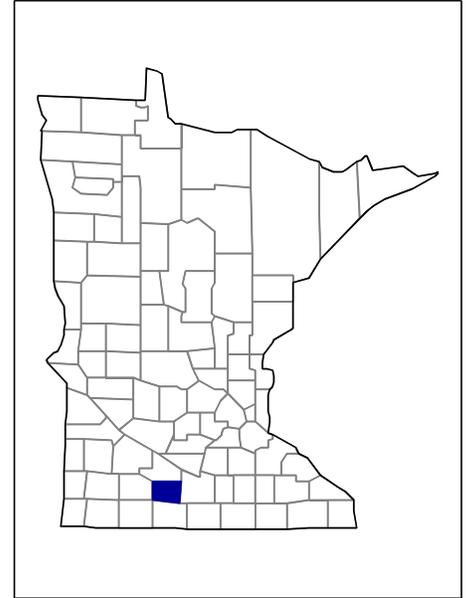




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Number of farms

601 farms in 2002, 590 farms in 1997, up 2 percent.

Land in farms

271,521 acres in 2002, 260,057 acres in 1997, up 4 percent.

Average size of farm

452 acres in 2002, 441 acres in 1997, up 2 percent.

Market Value of Production

\$127,073,000 in 2002, \$120,229,000 in 1997, up 6 percent.

Crop sales accounted for \$65,557,000 of the total value in 2002.

Livestock sales accounted for \$61,516,000 of the total value in 2002.

Market Value of Production, average per farm

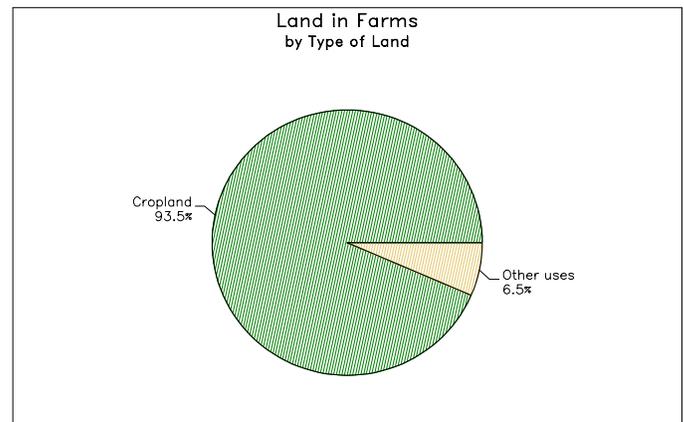
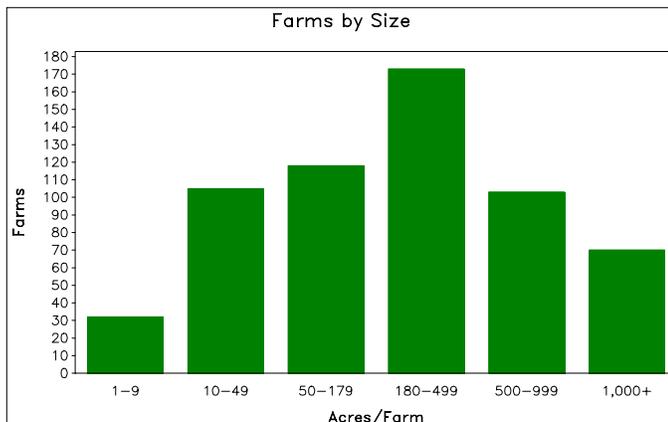
\$211,435 in 2002, \$203,779 in 1997, up 4 percent.

Government Payments

\$3,593,000 in 2002, \$4,012,000 in 1997, down 10 percent.

Government Payments, average per farm receiving payments

\$8,959 in 2002, \$8,818 in 1997, up 2 percent.



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

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	127,073	29	87	338	3,075
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	65,557	30	87	324	3,070
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	61,516	28	87	420	3,070
VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	64,711	21	85	140	2,871
Tobacco	-	-	-	-	560
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	-	-	656
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	524	48	86	989	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	-	-	62	-	1,774
Other crops and hay	(D)	(D)	87	(D)	3,046
Poultry and eggs	1,126	53	87	937	2,918
Cattle and calves	10,487	31	86	964	3,053
Milk and other dairy products from cows	2,076	67	84	1,009	2,493
Hogs and pigs	47,562	11	87	46	2,919
Sheep, goats, and their products	(D)	(D)	85	(D)	2,997
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	109	46	85	1,691	3,014
Aquaculture	-	-	46	-	1,520
Other animals and other animal products	(D)	(D)	85	(D)	2,727
TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)					
Hogs and pigs	196,255	12	86	58	2,926
Turkeys	(D)	38	82	(D)	2,328
Cattle and calves	11,929	63	87	1,909	3,059
Sheep and lambs	969	57	85	1,002	2,867
Colonies of bees ³	(D)	(D)	74	(D)	2,392
TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)					
Corn for grain	121,480	22	84	147	2,592
Soybeans	116,774	28	84	175	2,076
Forage - land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	2,415	84	87	2,680	3,059
Corn for silage	1,165	70	84	1,034	2,307
All Vegetables harvested	960	30	84	450	2,710

Other County Highlights

Economic Characteristics	Quantity	Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales		Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Less than \$1,000	114	Farming	468
\$1,000 to \$2,499	20	Other	133
\$2,500 to \$4,999	9		
\$5,000 to \$9,999	12	Principal operators by sex:	
\$10,000 to \$19,999	20	Male	578
\$20,000 to \$24,999	11	Female	23
\$25,000 to \$39,999	36		
\$40,000 to \$49,999	35	Average age of principal operator (years)	53.6
\$50,000 to \$99,999	93		
\$100,000 to \$249,999	116	All operators ² by race:	
\$250,000 to \$499,999	73	White	784
\$500,000 or more	62	Black or African American	-
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	112,365	American Indian or Alaska Native	-
Average per farm (\$)	186,654	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
		Asian	-
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	28,439	More than one race	-
Average per farm (\$)	47,241	All operators ² of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin	-

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

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.

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