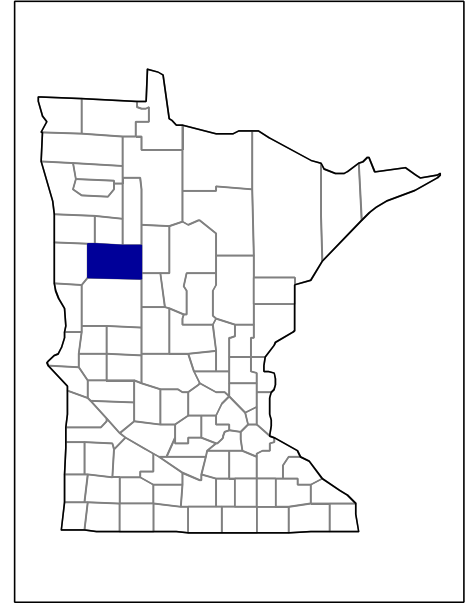


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Number of farms

1,254 farms in 2002, 1,210 farms in 1997, up 4 percent.

Land in farms

416,554 acres in 2002, 442,673 acres in 1997, down 6 percent.

Average size of farm

332 acres in 2002, 366 acres in 1997, down 9 percent.

Market Value of Production

\$98,365,000 in 2002, \$105,591,000 in 1997, down 7 percent.

Crop sales accounted for \$46,394,000 of the total value in 2002.

Livestock sales accounted for \$51,972,000 of the total value in 2002.

Market Value of Production, average per farm

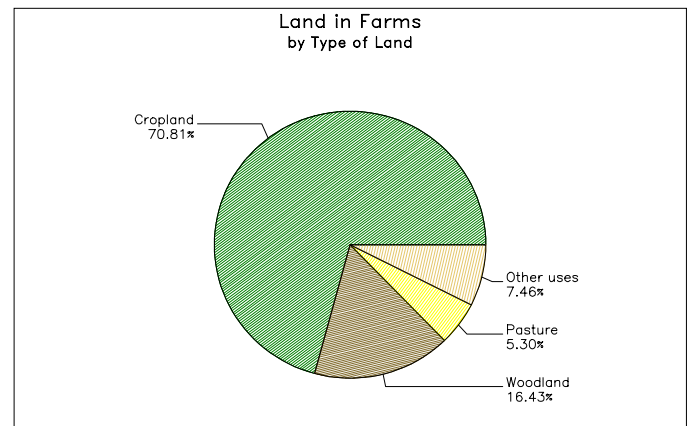
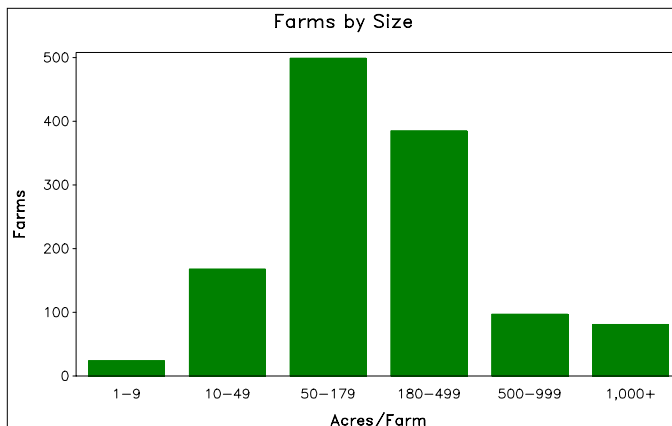
\$78,441 in 2002, \$87,265 in 1997, down 10 percent.

Government Payments

\$4,126,000 in 2002, \$3,284,000 in 1997, up 26 percent.

Government Payments, average per farm receiving payments

\$6,519 in 2002, \$5,473 in 1997, up 19 percent.



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Ranked items among the 87 state counties and 3,078 U.S. counties, 2002

Item	Quantity	State Rank	Universe ¹	U.S. Rank	Universe ¹
MARKET VALUE OF AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS SOLD (\$1,000)					
Total value of agricultural products sold	98,365	42	87	523	3,075
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	46,394	47	87	521	3,070
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	51,972	35	87	529	3,070
VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	25,468	51	85	559	2,871
Tobacco	-	-	-	-	560
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	-	-	656
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	(D)	(D)	86	(D)	2,747
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	73	31	83	1,406	2,638
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	(D)	(D)	81	(D)	2,708
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	(D)	(D)	62	(D)	1,774
Other crops and hay	8,465	12	87	162	3,046
Poultry and eggs	25,824	10	87	254	2,918
Cattle and calves	9,866	33	86	1,000	3,053
Milk and other dairy products from cows	12,939	20	84	307	2,493
Hogs and pigs	1,512	57	87	788	2,919
Sheep, goats, and their products	44	63	85	1,366	2,997
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	(D)	(D)	85	(D)	3,014
Aquaculture	(D)	(D)	46	(D)	1,520
Other animals and other animal products	1,374	4	85	76	2,727
TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)					
Turkeys	307,722	12	82	81	2,328
Layers 20 weeks old and older	(D)	9	86	(D)	2,983
Mink	(D)	1	20	(D)	117
Cattle and calves	30,231	23	87	1,051	3,059
Hogs and pigs	8,174	56	86	779	2,926
TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)					
Soybeans	83,501	43	84	350	2,076
All Wheat for grain	61,321	9	82	221	2,517
Forage - land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	49,669	12	87	301	3,059
Corn for grain	14,228	65	84	917	2,592
Corn for silage	8,304	9	84	196	2,307

Other County Highlights

Economic Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales	
Less than \$1,000	511
\$1,000 to \$2,499	108
\$2,500 to \$4,999	80
\$5,000 to \$9,999	115
\$10,000 to \$19,999	85
\$20,000 to \$24,999	24
\$25,000 to \$39,999	50
\$40,000 to \$49,999	33
\$50,000 to \$99,999	93
\$100,000 to \$249,999	82
\$250,000 to \$499,999	30
\$500,000 or more	43
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	76,304
Average per farm (\$)	60,655
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	26,987
Average per farm (\$)	21,453

Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Farming	667
Other	587
Principal operators by sex:	
Male	1,133
Female	121
Average age of principal operator (years)	53.8
All operators ² by race:	
White	1,713
Black or African American	-
American Indian or Alaska Native	23
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
Asian	-
More than one race	10
All operators ² of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin	9

(D) Cannot be disclosed. (Z) Less than half of the unit shown. See "Census of Agriculture, Volume 1, Geographic Area Series" for complete footnotes.

¹ Universe is number of counties in state or U.S. with item.

² Data were collected for a maximum of three operators per farm.