



Minnesota Ag News – 2019 Corn for Silage County Estimates

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Minnesota producers in the Central District chopped 2.09 million tons of corn silage in 2019, according to estimates released by the USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. This was 24 percent of the State total production. The Southeast District produced 1.95 million tons of silage, representing 22 percent of the State total.

Stearns, Winona, and Becker were the top 3 silage producing counties with 692,000 tons, 326,000 tons, and 151,000 tons, respectively. Nicollet and Dodge rounded out the top 5 producing 142,000 and 102,000 tons of silage, respectively, during the year.

Dakota County had the highest average silage yield, at 25.0 tons per acre. Red Lake and Washington Counties recorded the second highest yields of 23.5 tons per acre. Ten 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: 2018-2019

County and district	Area harvested		Yield		Production	
	2018	2019	2018	2019	2018	2019
	(acres)	(acres)	(tons per acre)	(tons per acre)	(tons)	(tons)
Becker	3,870	7,400	23.0	20.5	89,000	151,000
Clearwater	–	1,360	–	19.0	–	25,500
Kittson	1,040	–	16.5	–	17,200	–
Mahnomen	2,190	1,470	20.0	20.0	43,800	29,400
Red Lake	2,430	3,940	23.5	23.5	57,000	92,000
Combined counties	8,570	12,730	15.0	16.5	130,000	210,100
Northwest	18,100	26,900	18.5	19.0	337,000	508,000
Chippewa	–	4,160	–	23.0	–	95,000
Grant	–	2,380	–	21.0	–	50,000
Pope	1,790	–	23.5	–	42,300	–
Stevens	20,100	–	25.0	–	502,000	–
Swift	9,310	–	26.0	–	241,000	–
Wilkin	290	–	25.0	–	7,300	–
Combined counties	28,410	80,160	21.5	19.5	606,400	1,561,000
West Central	59,900	86,700	23.5	19.5	1,399,000	1,706,000
Kandiyohi	5,010	–	23.0	–	116,000	–
Sherburne	670	–	19.5	–	13,200	–
Stearns	29,400	38,400	20.5	18.0	604,000	692,000
Wadena	3,550	4,010	16.5	13.0	59,000	53,000
Combined counties	69,370	72,190	23.5	18.5	1,615,800	1,340,000
Central	108,000	114,600	22.5	18.0	2,408,000	2,085,000
Aitkin	–	610	–	14.5	–	8,800
Chisago	430	–	15.0	–	6,500	–
Hennepin	–	500	–	15.5	–	7,700
Isanti	–	3,210	–	20.0	–	65,000
Mille Lacs	–	3,730	–	14.0	–	52,000
Pine	3,870	–	17.0	–	65,000	–
Washington	–	460	–	23.5	–	10,900
Combined counties	8,100	8,490	19.5	16.5	157,500	138,600
East Central	12,400	17,000	18.5	16.5	229,000	283,000
Cottonwood	1,270	–	14.5	–	18,700	–
Jackson	230	3,290	18.0	13.5	4,100	45,000
Nobles	2,130	–	22.0	–	46,900	–
Combined counties	38,970	74,710	19.0	17.5	748,300	1,301,000
Southwest	42,600	78,000	19.0	17.5	818,000	1,346,000
Faribault	660	–	19.5	–	13,000	–
Le Sueur	–	940	–	19.5	–	18,200
Nicollet	–	7,440	–	19.0	–	142,000
Rice	3,880	–	22.0	–	86,000	–
Steele	1,840	1,740	24.0	17.0	44,500	30,000
Waseca	2,660	–	20.5	–	54,000	–
Combined counties	12,660	33,380	21.0	18.0	266,500	597,800
South Central	21,700	43,500	21.5	18.0	464,000	788,000
Dakota	–	2,350	–	25.0	–	59,000
Dodge	–	4,450	–	23.0	–	102,000
Winona	–	14,900	–	22.0	–	326,000
Combined counties	–	66,500	–	22.0	–	1,461,000
Southeast	70,100	88,200	24.5	22.0	1,708,000	1,948,000
Combined districts	7,200	5,100	16.5	15.0	117,000	76,000
Minnesota	340,000	460,000	22.0	19.0	7,480,000	8,740,000

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