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In 2018, the Northwest District produced 3.57 million bushels of Minnesota’s barley crop, accounting for 70 percent of the State’s total production according to estimates released today by the USDA, National Agricultural Statistics Service. Marshall County, at 1.29 million bushels, was the largest barley producing county and produced 25 percent of the State’s barley.

The Northwest District, which accounted for 64 percent of the harvested acres in Minnesota, had an average yield of 83.5 bushels per acre, up 2.7 bushels from last year. The highest average yield was recorded in Marshall County at 87.2 bushels. This is a record yield for Marshall County. Wadena had an average yield of 84.2 bushels per acre. This is also the highest yield on record for Wadena County.

Yields are derived from production divided by area harvested. Only published estimates were considered in rankings of districts and counties.

Barley, Area Planted, Harvested, Yield and Production – Minnesota by County: 2017-2018

County and district	Area planted		Area harvested		Yield per acre		Production	
	2017	2018	2017	2018	2017	2018	2017	2018
	(acres)	(acres)	(acres)	(acres)	(bushels)	(bushels)	(bushels)	(bushels)
Marshall	18,800	15,400	17,600	14,800	85.6	87.2	1,506,000	1,290,000
Combined counties	36,300	32,200	33,400	28,000	78.4	81.5	2,617,000	2,283,000
Northwest	55,100	47,600	51,000	42,800	80.8	83.5	4,123,000	3,573,000
Combined counties	2,600	4,600	2,300	4,480	81.7	70.8	188,000	317,000
North Central.....	2,600	4,600	2,300	4,480	81.7	70.8	188,000	317,000
Combined counties	6,000	–	5,130	–	71.7	–	368,000	–
West Central.....	6,000	–	5,130	–	71.7	–	368,000	–
Stearns.....	2,400	–	1,600	–	49.8	–	79,600	–
Todd.....	1,300	–	1,020	–	41.7	–	42,500	–
Wadena.....	–	1,100	–	1,080	–	84.2	–	90,900
Combined counties	4,400	8,600	2,760	5,460	55.8	58.3	153,900	318,100
Central	8,100	9,700	5,380	6,540	51.3	62.5	276,000	409,000
Combined districts	8,200	18,100	4,190	13,180	50.8	60.2	213,000	793,000
Minnesota	80,000	80,000	68,000	67,000	76.0	76.0	5,168,000	5,092,000

– Data does not meet publication standards but published in "Combined counties" or "Combined districts" or represents zero.

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