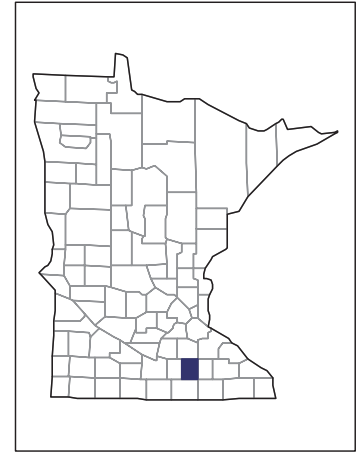


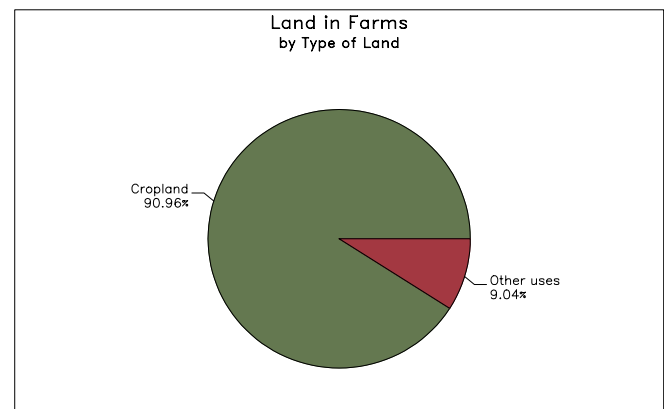
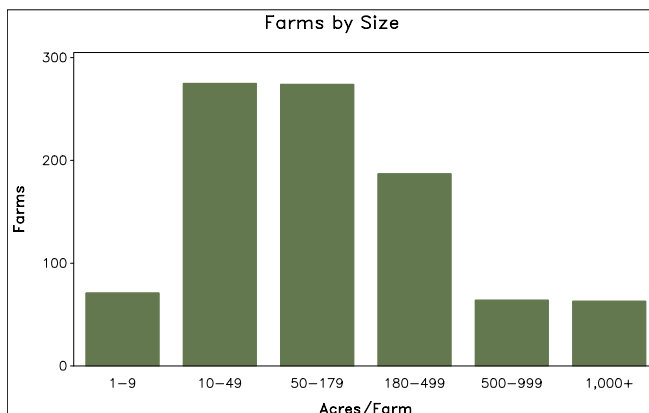
# 2007 CENSUS OF AGRICULTURE

## County Profile

### Steele County Minnesota



	2007	2002	% change
<b>Number of Farms</b>	934	899	+ 4
<b>Land in Farms</b>	266,199 acres	281,847 acres	- 6
<b>Average Size of Farm</b>	285 acres	314 acres	- 9
<b>Market Value of Products Sold</b>	\$184,753,000	\$127,952,000	+ 44
Crop Sales \$111,218,000 (60 percent)			
Livestock Sales \$73,535,000 (40 percent)			
<b>Average Per Farm</b>	\$197,809	\$142,327	+ 39
<b>Government Payments</b>	\$5,635,000	\$4,801,000	+ 17
<b>Average Per Farm Receiving Payments</b>	\$7,667	\$8,208	- 7



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### Steele 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	184,753	32	87	379	3,076
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	111,218	28	87	314	3,072
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	73,535	37	87	561	3,069
<b>VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)</b>					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	92,421	32	86	259	2,933
Tobacco	-	-	-	-	437
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	-	-	626
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	5,448	16	84	314	2,796
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	15	64	82	2,098	2,659
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	(D)	6	79	(D)	2,703
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	(D)	51	52	1,693	1,710
Other crops and hay	(D)	(D)	86	(D)	3,054
Poultry and eggs	16,713	13	87	446	3,020
Cattle and calves	5,650	61	87	1,618	3,054
Milk and other dairy products from cows	15,648	28	84	357	2,493
Hogs and pigs	35,245	23	86	127	2,922
Sheep, goats, and their products	53	63	85	1,595	2,998
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	101	33	85	1,683	3,024
Aquaculture	-	-	44	-	1,498
Other animals and other animal products	124	50	84	905	2,875
<b>TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)</b>					
Corn for grain	123,761	31	85	209	2,634
Soybeans for beans	80,369	40	84	290	2,039
Vegetables harvested for sale	9,441	9	85	102	2,794
Forage - land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	7,802	62	87	1,941	3,060
Sweet corn	5,399	6	77	20	2,384
<b>TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)</b>					
Turkeys	346,242	11	81	78	2,371
Hogs and pigs	111,763	25	86	154	2,958
Cattle and calves	15,616	53	87	1,631	3,060
Quail	(D)	1	33	(D)	1,386
Layers	3,942	21	86	844	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	330	Farming	409
\$1,000 to \$2,499	44	Other	525
\$2,500 to \$4,999	44		
\$5,000 to \$9,999	30	Principal operators by sex:	
\$10,000 to \$19,999	33	Male	844
\$20,000 to \$24,999	17	Female	90
\$25,000 to \$39,999	37		
\$40,000 to \$49,999	33	Average age of principal operator (years)	55.5
\$50,000 to \$99,999	84		
\$100,000 to \$249,999	116	All operators by race <sup>2</sup> :	
\$250,000 to \$499,999	68	American Indian or Alaska Native	10
\$500,000 or more	98	Asian	4
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	142,937	Black or African American	-
Average per farm (\$)	153,038	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
		White	1,335
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	53,701	More than one race	7
Average per farm (\$)	57,496	All operators of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin <sup>2</sup>	-

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.