



# Minnesota Ag News – 2018 Corn for Silage County Estimates

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Minnesota producers in the Central District chopped 2.41 million tons of corn silage in 2018, according to estimates released by the USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. This was 32 percent of the State total production. The Southeast District produced 1.71 million tons of silage, representing 23 percent of the State total.

Stearns, Stevens, and Swift were the top 3 silage producing counties with 604,000 tons, 502,000 tons, and 241,000 tons, respectively. Kandiyohi and Becker rounded out the top 5 producing 116,000 and 89,000 tons of silage, respectively, during the year.

Swift County had the highest average silage yield, at 26.0 tons per acre. Stevens and Wilkin Counties recorded the second highest yields of 25.0 tons per acre. Thirteen counties had yields of 20.0 tons or above.

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

## Corn for Silage, Area Harvested, Yield and Production – Minnesota by County: 2017-2018

County and district	Area harvested		Yield		Production	
	2017	2018	2017	2018	2017	2018
	(acres)	(acres)	(tons per acre)	(tons per acre)	(tons)	(tons)
Becker .....	–	3,870	–	23.0	–	89,000
Clearwater .....	1,720	–	14.0	–	24,500	–
Kittson .....	940	1,040	17.0	16.5	16,200	17,200
Mahnomen .....	1,100	2,190	16.5	20.0	18,300	43,800
Red Lake .....	1,150	2,430	18.0	23.5	20,700	57,000
Combined counties .....	17,290	8,570	17.5	15.0	306,300	130,000
<b>Northwest .....</b>	<b>22,200</b>	<b>18,100</b>	<b>17.5</b>	<b>18.5</b>	<b>386,000</b>	<b>337,000</b>
Pope .....	–	1,790	–	23.5	–	42,300
Stevens .....	13,900	20,100	20.5	25.0	285,000	502,000
Swift .....	9,760	9,310	24.5	26.0	237,000	241,000
Wilkin .....	–	290	–	25.0	–	7,300
Combined counties .....	44,940	28,410	20.0	21.5	899,000	606,400
<b>West Central .....</b>	<b>68,600</b>	<b>59,900</b>	<b>20.5</b>	<b>23.5</b>	<b>1,421,000</b>	<b>1,399,000</b>
Kandiyohi .....	–	5,010	–	23.0	–	116,000
Mcleod .....	2,420	–	22.5	–	55,000	–
Meeker .....	6,730	–	24.0	–	163,000	–
Renville .....	1,640	–	21.5	–	34,900	–
Scott .....	1,030	–	27.5	–	28,300	–
Sherburne .....	–	670	–	19.5	–	13,200
Stearns .....	25,000	29,400	21.0	20.5	525,000	604,000
Todd .....	15,000	–	20.5	–	309,000	–
Wadena .....	–	3,550	–	16.5	–	59,000
Combined counties .....	46,480	69,370	21.0	23.5	977,800	1,615,800
<b>Central .....</b>	<b>98,300</b>	<b>108,000</b>	<b>21.5</b>	<b>22.5</b>	<b>2,093,000</b>	<b>2,408,000</b>
Aitkin .....	690	–	14.5	–	10,000	–
Carlton .....	280	–	11.0	–	3,100	–
Chisago .....	–	430	–	15.0	–	6,500
Crow Wing .....	750	–	10.5	–	7,900	–
Pine .....	–	3,870	–	17.0	–	65,000
Combined counties .....	10,980	8,100	18.0	19.5	196,000	157,500
<b>East Central .....</b>	<b>12,700</b>	<b>12,400</b>	<b>17.0</b>	<b>18.5</b>	<b>217,000</b>	<b>229,000</b>
Cottonwood .....	1,720	1,270	20.0	14.5	34,100	18,700
Jackson .....	–	230	–	18.0	–	4,100
Nobles .....	–	2,130	–	22.0	–	46,900
Combined counties .....	44,880	38,970	22.0	19.0	981,900	748,300
<b>Southwest .....</b>	<b>46,600</b>	<b>42,600</b>	<b>22.0</b>	<b>19.0</b>	<b>1,016,000</b>	<b>818,000</b>
Faribault .....	–	660	–	19.5	–	13,000
Rice .....	–	3,880	–	22.0	–	86,000
Steele .....	2,040	1,840	21.5	24.0	43,900	44,500
Waseca .....	–	2,660	–	20.5	–	54,000
Combined counties .....	25,160	12,660	22.5	21.0	560,100	266,500
<b>South Central .....</b>	<b>27,200</b>	<b>21,700</b>	<b>22.0</b>	<b>21.5</b>	<b>604,000</b>	<b>464,000</b>
Dodge .....	6,290	–	27.0	–	170,000	–
Fillmore .....	12,400	–	23.5	–	289,000	–
Winona .....	14,800	–	24.5	–	359,000	–
Combined counties .....	44,810	70,100	24.0	24.5	1,078,000	1,708,000
<b>Southeast .....</b>	<b>78,300</b>	<b>70,100</b>	<b>24.0</b>	<b>24.5</b>	<b>1,896,000</b>	<b>1,708,000</b>
<b>Combined districts .....</b>	<b>6,100</b>	<b>7,200</b>	<b>17.5</b>	<b>16.5</b>	<b>107,000</b>	<b>117,000</b>
<b>Minnesota .....</b>	<b>360,000</b>	<b>340,000</b>	<b>21.5</b>	<b>22.0</b>	<b>7,740,000</b>	<b>7,480,000</b>

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