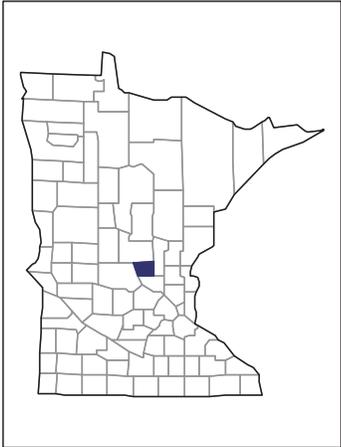


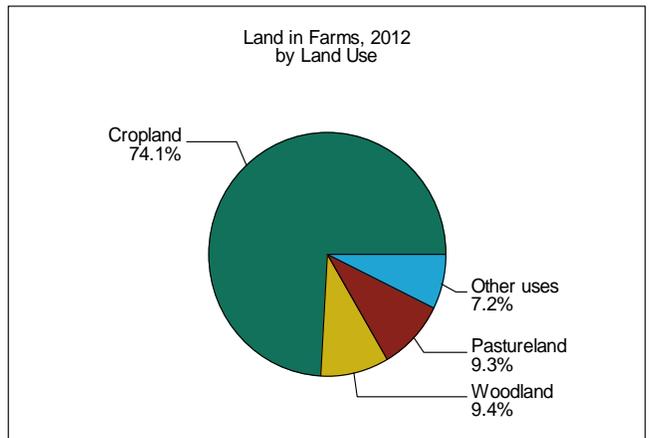
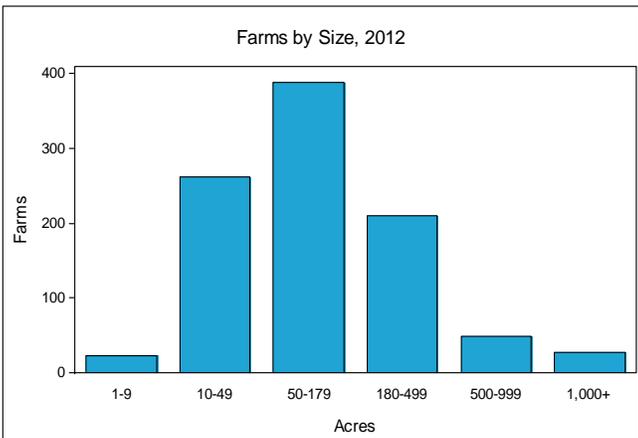
# 2012 CENSUS OF AGRICULTURE

## COUNTY PROFILE



### Benton County Minnesota

	2012	2007	% change
<b>Number of Farms</b>	958	919	+ 4
<b>Land in Farms</b>	188,735 acres	185,994 acres	+ 1
<b>Average Size of Farm</b>	197 acres	202 acres	- 2
<b>Market Value of Products Sold</b>	\$167,502,000	\$113,874,000	+ 47
Crop Sales \$73,886,000 (44 percent)			
Livestock Sales \$93,616,000 (56 percent)			
<b>Average Per Farm</b>	\$174,845	\$123,911	+ 41
<b>Government Payments</b>	\$3,168,000	\$2,390,000	+ 33
<b>Average Per Farm Receiving Payments</b>	\$5,176	\$4,149	+ 25





## Benton 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	167,502	54	87	697	3,077
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	73,886	62	87	870	3,072
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	93,616	33	87	509	3,076
<b>VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)</b>					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	65,711	61	85	687	2,926
Tobacco	-	-	-	-	436
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	-	-	635
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	5,028	24	87	374	2,802
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	(D)	25	81	1,109	2,724
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	759	30	79	1,180	2,678
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	(D)	11	50	(D)	1,530
Other crops and hay	2,127	50	87	1,286	3,049
Poultry and eggs	34,490	11	87	317	3,013
Cattle and calves	15,048	33	86	1,013	3,056
Milk from cows	37,484	13	83	203	2,038
Hogs and pigs	6,369	46	86	515	2,827
Sheep, goats, wool, mohair, and milk	78	60	87	1,569	2,988
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	(D)	52	85	2,036	3,011
Aquaculture	-	-	43	-	1,366
Other animals and other animal products	(D)	62	86	1,270	2,924
<b>TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)</b>					
Corn for grain	58,904	55	85	543	2,638
Soybeans for beans	38,423	57	85	700	2,162
Forage-land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	20,374	26	87	949	3,057
Corn for silage	8,544	11	84	218	2,237
Wheat for grain, all	1,732	41	85	1,408	2,537
<b>TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)</b>					
Broilers and other meat-type chickens	948,310	3	85	316	2,723
Cattle and calves	35,196	20	87	808	3,063
Hogs and pigs	23,865	42	85	457	2,889
Layers	1,513	40	86	1,528	3,040
Horses and ponies	1,208	18	87	956	3,072

### Other County Highlights, 2012

Economic Characteristics	Quantity	Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales:		Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Less than \$1,000	151	Farming	496
\$1,000 to \$2,499	65	Other	462
\$2,500 to \$4,999	89	Principal operators by sex:	
\$5,000 to \$9,999	83	Male	859
\$10,000 to \$19,999	84	Female	99
\$20,000 to \$24,999	48	Average age of principal operator (years)	53.4
\$25,000 to \$39,999	69	All operators by race <sup>2</sup> :	
\$40,000 to \$49,999	27	American Indian or Alaska Native	-
\$50,000 to \$99,999	107	Asian	2
\$100,000 to \$249,999	109	Black or African American	-
\$250,000 to \$499,999	60	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
\$500,000 or more	66	White	1,417
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	126,517	More than one race	1
Average per farm (\$)	132,064	All operators of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin <sup>2</sup>	7
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	48,484		
Average per farm (\$)	50,610		

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.