

## Foreword

Minnesota's farm and food sector has always been a powerful engine driving our state economy, and even with some extreme challenges (worldwide pandemic, low prices, weather) these past 12 months, we can still stand proud of our hardworking farmers and farm families and the significant contributions they make every day to put food on our tables.

In addition to our 68,000 farms, Minnesota's agriculture sector provides more than 431,000 jobs for the state and creates approximately \$112 billion in economic activity. In national rankings, we're a leader – #1 in production of sugarbeets and turkeys raised, #2 in pork exports, and #3 in production of hogs, soybeans, oats, and spring wheat, and #4 in corn and dry edible bean production.

The Minnesota Department of Agriculture's mission is to enhance Minnesotans' quality of life by ensuring the integrity of our food supply, the health of our environment, and the strength of our agricultural economy. As part of that mission, we partner with the USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) to produce this annual statistical bulletin. It contains valuable information on farm income, crop and livestock production, export trends, and other data needed by farmers, agribusinesses, and policy decision-makers all across the agricultural sector.

Thanks to NASS and to all those who respond to the annual surveys for their commitment to this important work.



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The 2020 Minnesota Agricultural Statistics bulletin presents the statistics for 2019 from the United States Department of Agriculture's National Agricultural Statistics Service in cooperation with the Minnesota Department of Agriculture. This publication documents Minnesota farmers' efforts in feeding the nation and the world. Production from our farmers has Minnesota ranked in the top ten leading states for several commodities. Agriculture plays a key role in the Minnesota economy and helps make Minnesota a great place to live and grow.

These statistics provide a voice for farmers and also provide facts to build for the future of agriculture. I say "Thank you" to the farmers, agribusiness staff and County FAC members who participate in USDA NASS surveys. Your participation allows your voice to be heard and your future to be shaped on facts for all agriculture. As always, USDA NASS counts agriculture because "Agriculture Counts"!

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