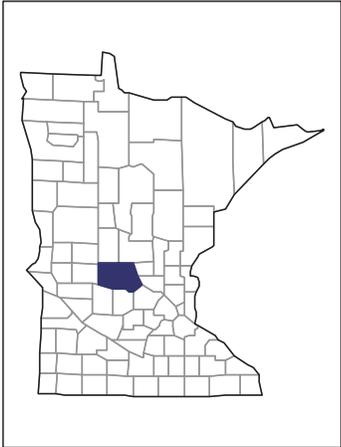


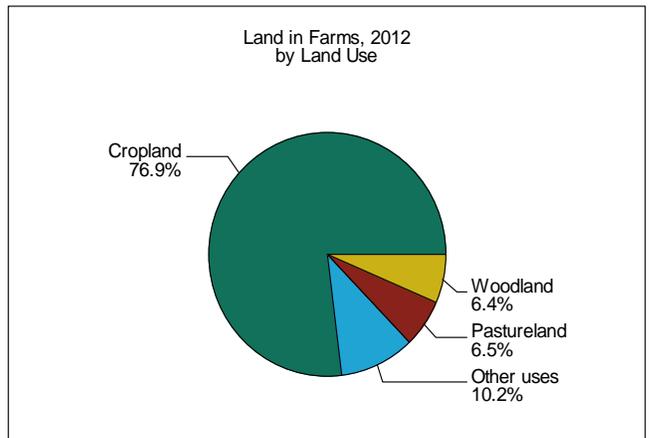
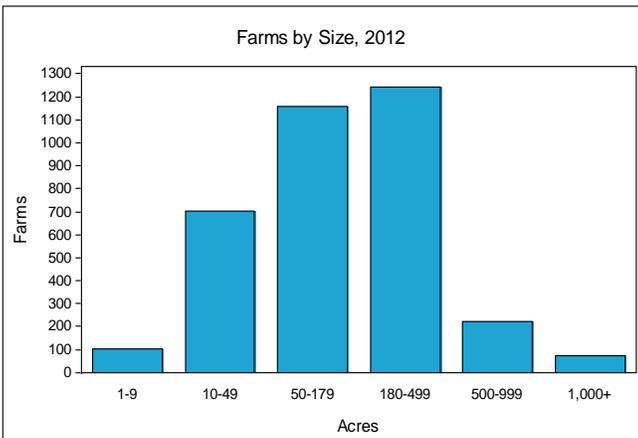
2012 CENSUS OF AGRICULTURE

COUNTY PROFILE



Stearns County Minnesota

	2012	2007	% change
Number of Farms	3,501	3,368	+ 4
Land in Farms	757,637 acres	708,284 acres	+ 7
Average Size of Farm	216 acres	210 acres	+ 3
Market Value of Products Sold	\$808,498,000	\$519,433,000	+ 56
Crop Sales \$260,956,000 (32 percent)			
Livestock Sales \$547,542,000 (68 percent)			
Average Per Farm	\$230,933	\$154,226	+ 50
Government Payments	\$16,012,000	\$12,639,000	+ 27
Average Per Farm Receiving Payments	\$6,180	\$5,306	+ 16





Stearns 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	808,498	1	87	45	3,077
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	260,956	17	87	123	3,072
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	547,542	1	87	36	3,076
VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	233,789	19	85	92	2,926
Tobacco	-	-	-	-	436
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	-	-	635
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	4,176	27	87	411	2,802
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	(D)	(D)	81	(D)	2,724
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	3,099	14	79	594	2,678
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	(D)	34	50	(D)	1,530
Other crops and hay	19,628	11	87	155	3,049
Poultry and eggs	154,691	2	87	58	3,013
Cattle and calves	112,307	1	86	106	3,056
Milk from cows	244,369	1	83	22	2,038
Hogs and pigs	29,223	32	86	200	2,827
Sheep, goats, wool, mohair, and milk	600	13	87	283	2,988
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	(D)	8	85	(D)	3,011
Aquaculture	(D)	31	43	(D)	1,366
Other animals and other animal products	5,955	1	86	26	2,924
TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)					
Corn for grain	229,709	5	85	26	2,638
Forage-land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	109,775	1	87	19	3,057
Soybeans for beans	106,118	23	85	193	2,162
Corn for silage	51,583	1	84	9	2,237
Oats for grain	16,776	1	84	2	1,825
TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)					
Turkeys	2,437,174	2	76	5	2,416
Broilers and other meat-type chickens	2,286,141	2	85	195	2,723
Layers	1,109,117	2	86	83	3,040
Cattle and calves	240,583	1	87	28	3,063
Pullets for laying flock replacement	(D)	5	78	(D)	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	571	Farming	1,938
\$1,000 to \$2,499	124	Other	1,563
\$2,500 to \$4,999	173	Principal operators by sex:	
\$5,000 to \$9,999	248	Male	3,314
\$10,000 to \$19,999	193	Female	187
\$20,000 to \$24,999	79	Average age of principal operator (years)	54.2
\$25,000 to \$39,999	192	All operators by race ² :	
\$40,000 to \$49,999	93	American Indian or Alaska Native	2
\$50,000 to \$99,999	489	Asian	4
\$100,000 to \$249,999	539	Black or African American	-
\$250,000 to \$499,999	442	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	1
\$500,000 or more	358	White	5,402
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	587,141	More than one race	7
Average per farm (\$)	167,707	All operators of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin ²	19
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	261,738		
Average per farm (\$)	74,761		

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.