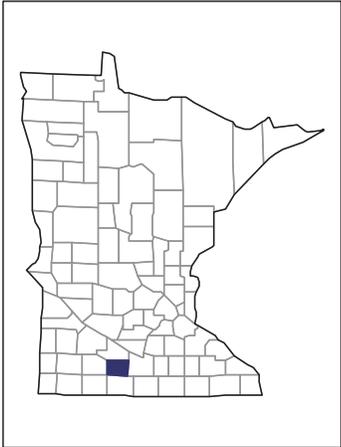


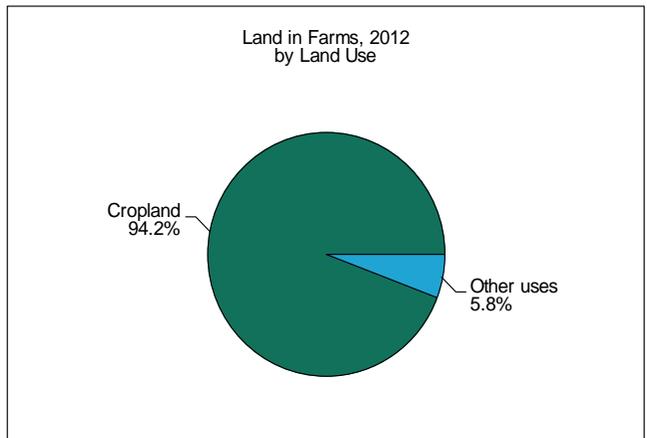
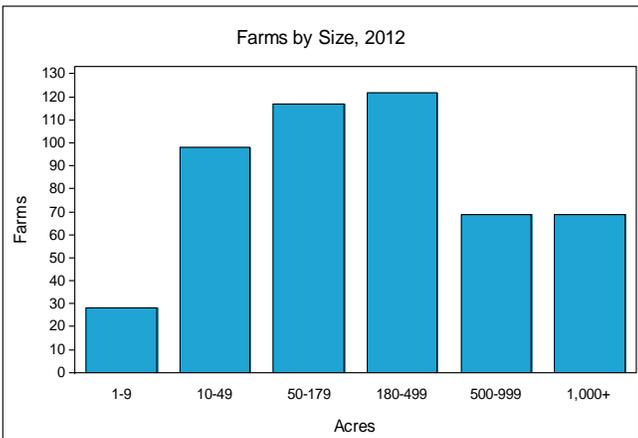
2012 CENSUS OF AGRICULTURE

COUNTY PROFILE



Watonwan County Minnesota

	2012	2007	% change
Number of Farms	503	604	- 17
Land in Farms	237,096 acres	269,094 acres	- 12
Average Size of Farm	471 acres	446 acres	+ 6
Market Value of Products Sold	\$281,046,000	\$184,711,000	+ 52
Crop Sales \$180,832,000 (64 percent)			
Livestock Sales \$100,214,000 (36 percent)			
Average Per Farm	\$558,739	\$305,812	+ 83
Government Payments	\$5,266,000	\$5,534,000	- 5
Average Per Farm Receiving Payments	\$12,077	\$10,542	+ 15





Watonwan 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	281,046	39	87	317	3,077
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	180,832	34	87	272	3,072
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	100,214	30	87	465	3,076
VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	178,305	32	85	178	2,926
Tobacco	-	-	-	-	436
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	-	-	635
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	2,288	35	87	569	2,802
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	-	-	81	-	2,724
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	(D)	68	79	(D)	2,678
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	-	-	50	-	1,530
Other crops and hay	(D)	86	87	(D)	3,049
Poultry and eggs	(D)	51	87	(D)	3,013
Cattle and calves	11,539	44	86	1,212	3,056
Milk from cows	921	76	83	1,294	2,038
Hogs and pigs	85,217	12	86	58	2,827
Sheep, goats, wool, mohair, and milk	101	53	87	1,341	2,988
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	15	76	85	2,745	3,011
Aquaculture	-	-	43	-	1,366
Other animals and other animal products	(D)	18	86	(D)	2,924
TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)					
Corn for grain	120,057	31	85	211	2,638
Soybeans for beans	87,736	37	85	310	2,162
Forage-land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	1,308	85	87	2,817	3,057
Vegetables harvested, all	1,061	39	87	460	2,801
Sweet corn	584	26	80	147	2,416
TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)					
Hogs and pigs	183,618	16	85	94	2,889
Turkeys	(D)	43	76	245	2,416
Cattle and calves	8,271	71	87	2,079	3,063
Colonies of bees	(D)	10	84	(D)	2,761
Sheep and lambs	669	56	86	1,200	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	119	Farming	303
\$1,000 to \$2,499	10	Other	200
\$2,500 to \$4,999	18		
\$5,000 to \$9,999	6	Principal operators by sex:	
\$10,000 to \$19,999	12	Male	468
\$20,000 to \$24,999	4	Female	35
\$25,000 to \$39,999	12		
\$40,000 to \$49,999	7	Average age of principal operator (years)	58.4
\$50,000 to \$99,999	53		
\$100,000 to \$249,999	59	All operators by race ² :	
\$250,000 to \$499,999	71	American Indian or Alaska Native	-
\$500,000 or more	132	Asian	-
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	210,065	Black or African American	-
Average per farm (\$)	417,624	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
		White	692
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	85,016	More than one race	2
Average per farm (\$)	169,018	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.