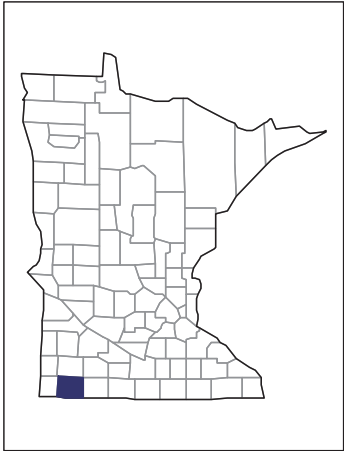


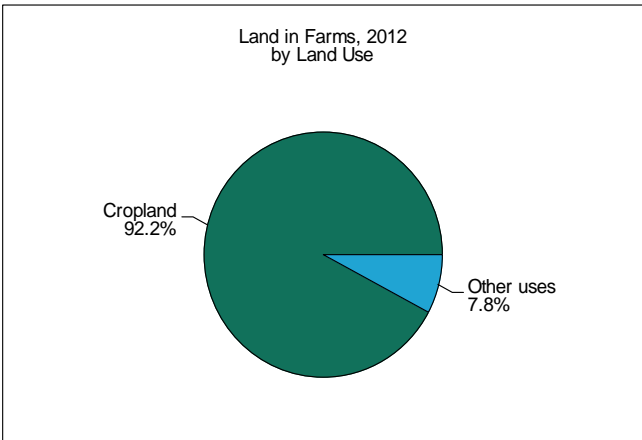
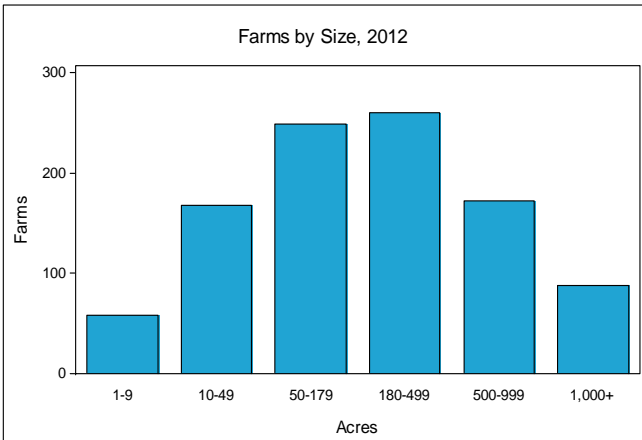
2012 CENSUS OF AGRICULTURE

COUNTY PROFILE



Nobles County Minnesota

	2012	2007	% change
Number of Farms	995	1,094	- 9
Land in Farms	380,579 acres	422,300 acres	- 10
Average Size of Farm	382 acres	386 acres	- 1
Market Value of Products Sold	\$477,617,000	\$343,813,000	+ 39
Crop Sales \$242,814,000 (51 percent)			
Livestock Sales \$234,803,000 (49 percent)			
Average Per Farm	\$480,017	\$314,272	+ 53
Government Payments	\$8,290,000	\$7,727,000	+ 7
Average Per Farm Receiving Payments	\$10,024	\$8,256	+ 21





Nobles 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	477,617	9	87	115	3,077
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	242,814	21	87	149	3,072
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	234,803	5	87	140	3,076
VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	240,986	15	85	80	2,926
Tobacco	-	-	-	-	436
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	-	-	635
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	429	56	87	1,160	2,802
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	(D)	26	81	(D)	2,724
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	(D)	51	79	(D)	2,678
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	-	-	50	-	1,530
Other crops and hay	947	69	87	1,981	3,049
Poultry and eggs	4,623	36	87	761	3,013
Cattle and calves	81,547	3	86	166	3,056
Milk from cows	22,651	23	83	307	2,038
Hogs and pigs	125,299	3	86	31	2,827
Sheep, goats, wool, mohair, and milk	604	12	87	280	2,988
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	72	53	85	2,076	3,011
Aquaculture	-	-	43	-	1,366
Other animals and other animal products	8	80	86	2,313	2,924
TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)					
Corn for grain	168,506	17	85	98	2,638
Soybeans for beans	155,561	11	85	51	2,162
Corn for silage	8,745	9	84	207	2,237
Forage-land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	6,214	64	87	2,057	3,057
Oats for grain	688	54	84	411	1,825
TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)					
Hogs and pigs	323,679	5	85	38	2,889
Broilers and other meat-type chickens	105,225	6	85	543	2,723
Cattle and calves	78,920	5	87	196	3,063
Turkeys	(D)	(D)	76	(D)	2,416
Sheep and lambs	3,131	11	86	279	2,897

Other County Highlights, 2012

Economic Characteristics	Quantity	Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales:		Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Less than \$1,000	132	Farming	654
\$1,000 to \$2,499	16	Other	341
\$2,500 to \$4,999	30		
\$5,000 to \$9,999	24	Principal operators by sex:	
\$10,000 to \$19,999	20	Male	950
\$20,000 to \$24,999	13	Female	45
\$25,000 to \$39,999	28		
\$40,000 to \$49,999	26	Average age of principal operator (years)	55.2
\$50,000 to \$99,999	131		
\$100,000 to \$249,999	177	All operators by race ² :	
\$250,000 to \$499,999	138	American Indian or Alaska Native	1
\$500,000 or more	260	Asian	-
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	357,234	Black or African American	-
Average per farm (\$)	359,029	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
		White	1,440
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	144,115	More than one race	-
Average per farm (\$)	144,839	All operators of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin ²	5

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.