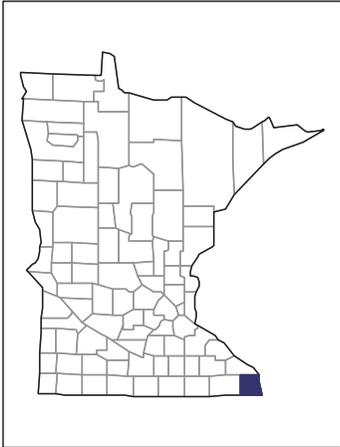


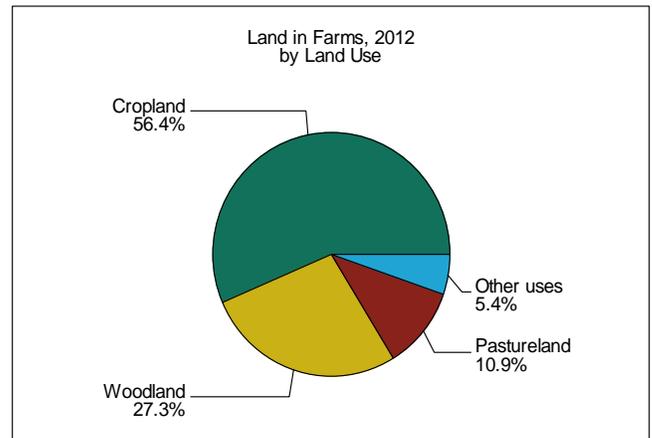
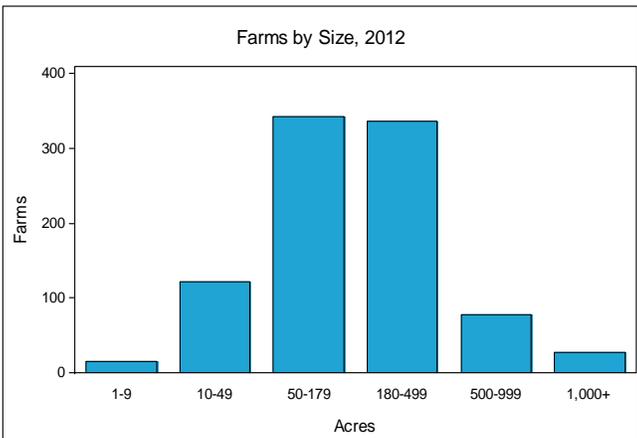
2012 CENSUS OF AGRICULTURE

COUNTY PROFILE



Houston County Minnesota

	2012	2007	% change
Number of Farms	920	1,041	- 12
Land in Farms	229,226 acres	244,404 acres	- 6
Average Size of Farm	249 acres	235 acres	+ 6
Market Value of Products Sold	\$146,256,000	\$90,999,000	+ 61
Crop Sales \$74,676,000 (51 percent)			
Livestock Sales \$71,579,000 (49 percent)			
Average Per Farm	\$158,974	\$87,415	+ 82
Government Payments	\$4,864,000	\$4,096,000	+ 19
Average Per Farm Receiving Payments	\$6,699	\$4,923	+ 36





Houston County – Minnesota

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

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	146,256	57	87	806	3,077
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	74,676	60	87	862	3,072
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	71,579	41	87	685	3,076
VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	67,329	60	85	674	2,926
Tobacco	-	-	-	-	436
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	-	-	635
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	(D)	(D)	87	(D)	2,802
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	586	6	81	650	2,724
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	(D)	(D)	79	(D)	2,678
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	(D)	24	50	(D)	1,530
Other crops and hay	4,138	32	87	723	3,049
Poultry and eggs	(D)	59	87	(D)	3,013
Cattle and calves	28,471	19	86	565	3,056
Milk from cows	36,168	14	83	210	2,038
Hogs and pigs	6,173	47	86	520	2,827
Sheep, goats, wool, mohair, and milk	226	36	87	728	2,988
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	(D)	(D)	85	(D)	3,011
Aquaculture	-	-	43	-	1,366
Other animals and other animal products	189	42	86	789	2,924
TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)					
Corn for grain	51,161	57	85	610	2,638
Forage-land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	29,485	17	87	616	3,057
Soybeans for beans	22,300	65	85	887	2,162
Corn for silage	4,353	27	84	427	2,237
Oats for grain	2,559	15	84	90	1,825
TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)					
Cattle and calves	47,483	15	87	544	3,063
Hogs and pigs	22,428	43	85	473	2,889
Sheep and lambs	1,295	31	86	696	2,897
Ducks	(D)	2	77	(D)	2,480
Layers	789	58	86	2,050	3,040

Other County Highlights, 2012

Economic Characteristics	Quantity	Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales:		Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Less than \$1,000	258	Farming	446
\$1,000 to \$2,499	28	Other	474
\$2,500 to \$4,999	37		
\$5,000 to \$9,999	53	Principal operators by sex:	
\$10,000 to \$19,999	62	Male	837
\$20,000 to \$24,999	23	Female	83
\$25,000 to \$39,999	55		
\$40,000 to \$49,999	25	Average age of principal operator (years)	57.6
\$50,000 to \$99,999	119		
\$100,000 to \$249,999	119	All operators by race ² :	
\$250,000 to \$499,999	74	American Indian or Alaska Native	-
\$500,000 or more	67	Asian	3
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	105,607	Black or African American	-
Average per farm (\$)	114,790	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	2
		White	1,314
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	50,590	More than one race	7
Average per farm (\$)	54,989	All operators of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin ²	-

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.

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.