

"They're [wildlife] indigenous to the country and you don't want to see them disappear"

A place for everything and everything in its place.

"It's all got value. Its all got a value to me."

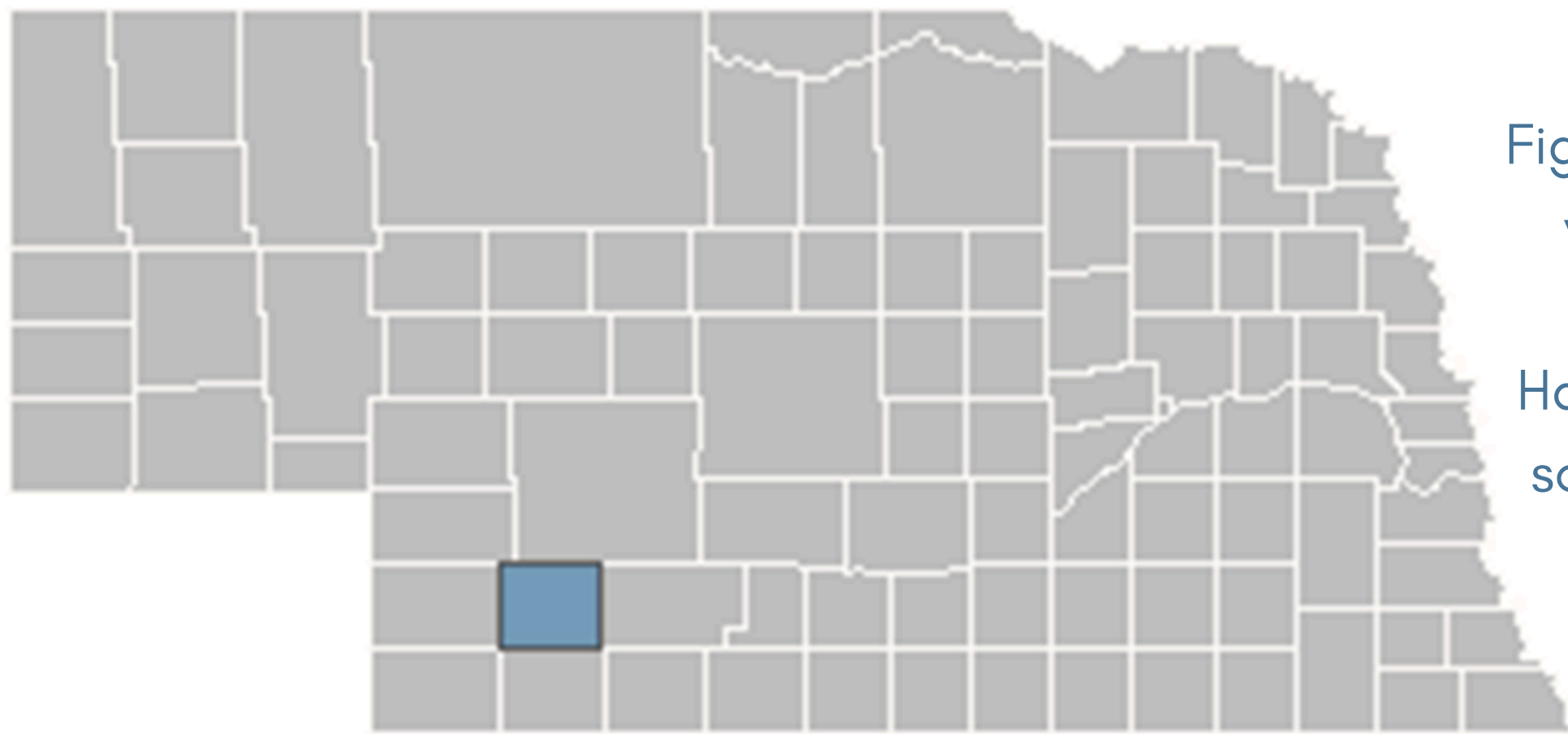


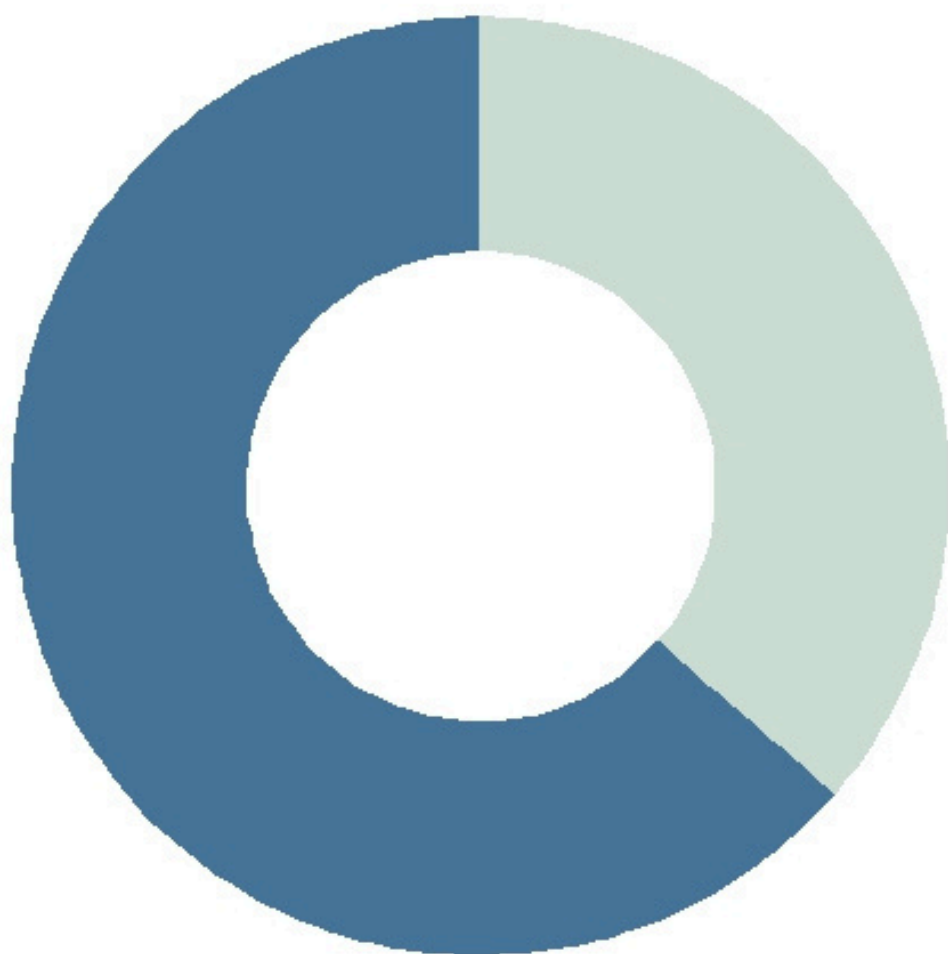
Figure 1 (Right): Interviews were conducted with eight landowners in Hayes County, located in southwestern Nebraska.

Hannah Stowe and Grace Schuster present

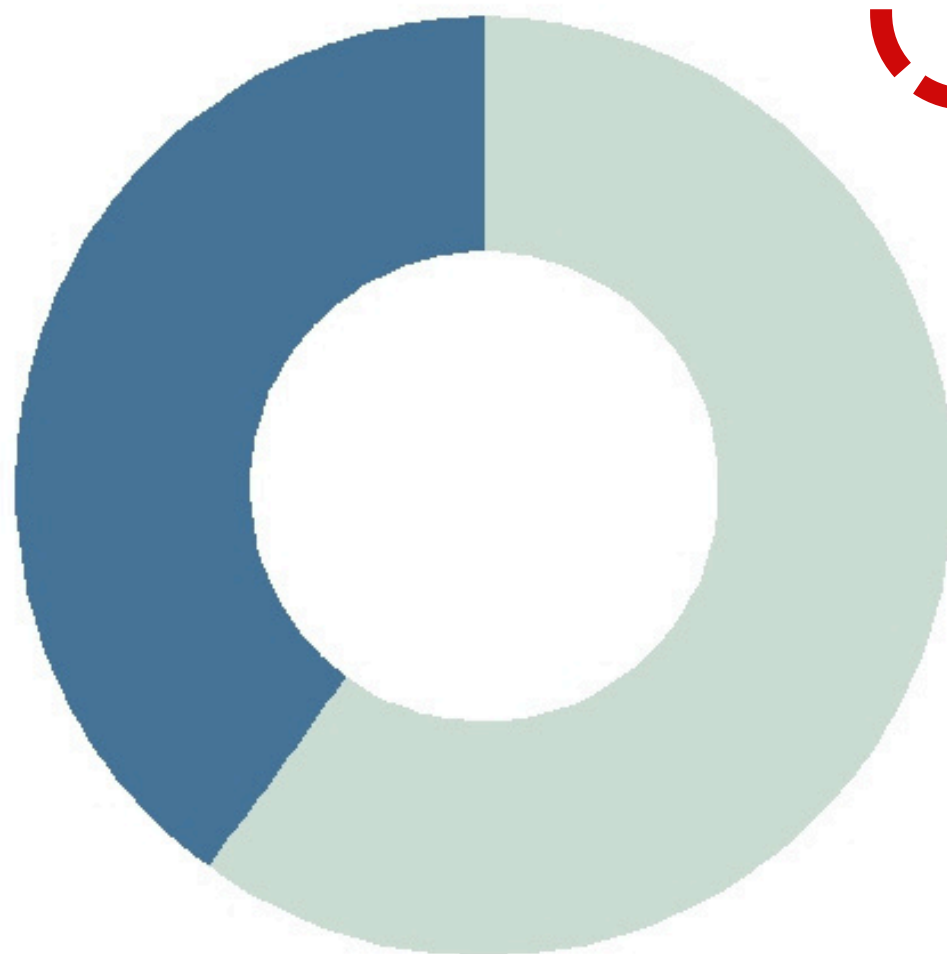
How do producers value natural resources in Great Plains Agroecosystems?

"You get into a rut when you're farming, and you don't take time to look around and study the little things in life that make it go"

Sentiment ■ Negative ■ Positive



Vertebrates



Arthropods

"Well when I put it in there, CRP was for soil erosion, now it's more or less for wildlife habitat."

Finding agreement between production needs and the resources available.

"There's farm ground that should never have been farmed. A lot of people have just broken out grassland and tried to grow crops and they end up growing maybe one crop, one good crop out of every five or 10 years. And, when you break it out, then you subject it to wind erosion and that's not good."

"When I was a kid, we just had, and you just find them [honeybees] everywhere. Now not so much."

Lifelong interaction with wildlife creates connection to and understanding of regional biological communities.

"You know you learn a lot about those species when you see them up close like that when you're young."

"What it is, is it's about the money. Generally, it's about the money. We all want to make a living and if you're strapped for cash, you do what that takes."

Underrepresented financial constraints in individual or community budgets and policy structures all influence management choices.

"The money just wouldn't compete with corn and that's my retirement."