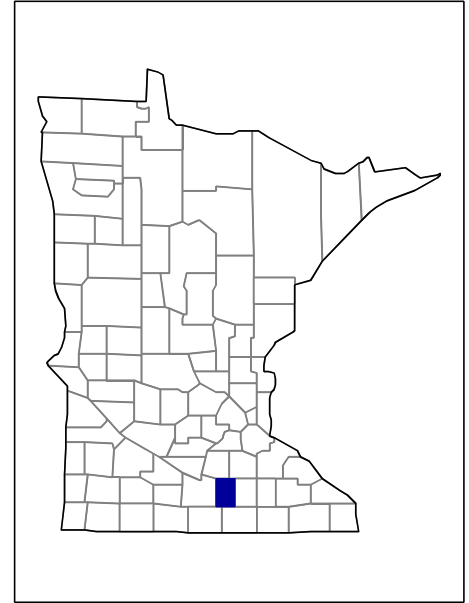


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Number of farms

759 farms in 2002, 735 farms in 1997, up 3 percent.

Land in farms

231,328 acres in 2002, 243,634 acres in 1997, down 5 percent.

Average size of farm

305 acres in 2002, 331 acres in 1997, down 8 percent.

Market Value of Production

\$110,771,000 in 2002, \$118,958,000 in 1997, down 7 percent.

Crop sales accounted for \$56,507,000 of the total value in 2002.

Livestock sales accounted for \$54,264,000 of the total value in 2002.

Market Value of Production, average per farm

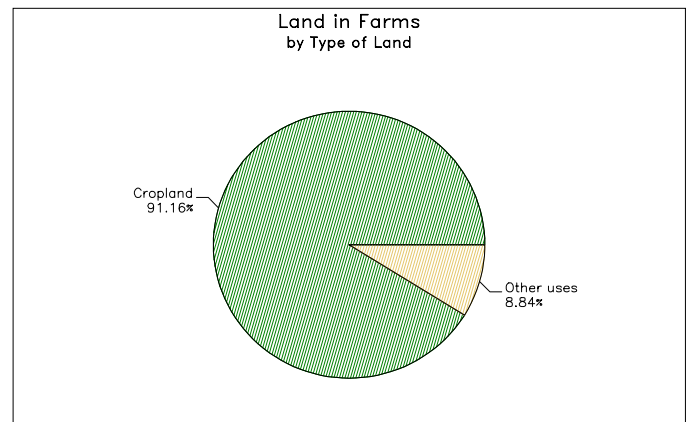
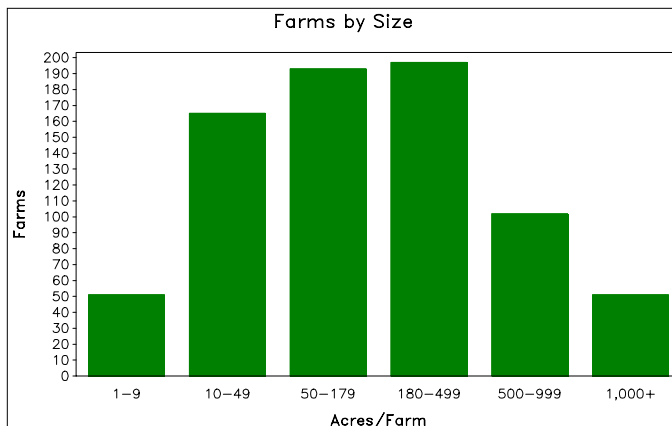
\$145,944 in 2002, \$161,847 in 1997, down 10 percent.

Government Payments

\$3,758,000 in 2002, \$4,572,000 in 1997, down 18 percent.

Government Payments, average per farm receiving payments

\$7,398 in 2002, \$8,222 in 1997, down 10 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	110,771	34	87	427	3,075
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	56,507	40	87	399	3,070
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	54,264	31	87	504	3,070
VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	49,525	36	85	247	2,871
Tobacco	-	-	-	-	560
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	-	-	656
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	5,814	18	86	279	2,747
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	(D)	(D)	83	(D)	2,638
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	(D)	(D)	81	(D)	2,708
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	3	52	62	1,485	1,774
Other crops and hay	(D)	(D)	87	(D)	3,046
Poultry and eggs	3,874	32	87	673	2,918
Cattle and calves	4,358	60	86	1,630	3,053
Milk and other dairy products from cows	5,693	38	84	567	2,493
Hogs and pigs	39,736	14	87	68	2,919
Sheep, goats, and their products	320	12	85	278	2,997
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	67	61	85	2,146	3,014
Aquaculture	-	-	46	-	1,520
Other animals and other animal products	217	27	85	570	2,727
TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)					
Hogs and pigs	177,267	16	86	73	2,926
Turkeys	145,607	23	82	134	2,328
Cattle and calves	12,329	62	87	1,886	3,059
Sheep and lambs	2,473	20	85	453	2,867
Broilers and other meat-type chickens	590	49	84	1,062	2,599
TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)					
Corn for grain	98,114	32	84	219	2,592
Soybeans	86,412	41	84	331	2,076
All Vegetables harvested	8,123	12	84	79	2,710
Forage - land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	5,857	77	87	2,196	3,059
Sweet corn	5,651	10	76	24	2,279

Other County Highlights

Economic Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales	
Less than \$1,000	188
\$1,000 to \$2,499	20
\$2,500 to \$4,999	16
\$5,000 to \$9,999	33
\$10,000 to \$19,999	44
\$20,000 to \$24,999	19
\$25,000 to \$39,999	59
\$40,000 to \$49,999	35
\$50,000 to \$99,999	90
\$100,000 to \$249,999	147
\$250,000 to \$499,999	52
\$500,000 or more	56
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	94,794
Average per farm (\$)	124,402
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	20,475
Average per farm (\$)	26,870

Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Farming	517
Other	242
Principal operators by sex:	
Male	727
Female	32
Average age of principal operator (years)	50.2
All operators ² by race:	
White	1,008
Black or African American	-
American Indian or Alaska Native	-
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
Asian	1
More than one race	-
All operators ² of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin	4

(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.