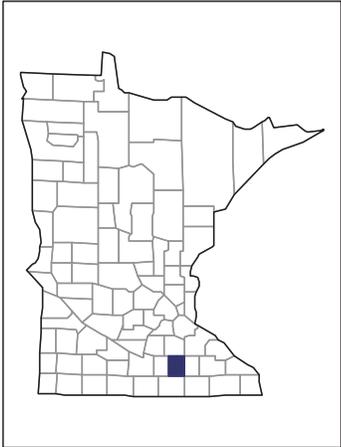


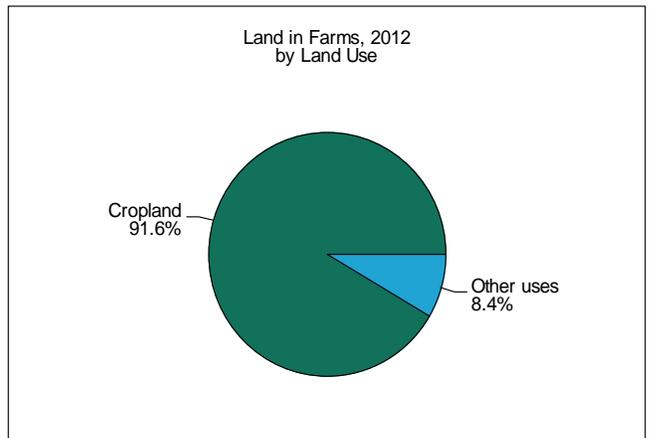
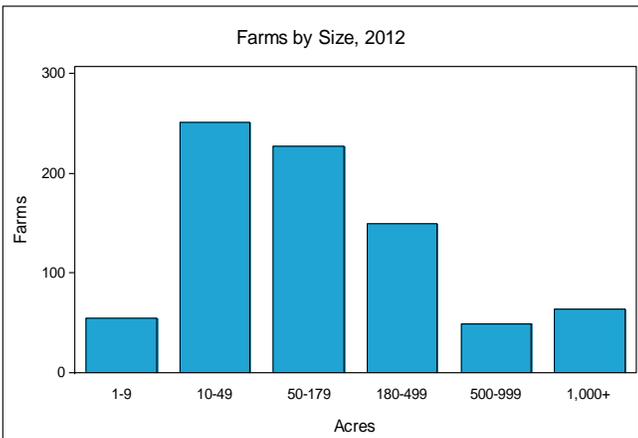
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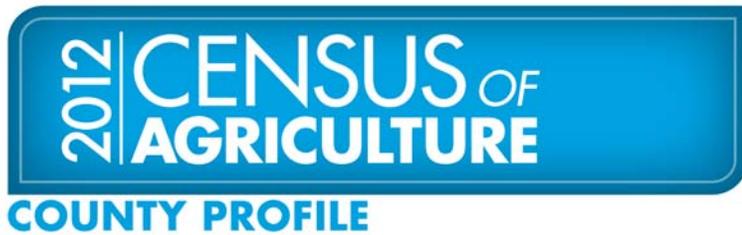
COUNTY PROFILE



Steele County Minnesota

	2012	2007	% change
Number of Farms	796	934	- 15
Land in Farms	237,986 acres	266,199 acres	- 11
Average Size of Farm	299 acres	285 acres	+ 5
Market Value of Products Sold	\$293,053,000	\$184,753,000	+ 59
Crop Sales \$196,145,000 (67 percent)			
Livestock Sales \$96,908,000 (33 percent)			
Average Per Farm	\$368,157	\$197,809	+ 86
Government Payments	\$5,456,000	\$5,635,000	- 3
Average Per Farm Receiving Payments	\$8,632	\$7,667	+ 13





2012 CENSUS OF AGRICULTURE

COUNTY PROFILE

Steele 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	293,053	34	87	289	3,077
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	196,145	32	87	226	3,072
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	96,908	32	87	490	3,076
VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	175,222	34	85	192	2,926
Tobacco	-	-	-	-	436
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	-	-	635
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	(D)	16	87	226	2,802
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	55	49	81	1,724	2,724
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	(D)	7	79	(D)	2,678
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	-	-	50	-	1,530
Other crops and hay	804	72	87	2,095	3,049
Poultry and eggs	17,904	18	87	473	3,013
Cattle and calves	4,105	70	86	1,942	3,056
Milk from cows	11,547	34	83	460	2,038
Hogs and pigs	61,107	19	86	96	2,827
Sheep, goats, wool, mohair, and milk	85	58	87	1,493	2,988
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	10	79	85	2,827	3,011
Aquaculture	(D)	1	43	(D)	1,366
Other animals and other animal products	(D)	19	86	(D)	2,924
TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)					
Corn for grain	115,274	33	85	226	2,638
Soybeans for beans	72,405	48	85	433	2,162
Vegetables harvested, all	6,769	12	87	128	2,801
Forage-land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	6,393	62	87	2,032	3,057
Sweet corn	4,535	8	80	27	2,416
TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)					
Turkeys	416,487	11	76	65	2,416
Hogs and pigs	167,773	18	85	105	2,889
Quail	(D)	1	12	(D)	944
Cattle and calves	10,675	58	87	1,875	3,063
Layers	1,514	39	86	1,527	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	249	Farming	442
\$1,000 to \$2,499	36	Other	354
\$2,500 to \$4,999	19		
\$5,000 to \$9,999	31	Principal operators by sex:	
\$10,000 to \$19,999	45	Male	738
\$20,000 to \$24,999	8	Female	58
\$25,000 to \$39,999	26		
\$40,000 to \$49,999	8	Average age of principal operator (years)	57.3
\$50,000 to \$99,999	82		
\$100,000 to \$249,999	92	All operators by race ² :	
\$250,000 to \$499,999	61	American Indian or Alaska Native	2
\$500,000 or more	139	Asian	2
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	215,789	Black or African American	-
Average per farm (\$)	271,091	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
		White	1,159
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	92,351	More than one race	6
Average per farm (\$)	116,019	All operators of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin ²	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.

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.