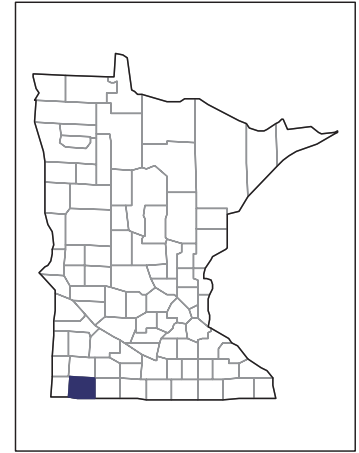


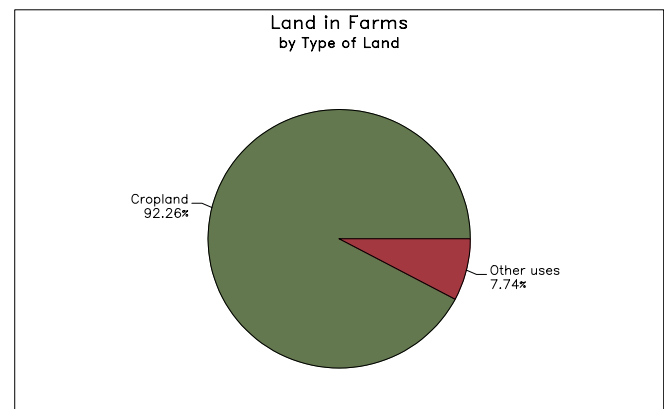
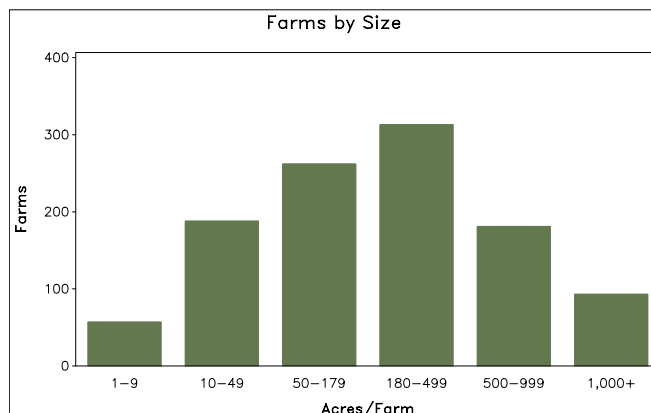
2007 CENSUS OF AGRICULTURE

County Profile

Nobles County Minnesota



	2007	2002	% change
Number of Farms	1,094	1,043	+ 5
Land in Farms	422,300 acres	404,307 acres	+ 4
Average Size of Farm	386 acres	388 acres	- 1
Market Value of Products Sold	\$343,813,000	\$187,557,000	+ 83
Crop Sales \$149,481,000 (43 percent)			
Livestock Sales \$194,332,000 (57 percent)			
Average Per Farm	\$314,272	\$179,825	+ 75
Government Payments	\$7,727,000	\$5,382,000	+ 44
Average Per Farm Receiving Payments	\$8,256	\$7,645	+ 8



2007 CENSUS OF AGRICULTURE

County Profile

Nobles 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	343,813	5	87	122	3,076
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	149,481	13	87	162	3,072
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	194,332	5	87	132	3,069
VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	147,551	10	86	68	2,933
Tobacco	-	-	-	-	437
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	-	-	626
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	418	53	84	1,148	2,796
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	(D)	22	82	(D)	2,659
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	(D)	73	79	(D)	2,703
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	-	-	52	-	1,710
Other crops and hay	1,256	49	86	1,301	3,054
Poultry and eggs	4,228	36	87	740	3,020
Cattle and calves	61,061	5	87	185	3,054
Milk and other dairy products from cows	20,316	21	84	294	2,493
Hogs and pigs	108,069	3	86	26	2,922
Sheep, goats, and their products	429	12	85	290	2,998
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	(D)	74	85	(D)	3,024
Aquaculture	-	-	44	-	1,498
Other animals and other animal products	(D)	(D)	84	(D)	2,875
TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)					
Corn for grain	197,820	7	85	56	2,634
Soybeans for beans	157,260	7	84	29	2,039
Forage - land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	7,492	65	87	1,981	3,060
Corn for silage	7,089	13	84	211	2,263
Oats for grain	1,078	42	86	347	1,957
TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)					
Hogs and pigs	416,370	3	86	25	2,958
Turkeys	96,835	31	81	171	2,371
Cattle and calves	67,281	7	87	328	3,060
Broilers and other meat-type chickens	(D)	9	82	603	2,476
Sheep and lambs	2,175	24	86	462	2,891

Other County Highlights

Economic Characteristics	Quantity	Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales:		Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Less than \$1,000	214	Farming	648
\$1,000 to \$2,499	14	Other	446
\$2,500 to \$4,999	21		
\$5,000 to \$9,999	22	Principal operators by sex:	
\$10,000 to \$19,999	34	Male	1,067
\$20,000 to \$24,999	15	Female	27
\$25,000 to \$39,999	63		
\$40,000 to \$49,999	23	Average age of principal operator (years)	54.0
\$50,000 to \$99,999	158		
\$100,000 to \$249,999	215	All operators by race ² :	
\$250,000 to \$499,999	134	American Indian or Alaska Native	6
\$500,000 or more	181	Asian	-
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	252,685	Black or African American	-
Average per farm (\$)	230,973	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
		White	1,542
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	110,218	More than one race	8
Average per farm (\$)	100,748	All operators of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin ²	-

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.