

# 2002 Census of Agriculture County Profile

## Houston, Minnesota

### Number of farms

1,031 farms in 2002, 998 farms in 1997, up 3 percent.

### Land in farms

253,600 acres in 2002, 301,114 acres in 1997, down 16 percent.

### Average size of farm

246 acres in 2002, 302 acres in 1997, down 19 percent.

### Market Value of Production

\$66,559,000 in 2002, \$77,110,000 in 1997, down 14 percent.

Crop sales accounted for \$19,193,000 of the total value in 2002.

Livestock sales accounted for \$47,367,000 of the total value in 2002.

### Market Value of Production, average per farm

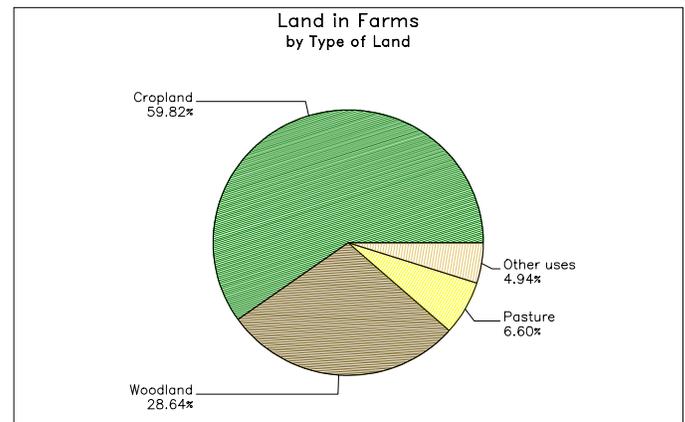
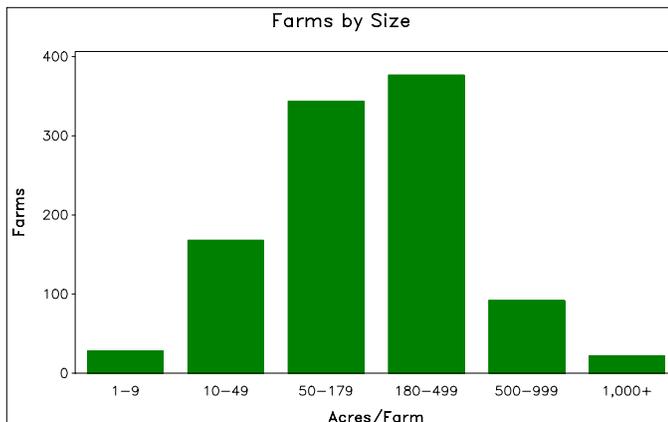
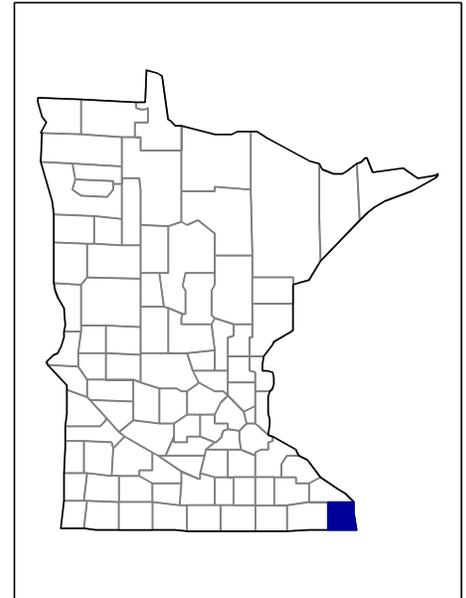
\$64,558 in 2002, \$77,264 in 1997, down 16 percent.

### Government Payments

\$4,651,000 in 2002, \$3,269,000 in 1997, up 42 percent.

### Government Payments, average per farm receiving payments

\$7,245 in 2002, \$4,946 in 1997, up 46 percent.



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**Ranked items among the 87 state counties and 3,078 U.S. counties, 2002**

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	66,559	55	87	858	3,075
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	19,193	66	87	1,204	3,070
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	47,367	38	87	596	3,070
<b>VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)</b>					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	15,918	61	85	790	2,871
Tobacco	-	-	-	-	560
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	-	-	656
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	61	69	86	1,953	2,747
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	(D)	(D)	83	(D)	2,638
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	(D)	(D)	81	(D)	2,708
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	(D)	(D)	62	(D)	1,774
Other crops and hay	2,537	29	87	494	3,046
Poultry and eggs	(D)	(D)	87	(D)	2,918
Cattle and calves	16,834	16	86	627	3,053
Milk and other dairy products from cows	23,380	10	84	193	2,493
Hogs and pigs	(D)	(D)	87	(D)	2,919
Sheep, goats, and their products	179	25	85	483	2,997
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	115	45	85	1,647	3,014
Aquaculture	-	-	46	-	1,520
Other animals and other animal products	156	35	85	692	2,727
<b>TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)</b>					
Cattle and calves	53,631	9	87	505	3,059
Turkeys	(D)	41	82	(D)	2,328
Hogs and pigs	27,125	37	86	439	2,926
Sheep and lambs	1,572	40	85	688	2,867
Horses and ponies	1,180	31	87	1,057	3,065
<b>TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)</b>					
Corn for grain	46,724	50	84	524	2,592
Forage - land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	39,552	16	87	491	3,059
Soybeans	23,846	62	84	783	2,076
Corn for silage	7,040	11	84	249	2,307
Oats	4,224	13	86	94	2,215

**Other County Highlights**

Economic Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales	
Less than \$1,000	308
\$1,000 to \$2,499	69
\$2,500 to \$4,999	53
\$5,000 to \$9,999	61
\$10,000 to \$19,999	102
\$20,000 to \$24,999	32
\$25,000 to \$39,999	98
\$40,000 to \$49,999	32
\$50,000 to \$99,999	102
\$100,000 to \$249,999	98
\$250,000 to \$499,999	57
\$500,000 or more	19
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	57,275
Average per farm (\$)	55,824
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	16,996
Average per farm (\$)	16,565

Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Farming	636
Other	395
Principal operators by sex:	
Male	936
Female	95
Average age of principal operator (years)	55.8
All operators <sup>2</sup> by race:	
White	1,426
Black or African American	-
American Indian or Alaska Native	-
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
Asian	-
More than one race	1
All operators <sup>2</sup> of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin	7

(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.