



Minnesota Ag News – 2020 Barley County Estimates

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Norman County, at 231,000 bushels, was Minnesota’s largest barley-producing county in 2020 according to estimates released today by the USDA, National Agricultural Statistics Service. It produced 9.8% of the State’s total barley production. The second largest barley-producing county was Polk County at 201,000 bushels followed by Mahnommen County at 98,400 bushels.

Polk County harvested 4,720 acres, which accounted for 9.4% of the total harvested acres in Minnesota. The second most was from Norman County at 3,640 acres followed by Mahnommen County at 1,580 acres.

Norman County had the largest average yield at 63.5 bushels per acre. The second highest yield was recorded in Mahnommen County at 62.3 bushels while the third highest yield was from Wabasha County at 49.3 bushels per acre.

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

Barley, Area Planted, Harvested, Yield and Production – Minnesota by County: 2019-2020

County by district	Area planted		Area harvested		Yield per acre		Production	
	2019 (acres)	2020 (acres)	2019 (acres)	2020 (acres)	2019 (bushels)	2020 (bushels)	2019 (bushels)	2020 (bushels)
Northwest								
Clearwater.....	–	300	–	240	–	41.7	–	10,000
Kittson.....	2,700	–	2,490	–	88.4	–	220,000	–
Mahnommen.....	–	1,900	–	1,580	–	62.3	–	98,400
Marshall.....	12,100	–	11,100	–	80.5	–	893,000	–
Norman.....	–	4,300	–	3,640	–	63.5	–	231,000
Polk.....	–	5,600	–	4,720	–	42.6	–	201,000
Roseau.....	7,300	–	6,610	–	63.2	–	418,000	–
North Central								
Beltrami.....	–	900	–	700	–	43.6	–	30,500
Central								
Todd.....	–	1,100	–	910	–	30.1	–	27,400
South Central								
Le Sueur.....	–	200	–	170	–	32.9	–	5,600
Southeast								
Wabasha.....	–	700	–	270	–	49.3	–	13,300
Winona.....	1,000	–	530	–	29.8	–	15,800	–
Other counties.....	46,900	55,000	34,270	37,770	62.4	45.9	2,138,200	1,732,800
Minnesota	70,000	70,000	55,000	50,000	67.0	47.0	3,685,000	2,350,000

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

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County estimates can be found in QuickStats at <https://quickstats.nass.usda.gov>.