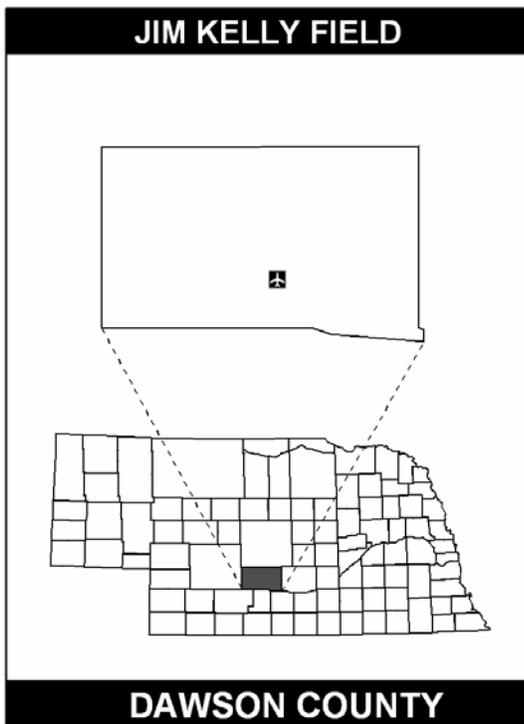


Airport Location

Jim Kelly Field is located two miles northwest of Lexington, Nebraska, in Dawson County. Lexington has a population of 9,006. The 275-acre airport opened in 1947. The primary runway, Runway 14/32, is a concrete surface measuring 5,489 feet in length and 100 feet in width. Major employers in the community include Iowa Beef Packers/Tyson Foods, Orthman Manufacturing, Nebraska By-Products, Veetronix, and Eilers Machine and Welding. Local attractions include the Heartland Museum of Military Vehicles and the Dawson County Historical Society Museum.

The airport with 29 based aircraft, experiences approximately 10,340 aircraft operations annually.



Economic Impact

Economic impacts at an airport are measured through employment, payroll, and output (spending). On-airport business and government activities (direct impacts) account for a significant portion of an airport's first round economic benefits. Additional first round

benefits are also linked to visitors who arrive via the State's system of airports (indirect impacts). Spending by these visitors supports additional employment and associated annual payroll. These first round impacts create additional spin-off benefits that ripple through the economy. The secondary or induced benefits were measured with Nebraska-specific IMPLAN multipliers. When combined, first round and secondary benefits equal the total economic impact associated with each airport.

First Round Impact

In 2002, there were three aviation-related tenants on the airport, including airport management, who supported seven employees. These tenants' direct or first round employment, payroll, and output impacts were derived from survey data. Direct output from all on-airport aviation-related tenants is estimated at \$1.53 million annually. The estimated direct annual payroll of these tenants is \$179,500. Operational data indicated that approximately 1,100 visitors used the airport. Visitor-related spending supported an additional two full-time jobs for employees earning an estimated \$36,700 annually. Indirect output from general aviation visitors is estimated at \$58,800.

Secondary Impact

The first round impacts associated with on-airport tenants and general aviation visitors create secondary impacts throughout the State. Secondary impacts are induced impacts calculated using the Nebraska specific IMPLAN multipliers. The accompanying table presents the 2002 first round, secondary, and total impacts for output, payroll, and employment as they relate to on-airport tenants and general aviation visitors.

Total Impact

For 2002, the total output (including first round and secondary impacts) stemming from all on-airport tenants and general aviation visitors to Jim Kelly Field was approximately \$2.38 million. Total full-time employment related to airport tenants and general aviation visitors, including all secondary impacts, is estimated at approximately 15 persons, with a total annual payroll (first round and secondary) of approximately \$324,700 associated with these jobs.

Other Benefits

In addition to the economic benefits described above, Jim Kelly Field offers a number of services to the local community. The airport welcomes many recreational flights, as well as corporate aircraft, such as those belonging to IBP/Tyson, Will Lantis Enterprises, and BPI. The airport's Fixed Base Operator (FBO) offers full-service aircraft maintenance and repair. The airport is also home to an aerial agricultural applicator that serves the community's farmers during the growing season.

A survey of over 100 hospitals in Nebraska gathered data to obtain information relating to how often hospitals use airports in Nebraska to bring specialists from out of the area, as well as how often airports are used for patient transfer. Survey data indicated Tri-County Area Hospital District uses the airport on average eight times a year to bring doctors and specialists to the hospital to conduct clinics. These doctors fly in from Lincoln, Omaha, and Kearney. In addition, the hospital uses aircraft occasionally for emergency patient transfer via air ambulance.

The airport is active in community events throughout the year. It hosts an annual fly-in for the Experimental Aircraft Association and a safety meeting coordinated by the Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association. The airport offers tours for school children once a year, and

provides space for local law enforcement exercises.

Summary

On an annual basis, Jim Kelly Field currently provides the following total benefits:

Jim Kelly Field			
EMPLOYMENT			
	First Round	Secondary	Total
On-Airport Activity	7	5	12
GA Visitors	<u>2</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>3</u>
Total	9	6	15
PAYROLL			
	First Round	Secondary	Total
On-Airport Activity	\$179,500	\$87,500	\$267,000
GA Visitors	<u>\$36,700</u>	<u>\$21,000</u>	<u>\$57,700</u>
Total	\$216,200	\$108,500	\$324,700
OUTPUT			
	First Round	Secondary	Total
On-Airport Activity	\$1,529,700	\$756,400	\$2,286,100
GA Visitors	<u>\$58,800</u>	<u>\$35,700</u>	<u>\$94,500</u>
Total	\$1,588,500	\$792,100	\$2,380,600

Source: Wilbur Smith Associates & IMPLAN multipliers

In a year's time, capital improvement-related construction spending at airports in Nebraska typically produces the following impacts:

Construction Impacts - Per \$100,000 in CIP Spending			
	First-Round Impact	Secondary Impact	Total Impact
Employment	1.8	2.3	4.1
Payroll	\$55,264	\$41,206	\$96,470
Output	\$100,000	\$70,250	\$170,250

Source: Wilbur Smith Associates, Inc. & IMPLAN multipliers