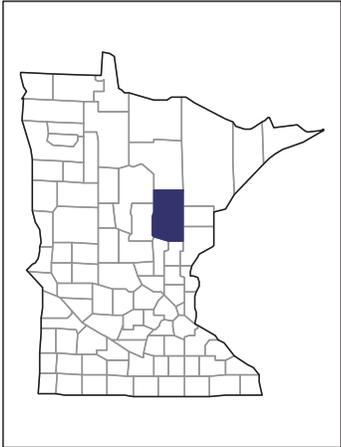


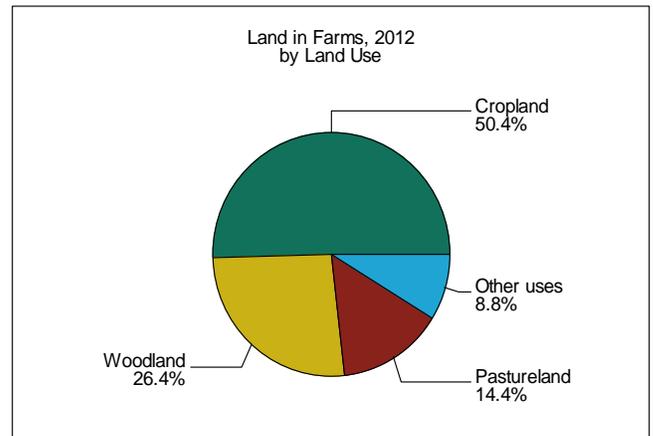
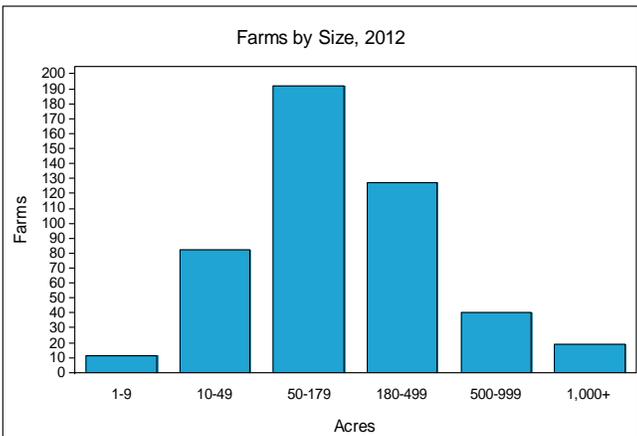
# 2012 CENSUS OF AGRICULTURE

## COUNTY PROFILE



### Aitkin County Minnesota

	2012	2007	% change
<b>Number of Farms</b>	471	538	- 12
<b>Land in Farms</b>	122,591 acres	132,672 acres	- 8
<b>Average Size of Farm</b>	260 acres	247 acres	+ 5
<b>Market Value of Products Sold</b>	\$15,729,000	\$13,534,000	+ 16
Crop Sales \$8,247,000 (52 percent)			
Livestock Sales \$7,482,000 (48 percent)			
<b>Average Per Farm</b>	\$33,395	\$25,157	+ 33
<b>Government Payments</b>	\$275,000	\$222,000	+ 24
<b>Average Per Farm Receiving Payments</b>	\$2,647	\$1,807	+ 46





## Aitkin 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	15,729	81	87	2,490	3,077
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	8,247	81	87	2,193	3,072
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	7,482	75	87	2,278	3,076
<b>VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)</b>					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	4,238	80	85	1,808	2,926
Tobacco	-	-	-	-	436
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	-	-	635
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	171	66	87	1,587	2,802
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	(D)	(D)	81	(D)	2,724
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	356	47	79	1,514	2,678
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	(D)	(D)	50	(D)	1,530
Other crops and hay	3,343	38	87	876	3,049
Poultry and eggs	(D)	53	87	(D)	3,013
Cattle and calves	5,234	66	86	1,782	3,056
Milk from cows	746	77	83	1,362	2,038
Hogs and pigs	26	74	86	1,693	2,827
Sheep, goats, wool, mohair, and milk	34	76	87	2,164	2,988
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	(D)	(D)	85	(D)	3,011
Aquaculture	(D)	25	43	(D)	1,366
Other animals and other animal products	9	78	86	2,278	2,924
<b>TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)</b>					
Forage-land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	34,513	11	87	493	3,057
Soybeans for beans	7,930	76	85	1,169	2,162
Wild rice	3,031	6	11	8	23
Corn for grain	1,967	80	85	1,716	2,638
Wheat for grain, all	1,076	45	85	1,623	2,537
<b>TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)</b>					
Cattle and calves	10,444	63	87	1,895	3,063
Layers	1,366	47	86	1,613	3,040
Horses and ponies	601	43	87	1,841	3,072
Broilers and other meat-type chickens	309	60	85	1,475	2,723
Pullets for laying flock replacement	193	39	78	1,236	2,637

### Other County Highlights, 2012

Economic Characteristics	Quantity	Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales:		Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Less than \$1,000	87	Farming	192
\$1,000 to \$2,499	61	Other	279
\$2,500 to \$4,999	60		
\$5,000 to \$9,999	89	Principal operators by sex:	
\$10,000 to \$19,999	57	Male	409
\$20,000 to \$24,999	21	Female	62
\$25,000 to \$39,999	32		
\$40,000 to \$49,999	6	Average age of principal operator (years)	58.6
\$50,000 to \$99,999	26		
\$100,000 to \$249,999	20	All operators by race <sup>2</sup> :	
\$250,000 to \$499,999	6	American Indian or Alaska Native	3
\$500,000 or more	6	Asian	1
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	15,101	Black or African American	2
Average per farm (\$)	32,062	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
		White	747
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	2,282	More than one race	4
Average per farm (\$)	4,845	All operators of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin <sup>2</sup>	1

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.