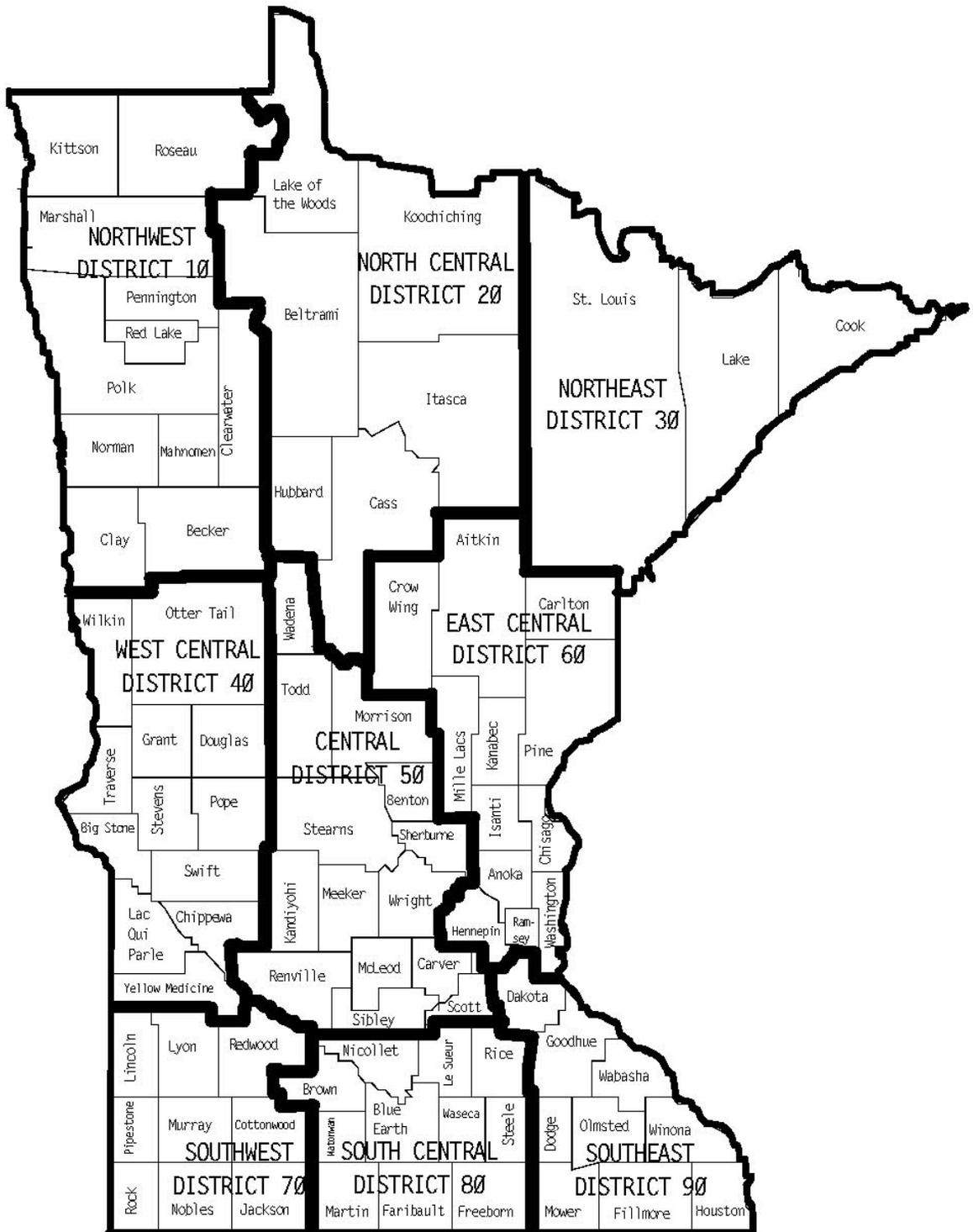


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Foreword

It is hard to imagine a part of our economy that serves a more important role than agriculture. After all, we all need to eat, and Minnesota farmers are exceptionally good at providing us with a wide variety of high-quality products. Increasingly, agriculture is also seen as a source of energy to drive our economy – whether it is renewable fuel made from corn and soybeans or electricity produced from new technologies such as methane digesters.

Minnesota agriculture has a long history as an economic cornerstone. It supports many other industries, such as manufacturing, transportation, wholesale and retail trade, services, construction, banking, insurance, and real estate. Every agricultural production job supports an additional 1.5 jobs in all economic sectors.

The economic contribution of Minnesota's agriculture sector reaches far beyond on-farm revenue due to the so-called "multiplier effect." When you consider the business activity and jobs supported by agriculture, the total impact for Minnesota agriculture approaches \$55 billion in economic activity and 367,000 jobs.

The Minnesota Department of Agriculture's mission is to work toward a diverse agricultural industry that is profitable and environmentally sound; to protect public health and safety regarding food and agricultural products; and to ensure orderly commerce in agricultural and food products. As part of that mission, the Department helps produce the annual Minnesota Agricultural Statistics book. This book provides a wide range of high-quality information on trends in crop and livestock production, farm income, and other data. This accurate information is vital for decision-makers across the agricultural sector.

I want to thank all the Minnesota farmers and agri-businesses who respond to the surveys by the National Agricultural Statistics Service. This useful book is possible only through their cooperation and support.

Sincerely,



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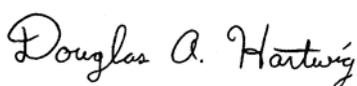


Minnesota's farmers continue their dominant role in U.S. agriculture. Their production has Minnesota ranking in the top ten of states producing many agricultural commodities. The mission of USDA, National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS), is to provide timely, accurate, and useful statistics in service to U.S. Agriculture. This bulletin provides easy access to the 2006 estimates for Minnesota. Timely access to unbiased, accurate estimates of the nation's food supply is vital to producers and consumers alike.

USDA estimates are based on data collected from our country's farmers and ranchers. A special thanks to all the farmers who participate in our surveys and who know the value of having facts on which to base sound decisions. Agriculture is vital in Minnesota, and we thank all who are involved in supplying abundant and safe food for the nation.

If you would like additional information, e-mail us at nass-mn@nass.usda.gov or call us at 1-800-453-7502. You can also access our reports at www.nass.usda.gov/mn.

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STATE RANKINGS: Minnesota's Rank Among States 1/

Item	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Cash Receipts, 2005 2/										
Total	CA	TX	IA	NE	KS	MN	IL	NC	FL	WI
Livestock & Livestock Products	TX	CA	IA	NE	KS	NC	WI	MN	AR	OK
Crops	CA	IL	IA	FL	TX	MN	WA	NE	IN	OH
Crop Production, 2006										
Corn	IA	IL	NE	MN	IN	OH	WI	MO	KS	SD
Soybeans	IA	IL	MN	IN	NE	OH	MO	SD	ND	AR
All Wheat	KS	ND	MT	WA	ID	SD	OK	MN	OH	NE
Spring Wheat	ND	MN	MT	SD	ID	WA	OR	CO	UT	WI
Oats	WI	MN	IA	PA	SD	NY	ND	OH	MI	TX
Barley	ND	ID	MT	WA	MN	CO	WY	PA	CA	VA
All Sunflowers	ND	SD	KS	MN	CO	NE	TX			
Dry Edible Beans	ND	MI	NE	MN	ID	CA	CO	WA	WY	MT
All Hay	CA	TX	MO	KS	KY	ID	MN	NE	WI	IA
All Potatoes	ID	WA	WI	ND	CO	MN	ME	CA	MI	NE
Sugarbeets	MN	ND	ID	MI	CA	MT	NE	CO	WY	OR
Flaxseed	ND	MT	SD	MN						
Canola	ND	MN	MT							
Sweet Corn for Processing	MN	WA	WI	OR	NY	MD	DE	PA		
Green Peas for Processing	MN	WA	WI	OR	NY	DE				
Cultivated Wild Rice 3/	CA	MN								
Livestock, Dairy, Poultry										
Red Meat Production, 2006	NE	IA	KS	TX	IL	MN	NC	CO	CA	IN
Cattle/Calves, January 1, 2007 4/	TX	NE	KS	CA	OK	MO	IA	SD	WI	CO
Milk Cows, January 1, 2007	CA	WI	NY	PA	ID	MN	NM	TX	MI	OH
Cattle/Calves Marketed, 2006 5/	TX	NE	KS	OK	CA	CO	IA	SD	MO	MT
Cattle/Calves on Feed, Jan 1, 2007	TX	NE	KS	CO	IA	CA	SD	OK	AZ	MN
Hogs & Pigs, December 1, 2006	IA	NC	MN	IL	IN	NE	MO	OK	KS	OH
Pig Crop, 2006	NC	IA	MN	IL	OK	NE	MO	IN	KS	OH
Hogs Marketed, 2006	IA	NC	MN	IL	OK	NE	MO	IN	SD	KS
All Sheep & Lambs, Jan 1, 2007 6/	TX	CA	WY	CO	SD	UT	MT	ID	IA	OR
Lamb Crop, 2006 6/ 7/	TX	WY	SD	MT	CA	UT	ID	IA	CO	OR
All Chickens, December 1, 2006 6/	IA	OH	IN	PA	GA	TX	AR	CA	NC	AL
Eggs Produced, Dec 2005-Nov 2006	IA	OH	PA	IN	TX	CA	GA	AR	NE	MN
Turkeys Raised, 2006	MN	NC	AR	VA	MO	CA	IN	PA	SC	IA
Milk Production, 2006	CA	WI	NY	ID	PA	MN	NM	TX	MI	WA
Dairy Products Manufactured, 2006										
Total Cheese	WI	CA	ID	NY	MN	NM	PA	OH	SD	IA
American Cheese	WI	CA	ID	MN	OR	OH				
Ice Cream	CA	IN	TX	MA	MN	PA	NY	MO	UT	OH
Mink Pelts Produced, 2006	WI	UT	OR	MN	ID	IA	WA	SD	OH	IL
Honey Produced, 2006	ND	CA	FL	SD	MT	MN	WI	TX	GA	ID
Agricultural Exports, Fiscal Year 2006 2/	CA	IA	TX	IL	NE	KS	MN	WA	NC	IN

1/ Rankings based on published data.

2/ Source: ERS (www.ers.usda.gov/data)

3/ Source: Minnesota Cultivated Wild Rice Council.

4/ Minnesota ranks 12th.5/ Minnesota ranks 19th.6/ Minnesota ranks 11th.7/ Idaho and Iowa tied for 7th.

COUNTY RANKINGS: Minnesota's Leading Agricultural Counties

Item	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
2005 Cash 1/ Farm Receipts										
Total	Stearns	Martin	Renville	Blue Earth	Kandiyohi	Redwood	Brown	Polk	Otter Tail	Nicollet
Crops	Polk	Renville	Clay	Redwood	Faribault	Martin	Marshall	Wilkin	Freeborn	Mower
Livestock	Stearns	Martin	Blue Earth	Kandiyohi	Nicollet	Rock	Morrison	Brown	Otter Tail	Renville
Government Payments	Renville	Redwood	Martin	Polk	Mower	Faribault	Nobles	Freeborn	Blue Earth	Stearns
2006 Crop Production										
Corn for Grain	Renville	Redwood	Martin	Faribault	Nobles	Blue Earth	Freeborn	Mower	Cottonwood	Murray
Soybeans	Redwood	Renville	Martin	Nobles	Faribault	Blue Earth	Mower	Jackson	Murray	Lyon
Spring Wheat	Polk	Marshall	Clay	Wilkin	Norman	Kittson	Roseau	Otter Tail	Becker	Pennington
Oats	Stearns	Otter Tail	Fillmore	Todd	Morrison	Winona	Goodhue	Roseau	Wabasha	Houston
Barley	Marshall	Roseau	Polk	Stearns	Norman	Pennington	Kittson	Clay	Pipestone	Otter Tail
Sunflowers	Marshall	Kittson	Polk	Roseau	Norman	Pennington	Wilkin	Yellow Medicine	Clay	Otter Tail
Sugarbeets	Polk	Clay	Wilkin	Norman	Renville	Marshall	Kittson	Chippewa	Kandiyohi	Grant
Canola	Roseau	Marshall	Lake of the Woods	Pennington	Kittson					
Dry Edible Beans	Polk	Marshall	Renville	Otter Tail	Norman	Morrison	Swift	Kandiyohi	Stearns	Chippewa
All Hay	Stearns	Otter Tail	Morrison	Fillmore	Winona	Todd	Goodhue	Houston	Wabasha	Pine
Potatoes 2/	Sherburne	Morrison	Polk	Todd	Freeborn					
Green Peas	Renville	Olmsted	Brown	Mower	Sibley	Redwood	Dakota	Kandiyohi	Goodhue	Wabasha
Sweet Corn	Renville	Brown	Mower	Olmsted	Freeborn	Sibley	Redwood	Steele	Waseca	Faribault
Livestock & Dairy Inventories										
Cattle & Calves, Jan 1, 2007	Stearns	Otter Tail	Morrison	Winona	Fillmore	Goodhue	Todd	Wabasha	Rock	Houston
Beef Cows, Jan 1, 2007	Fillmore	Otter Tail	Morrison	Todd	Cass	Beltrami	Stearns	Houston	Clearwater	Olmsted
Milk Cows, Jan 1, 2007	Stearns	Morrison	Winona	Otter Tail	Goodhue	Wabasha	Todd	Stevens	Fillmore	Benton
Milk Production, 2006	Stearns	Winona	Morrison	Otter Tail	Goodhue	Wabasha	Todd	Fillmore	Benton	Stevens
Breeding Sheep & Lambs Jan 1, 2007 3/	Lincoln	Pipestone	Murray	Cottonwood	Lyon	Otter Tail	Winona	Goodhue	Kandiyohi	Sibley
Cattle & Calves on Feed, Jan 1, 2007	Rock	Nobles	Lyon	Renville	Redwood	Cottonwood	Stearns	Murray	Dakota	Brown

1/ Bureau of Economic Analysis, U.S. Department of Commerce

2/ Includes published counties only.

3/ Cottonwood and Lyon tied for 4th. Sibley and Fillmore tied for 10th.

2005 – 2006 CROP SUMMARY

	Planted Acreage		Harvested Acreage		Yield per Harvested Acre			Production		
	2005	2006	2005	2006	2005	2006	Units	2005	2006	Units
	-----1,000 Acres-----							-----1,000 Units-----		
MINNESOTA										
Corn for Grain	7,300 1/	7,300 1/	6,850	6,850	174.0	161.0	Bu	1,191,900	1,102,850	Bu
Corn for Silage	--	--	400	400	16.0	15.0	Tons	6,400	6,000	Tons
Soybeans	6,900	7,350	6,800	7,250	45.0	44.0	Bu	306,000	319,000	Bu
All Wheat	1,820	1,750	1,745	1,695	41.0	47.4	Bu	71,470	80,340	Bu
Spring Wheat	1,800	1,700	1,730	1,650	41.0	47.0	Bu	70,930	77,550	Bu
Oats	310	290	205	200	62.0	56.0	Bu	12,710	11,200	Bu
Barley	125	105	90	90	43.0	60.0	Bu	3,870	5,400	Bu
Flaxseed	13	8	12	7	11.0	18.0	Bu	132	126	Bu
All Hay	--	--	2,050	2,070	3.0	2.7	Tons	6,055	5,679	Tons
Alfalfa Hay	--	--	1,350	1,350	3.5	3.3	Tons	4,725	4,455	Tons
Other Hay	--	--	700	720	1.9	1.7	Tons	1,330	1,224	Tons
Sugarbeets	491	504	460	477	20.4	24.9	Tons	9,384	11,877	Tons
All Potatoes	46	51	43	48	410	425	Cwt	17,630	20,400	Cwt
All Sunflowers	135	89	127	85	1,448	1,756	Lbs	183,950	149,250	Lbs
Oil Sunflowers	75	55	72	53	1,600	1,850	Lbs	115,200	98,050	Lbs
Non-Oil Sunflowers	60	34	55	32	1,250	1,600	Lbs	68,750	51,200	Lbs
All Dry Edible Beans	145	145	135	135	1,800	1,650	Lbs	2,430	2,228	Cwt
Navy Beans	53	62	50	56	1,950	1,650	Lbs	967	930	Cwt
Dark Red Kidney Beans	37	31	35	29	1,900	1,850	Lbs	659	542	Cwt
Pinto Beans	23	16	21	15	1,550	1,500	Lbs	327	230	Cwt
Canola	55	28	38	27	820	1,330	Lbs	31,160	35,910	Lbs
Sweet Corn for Processing	143.5	135.2	136.4	131.6	7.17	7.34	Tons	977.8	965.6	Tons
Green Peas for Processing	77.2	86.7	76.2	80.2	1.38	1.62	Tons	105.1	130.2	Tons
Apples	--	--	2.4 2/	2.5 2/	9,170	9,200	Lbs	16,000 3/	17,000 3/	Lbs
Cultivated Wild Rice 4/	--	--	15.0	16.6	--	--		6,250	7,100	Lbs
UNITED STATES										
Corn for Grain	81,779	78,327	75,117	70,648	148.0	149.1	Bu	11,114,082	10,534,868	Bu
Corn for Silage	--	--	5,930	6,477	18.0	16.2	Tons	106,486	104,849	Tons
Soybeans	72,032	75,522	71,251	74,602	43.0	42.7	Bu	3,063,237	3,188,247	Bu
All Wheat	57,229	57,344	50,119	46,810	42.0	38.7	Bu	2,104,690	1,812,036	Bu
Spring Wheat	14,036	14,899	13,609	13,878	37.1	33.2	Bu	504,456	460,480	Bu
Oats	4,246	4,168	1,823	1,576	63.0	59.5	Bu	114,878	93,764	Bu
Barley	3,875	3,452	3,269	2,951	64.8	61.0	Bu	211,896	180,051	Bu
Flaxseed	983	813	955	767	20.6	14.4	Bu	19,695	11,019	Bu
All Hay	--	--	61,729	60,807	2.45	2.33	Tons	151,017	141,666	Tons
Alfalfa Hay	--	--	22,439	21,384	3.39	3.35	Tons	76,149	71,666	Tons
Other Hay	--	--	39,290	39,423	1.91	1.78	Tons	74,868	70,000	Tons
Sugarbeets	1,300	1,367	1,243	1,304	22.1	25.9	Tons	27,433	33,765	Tons
All Potatoes	1,109	1,135	1,087	1,116	390	390	Cwt	423,926	434,683	Cwt
All Sunflowers	2,709	1,950	2,610	1,770	1,540	1,211	Lbs	4,018,355	2,143,613	Lbs
Oil Sunflowers	2,104	1,658	2,032	1,514	1,564	1,181	Lbs	3,177,635	1,787,966	Lbs
Non-Oil Sunflowers	605	292	578	256	1,455	1,389	Lbs	840,720	355,647	Lbs
All Dry Edible Beans	1,630	1,630	1,534	1,538	1,746	1,577	Lbs	26,772	24,247	Cwt
Navy Beans	236	281	223	264	1,788	1,649	Lbs	3,995	4,353	Cwt
Dark Red Kidney Beans	61	49	58	46	1,805	1,774	Lbs	1,047	823	Cwt
Pinto Beans	785	691	726	653	1,735	1,474	Lbs	12,601	9,618	Cwt
Canola	1,159	1,044	1,114	1,021	1,419	1,366	Lbs	1,580,985	1,394,332	Lbs
Sweet Corn for Processing	421.5	394.4	403.9	384.7	7.86	8.02	Tons	3,174.8	3,086.4	Tons
Green Peas for Processing	218.6	215.1	214.8	200.0	1.78	2.05	Tons	383.1	409.9	Tons
Apples	--	--	379.6 2/	377.5 2/	25,600	26,700	Lbs	9,617,500 3/	9,984,900 3/	Lbs

1/ Planted for all purposes.

2/ Bearing Acres.

3/ Utilized Production.

4/ Provided by the Minnesota Wild Rice Council.

LIVESTOCK, DAIRY AND POULTRY SUMMARY

Item	Minnesota	United States	Unit of Measure
Cattle and Calves			
Cattle/Calves, January 1, 2006	2,350,000	96,701,500	Head
Cattle/Calves, January 1, 2007	2,420,000	97,002,900	Head
Milk Cows, January 1, 2006	445,000	8,198,000	Head
Milk Cows, January 1, 2007	455,000	8,279,000	Head
Cattle/Calves on Feed, Jan 1, 2006	290,000	14,131,900	Head
Cattle/Calves on Feed, Jan 1, 2007	285,000	14,268,700	Head
Cattle/Calves Marketed, 2005	1,010,000	52,834,300	Head
Cattle/Calves Marketed, 2006	922,000	53,985,700	Head
Hogs and Pigs			
Hogs and Pigs, December 1, 2005	6,600,000	61,449,000	Head
Hogs and Pigs, December 1, 2006	6,800,000	62,149,000	Head
Pig Crop, 2005	10,351,000	103,965,000	Head
Pig Crop, 2006	10,223,000	105,423,000	Head
Hogs Marketed, 2005	14,647,000	129,042,000	Head
Hogs Marketed, 2006	15,240,000	131,664,900	Head
Sheep and Goats			
All Sheep and Lambs, Jan 1, 2006	155,000	6,230,000	Head
All Sheep and Lambs, Jan 1, 2007	150,000	6,185,000	Head
Lamb Crop, 2005	140,000	4,117,000	Head
Lamb Crop, 2006	135,000	4,085,000	Head
All Goats, Jan 1, 2006	17,000	2,837,000	Head
All Goats, Jan 1, 2007	20,000	2,934,000	Head
Poultry			
All Chickens, December 1, 2005	14,690,000	453,301,000	Head
All Chickens, December 1, 2006	14,228,000	453,036,000	Head
Eggs Produced, Dec 2004-Nov 2005	2,985,000,000	90,027,000,000	Eggs
Eggs Produced, Dec 2005-Nov 2006	2,940,000,000	90,877,000,000	Eggs
Turkeys Raised, 2005	44,500,000	252,053,000	Head
Turkeys Raised, 2006	45,000,000	261,960,000	Head
Milk, Dairy Products and Honey			
Milk Production, 2005	8,195,000,000	176,929,000,000	Pounds
Milk Production, 2006	8,364,000,000	181,798,000,000	Pounds
Dairy Products Manufactured			
Total Cheese, 2005	629,534,000	9,149,322,000	Pounds
Total Cheese, 2006	624,267,000	9,534,331,000	Pounds
American Cheese, 2005	593,174,000	3,808,102,000	Pounds
American Cheese, 2006	582,909,000	3,912,606,000	Pounds
Ice Cream, 2005	43,443,000	897,980,000	Gallons
Ice Cream, 2006	42,423,000	899,322,000	Gallons
Honey Produced, 2005	8,880,000	174,818,000	Pounds
Honey Produced, 2006	10,000,000	154,846,000	Pounds



CROPS: Record Highs, Minnesota and United States

Crop	Plantings		Yield Per Harvested Acre		Production	
	1,000 Acres	Year	Unit	Year	1,000 Units	Year
Corn						
Minnesota	7,700	1981	174.0 Bu.	2005	1,191,900 Bu.	2005
United States	113,024	1932	160.4 Bu.	2004	11,807,086 Bu.	2004
Soybeans						
Minnesota	7,500	2003	45.0 Bu.	2005	319,000 Bu.	2006
United States	75,522	2006	43.3 Bu.	2005	3,188,247 Bu.	2006
All Wheat						
Minnesota	6,375 1/	1899	57.8 Bu.	2003	142,426 Bu.	1985
United States	88,251	1981	44.2 Bu.	2003	2,785,357 Bu.	1981
Spring Wheat						
Minnesota	2/		58.0 Bu.	2003	137,500 Bu.	1992
United States	2/		43.2 Bu.	2004	757,608 Bu.	1992
Barley						
Minnesota	2,380	1935	75.0 Bu.	1992 & 2003	70,950 Bu.	1985
United States	19,686	1942	69.6 Bu.	2004	608,532 Bu.	1986
Oats						
Minnesota	5,466	1945	72.0 Bu.	2000	242,640 Bu.	1945
United States	47,494	1955	65.4 Bu.	1992	1,523,851 Bu.	1945
All Hay						
Minnesota	4,721 3/	1941	3.39 Tons	1986	9,675 Tons	1986
United States	77,639 3/	1944	2.58 Tons	1995	159,582 Tons	1999
All Potatoes						
Minnesota	486 3/	1922	430 Cwt.	2004	26,244 Cwt.	1922
United States	3,901 3/	1922	391 Cwt.	2004	513,544 Cwt.	2000
Dry Beans						
Minnesota	205	1999	1,800 Lbs.	2005	2,666 Cwt.	2002
United States	2,599	1943	1,762 Lbs.	1999	33,319 Cwt.	1991
Sugarbeets						
Minnesota	505	2002	24.9 Tons	2006	11,877 Tons	2006
United States	1,647	1969	25.9 Tons	2006	33,765 Tons	2006
All Sunflowers						
Minnesota	1,400	1979	1,781 Lbs.	1991	1,870,620 Lbs.	1979
United States	5,555	1979	1,540 Lbs.	2005	7,296,110 Lbs.	1979

1/ Normally spring wheat accounts for 90-95% of the all wheat estimate for Minnesota. Planted acreage estimates started in 1919; therefore, the record is based on harvested acreage estimates that started in 1866.

2/ Planted acreage estimates started in 1924, and the record was set prior to 1924.

3/ Harvested acre.

CROPS: Stocks and Price Records, Minnesota

Crop	STOCKS: Record Highs		PRICES: Record Highs and Lows	
	On-Farm	Off-Farm	High Monthly Average Price since 1983	Low Monthly Average Price since 1983
	<u>1,000 Bushels</u>		<u>Dollars per Bushel</u>	
Corn	900,000 December 1, 2005	286,787 December 1, 2005	\$3.95 August 1996	\$1.29 October 1986
Soybeans	205,000 December 1, 2006	106,786 December 1, 2006	\$9.66 April 2004	\$3.94 October 2001
All Wheat	175,000 September 1, 1986	101,732 September 1, 1986	\$5.87 June 1996	\$2.23 August 1987
Barley	88,688 September 1, 1985	45,258 September 1, 1988	\$3.18 June 1996	\$1.10 August 1986
Oats	191,160 September 1, 1971	78,566 September 1, 1971	\$2.93 July 1988	\$0.82 August 1986

LIVESTOCK, DAIRY, AND POULTRY: Production Records, Minnesota and United States

Item	Record Number	Record High Date	Item	Record Number	Record High Date
All Cattle Inventories		Jan 1,	Annual Pig Crop		
Minnesota	4,518,000	1964 & 1965	Minnesota	10,351,000	2005
United States	132,027,700	1975	United States	121,807,000	1944
Beef Cows		Jan 1,	Annual Milk Production (Mil. Lbs.)		
Minnesota	751,000	1976	Minnesota	11,155	1964
United States	45,711,800	1975	United States	181,798	2006
Milk Cows		Jan 1,	Milk Production Per Cow (Lbs.)		
Minnesota	1,893,000	1934	Minnesota	18,587	2006
United States	27,770,000	1945	United States	19,951	2006
Cattle on Feed		Jan 1,	All Sheep and Lambs		Jan 1,
Minnesota	589,000	1970	Minnesota	1,496,000	1943
United States	14,432,000	1973	United States	56,213,000	1942
Calves Born			Breeding Sheep		Jan 1,
Minnesota	1,867,000	1944	Minnesota	1,201,000	1942 & 1943
United States	50,873,000	1974	United States	51,101,000	1884
All Hogs by Qtr			Lamb Crop		
March 1 1/ Minnesota	6,500,000	2004	Minnesota	1,015,000	1942
June 1 2/ Minnesota	6,800,000	2006	United States	32,610,000	1941
September 1 1/ Minnesota	6,900,000	2006	All Chickens		Dec 1,
December 1 Minnesota 1/ Minnesota 1/ United States 3/	83,741,000	1943	Minnesota	31,742,000	1944
Annual Pigs Per Litter			United States	582,197,000	1944
Minnesota	9.24	2006	Eggs Per Layer		
United States	9.08	2006	Minnesota	270	2004 & 2005
			United States	263	2006
			Turkeys Raised		
			Minnesota	45,500,000	1997 & 2004
			United States	302,713,000	1996

1/ March 1, September 1, and December 1 data for Minnesota available since 1954.

2/ June 1 estimates were started in 1950.

3/ December 1 data for the U.S. available since 1866.



FARM NUMBERS

The 2006 total number of farms in Minnesota was estimated at 79,300, 300 less than 2005. The number of farms in the \$1,000-\$9,999 economic sales class was 300 less than 2005. Those with sales in the \$10,000-\$99,999 economic sales class decreased 200 in 2006, to 25,200 farms.

Farms in the \$100,000-\$249,000 economic sales class were 9,900, unchanged from 2005. Farms in the \$250,000-\$499,000 economic class increased 100, to 5,600. Farms in the \$500,000 and over sales class increased 100, to 4,100.

A farm is defined as any establishment from which \$1,000 or more of agricultural products were sold or would normally be sold during the year. Government payments are included as sales.

NUMBER OF FARMS, LAND IN FARMS, AND AVERAGE SIZE: Minnesota, 1995-2006 1/

Year	Number of Farms	Land in Farms	Average Size of Farms
	Number	1,000 Acres	Acres
1995	83,000	29,400	354
1996	82,000	29,200	356
1997	81,000	29,100	359
1998	80,000	28,600	357
1999	81,000	28,200	348
2000	81,000	27,900	344
2001	81,000	27,800	343
2002	80,900	27,800	344
2003	80,000	27,700	346
2004	79,600	27,600	347
2005	79,600	27,500	345
2006	79,300	27,400	346

1/ A farm is any establishment from which \$1,000 or more of agricultural products were sold or would normally be sold during the year.

**NUMBER OF FARMS: By Economic Sales Class
Minnesota, 2001-2006**

Year	\$1,000-\$9,999	\$10,000-\$99,999	\$100,000-\$249,999	\$250,000-\$499,999	\$500,000 & Over	Total
	Number					
2001	33,900	27,100	10,900	5,400	3,700	81,000
2002	35,400	26,200	10,000	5,400	3,900	80,900
2003	35,200	25,500	10,000	5,400	3,900	80,000
2004	34,800	25,500	9,900	5,400	4,000	79,600
2005	34,800	25,400	9,900	5,500	4,000	79,600
2006	34,500	25,200	9,900	5,600	4,100	79,300

**LAND IN FARMS: By Economic Sales Class
Minnesota, 2001-2006**

Year	\$1,000-\$9,999	\$10,000-\$99,999	\$100,000-\$249,999	\$250,000-\$499,999	\$500,000 & Over	Total
	1,000 Acres					
2001	3,220	7,200	6,200	5,380	5,800	27,800
2002	3,290	6,830	5,900	5,380	6,400	27,800
2003	3,070	6,850	5,920	5,410	6,450	27,700
2004	3,000	6,700	5,900	5,400	6,600	27,600
2005	2,950	6,550	5,900	5,400	6,700	27,500
2006	2,800	6,500	5,900	5,400	6,800	27,400

2006 Weather Summary

January 2006 was the warmest January in over 100 years for Minnesota. The average statewide temperature was an incredible 17 degrees above normal. January snowfall was light; only areas along the Canadian border received any appreciable snow. February had some semblance to a "normal" winter. Colder weather returned along with some snow.

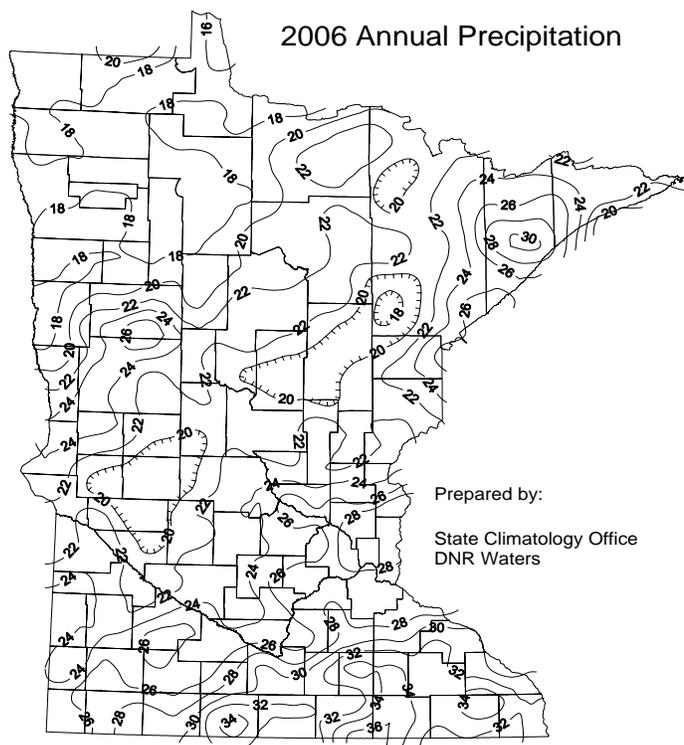
Spring was mainly wet across Minnesota, replenishing soil moisture that would be handy later in the season. Precipitation totals for March were above average in the northern and southern thirds of Minnesota, and below normal in the central one third. April 2006 was very warm, and quite wet over the central and south. Far southern Minnesota had one of the wettest Aprils on record. Along the southern tier of counties, monthly rainfall totals topped 6 to 8 inches. Northern Minnesota came up a bit short in April rainfall.

2006 will be remembered for the worst drought to strike Minnesota since 1988. The brunt of the drought was felt across the north and timely rains over the agricultural areas assisted crops greatly. The drought began in mid May. Combined with the extreme heat of late May, this precipitation shortage led to a rapid drying of the landscape. June wasn't unusually warm, but it was the second consecutive month of below average rainfall. A single, intense rainfall event in June did help in isolated areas of southern Minnesota.

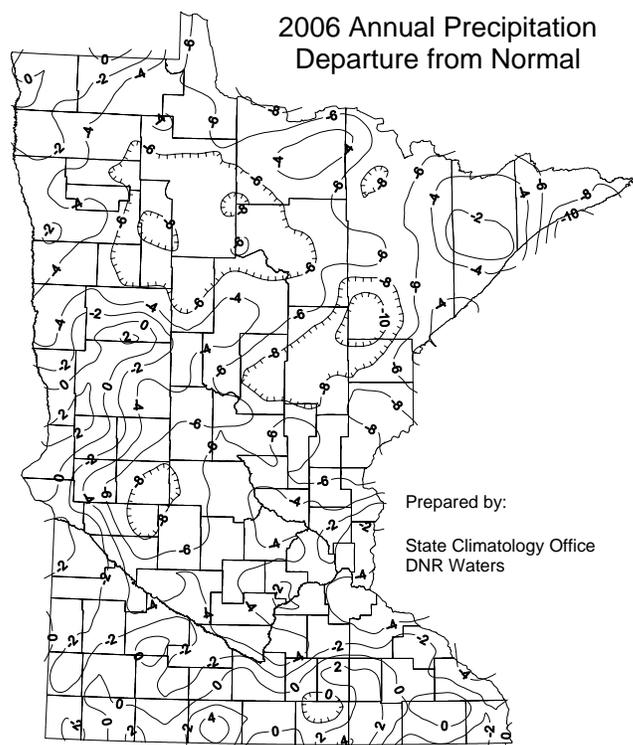
The drought intensified in July. Some welcome rains fell on south-central and southeastern Minnesota. No significant widespread rain fell north of a line from Ortonville to Forest Lake. The heat really set July apart. For many Minnesota sites, July 2006 was among the five hottest months on record. This heat elevated evaporation to levels not seen since the 1988 drought. In August, the heat wave broke. It continued to be dry in the north, but very wet in portions of east-central and southeastern Minnesota.

September precipitation totals were near to above average across much of the central and south. Unfortunately, many of the drought-stricken areas of north-central and northeastern Minnesota received below average rainfall for the month. Monthly mean temperatures were generally cooler than normal in most areas of the state. The first frosts of the season for central and southern parts of the state were reported on September 20.

October and November precipitation totals were below average across the state. The exception was southeast Minnesota in November where precipitation totals approached or exceeded average. The unusually dry late autumn weather raised concerns about topsoil moisture in the southern half of the state. October was much cooler than normal across the state, and was the coolest month, relative to normal since May 2005. November and December were warmer than normal. The repeat of yet another non-winter seemed to be coming true with a nearly snow-free December. However there was enough precipitation in the liquid form for December to finish above average. A large winter storm dumped rain, freezing rain and snow on New Year's Eve, putting moisture in the bank for 2007.



values are in inches



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MEDIAN FROST DATES: Minnesota, Based on Averages from 1948-2005

District And County	Station	Average Date of Last Temperature Occurrence			Average Date of First Temperature Occurrence			Number of Days Between Average Last Spring and First Fall Occurrence of :		
		24° F	28° F	32° F	32° F	28° F	24° F	32° F	28° F	24° F
Northwest										
Norman	Ada	Apr 23	May 04	May 14	Sep 24	Oct 03	Oct 13	135	153	177
Marshall	Argyle	Apr 23	May 09	May 18	Sep 23	Oct 02	Oct 09	126	145	170
Polk	Crookston	Apr 23	May 07	May 15	Sep 23	Oct 02	Oct 13	131	150	174
Becker	Detroit Lakes	May 02	May 08	May 19	Sep 18	Sep 26	Oct 06	120	145	163
Polk	Fosston	Apr 26	May 07	May 17	Sep 21	Sep 28	Oct 13	127	148	171
Kittson	Hallock	Apr 28	May 10	May 21	Sep 23	Oct 02	Oct 10	126	144	165
Clay	Fargo/Moorhead	Apr 20	May 04	May 13	Sep 26	Oct 04	Oct 15	137	154	176
Red Lake	Red Lake Falls	Apr 20	May 07	May 16	Sep 23	Oct 01	Oct 10	128	147	175
Roseau	Roseau	May 03	May 14	May 25	Sep 18	Sep 27	Oct 06	113	137	159
Roseau	Warroad	Apr 30	May 08	May 18	Sep 23	Sep 30	Oct 12	128	144	166
North Central										
Lake of the Woods	Baudette	Apr 27	May 09	May 21	Sep 23	Oct 01	Oct 13	125	148	164
Beltrami	Bemidji	May 04	May 09	May 22	Sep 22	Sep 26	Oct 14	123	139	163
Koochiching	Big Falls	May 03	May 13	May 31	Sep 16	Sep 25	Oct 05	108	137	157
Itasca	Grand Rapids	Apr 27	May 09	May 21	Sep 20	Sep 28	Oct 10	119	144	166
Koochiching	Int'l Falls	Apr 29	May 10	May 25	Sep 17	Sep 25	Oct 07	112	139	161
Hubbard	Park Rapids	Apr 30	May 07	May 17	Sep 21	Sep 29	Oct 07	125	147	162
Northeast										
St. Louis	Babbitt	Apr 28	May 09	May 21	Sep 23	Oct 05	Oct 20	124	147	173
St. Louis	Duluth (Airport)	Apr 22	May 08	May 17	Sep 23	Oct 05	Oct 18	125	154	175
Cook	Grand Marais	Apr 19	May 01	May 16	Oct 01	Oct 19	Nov 01	137	168	194
St. Louis	Hibbing	Apr 28	May 13	May 29	Sep 14	Sep 24	Oct 06	108	136	161
West Central										
Douglas	Alexandria	Apr 13	Apr 23	May 07	Oct 01	Oct 12	Oct 25	148	170	195
Swift	Benson	Apr 13	Apr 26	May 07	Sep 30	Oct 10	Oct 21	146	166	189
Wilkin	Campbell	Apr 17	Apr 28	May 12	Sep 24	Oct 03	Oct 12	138	156	179
Yellow Medicine	Canby	Apr 14	Apr 28	May 07	Oct 01	Oct 10	Oct 23	148	166	189
Otter Tail	Fergus Falls	Apr 14	Apr 27	May 07	Sep 28	Oct 08	Oct 21	146	166	189
Lac Qui Parle	Madison	Apr 14	Apr 28	May 06	Sep 28	Oct 09	Oct 20	147	168	191
Lac Qui Parle	Montevideo	Apr 13	Apr 27	May 06	Sep 30	Oct 07	Oct 20	148	167	191
Stevens	Morris	Apr 14	Apr 28	May 07	Sep 29	Oct 06	Oct 19	144	162	186
Traverse	Wheaton	Apr 14	Apr 25	May 08	Oct 01	Oct 10	Oct 25	146	167	194
Central										
Sibley	Gaylord	Apr 09	Apr 17	Apr 29	Oct 04	Oct 16	Oct 24	158	181	198
Scott	Jordan	Apr 13	Apr 28	May 10	Sep 28	Oct 06	Oct 20	144	164	190
Morrison	Little Falls	Apr 19	May 03	May 12	Sep 25	Oct 05	Oct 18	138	158	182
Stearns	Melrose	Apr 13	Apr 28	May 11	Sep 25	Oct 05	Oct 17	139	162	188
Stearns	St. Cloud	Apr 18	May 01	May 12	Sep 24	Oct 05	Oct 17	138	157	181
Wadena	Wadena	Apr 21	May 02	May 10	Sep 24	Oct 04	Oct 19	138	156	179
Kandiyohi	Willmar	Apr 11	Apr 25	May 02	Oct 03	Oct 15	Oct 25	154	173	195
East Central										
Aitkin	Aitkin	Apr 23	May 06	May 18	Sep 24	Sep 30	Oct 16	132	150	174
Crow Wing	Brainerd	Apr 21	May 03	May 11	Sep 21	Oct 01	Oct 15	136	152	178
Pine	Hinckley	Apr 21	May 06	May 19	Sep 22	Sep 28	Oct 12	125	148	175
Hennepin	Maple Plain	Apr 13	Apr 25	May 06	Oct 01	Oct 12	Oct 25	153	169	194
Mille Lacs	Milaca	Apr 18	May 01	May 12	Sep 25	Oct 03	Oct 19	138	155	184
Carlton	Moose Lake	May 01	May 12	May 28	Sep 20	Sep 27	Oct 10	111	138	166
Kanabec	Mora	Apr 21	May 03	May 16	Sep 21	Oct 02	Oct 15	126	151	173
Washington	Stillwater	Apr 09	Apr 16	May 01	Oct 07	Oct 18	Nov 02	163	185	208
Southwest										
Redwood	Lamberton	Apr 10	Apr 28	May 05	Sep 28	Oct 07	Oct 17	147	164	186
Rock	Luverne	Apr 16	Apr 30	May 07	Sep 26	Oct 05	Oct 17	142	159	179
Lyon	Marshall	Apr 09	Apr 19	May 04	Oct 04	Oct 14	Oct 25	156	176	199
Pipestone	Pipestone	Apr 22	May 03	May 12	Sep 24	Oct 03	Oct 10	137	153	172
Cottonwood	Windom	Apr 14	Apr 27	May 07	Sep 30	Oct 07	Oct 22	144	164	192
South Central										
Freeborn	Albert Lea	Apr 09	Apr 18	May 02	Oct 05	Oct 18	Oct 28	158	182	201
Martin	Fairmont	Apr 06	Apr 13	Apr 28	Oct 08	Oct 22	Oct 31	163	189	209
Rice	Faribault	Apr 14	Apr 27	May 08	Sep 29	Oct 12	Oct 25	146	169	193
Brown	New Ulm	Apr 09	Apr 24	May 02	Sep 29	Oct 10	Oct 24	148	173	194
Waseca	Waseca	Apr 11	Apr 23	May 04	Sep 30	Oct 06	Oct 24	151	169	193
Faribault	Winnebago	Apr 07	Apr 20	May 02	Oct 06	Oct 17	Oct 26	158	179	204
Southeast										
Mower	Austin	Apr 12	Apr 28	May 07	Sep 27	Oct 05	Oct 20	145	164	190
Houston	Caledonia	Apr 13	Apr 23	May 05	Oct 01	Oct 11	Oct 28	153	175	195
Dakota	Farmington	Apr 09	Apr 19	May 02	Oct 04	Oct 14	Oct 31	155	178	204
Fillmore	Preston	Apr 20	May 05	May 16	Sep 23	Oct 03	Oct 14	131	153	178
Olmsted	Rochester	Apr 11	Apr 21	May 06	Oct 01	Oct 12	Oct 27	151	175	197
Winona	Winona	Apr 07	Apr 14	Apr 26	Oct 07	Oct 20	Nov 02	166	188	209
Goodhue	Zumbrota	Apr 16	Apr 29	May 11	Sep 26	Oct 04	Oct 18	140	159	188

Source: DNR State Climatology Office – Division of Waters

MONTHLY PRECIPITATION: by Selected Stations and Districts, Minnesota, 2006

Station	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
	Precipitation (Inches)											
Northwest												
Argyle	1.06	.87	1.82	.60	2.81	.84	.66	3.02	1.77	1.45	.44	1.07
Crookston	.37	.56	1.50	.98	2.73	1.10	1.03	3.50	2.66	1.74	.35	.94
Moorhead	.29	.46	1.26	1.48	2.24	1.16	1.26	4.22	5.34	1.09	.28	1.06
District Average	.55	.42	1.58	1.04	1.88	1.80	1.63	2.59	2.60	1.44	.38	.94
District Normal 1/	.65	.56	.87	1.30	2.49	3.60	3.22	2.81	2.35	1.87	1.08	.57
North Central												
Grand Rapids	.22	1.00	2.29	1.29	3.00	2.81	2.44	2.46	3.26	1.39	.94	1.36
International Falls	.91	.62	2.20	1.16	2.12	2.20	3.14	1.03	1.38	1.19	1.08	1.00
Walker	.13	1.01	M	M	M	M	M	M	M	1.59	.31	.91
District Average	.56	.80	2.08	1.53	2.70	2.14	2.69	1.51	3.09	1.40	.95	1.18
District Normal 1/	.92	.63	1.18	1.66	2.75	4.29	3.96	3.51	3.03	2.42	1.45	.77
Northeast												
Duluth	.48	.94	1.56	1.61	4.72	3.53	3.47	1.16	2.86	1.78	1.18	1.22
Grand Marais	.47	.26	2.09	1.44	2.73	1.50	2.87	.91	1.22	1.96	.85	2.08
Hibbing	.04	.23	.88	.35	1.68	1.69	2.41	1.43	1.38	.90	1.08	1.72
District Average	.47	.62	1.51	1.26	3.04	2.22	3.01	1.20	1.77	1.48	.87	1.36
District Normal 1/	.88	.66	1.28	1.64	2.68	4.00	4.10	3.62	3.56	2.51	1.74	.82
West Central												
Canby	.26	.19	1.67	2.99	3.00	1.86	1.57	4.41	7.03	.30	.25	.36
Fergus Falls	.13	.49	.65	.50	5.33	2.82	.62	4.75	4.64	1.70	.25	.08
Montevideo	.18	.07	.98	3.23	2.08	2.62	4.59	3.30	5.80	.11	.02	.36
Morris	.17	.41	.85	2.79	2.94	1.84	.74	1.38	4.67	.84	.35	1.22
District Average	.20	.34	.84	3.09	2.73	2.51	1.74	3.81	5.36	.59	.16	.93
District Normal 1/	.92	.71	1.59	2.00	2.83	3.96	3.47	3.12	2.26	2.05	1.33	.60
Central												
Hutchinson	.09	.51	1.91	2.90	4.16	2.37	1.49	3.59	4.30	.51	.51	1.50
Olivia	.00	.24	1.31	4.47	1.21	4.28	1.17	4.19	3.61	.21	.22	2.03
St. Cloud	.22	.33	1.18	4.52	1.49	3.45	1.10	5.62	4.30	.64	.45	1.51
Willmar	.06	.53	1.15	3.82	1.62	2.07	1.71	1.97	3.68	.91	.60	1.18
District Average	.19	.37	1.18	3.72	1.92	2.75	1.62	3.72	4.27	.86	.56	1.52
District Normal 1/	.81	.60	1.62	2.20	3.19	4.57	3.71	3.76	2.82	2.21	1.61	.68
East Central												
Aitkin	.18	.07	.98	3.23	3.46	2.70	1.23	3.13	2.32	1.40	1.15	1.40
Forest Lake	.60	.50	1.40	3.77	2.49	4.95	1.70	7.43	4.72	1.09	1.01	1.49
MSP-Airport	.71	.32	2.01	5.97	1.66	2.81	1.29	6.90	2.44	.41	.92	2.13
District Average	.63	.39	1.59	4.03	2.69	3.69	1.67	6.52	3.16	.85	1.00	1.72
District Normal 1/	1.02	.76	1.73	2.33	3.39	4.57	4.41	4.24	3.04	2.40	1.96	.96
Southwest												
Lamberton	.19	.41	2.25	3.66	2.44	9.39	1.75	4.11	2.82	.45	.45	1.91
Marshall	.68	.22	1.75	3.81	1.55	2.42	1.74	4.38	4.16	.29	.46	2.11
Pipestone	.77	.30	2.82	3.24	1.63	2.82	.24	5.47	3.44	.15	.38	M
Redwood Falls	.30	.07	1.46	4.11	.86	6.38	2.10	3.86	3.13	.44	.35	1.97
Windom	.36	.29	3.21	6.60	.94	2.94	1.38	2.95	2.84	.40	.84	2.32
District Average	.48	.24	2.25	4.91	1.53	5.23	1.01	4.46	3.54	.34	.66	1.79
District Normal 1/	.62	.55	1.76	2.60	3.29	3.99	3.44	3.32	2.58	1.98	1.51	.60
South Central												
Fairmont	.91	.58	2.67	8.15	1.31	2.49	3.24	7.39	4.65	.52	1.57	2.42
Faribault	1.07	.36	2.37	2.91	2.68	1.82	3.74	7.00	5.41	.49	1.70	1.24
Mankato	1.02	.42	1.57	4.25	1.44	6.42	2.08	3.88	2.89	.39	1.54	1.66
Waseca	1.04	.52	2.78	4.39	2.80	5.21	3.68	5.13	4.39	.62	1.97	1.37
District Average	1.03	.53	2.46	4.74	2.11	4.10	2.53	5.69	4.10	.52	1.57	1.69
District Normal 1/	1.10	.74	2.09	3.03	3.81	4.64	4.32	4.43	3.04	2.39	2.05	1.11
Southeast												
Austin	.28	.73	3.50	6.07	3.96	3.71	1.91	7.10	4.06	.63	3.10	1.65
Caledonia	.63	.62	2.83	7.59	3.59	4.35	2.10	4.87	3.51	.89	1.70	1.32
Rochester	.24	.39	2.43	5.27	2.26	3.54	2.92	6.27	3.03	.78	2.93	1.46
Winona	.53	.63	3.29	3.63	2.72	2.67	2.78	5.01	3.37	.76	1.60	1.52
District Average	.79	.63	2.47	4.50	2.96	2.79	2.29	5.53	3.23	.90	1.73	1.68
District Normal 1/	1.02	.82	1.94	3.09	3.67	4.18	4.45	4.34	3.42	2.26	2.09	1.10

M = Missing, insufficient, or partial data

1/ District normal equals a 30 year average precipitation total (1971-2000)

Source: National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce