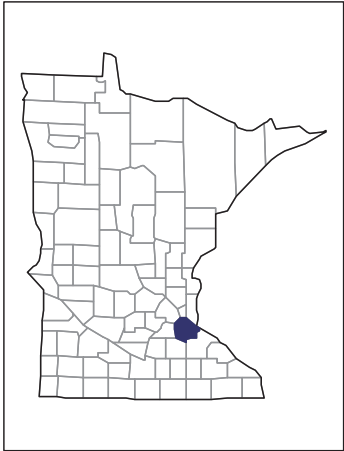


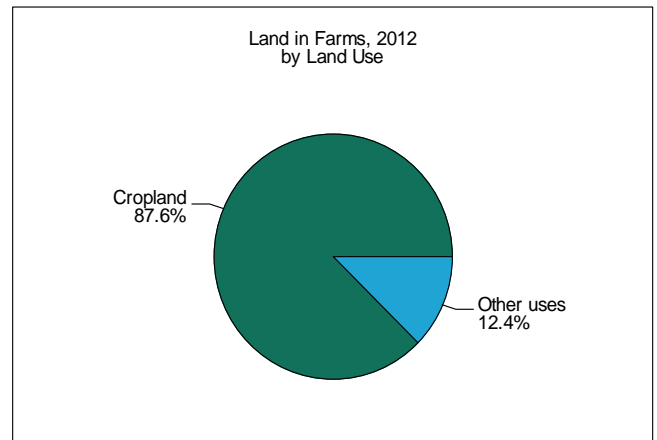
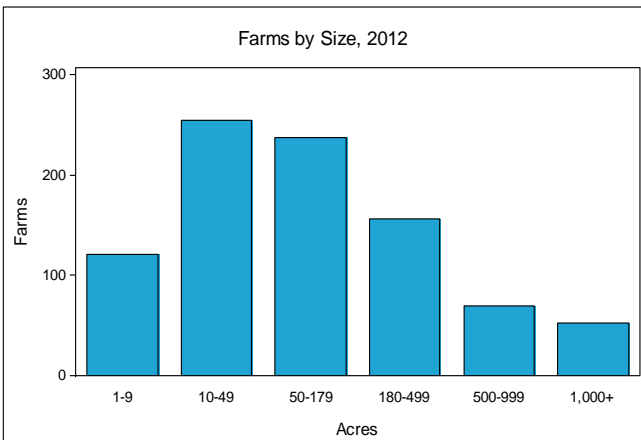
# 2012 CENSUS OF AGRICULTURE

## COUNTY PROFILE



### Dakota County Minnesota

	2012	2007	% change
<b>Number of Farms</b>	892	1,065	- 16
<b>Land in Farms</b>	219,856 acres	246,026 acres	- 11
<b>Average Size of Farm</b>	246 acres	231 acres	+ 6
<b>Market Value of Products Sold</b>	\$241,008,000	\$184,708,000	+ 30
Crop Sales \$187,467,000 (78 percent)			
Livestock Sales \$53,541,000 (22 percent)			
<b>Average Per Farm</b>	\$270,188	\$173,435	+ 56
<b>Government Payments</b>	\$3,892,000	\$4,232,000	- 8
<b>Average Per Farm Receiving Payments</b>	\$8,024	\$7,491	+ 7





## Dakota County – Minnesota

### Ranked items among the 87 state counties and 3,079 U.S. counties, 2012

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	241,008	44	87	412	3,077
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	187,467	33	87	251	3,072
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	53,541	47	87	861	3,076
<b>VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)</b>					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	133,100	47	85	325	2,926
Tobacco	-	-	-	-	436
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	-	-	635
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	25,060	3	87	105	2,802
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	712	5	81	582	2,724
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	27,174	2	79	115	2,678
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	34	19	50	581	1,530
Other crops and hay	1,387	59	87	1,644	3,049
Poultry and eggs	(D)	56	87	(D)	3,013
Cattle and calves	29,010	18	86	551	3,056
Milk from cows	12,877	33	83	435	2,038
Hogs and pigs	(D)	39	86	(D)	2,827
Sheep, goats, wool, mohair, and milk	196	41	87	819	2,988
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	787	5	85	332	3,011
Aquaculture	(D)	42	43	(D)	1,366
Other animals and other animal products	411	22	86	482	2,924
<b>TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)</b>					
Corn for grain	104,482	42	85	272	2,638
Soybeans for beans	51,632	54	85	586	2,162
Vegetables harvested, all	15,707	2	87	57	2,801
Forage-land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	8,824	49	87	1,756	3,057
Peas, green (excluding southern)	6,325	2	76	6	889
<b>TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)</b>					
Hogs and pigs	32,683	40	85	381	2,889
Cattle and calves	24,529	35	87	1,156	3,063
Turkeys	(D)	44	76	(D)	2,416
Layers	5,068	18	86	806	3,040
Horses and ponies	2,254	3	87	379	3,072

### Other County Highlights, 2012

Economic Characteristics	Quantity	Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales:		Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Less than \$1,000	152	Farming	507
\$1,000 to \$2,499	43	Other	385
\$2,500 to \$4,999	60		
\$5,000 to \$9,999	67	Principal operators by sex:	
\$10,000 to \$19,999	72	Male	771
\$20,000 to \$24,999	24	Female	121
\$25,000 to \$39,999	48		
\$40,000 to \$49,999	40	Average age of principal operator (years)	57.2
\$50,000 to \$99,999	96		
\$100,000 to \$249,999	113	All operators by race <sup>2</sup> :	
\$250,000 to \$499,999	74	American Indian or Alaska Native	4
\$500,000 or more	103	Asian	99
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	178,874	Black or African American	-
Average per farm (\$)	200,531	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
		White	1,295
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	78,688	More than one race	2
Average per farm (\$)	88,215	All operators of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin <sup>2</sup>	9

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

- Represents zero. (D) Withheld to avoid disclosing data for individual operations.

<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.