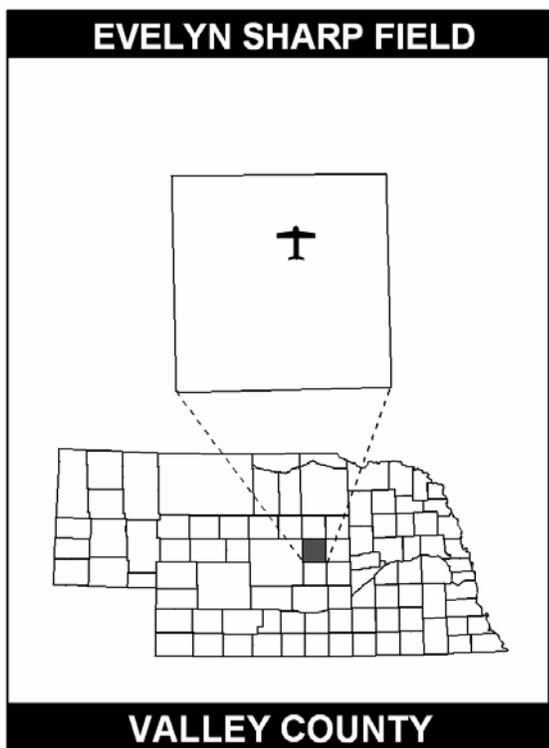


Airport Location

Evelyn Sharp Field is located two miles northwest of Ord, Nebraska, in Valley County. Ord has a population of 2,277. The 172-acre airport opened in 1947. The primary runway, Runway 13/31, is a concrete surface measuring 4,500 feet in length and 60 feet in width. Major employers in the community include Valley County Hospital and Nursing Home, Timberline Total Solutions, Quiz Graphic Arts Inc., GreenIron, GrandView Assisted and Independent Living, Ord Equipment, Trotter Fertilizer and Propane, and Spalding Co-op.

The airport, with 12 based aircraft, experiences approximately 7,900 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, the airport's management was the only aviation-related tenant, which supported one employee. This tenant's direct or first round employment, payroll, and output impacts were derived from survey data. Direct output from this on-airport aviation-related tenant is estimated at \$2,400 annually. The estimated direct annual payroll of these tenants is \$23,000. Operational data indicated that approximately 1,252 visitors used the airport. Visitor-related spending supported an additional three full-time jobs for employees earning over \$43,400 annually. Indirect output from general aviation visitors is estimated at \$67,600.

Secondary Impact

The first round impacts associated with on-airport tenants and general aviation visitors also 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 Evelyn Sharp Field was approximately \$111,900. Total employment related to airport tenants and general aviation visitors, including all secondary impacts, is estimated at approximately 5.5 full-time equivalent jobs, with a total annual payroll (first round and secondary) of approximately \$98,200 associated with these jobs.

Other Benefits

In addition to the economic benefits described above, Evelyn Sharp Field provides a number of services to the local community. The airport welcomes many recreational flights, as well as a number of corporate aircraft. Aerial application services use the field for operations during the growing season. The airport also accommodates aerial photography and real estate viewing. Management reports that access to emergency services is an important benefit provided by the airport. Physician arrivals and medical evacuation flights are common at the airport.

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 Valley County Hospital uses the airport on average 43 times a year to bring doctors and specialists to the hospital to conduct clinics. These doctors fly in from Grand Island, Kearney, and Lincoln. In addition, the hospital uses aircraft nine times per year for emergency patient transfer via air ambulance.

The airport participates in a number of community events, including an annual air show and fly-in each fall.

Summary

On an annual basis, Evelyn Sharp Field currently provides the following total benefits:

Evelyn Sharp Field			
EMPLOYMENT			
	First Round	Secondary	Total
On-Airport Activity			
	1	0.5	1.5
GA Visitors	3	1	3
Total	4	1.5	5.5
PAYROLL			
	First Round	Secondary	Total
On-Airport Activity	\$23,000	\$7,000	\$30,000
GA Visitors	\$43,400	\$24,800	\$68,200
Total	\$66,400	\$31,800	\$98,200
OUTPUT			
	First Round	Secondary	Total
On-Airport Activity	\$2,400	\$800	\$3,200
GA Visitors	\$67,600	\$41,100	\$108,700
Total	\$70,000	\$41,900	\$111,900

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