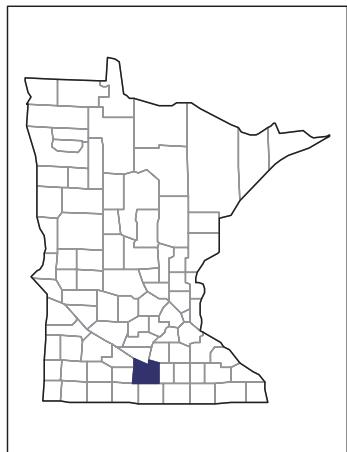


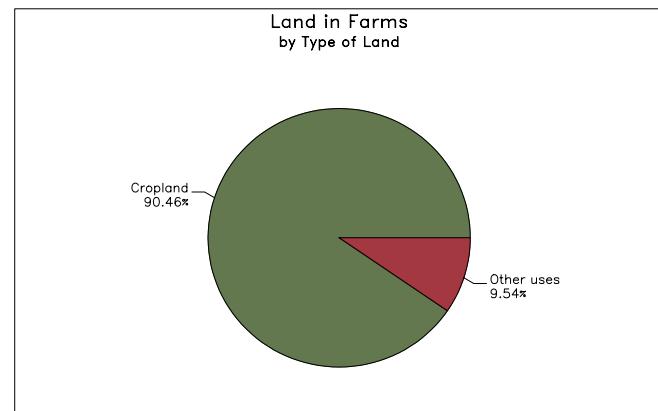
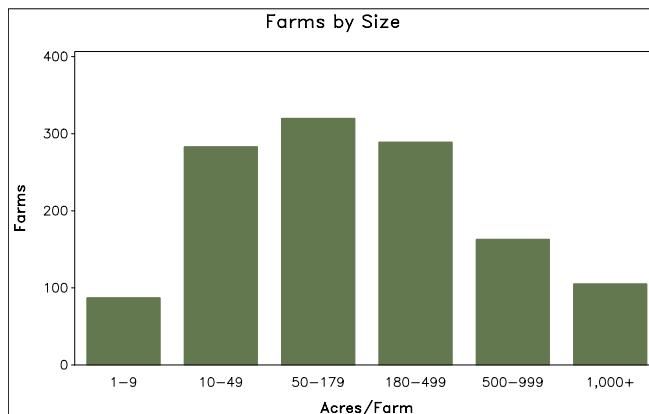
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## County Profile

### Blue Earth, 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 Production</b>	 \$327,486,000	 \$210,330,000	 + 56
Crop Sales \$155,062,000 (47 percent)			
Livestock Sales \$172,424,000 (53 percent)			
<b>Average Per Farm</b>	\$262,619	\$186,960	+ 40
 <b>Government Payments</b>	 \$8,511,000	 \$5,055,000	 + 68
Average Per Farm	\$8,579	\$6,944	+ 24



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#### 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 LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)</b>					
Hogs and pigs	537,657	2	86	15	2,958
Turkeys	141,186	26	81	143	2,371
Layers	(D)	15	86	(D)	3,024
Cattle and calves	13,739	58	87	1,748	3,060
Pullets for laying flock replacement <sup>3</sup>	(D)	(D)	73	(D)	2,627
<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, all	2,223	30	85	329	2,794
Corn for silage	1,408	61	84	821	2,263

#### Other County Highlights

Economic Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales	
Less than \$1,000	388
\$1,000 to \$2,499	27
\$2,500 to \$4,999	35
\$5,000 to \$9,999	47
\$10,000 to \$19,999	37
\$20,000 to \$24,999	13
\$25,000 to \$39,999	36
\$40,000 to \$49,999	36
\$50,000 to \$99,999	124
\$100,000 to \$249,999	183
\$250,000 to \$499,999	149
\$500,000 or more	172
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	265,037
Average per farm (\$)	212,540
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	80,125
Average per farm (\$)	64,255

Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Farming	655
Other	592
Principal operators by sex:	
Male	1,139
Female	108
Average age of principal operator (years)	54.7
All operators <sup>2</sup> by race:	
American Indian or Alaska Native	1
Asian	1
Black or African American	(-)
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	(-)
White	1,767
More than one race	15
All operators <sup>2</sup> of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin	9

(D) Cannot be disclosed. (Z) Less than half of the unit shown. See "Census of Agriculture, Volume 1, Geographic Area Series" for complete footnotes.

<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.

<sup>3</sup> Items with a rank that cannot be disclosed are separated by a blank line, position in table does not indicate rank.