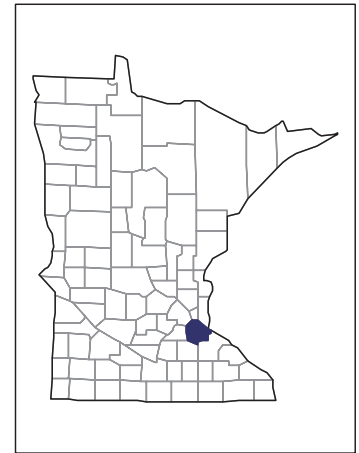


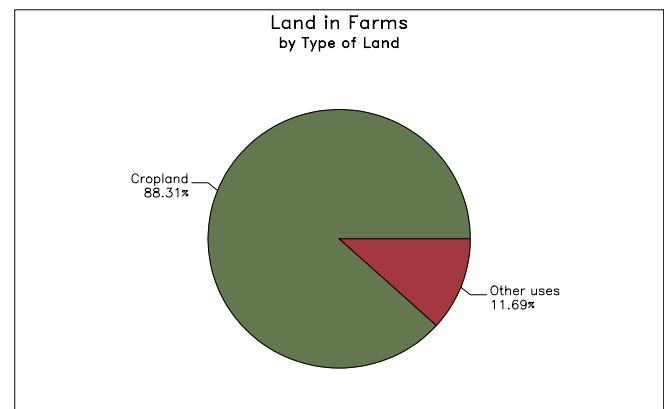
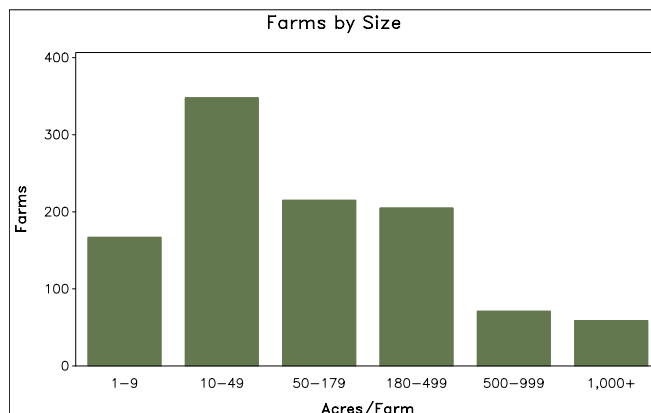
2007 CENSUS OF AGRICULTURE

County Profile

Dakota County Minnesota



	2007	2002	% change
Number of Farms	1,065	997	+ 7
Land in Farms	246,026 acres	235,763 acres	+ 4
Average Size of Farm	231 acres	236 acres	- 2
Market Value of Products Sold	\$184,708,000	\$112,000,000	+ 65
Crop Sales \$117,315,000 (64 percent)			
Livestock Sales \$67,393,000 (36 percent)			
Average Per Farm	\$173,435	\$112,337	+ 54
Government Payments	\$4,232,000	\$3,003,000	+ 41
Average Per Farm Receiving Payments	\$7,491	\$7,415	+ 1



2007 CENSUS OF AGRICULTURE

County Profile

Dakota 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	184,708	34	87	381	3,076
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	117,315	24	87	289	3,072
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	67,393	40	87	610	3,069
VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	65,106	44	86	452	2,933
Tobacco	-	-	-	-	437
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	-	-	626
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	12,971	5	84	156	2,796
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	787	7	82	536	2,659
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	37,473	2	79	89	2,703
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	8	41	52	1,175	1,710
Other crops and hay	971	58	86	1,548	3,054
Poultry and eggs	(D)	50	87	(D)	3,020
Cattle and calves	47,144	6	87	246	3,054
Milk and other dairy products from cows	14,260	34	84	380	2,493
Hogs and pigs	3,438	48	86	623	2,922
Sheep, goats, and their products	(D)	(D)	85	(D)	2,998
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	307	9	85	778	3,024
Aquaculture	1	41	44	1,329	1,498
Other animals and other animal products	256	27	84	581	2,875
TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)					
Corn for grain	111,800	35	85	243	2,634
Soybeans for beans	61,704	49	84	423	2,039
Forage - land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	12,892	43	87	1,458	3,060
Vegetables harvested for sale	10,790	4	85	80	2,794
Peas, green (excluding southern)	5,545	3	62	6	882
TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)					
Turkeys	48,166	38	81	221	2,371
Cattle and calves	42,662	17	87	730	3,060
Hogs and pigs	12,340	50	86	650	2,958
Horses and ponies	2,403	7	86	402	3,066
Layers	2,110	31	86	1,096	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	242	Farming	493
\$1,000 to \$2,499	67	Other	572
\$2,500 to \$4,999	65	Principal operators by sex:	
\$5,000 to \$9,999	69	Male	922
\$10,000 to \$19,999	96	Female	143
\$20,000 to \$24,999	30	Average age of principal operator (years)	55.5
\$25,000 to \$39,999	88	All operators by race ² :	
\$40,000 to \$49,999	30	American Indian or Alaska Native	3
\$50,000 to \$99,999	111	Asian	85
\$100,000 to \$249,999	106	Black or African American	-
\$250,000 to \$499,999	78	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
\$500,000 or more	83	White	1,550
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	158,365	More than one race	4
Average per farm (\$)	148,700	All operators of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin ²	12
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	41,784		
Average per farm (\$)	39,234		

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.