

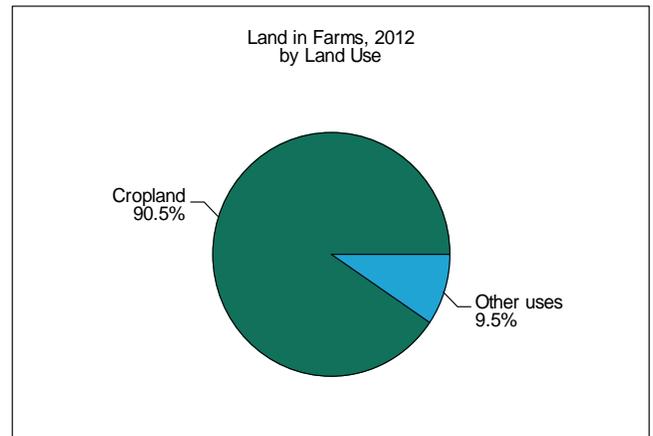
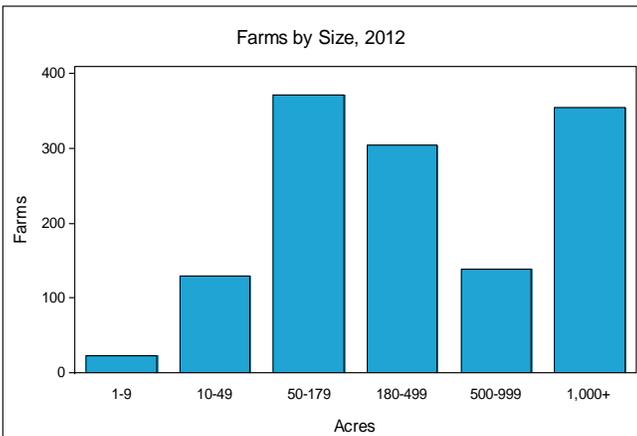
2012 CENSUS OF AGRICULTURE

COUNTY PROFILE



Polk County Minnesota

	2012	2007	% change
Number of Farms	1,322	1,609	- 18
Land in Farms	1,094,956 acres	1,099,761 acres	0
Average Size of Farm	828 acres	684 acres	+ 21
Market Value of Products Sold	\$594,533,000	\$341,419,000	+ 74
Crop Sales \$572,439,000 (96 percent)			
Livestock Sales \$22,094,000 (4 percent)			
Average Per Farm	\$449,723	\$212,193	+ 112
Government Payments	\$17,706,000	\$20,228,000	- 12
Average Per Farm Receiving Payments	\$15,725	\$14,884	+ 6





Polk 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	594,533	4	87	70	3,077
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	572,439	1	87	23	3,072
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	22,094	55	87	1,542	3,076
VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	405,032	1	85	9	2,926
Tobacco	-	-	-	-	436
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	-	-	635
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	12,198	9	87	184	2,802
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	53	50	81	1,737	2,724
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	277	52	79	1,640	2,678
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	-	-	50	-	1,530
Other crops and hay	154,879	1	87	5	3,049
Poultry and eggs	14	76	87	2,222	3,013
Cattle and calves	5,995	62	86	1,682	3,056
Milk from cows	3,825	55	83	805	2,038
Hogs and pigs	9,894	38	86	426	2,827
Sheep, goats, wool, mohair, and milk	117	51	87	1,232	2,988
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	107	42	85	1,780	3,011
Aquaculture	-	-	43	-	1,366
Other animals and other animal products	2,142	6	86	106	2,924
TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)					
Soybeans for beans	296,964	1	85	6	2,162
Wheat for grain, all	274,954	1	85	18	2,537
Spring wheat for grain	269,434	1	85	4	633
Corn for grain	111,763	36	85	238	2,638
Sugarbeets for sugar	98,970	1	32	1	136
TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)					
Hogs and pigs	17,637	45	85	511	2,889
Colonies of bees	16,559	2	84	37	2,761
Cattle and calves	12,174	54	87	1,782	3,063
Layers	998	53	86	1,872	3,040
Horses and ponies	524	48	87	1,995	3,072

Other County Highlights, 2012

Economic Characteristics	Quantity	Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales:		Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Less than \$1,000	448	Farming	741
\$1,000 to \$2,499	41	Other	581
\$2,500 to \$4,999	23	Principal operators by sex:	
\$5,000 to \$9,999	27	Male	1,192
\$10,000 to \$19,999	61	Female	130
\$20,000 to \$24,999	11	Average age of principal operator (years)	57.0
\$25,000 to \$39,999	68	All operators by race ² :	
\$40,000 to \$49,999	19	American Indian or Alaska Native	4
\$50,000 to \$99,999	107	Asian	3
\$100,000 to \$249,999	104	Black or African American	-
\$250,000 to \$499,999	83	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	2
\$500,000 or more	330	White	1,914
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	408,592	More than one race	5
Average per farm (\$)	309,071	All operators of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin ²	5
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	226,491		
Average per farm (\$)	171,324		

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

- Represents zero.

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.