



USDA Releases Results of First Farmland Landlord Survey Since 1999

There were 11.6 million acres of farmland rented out by landlords in Minnesota, according to the results of the 2014 Tenure, Ownership, and Transition of Agricultural Land (TOTAL) survey released August 31, 2015, by the U.S. Department of Agriculture’s National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS).

NASS conducted the survey in cooperation with the USDA’s Economic Research Service to get a better insight into who owns U.S. farmland. TOTAL was the first time NASS surveyed farmland landlords since 1999. The survey results provide analysis of rented farmlands by acreage, as well as by landlords, which include individuals, as well as ownership arrangements such as partnerships, corporations, trusts, and other types of ownership.

According to TOTAL findings, there were 83,169 farmland landlords in Minnesota. Of these, 13,822 were farmers (operator landlords), while 69,347 were non-farming landlords. Cropland made up 94 percent of all Minnesota farmland rented, 3 percent were pasture acres rented, and 3 percent were other acres rented, including acres used for forests and other land uses.

Minnesota landlords received \$1.97 billion in rent, the fourth highest in the U.S.

For complete TOTAL results, visit agcensus.usda.gov/Publications/TOTAL.

Landlord Arrangements & Economics of Land Ownership – Minnesota: 2014

Type of ownership	Number of landlords	Acres rented out	Rent received (dollars)	Operating expenses (dollars)	Value of land and buildings (dollars)	Total debt (dollars)
Operator landlord ¹	13,822	2,690,318	520,664,000	112,426,000	14,178,902,000	701,710,000
Non-operator landlord.....	69,347	8,957,710	1,444,537,000	334,488,000	43,828,779,000	1,445,509,000
Total	83,169	11,648,028	1,965,201,000	446,915,000	58,007,681,000	2,147,219,000

Numbers in this table may not add due to rounding.

¹ Acres rented out includes land subleased by operator landlords.

Acquisition of Land Rented Out to Others – Minnesota: 2014

Method of acquisition	Operator landlord (percent)	Non-operator landlord (percent)	All landlords (percent)
Purchased from non-relative...	62	36	42
Purchased from relative.....	30	23	25
Purchased at auction.....	4	3	3
Inherited or received gift	4	38	30

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Acres Expected to Transfer in 5 Years – Minnesota: 2014

Method of transfer ¹	Total land (acres)
Total to transfer	2,150,065
Sell to relative.....	455,648
Sell to non-relative.....	279,578
Gift	NA
Put/keep in a trust.....	1,320,050

NA denotes an insufficient number of reports to publish.

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¹ Does not include acres put/keep in a will.