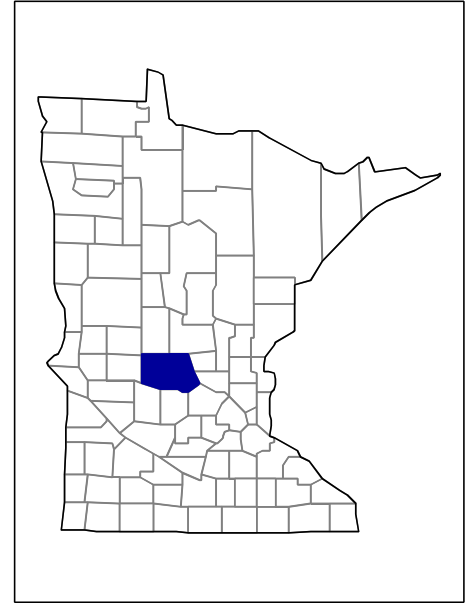


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Number of farms

3,152 farms in 2002, 3,135 farms in 1997, up 1 percent.

Land in farms

681,350 acres in 2002, 657,581 acres in 1997, up 4 percent.

Average size of farm

216 acres in 2002, 210 acres in 1997, up 3 percent.

Market Value of Production

\$343,660,000 in 2002, \$300,857,000 in 1997, up 14 percent.

Crop sales accounted for \$69,449,000 of the total value in 2002.

Livestock sales accounted for \$274,211,000 of the total value in 2002.

Market Value of Production, average per farm

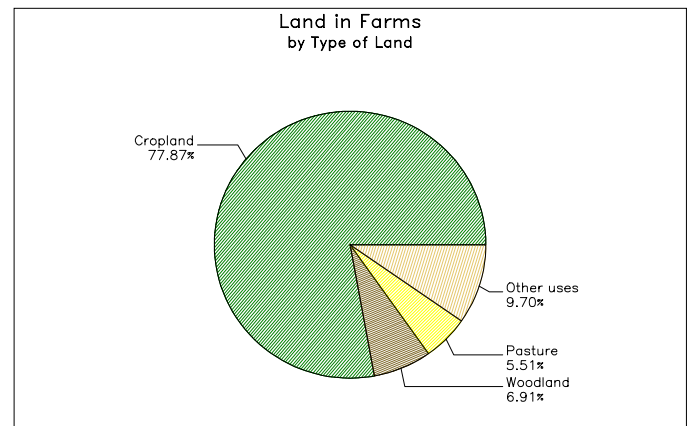
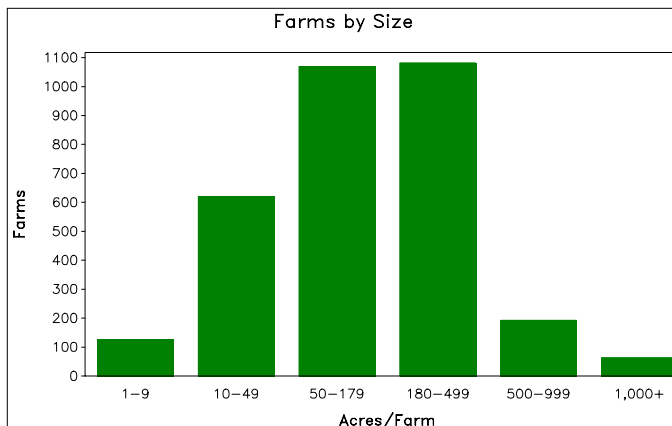
\$109,029 in 2002, \$95,967 in 1997, up 14 percent.

Government Payments

\$12,085,000 in 2002, \$7,263,000 in 1997, up 66 percent.

Government Payments, average per farm receiving payments

\$7,307 in 2002, \$3,619 in 1997, up 102 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	343,660	1	87	58	3,075
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	69,449	29	87	290	3,070
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	274,211	1	87	42	3,070
VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	52,981	35	85	208	2,871
Tobacco	-	-	-	-	560
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	-	-	656
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	4,697	21	86	321	2,747
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	(D)	(D)	83	(D)	2,638
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	3,115	14	81	627	2,708
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	(D)	(D)	62	(D)	1,774
Other crops and hay	8,411	14	87	166	3,046
Poultry and eggs	75,698	2	87	75	2,918
Cattle and calves	47,117	1	86	165	3,053
Milk and other dairy products from cows	126,068	1	84	23	2,493
Hogs and pigs	22,182	26	87	137	2,919
Sheep, goats, and their products	(D)	(D)	85	(D)	2,997
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	481	5	85	405	3,014
Aquaculture	(D)	(D)	46	(D)	1,520
Other animals and other animal products	2,218	1	85	42	2,727
TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)					
Turkeys	1,437,090	3	82	10	2,328
Broilers and other meat-type chickens	1,414,434	2	84	238	2,599
Layers 20 weeks old and older	1,040,315	6	86	97	2,983
Cattle and calves	174,926	1	87	44	3,059
Hogs and pigs	98,262	26	86	156	2,926
TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)					
Corn for grain	167,229	10	84	44	2,592
Forage - land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	117,255	1	87	24	3,059
Soybeans	98,592	34	84	262	2,076
Corn for silage	38,873	1	84	9	2,307
Oats	22,055	1	86	2	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	748	Farming	2,128
\$1,000 to \$2,499	190	Other	1,024
\$2,500 to \$4,999	156		
\$5,000 to \$9,999	201	Principal operators by sex:	
\$10,000 to \$19,999	236	Male	2,963
\$20,000 to \$24,999	91	Female	189
\$25,000 to \$39,999	235		
\$40,000 to \$49,999	105	Average age of principal operator (years)	50.8
\$50,000 to \$99,999	375		
\$100,000 to \$249,999	497	All operators ² by race:	
\$250,000 to \$499,999	197	White	4,589
\$500,000 or more	121	Black or African American	1
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	270,720	American Indian or Alaska Native	3
Average per farm (\$)	86,134	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
		Asian	3
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	89,418	More than one race	2
Average per farm (\$)	28,450	All operators ² of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin	14

(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.