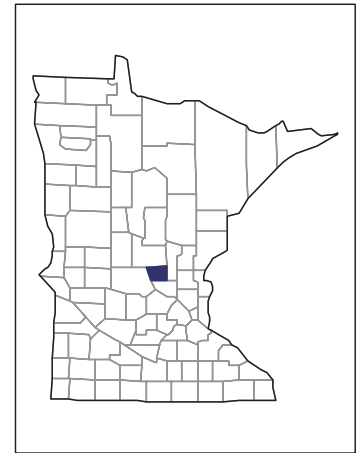


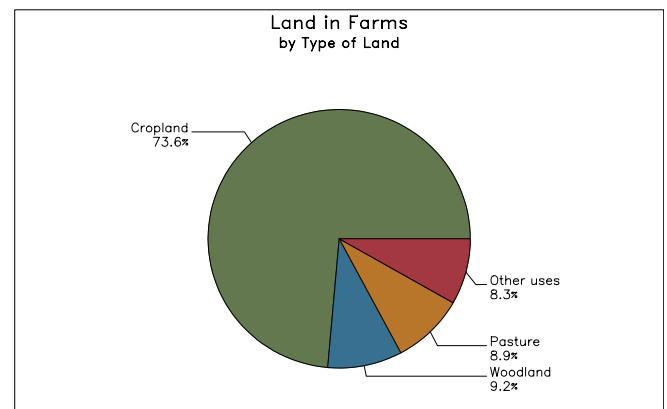
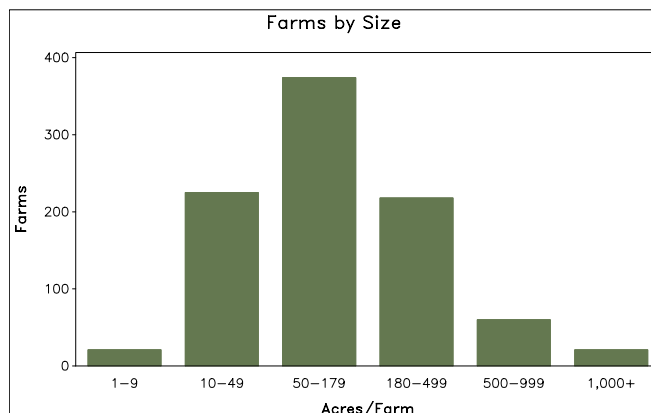
2007 CENSUS OF AGRICULTURE

County Profile

Benton County Minnesota



	2007	2002	% change
Number of Farms	919	965	- 5
Land in Farms	185,994 acres	195,949 acres	- 5
Average Size of Farm	202 acres	203 acres	0
Market Value of Products Sold	\$113,874,000	\$88,315,000	+ 29
Crop Sales \$21,716,000 (19 percent)			
Livestock Sales \$92,158,000 (81 percent)			
Average Per Farm	\$123,911	\$91,518	+ 35
Government Payments	\$2,390,000	\$2,369,000	+ 1
Average Per Farm Receiving Payments	\$4,149	\$5,863	- 29



2007 CENSUS OF AGRICULTURE

County Profile

Benton County – Minnesota

Ranked items among the 87 state counties and 3,079 U.S. counties, 2007

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	113,874	51	87	767	3,076
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	21,716	68	87	1,410	3,072
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	92,158	30	87	439	3,069
VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	15,552	64	86	1,077	2,933
Tobacco	-	-	-	-	437
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	-	-	626
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	4,609	19	84	343	2,796
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	234	21	82	1,012	2,659
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	776	35	79	1,195	2,703
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	59	19	52	561	1,710
Other crops and hay	486	77	86	2,181	3,054
Poultry and eggs	33,145	11	87	300	3,020
Cattle and calves	10,958	41	87	1,119	3,054
Milk and other dairy products from cows	40,769	9	84	180	2,493
Hogs and pigs	6,992	40	86	454	2,922
Sheep, goats, and their products	32	72	85	1,991	2,998
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	165	20	85	1,272	3,024
Aquaculture	-	-	44	-	1,498
Other animals and other animal products	95	57	84	1,028	2,875
TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)					
Corn for grain	48,534	53	85	602	2,634
Soybeans for beans	26,956	60	84	732	2,039
Forage - land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	22,743	27	87	929	3,060
Corn for silage	17,451	5	84	58	2,263
Oats for grain	2,679	19	86	135	1,957
TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)					
Broilers and other meat-type chickens	1,278,176	3	82	272	2,476
Pullets for laying flock replacement	(D)	10	73	(D)	2,627
Cattle and calves	37,553	20	87	836	3,060
Hogs and pigs	23,169	42	86	483	2,958
Layers	10,890	19	86	704	3,024

Other County Highlights

Economic Characteristics	Quantity	Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales:		Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Less than \$1,000	194	Farming	408
\$1,000 to \$2,499	91	Other	511
\$2,500 to \$4,999	95	Principal operators by sex:	
\$5,000 to \$9,999	93	Male	831
\$10,000 to \$19,999	87	Female	88
\$20,000 to \$24,999	24	Average age of principal operator (years)	51.4
\$25,000 to \$39,999	78	All operators by race ² :	
\$40,000 to \$49,999	23	American Indian or Alaska Native	2
\$50,000 to \$99,999	56	Asian	-
\$100,000 to \$249,999	70	Black or African American	-
\$250,000 to \$499,999	60	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
\$500,000 or more	48	White	1,389
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	93,452	More than one race	5
Average per farm (\$)	101,689	All operators of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin ²	5
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	31,661		
Average per farm (\$)	34,451		

See "Census of Agriculture, Volume 1, Geographic Area Series" for complete footnotes, explanations, definitions, and methodology.

(D) Cannot be disclosed. (Z) Less than half of the unit shown.

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.