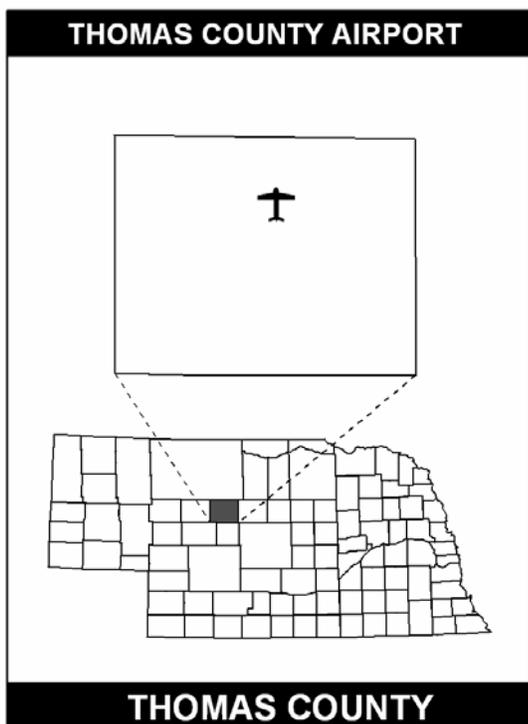


Airport Location

Thomas County Airport is located one mile south of Thedford, Nebraska, in Thomas County. Thedford has a population of 231. The 591-acre airport opened in 1998. The primary runway, Runway 11/29, is an asphalt runway measuring 3,600 feet in length and 50 feet in width.

The airport, with three based aircraft, experiences approximately 6,250 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. These 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 no aviation-related tenants located on the airport. In addition, the airport sponsor had no employees involved in airport management or maintenance. For 2002, the total combined first round output stemming from airport sponsor expenditures and general aviation visitors to Thedford Municipal Airport was approximately \$7,700. Total first round employment related to general aviation visitors is estimated at one part-time job with a total first round payroll of approximately \$1,700 annually. Survey data indicated that approximately 54 visitors used the airport in 2002.

Secondary Impact

The first round impacts associated with the airport 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 the airport.

Total Impact

For 2002, the total output (including first round and secondary impacts) stemming from airport activity and general aviation visitors to Thedford Municipal Airport was approximately \$11,000. Total employment related to general aviation visitors, including all secondary impacts, is estimated at approximately one full-time equivalent job, with a total annual payroll (first

round and secondary) of approximately \$2,700 associated with these jobs.

Other Benefits

In addition to the economic benefits described above, Thedford Municipal Airport provides a number of services to the local community. The airport welcomes many recreational flights in addition to a small number of corporate aircraft, such as those belonging to Sandhill Oil, Midwest Partitions, Circle 4 Fertilizer, and Pearson’s Insurance. The airport occasionally sees other types of aviation-related activity, such as aerial livestock, property and utility inspection and photography, aerial application services, and search and rescue. The airport occasionally assists emergency services by accommodating firefighting activities. The airport is also important to the community in terms of providing access to the State’s health care system. Physician and emergency medical evacuation flights occur at the airport from time to time.

Summary

On an annual basis, Thedford Municipal Airport currently provides the following total benefits:

Thomas Co.			
EMPLOYMENT			
	First Round	Secondary	Total
On-Airport Activity	0	0	0
GA Visitors	<u>0.5</u>	<u>0.5</u>	<u>1</u>
Total	0.5	0.5	1
PAYROLL			
	First Round	Secondary	Total
On-Airport Activity	\$0	\$0	\$0
GA Visitors	<u>\$1,700</u>	<u>\$1,000</u>	<u>\$2,700</u>
Total	\$1,700	\$1,000	\$2,700
OUTPUT			
	First Round	Secondary	Total
On-Airport Activity	\$4,800	\$1,500	\$6,300
GA Visitors	<u>\$2,900</u>	<u>\$1,800</u>	<u>\$4,700</u>
Total	\$7,700	\$3,300	\$11,000

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