

2002 Census of Agriculture County Profile

Polk, Minnesota

Number of farms

1,518 farms in 2002, 1,501 farms in 1997, up 1 percent.

Land in farms

1,111,199 acres in 2002, 1,180,478 acres in 1997, down 6 percent.

Average size of farm

732 acres in 2002, 786 acres in 1997, down 7 percent.

Market Value of Production

\$197,188,000 in 2002, \$202,672,000 in 1997, down 3 percent.

Crop sales accounted for \$183,319,000 of the total value in 2002.

Livestock sales accounted for \$13,870,000 of the total value in 2002.

Market Value of Production, average per farm

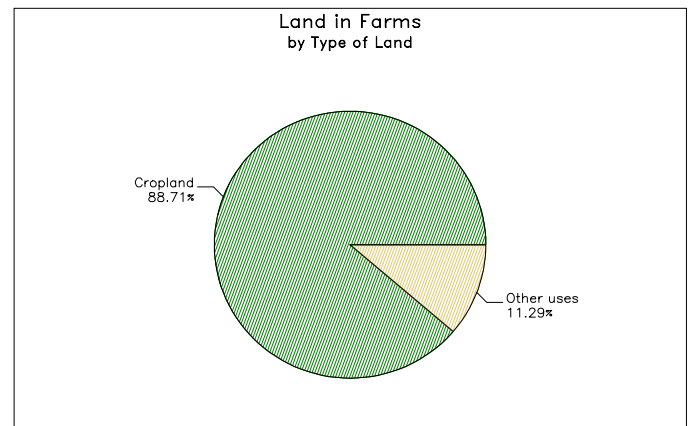
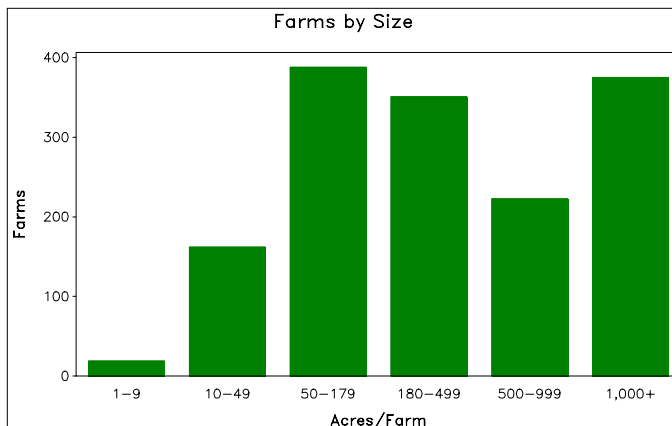
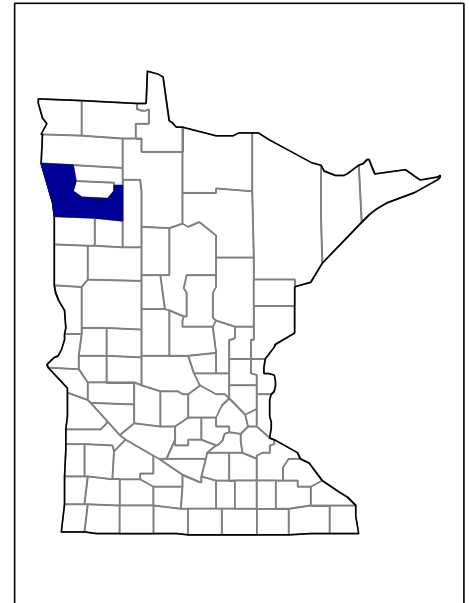
\$129,900 in 2002, \$135,025 in 1997, down 4 percent.

Government Payments

\$16,559,000 in 2002, \$14,787,000 in 1997, up 12 percent.

Government Payments, average per farm receiving payments

\$14,214 in 2002, \$12,628 in 1997, up 13 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	197,188	8	87	155	3,075
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	183,319	2	87	51	3,070
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	13,870	57	87	1,605	3,070
VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	98,289	5	85	25	2,871
Tobacco	-	-	-	-	560
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	-	-	656
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	10,287	8	86	171	2,747
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	15	53	83	2,070	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	71,958	1	87	8	3,046
Poultry and eggs	4	82	87	2,335	2,918
Cattle and calves	6,410	49	86	1,321	3,053
Milk and other dairy products from cows	4,380	46	84	684	2,493
Hogs and pigs	2,021	55	87	712	2,919
Sheep, goats, and their products	(D)	(D)	85	(D)	2,997
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	98	51	85	1,779	3,014
Aquaculture	(D)	(D)	46	(D)	1,520
Other animals and other animal products	764	11	85	177	2,727
TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)					
Cattle and calves	19,731	45	87	1,468	3,059
Colonies of bees	12,202	2	74	35	2,392
Hogs and pigs	10,398	55	86	710	2,926
Sheep and lambs	721	66	85	1,191	2,867
Horses and ponies	681	48	87	1,782	3,065
TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)					
All Wheat for grain	327,224	1	82	11	2,517
Soybeans	229,293	3	84	14	2,076
Sugarbeets for sugar	102,504	1	32	1	158
Dry edible beans, excluding limas	52,306	1	41	6	571
Forage - land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	34,188	21	87	613	3,059

Other County Highlights

Economic Characteristics	Quantity	Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales		Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Less than \$1,000	623	Farming	959
\$1,000 to \$2,499	37	Other	559
\$2,500 to \$4,999	53		
\$5,000 to \$9,999	67	Principal operators by sex:	
\$10,000 to \$19,999	69	Male	1,368
\$20,000 to \$24,999	35	Female	150
\$25,000 to \$39,999	54		
\$40,000 to \$49,999	42	Average age of principal operator (years)	53.7
\$50,000 to \$99,999	119		
\$100,000 to \$249,999	162	All operators ² by race:	
\$250,000 to \$499,999	130	White	2,070
\$500,000 or more	127	Black or African American	-
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	183,863	American Indian or Alaska Native	2
Average per farm (\$)	120,725	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
		Asian	-
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	49,713	More than one race	4
Average per farm (\$)	32,642	All operators ² of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin	17

(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.