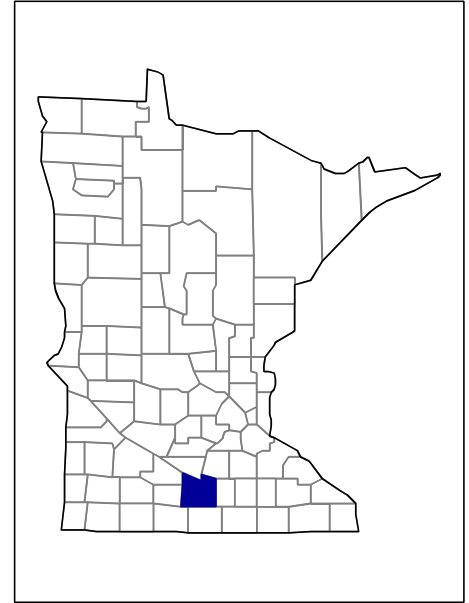




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Number of farms

1,125 farms in 2002, 1,082 farms in 1997, up 4 percent.

Land in farms

405,564 acres in 2002, 409,560 acres in 1997, down 1 percent.

Average size of farm

361 acres in 2002, 379 acres in 1997, down 5 percent.

Market Value of Production

\$210,330,000 in 2002, \$222,159,000 in 1997, down 5 percent.

Crop sales accounted for \$97,666,000 of the total value in 2002.

Livestock sales accounted for \$112,664,000 of the total value in 2002.

Market Value of Production, average per farm

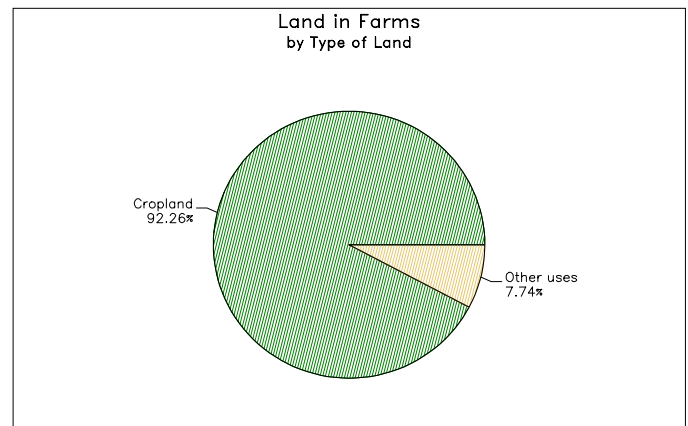
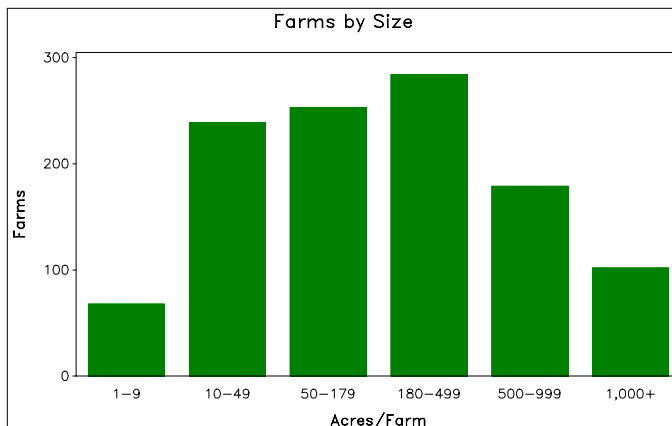
\$186,960 in 2002, \$205,323 in 1997, down 9 percent.

Government Payments

\$5,055,000 in 2002, \$6,311,000 in 1997, down 20 percent.

Government Payments, average per farm receiving payments

\$6,944 in 2002, \$7,878 in 1997, down 12 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	210,330	7	87	132	3,075
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	97,666	11	87	137	3,070
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	112,664	7	87	176	3,070
VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	92,975	7	85	33	2,871
Tobacco	-	-	-	-	560
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	-	-	656
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	3,168	29	86	416	2,747
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	(D)	(D)	83	(D)	2,638
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	593	35	81	1,347	2,708
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	(D)	(D)	62	(D)	1,774
Other crops and hay	733	71	87	1,558	3,046
Poultry and eggs	3,231	35	87	714	2,918
Cattle and calves	8,252	38	86	1,136	3,053
Milk and other dairy products from cows	2,346	63	84	952	2,493
Hogs and pigs	98,377	2	87	13	2,919
Sheep, goats, and their products	171	27	85	506	2,997
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	262	18	85	848	3,014
Aquaculture	-	-	46	-	1,520
Other animals and other animal products	25	67	85	1,431	2,727
TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)					
Hogs and pigs	404,643	2	86	19	2,926
Turkeys	125,022	25	82	145	2,328
Layers 20 weeks old and older	(D)	18	86	(D)	2,983
Cattle and calves	13,456	58	87	1,821	3,059
Sheep and lambs	2,709	17	85	405	2,867
TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)					
Corn for grain	176,541	5	84	33	2,592
Soybeans	165,342	12	84	41	2,076
Forage - land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	6,716	73	87	2,098	3,059
All Vegetables harvested	3,860	19	84	174	2,710
Sweet corn	2,498	18	76	64	2,279

Other County Highlights

Economic Characteristics	Quantity	Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales		Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Less than \$1,000	222	Farming	775
\$1,000 to \$2,499	45	Other	350
\$2,500 to \$4,999	43	Principal operators by sex:	
\$5,000 to \$9,999	45	Male	1,053
\$10,000 to \$19,999	72	Female	72
\$20,000 to \$24,999	40	Average age of principal operator (years)	52.2
\$25,000 to \$39,999	66	All operators ² by race:	
\$40,000 to \$49,999	36	White	1,505
\$50,000 to \$99,999	145	Black or African American	4
\$100,000 to \$249,999	194	American Indian or Alaska Native	-
\$250,000 to \$499,999	109	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
\$500,000 or more	108	Asian	3
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	181,531	More than one race	-
Average per farm (\$)	161,937	All operators ² of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin	9
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	36,992		
Average per farm (\$)	32,999		

(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.