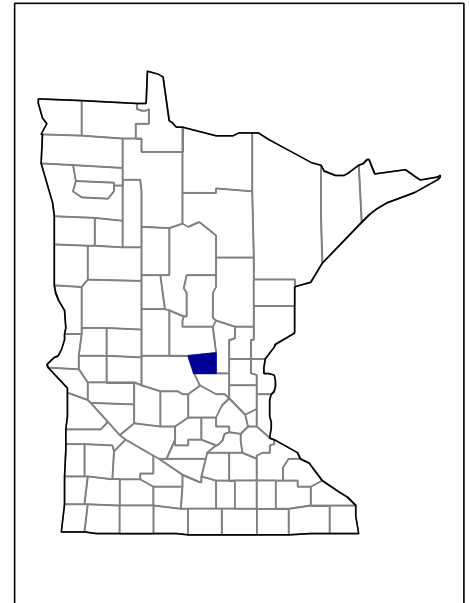


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Number of farms

965 farms in 2002, 892 farms in 1997, up 8 percent.

Land in farms

195,949 acres in 2002, 185,370 acres in 1997, up 6 percent.

Average size of farm

203 acres in 2002, 208 acres in 1997, down 2 percent.

Market Value of Production

\$88,315,000 in 2002, \$92,656,000 in 1997, down 5 percent.

Crop sales accounted for \$19,337,000 of the total value in 2002.

Livestock sales accounted for \$68,978,000 of the total value in 2002.

Market Value of Production, average per farm

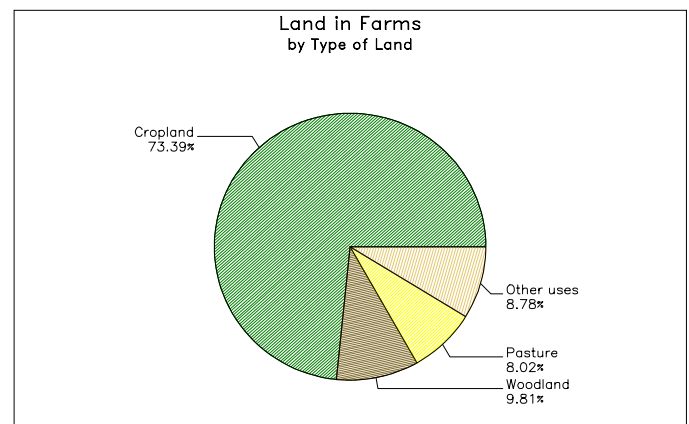
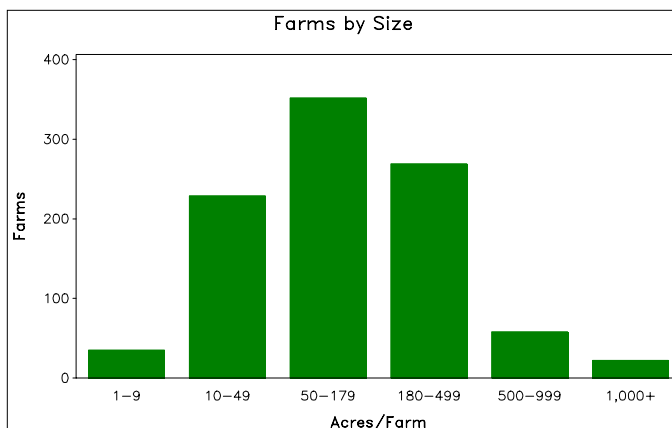
\$91,518 in 2002, \$103,875 in 1997, down 12 percent.

Government Payments

\$2,369,000 in 2002, \$1,733,000 in 1997, up 37 percent.

Government Payments, average per farm receiving payments

\$5,863 in 2002, \$3,736 in 1997, up 57 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	88,315	48	87	627	3,075
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	19,337	65	87	1,197	3,070
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	68,978	24	87	365	3,070
VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	14,360	63	85	840	2,871
Tobacco	-	-	-	-	560
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	-	-	656
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	3,672	27	86	382	2,747
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	(D)	(D)	83	(D)	2,638
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	166	57	81	1,900	2,708
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	(D)	(D)	62	(D)	1,774
Other crops and hay	1,021	61	87	1,220	3,046
Poultry and eggs	34,351	7	87	206	2,918
Cattle and calves	7,781	40	86	1,176	3,053
Milk and other dairy products from cows	22,067	11	84	203	2,493
Hogs and pigs	4,576	43	87	503	2,919
Sheep, goats, and their products	(D)	(D)	85	(D)	2,997
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	142	38	85	1,435	3,014
Aquaculture	-	-	46	-	1,520
Other animals and other animal products	(D)	(D)	85	(D)	2,727
TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)					
Broilers and other meat-type chickens	822,842	3	84	316	2,599
Cattle and calves	35,829	18	87	891	3,059
Hogs and pigs	22,099	44	86	491	2,926
Pheasants	(D)	12	65	(D)	1,541
Layers 20 weeks old and older ³	(D)	(D)	86	(D)	2,983
TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)					
Corn for grain	52,441	48	84	478	2,592
Forage - land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	28,624	27	87	769	3,059
Soybeans	27,708	61	84	743	2,076
Corn for silage	9,312	7	84	172	2,307
Oats	2,884	24	86	165	2,215

Other County Highlights

Economic Characteristics	Quantity	Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales		Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Less than \$1,000	232	Farming	567
\$1,000 to \$2,499	98	Other	398
\$2,500 to \$4,999	81	Principal operators by sex:	
\$5,000 to \$9,999	106	Male	888
\$10,000 to \$19,999	90	Female	77
\$20,000 to \$24,999	26	Average age of principal operator (years)	50.5
\$25,000 to \$39,999	58	All operators ² by race:	
\$40,000 to \$49,999	36	White	1,414
\$50,000 to \$99,999	78	Black or African American	-
\$100,000 to \$249,999	95	American Indian or Alaska Native	6
\$250,000 to \$499,999	40	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
\$500,000 or more	25	Asian	-
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	71,186	More than one race	-
Average per farm (\$)	73,768	All operators ² of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin	14
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	24,466		
Average per farm (\$)	25,354		

(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.

³ Items with a rank that cannot be disclosed are separated by a blank line, position in table does not indicate rank.