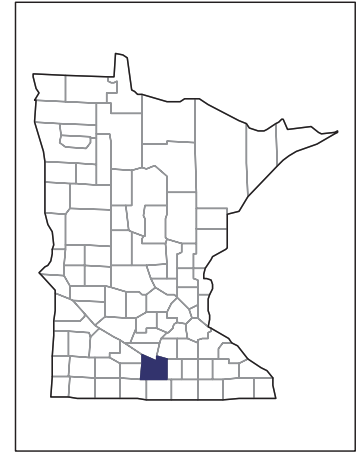


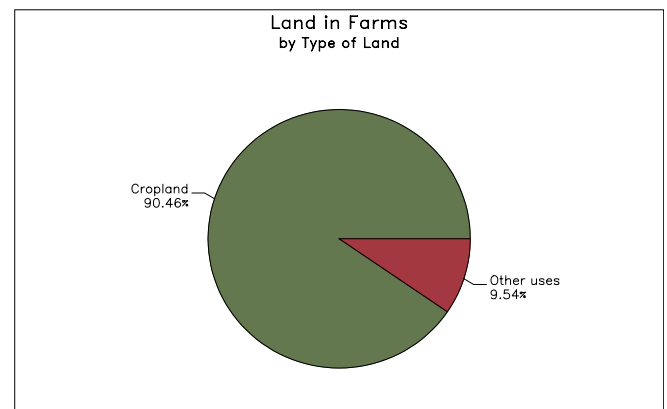
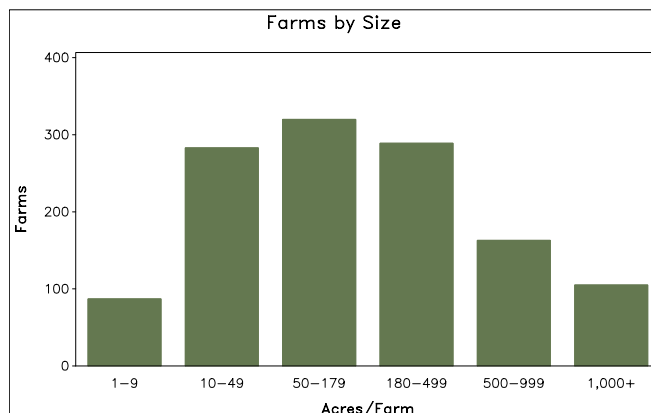
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## County Profile

### Blue Earth County Minnesota



	2007	2002	% change
<b>Number of Farms</b>	1,247	1,125	+ 11
<b>Land in Farms</b>	415,326 acres	405,564 acres	+ 2
<b>Average Size of Farm</b>	333 acres	361 acres	- 8
<b>Market Value of Products Sold</b>	\$327,486,000	\$210,330,000	+ 56
Crop Sales \$155,062,000 (47 percent)			
Livestock Sales \$172,424,000 (53 percent)			
Average Per Farm	\$262,619	\$186,960	+ 40
<b>Government Payments</b>	\$8,511,000	\$5,055,000	+ 68
Average Per Farm Receiving Payments	\$8,579	\$6,944	+ 24



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### Blue Earth County – Minnesota

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

Item	Quantity	State Rank	Universe <sup>1</sup>	U.S. Rank	Universe <sup>1</sup>
<b>MARKET VALUE OF AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS SOLD (\$1,000)</b>					
Total value of agricultural products sold	327,486	7	87	136	3,076
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	155,062	10	87	142	3,072
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	172,424	7	87	163	3,069
<b>VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)</b>					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	151,400	8	86	59	2,933
Tobacco	-	-	-	-	437
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	-	-	626
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	1,405	40	84	694	2,796
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	105	37	82	1,376	2,659
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	1,756	22	79	857	2,703
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	-	-	52	-	1,710
Other crops and hay	396	79	86	2,303	3,054
Poultry and eggs	11,340	20	87	536	3,020
Cattle and calves	11,929	38	87	1,048	3,054
Milk and other dairy products from cows	2,504	66	84	989	2,493
Hogs and pigs	145,755	2	86	12	2,922
Sheep, goats, and their products	502	10	85	250	2,998
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	288	10	85	826	3,024
Aquaculture	-	-	44	-	1,498
Other animals and other animal products	106	54	84	971	2,875
<b>TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)</b>					
Corn for grain	201,872	6	85	52	2,634
Soybeans for beans	146,852	12	84	39	2,039
Forage - land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	3,995	76	87	2,460	3,060
Vegetables harvested for sale	2,223	30	85	329	2,794
Corn for silage	1,408	61	84	821	2,263
<b>TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)</b>					
Hogs and pigs	537,657	2	86	15	2,958
Turkeys	141,186	26	81	143	2,371
Pullets for laying flock replacement	(D)	7	73	(D)	2,627
Layers	(D)	15	86	(D)	3,024
Cattle and calves	13,739	58	87	1,748	3,060

#### Other County Highlights

Economic Characteristics	Quantity	Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales:		Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Less than \$1,000	388	Farming	655
\$1,000 to \$2,499	27	Other	592
\$2,500 to \$4,999	35	Principal operators by sex:	
\$5,000 to \$9,999	47	Male	1,139
\$10,000 to \$19,999	37	Female	108
\$20,000 to \$24,999	13	Average age of principal operator (years)	54.7
\$25,000 to \$39,999	36	All operators by race <sup>2</sup> :	
\$40,000 to \$49,999	36	American Indian or Alaska Native	1
\$50,000 to \$99,999	124	Asian	1
\$100,000 to \$249,999	183	Black or African American	-
\$250,000 to \$499,999	149	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
\$500,000 or more	172	White	1,767
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	265,037	More than one race	15
Average per farm (\$)	212,540	All operators of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin <sup>2</sup>	9
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	80,125		
Average per farm (\$)	64,255		

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.

<sup>1</sup> Universe is number of counties in state or U.S. with item. <sup>2</sup> Data were collected for a maximum of three operators per farm.