Other	0.00	0.00%	0	0.00%	0.00
Exempt	0.00	0.00%	0	0.00%	0.00
Total	393,671.90	100.00%	904,096,900	100.00%	2,296.57

2012 County Abstract of Assessment for Real Property, Form 45 Compared with the 2011 Certificate of Taxes Levied (CTL)

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	2011 CTL County Total	2012 Form 45 County Total	Value Difference (2012 form 45 - 2011 CTL)	Percent Change	2012 Growth (New Construction Value)	Percent Change excl. Growth
01. Residential	12,387,680,348	12,978,361,712	590,681,364	4.77%	148,871,674	3.57%
02. Recreational	0	0	0		0	
03. Ag-Homesite Land, Ag-Res Dwelling	328,297,000	411,755,000	83,458,000	25.42%	8,141,988	22.94%
04. Total Residential (sum lines 1-3)	12,715,977,348	13,390,116,712	674,139,364	5.30%	157,013,662	4.07%
05. Commercial	4,609,183,301	5,016,046,633	406,863,332	8.83%	67,245,234	7.37%
06. Industrial	0	0	0		0	
07. Ag-Farmsite Land, Outbuildings	96,004,000	30,802,300	-65,201,700	-67.92%	0	-67.92%
08. Minerals	0	0	0		0	
09. Total Commercial (sum lines 5-8)	4,705,187,301	5,046,848,933	341,661,632	7.26%	67,245,234	5.83%
10. Total Non-Agland Real Property	17,421,164,649	18,443,344,445	1,022,179,796	5.87%	224,258,896	4.58%
11. Irrigated	47,213,106	62,989,621	15,776,515	33.42%	, D	
12. Dryland	614,469,577	739,149,527	124,679,950	20.29%	, D	
13. Grassland	57,404,893	100,076,413	42,671,520	74.33%	ó	
14. Wasteland	1,849,124	1,881,339	32,215	1.74%	,)	
15. Other Agland	1,979,900	0	-1,979,900	-100.00%	ó	
16. Total Agricultural Land	722,916,600	904,096,900	181,180,300	25.06%		
17. Total Value of all Real Property	18,144,081,249	19,347,441,345	1,203,360,096	6.63%	224,258,896	5.40%
(Locally Assessed)						

Lancaster County's Three Year Assessment Plan

Norman H. Agena, Lancaster County Assessor/Register of Deeds

Introduction

Pursuant to 77-1311.02, the following Three Year Assessment Plan has been prepared by Lancaster County Assessor/Register of Deeds Office.

Tax Year 2012

A complete reappraisal of all property will be completed for this year. This reappraisal consists of remodeling of all properties utilizing the three approaches to value. It includes an on-site property inspection of all sales and pickup work, and a general site review of more than one sixth of the data base as well as a complete drive by review of all parcels in the county to set final values. We expect the statistical ratios for residential and commercial properties to be near the 100% mark and the quality stats to be within the acceptable range.

Tax Year 2013

We anticipate this to be a "clean up" year. In addition to the routine annual work, we will be focusing on properties that may have slipped through the cracks, as well as conduct a close review of the 2012 protests to see if we concur with changes made by the referees. We will continue field inspections of one sixth of the properties in all classes. This review will allow the data collection and review to be at as current a level as possible. Pickup work and sales verification will continue annually, but is not considered part of the annual review. Based on our annual review process we should be able to remodel all classes of property every third year, and monitor market and ratio trends for all classes on an annual basis.

Tax Year 2014

A complete reappraisal of all property will be initiated this year for application in 2015. We will continue field inspections of one sixth of the properties in all classes. This review will allow the data collection and review to be at as current a level as possible. Pickup work and sales verification will continue annually, but is not considered part of the annual review. Based on our annual review process we should be able to remodel all classes of property every third year, and monitor market and ratio trends for all classes during the intervening years.

2012 Assessment Survey for Lancaster County

A. Staffing and Funding Information

1.	Deputy(ies) on staff:
	2
2.	Appraiser(s) on staff:
	12
3.	Other full-time employees:
	27 includes 5 ROD
4.	Other part-time employees:
	0
5.	Number of shared employees:
6.	Assessor's requested budget for current fiscal year:
	3904757
7.	Adopted budget, or granted budget if different from above:
	3,859,986
8.	Amount of the total assessor's budget set aside for appraisal work:
9.	If appraisal/reappraisal budget is a separate levied fund, what is that amount:
10.	Part of the assessor's budget that is dedicated to the computer system:
	Software and information 200,086
11.	Amount of the assessor's budget set aside for education/workshops:
	13,000
12.	Other miscellaneous funds:
13.	Amount of last year's assessor's budget not used:
	9600

B. Computer, Automation Information and GIS

1.	Administrative software:
	Orion
2.	CAMA software:
	Orion
3.	Are cadastral maps currently being used?
	GIS electronic maps
4.	If so, who maintains the Cadastral Maps?
	Office staff
5.	Does the county have GIS software?
	Yes

6.	Is GIS aveilable on a website? If so, what is the name of the website?
	Yes
7.	Who maintains the GIS software and maps?
	Office staff
8.	Personal Property software:
	Orion

C. Zoning Information

1.	Does the county have zoning?
	Yes
2.	If so, is the zoning countywide?
	Yes
3.	What municipalities in the county are zoned?
	All cities and incorporated villages are zoned
4.	When was zoning implemented?
	Unsure of exact date but estimated to have occurred over 30 years ago

D. Contracted Services

1.	Appraisal Services:
	In house
2.	Other services:
	Orion

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This is to certify that the 2012 Reports and Opinions of the Property Tax Administrator have been sent to the following:

One copy by electronic transmission to the Tax Equalization and Review Commission.

One copy by electronic transmission to the Lancaster County Assessor.

Dated this 9th day of April, 2012.

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Map Section

Valuation History