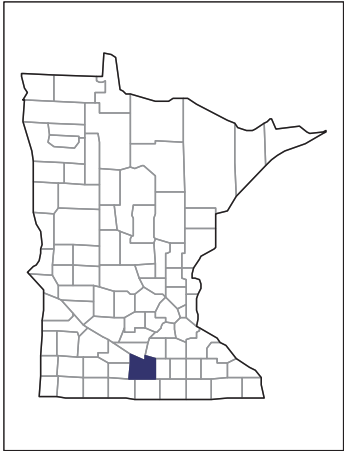


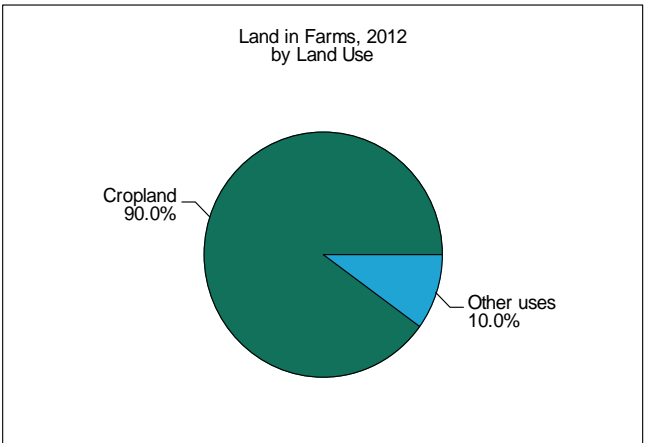
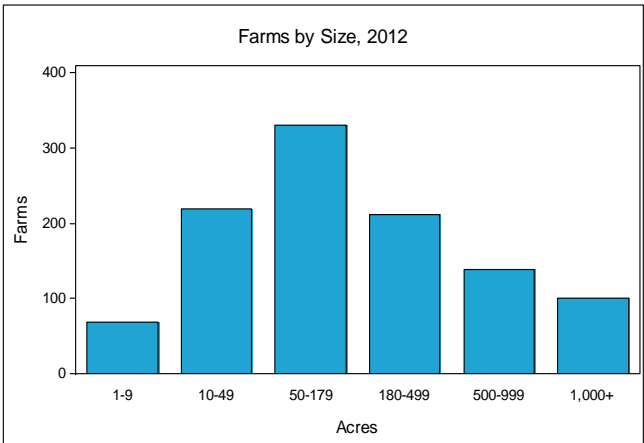
# 2012 CENSUS OF AGRICULTURE

## COUNTY PROFILE



### Blue Earth County Minnesota

	2012	2007	% change
<b>Number of Farms</b>	1,070	1,247	- 14
<b>Land in Farms</b>	376,460 acres	415,326 acres	- 9
<b>Average Size of Farm</b>	352 acres	333 acres	+ 6
<b>Market Value of Products Sold</b>	\$505,423,000	\$327,486,000	+ 54
Crop Sales \$261,754,000 (52 percent) Livestock Sales \$243,670,000 (48 percent)			
<b>Average Per Farm</b>	\$472,358	\$262,619	+ 80
<b>Government Payments</b>	\$7,732,000	\$8,511,000	- 9
<b>Average Per Farm Receiving Payments</b>	\$8,990	\$8,579	+ 5





## Blue Earth 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	505,423	6	87	105	3,077
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	261,754	16	87	117	3,072
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	243,670	4	87	129	3,076
<b>VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)</b>					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	258,396	10	85	59	2,926
Tobacco	-	-	-	-	436
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	-	-	635
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	1,928	41	87	626	2,802
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	246	24	81	983	2,724
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	814	29	79	1,152	2,678
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	-	-	50	-	1,530
Other crops and hay	370	81	87	2,554	3,049
Poultry and eggs	5,192	34	87	737	3,013
Cattle and calves	12,012	43	86	1,179	3,056
Milk from cows	1,395	70	83	1,142	2,038
Hogs and pigs	224,440	2	86	11	2,827
Sheep, goats, wool, mohair, and milk	307	27	87	541	2,988
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	161	33	85	1,439	3,011
Aquaculture	-	-	43	-	1,366
Other animals and other animal products	162	47	86	857	2,924
<b>TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)</b>					
Corn for grain	176,791	11	85	83	2,638
Soybeans for beans	138,089	20	85	87	2,162
Forage-land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	3,067	78	87	2,512	3,057
Vegetables harvested, all	1,794	30	87	342	2,801
Wheat for grain, all	1,745	40	85	1,404	2,537
<b>TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)</b>					
Hogs and pigs	554,230	2	85	16	2,889
Turkeys	121,084	25	76	137	2,416
Cattle and calves	12,137	55	87	1,784	3,063
Sheep and lambs	2,017	20	86	456	2,897
Layers	1,066	52	86	1,813	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	271	Farming	575
\$1,000 to \$2,499	38	Other	495
\$2,500 to \$4,999	22	Principal operators by sex:	
\$5,000 to \$9,999	35	Male	981
\$10,000 to \$19,999	48	Female	89
\$20,000 to \$24,999	11	Average age of principal operator (years)	56.5
\$25,000 to \$39,999	29	All operators by race <sup>2</sup> :	
\$40,000 to \$49,999	32	American Indian or Alaska Native	-
\$50,000 to \$99,999	88	Asian	2
\$100,000 to \$249,999	150	Black or African American	-
\$250,000 to \$499,999	112	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
\$500,000 or more	234	White	1,530
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	369,680	More than one race	4
Average per farm (\$)	345,495	All operators of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin <sup>2</sup>	10
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	157,159		
Average per farm (\$)	146,878		

See "Census of Agriculture, Volume 1, Geographic Area Series" for complete footnotes, explanations, definitions, and methodology.

- Represents zero.

<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.