

## Farms and Land in Farms

The total number of farms in Wisconsin in 2015 was 68,900. This is down 100 farms from 2014. The largest decrease in number of farms came in the \$100,000-\$249,999 range with a decrease of 100 farms from 7,400 in 2014 to 7,300 in 2015.

Total land in farms in Wisconsin in 2015 was 14.4 million acres, a decrease by 100,000 from a year ago. Farms in both the \$1,000-\$9,999 and the \$100,000-\$249,000 sales classes showed a decrease of 50,000 acres from 2014.

Wisconsin's average farm size in 2015 was 209 acres, down one acre from 2014. The average farm size for those in the \$1,000,000 and over economic sales class was 1,511 acres, a decrease of 32 acres since 2014.

The number of farms in the United States for 2015 is estimated at 2.07 million, down 18 thousand farms from 2014. Total land in farms, at 912 million acres, decreased 1 million acres from 2014. The average farm size for 2015 is 441 acres, up 3 acres from the previous year.

Farm numbers and land in farms are differentiated by six economic sales classes. Farms and ranches are classified into these six sales classes by summing the sales of agricultural products and government program payments. Sales class breaks occur at \$10,000, \$100,000, \$250,000, \$500,000, and \$1,000,000. Producers were asked during the 2015 mid-year surveys to report the value of sales based on production during the 2014 calendar year. Production or commodity price changes in 2014 resulted in the total value for most livestock and livestock products to increase while the value of most crops declined.

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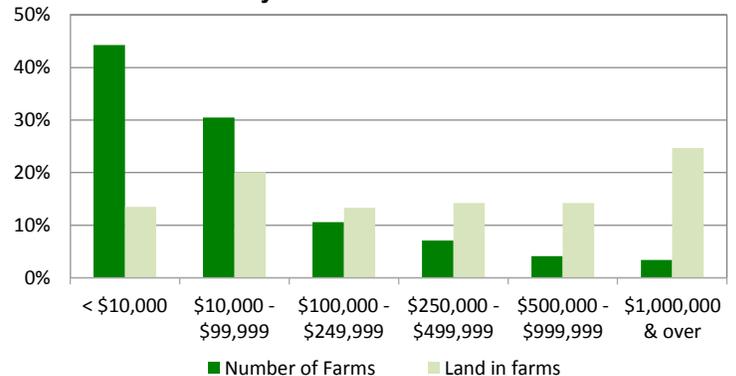
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Farm numbers decreased by 18 thousand farms during 2015. The number of farms in Sales Class \$1,000 - \$9,999 declined while all other sales classes increased slightly. Fifty percent of all farms had less than \$10,000 in sales. Eighty percent of all farms had less than \$100,000 in sales. Eight percent of all farms had sales of \$500,000 or more.

**Farms and Land in Farms  
 Percent by Sales Class - Wisconsin: 2015**



**Farms and Land in Farms, by Sales Class - Wisconsin: 2011-2015<sup>1</sup>**

	\$1,000-\$9,999	\$10,000-\$99,999	\$100,000-\$249,999	\$250,000-\$499,999	\$500,000-\$999,999 <sup>1</sup>	\$1,000,000 & over <sup>2</sup>	Total
<b>Number of Farms</b>							
2011	32,700	21,000	7,700	5,000	4,800	(NA)	71,200
2012	31,000	21,300	7,500	5,000	5,000	(NA)	69,800
2013	31,000	21,200	7,500	5,000	2,800	2,300	69,800
2014	30,500	21,000	7,400	4,900	2,900	2,300	69,000
2015	30,500	21,000	7,300	4,900	2,850	2,350	68,900
<b>Land in Farms, 1,000 acres</b>							
2011	2,200	3,000	2,180	2,120	5,100	(NA)	14,600
2012	2,100	2,900	2,000	2,100	5,500	(NA)	14,600
2013	2,100	2,900	2,000	2,100	2,000	3,500	14,600
2014	2,000	2,900	1,950	2,050	2,050	3,550	14,500
2015	1,950	2,900	1,900	2,050	2,050	3,550	14,400
<b>Average Farm Size, acres</b>							
2011	67	143	283	424	1,063	(NA)	205
2012	68	136	267	420	1,100	(NA)	209
2013	68	137	267	420	714	1,522	209
2014	66	138	264	418	707	1,543	210
2015	64	138	260	418	719	1,511	209

(NA) Not available. 1/ Farms and ranches are classified in "sales classes" by summing sales of agricultural products and government program payments. 2/ Beginning in 2013, the \$500,000-\$999,999 and \$1,000,000 and over categories are published separately. Prior to that, the information was combined in the \$500,000 and over category.

### 2015 Vegetables & Strawberries Summary

Wisconsin remained second in the nation for acres harvested, total production and value of production for the major processing vegetables in 2015. California remained the number one state in all three categories and accounted for 75 percent of the total production of these vegetables.

Wisconsin maintained its number one ranking in production of processing **snap beans**. The state processed 43 percent of the nation's crop, with 329,530 tons in 2015. Harvested acres were up from 64,100 acres in 2014 to 65,300 acres in 2015. The yield rose to 5.05 tons/acre in 2015, the highest on record. Nationally, snap bean production rose 12 percent to 764,900 tons.

Wisconsin remained in third place for processing **sweet corn** in 2015, producing 490,230 tons. This is the lowest production since 1966. Harvested acres decreased by 5,100 to 60,700 acres and yields were down 2 percent. U.S. processing sweet corn production was down 3 percent to 2.49 million tons.

**Green pea** production in Wisconsin in 2015 totaled 81,120 tons, up 15 percent over the previous year. Yields, at 2.37 tons per acre, were the highest on record. Wisconsin remained the third largest green pea processing state in the nation. Processing pea production in the U.S. rose 13 percent to 411,320 tons.

Wisconsin's **cucumbers for pickle** production fell 3 percent in 2015. Harvested acreage, at 5,400, remained the same, but yields were down 3 percent. U.S. production, at 533,460 tons, was down 1 percent from a year ago.

Wisconsin produced 97,730 tons of **carrots** for processing in 2015, down 9 percent from the previous year. Acres harvested were up 100, but yields fell 11 percent to 25.72 tons/acre. Wisconsin accounted for 33 percent of the nation's production. Nationally, carrot production was down 9 percent to 294,000 tons.

Production for **fresh market sweet corn** rose, while **onion** production was down in Wisconsin in 2015. Fresh market sweet corn yields rose 15 percent to 129 hundredweight (cwt.) per acre and harvested acreage increased to 3,700 acres. This resulted in total production of 477,000 cwt., the highest production since 2011. Onion production dropped 18 percent, from 791,000 cwt. in 2014 to 645,000 cwt. in 2015. Harvested acreage was down 200 and yields were down 8 percent to 430 cwt./acre.

**Wisconsin strawberry** production in 2015 was estimated at 3.40 million pounds, down 11 percent from last year, and the lowest production in over a decade. Harvested acres declined 3 percent from 630 to 610 in 2015, and yield per acre at 5,500 pounds was down 8 percent in 2015 compared to 6,000 the year before. The average price received was up \$5 from last year at \$170 per hundred pounds, with the total crop value estimated at \$5.78 million, down 8 percent from the previous year.

#### Vegetables: Acreage, Yield, Production, and Value – Wisconsin: 2014-2015

Crop	Planted		Harvested		Yield per acre		Production		Value			
	2014	2015	2014	2015	2014	2015	2014	2015	Per ton		Total	
									2014	2015	2014	2015
<b>Processing Vegetables</b>												
	Acres				Tons				Dollars		1,000 dollars	
Carrots	3,800	3,900	3,700	3,800	28.95	25.72	107,100	97,730	89.30	98.80	9,569	9,652
Cucumbers	5,600	5,600	5,400	5,400	6.26	6.09	33,800	32,890	297.00	290.00	10,039	9,538
Green Peas	37,700	36,000	36,600	34,300	1.93	2.37	70,640	81,120	378.00	334.00	26,685	27,110
Sweet corn	69,900	64,700	65,800	60,700	8.24	8.08	542,160	490,230	96.20	87.90	52,177	43,085
Snap Beans	66,000	69,200	64,100	65,300	4.87	5.05	312,280	329,530	185.00	202.00	57,633	66,472
<b>Fresh Market Vegetables</b>												
	Acres				Cwt.		1,000 cwt		Dollars per cwt		1,000 dollars	
Cabbage	3,000	(D)	2,900	(D)	250	(D)	725	(D)	14.20	(D)	10,295	(D)
Onions <sup>1</sup>	1,800	1,600	1,700	1,500	465	430	791	645	17.50	16.60	13,073	10,624
Sweet corn	3,900	3,900	3,500	3,700	112	129	392	477	25.60	29.30	10,035	13,976

<sup>1</sup> Summer Storage Onions only

#### Vegetables: Acreage, Yield, Production, and Value – United States: 2014-2015

Crop	Planted		Harvested		Yield per acre		Production		Value			
	2014	2015	2014	2015	2014	2015	2014	2015	Per ton		Total	
									2014	2015	2014	2015
<b>Processing Vegetables</b>												
	Acres				Tons				Dollars		1,000 dollars	
Carrots	11,750	11,600	11,430	11,020	28.16	26.68	321,820	294,000	116.00	123.00	37,443	36,095
Cucumbers	88,230	87,460	84,430	85,110	6.36	6.27	536,910	533,460	378.00	324.00	202,705	172,715
Green Peas	195,700	181,200	187,600	166,200	1.93	2.47	362,860	411,320	367.00	320.00	133,261	131,568
Sweet corn	325,180	325,100	312,280	307,500	8.22	8.09	2,567,820	2,488,110	113.00	103.00	289,573	255,480
Snap Beans	164,060	164,870	159,070	158,920	4.28	4.81	681,240	764,900	250.00	233.00	170,066	178,578
<b>Fresh Market Vegetables</b>												
	Acres				Cwt.		1,000 cwt		Dollars per cwt		1,000 dollars	
Cabbage	62,400	59,530	59,650	55,920	354	360	21,141	20,113	19.70	19.20	416,303	386,085
Onions <sup>1</sup>	96,000	95,500	93,900	92,500	561	559	52,672	51,710	10.80	12.80	524,692	599,508
Sweet corn	225,590	242,090	211,050	229,090	117	122	24,649	27,952	28.70	24.00	708,332	671,933

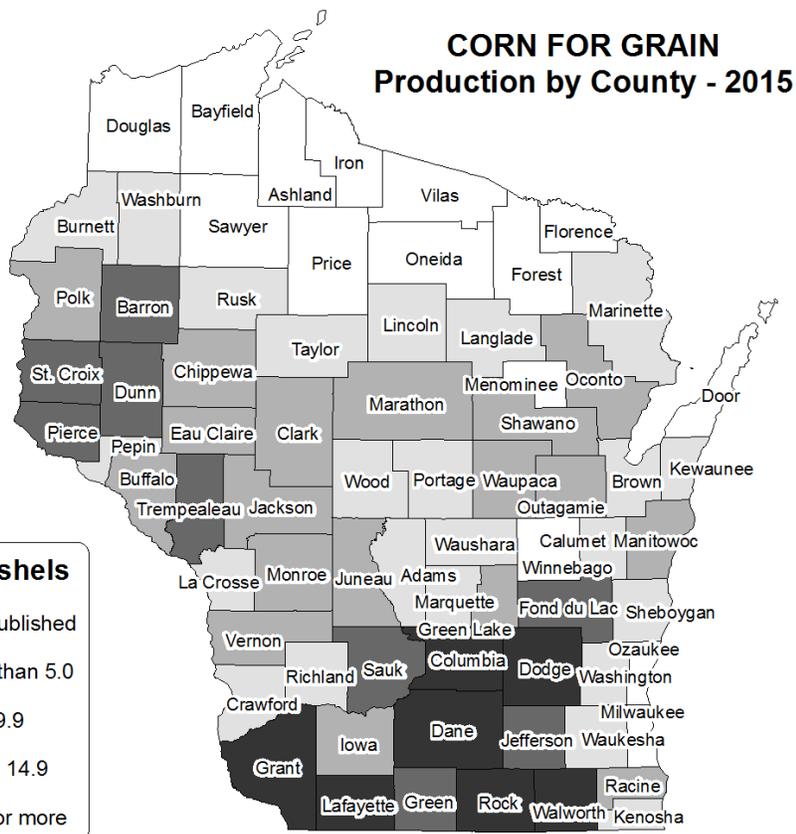
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#### Strawberries Acreage, Yield, Production, and Value – Wisconsin and United States: 2014-2015

Crop	Planted		Harvested		Yield per acre		Production		Price per cwt		Value of production	
	2014	2015	2014	2015	2014	2015	2014	2015	2014	2015	2014	2015
<b>Wisconsin</b>	<b>820</b>	<b>790</b>	<b>630</b>	<b>610</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>165</b>	<b>170</b>	<b>6,270</b>	<b>5,780</b>
United States	61,310	58,950	59,895	58,010	505	532	30,237	30,867	93.3	71.9	2,821,854	2,219,144

**CORN FOR GRAIN: Acreage, Yield, and Production, By County, Wisconsin, 2015 <sup>1</sup>**

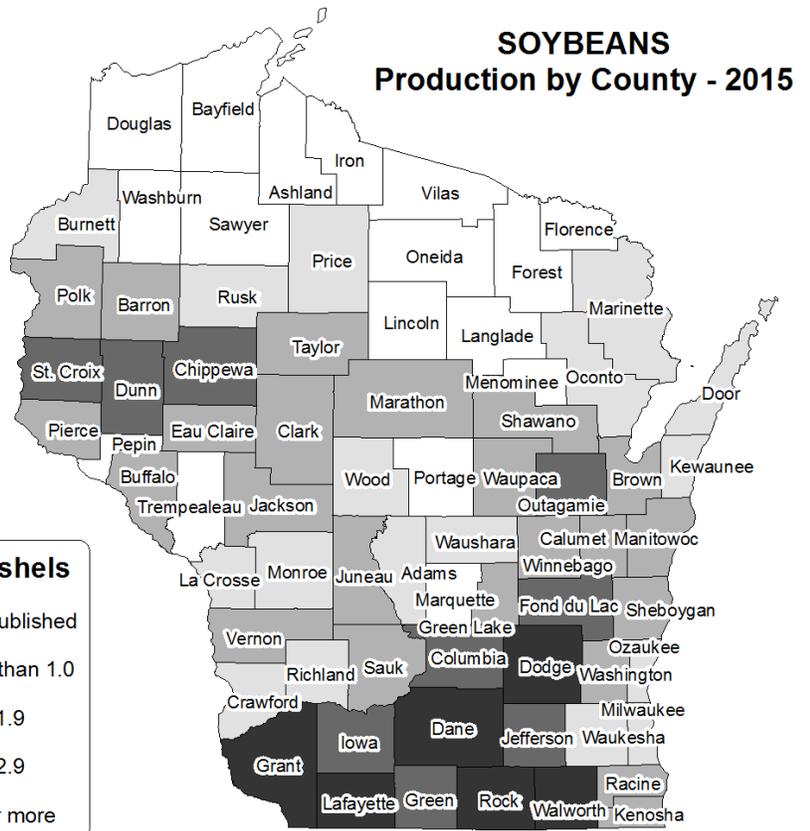
County and District	All Corn Planted	Harvested	Yield per acre	Production	County and District	All Corn Planted	Harvested	Yield per acre	Production
Acres		Bushels			Acres		Bushels		
Barron	95,100	70,300	151.3	10,634,000	Crawford	38,400	31,300	146.5	4,587,000
Burnett	13,400	8,650	140.3	1,214,000	Grant	167,000	141,000	178.9	25,229,000
Chippewa	92,200	67,100	144.9	9,726,000	Iowa	77,800	61,300	160.3	9,829,000
Polk	68,200	50,700	156.2	7,920,000	Lafayette	135,500	112,500	194.2	21,851,000
Rusk	26,900	17,600	114.7	2,018,000	Richland	45,600	32,900	143.1	4,709,000
Washburn	11,500	8,730	158.0	1,379,000	Sauk	87,300	70,700	165.3	11,686,000
Other counties	11,200	6,420	117.0	751,000	Vernon	66,400	49,300	152.6	7,521,000
<b>Northwest</b>	<b>318,500</b>	<b>229,500</b>	<b>146.6</b>	<b>33,642,000</b>	<b>Southwest</b>	<b>618,000</b>	<b>499,000</b>	<b>171.2</b>	<b>85,412,000</b>
Clark	80,500	44,800	140.5	6,294,000	Columbia	125,500	98,800	179.8	17,764,000
Lincoln	7,900	5,090	134.2	683,000	Dane	190,500	144,500	183.7	26,545,000
Marathon	102,000	52,200	136.5	7,123,000	Dodge	141,000	112,900	181.3	20,466,000
Taylor	44,000	26,700	132.5	3,537,000	Green	107,000	87,800	170.8	14,996,000
Other Counties	9,100	3,910	110.2	431,000	Jefferson	80,500	74,800	170.1	12,720,000
<b>North Central</b>	<b>243,500</b>	<b>132,700</b>	<b>136.2</b>	<b>18,068,000</b>	Rock	158,500	143,200	177.1	25,357,000
Langlade	13,900	6,520	132.5	864,000	<b>South Central</b>	<b>803,000</b>	<b>662,000</b>	<b>178.0</b>	<b>117,848,000</b>
Marinette	39,400	33,100	130.6	4,324,000	Kenosha	32,000	26,600	179.5	4,776,000
Oconto	63,400	43,500	133.1	5,789,000	Racine	37,300	33,100	180.9	5,988,000
Shawano	80,400	48,900	147.5	7,211,000	Walworth	104,000	93,500	180.8	16,901,000
Other Counties	900	280	107.1	30,000	Washington	31,700	23,400	169.4	3,965,000
<b>Northeast</b>	<b>198,000</b>	<b>132,300</b>	<b>137.7</b>	<b>18,218,000</b>	Waukesha	24,500	21,800	165.8	3,614,000
Buffalo	68,100	52,100	159.9	8,331,000	Other Counties	18,500	12,600	167.9	2,115,000
Dunn	105,000	84,900	160.2	13,605,000	<b>Southeast</b>	<b>248,000</b>	<b>211,000</b>	<b>177.1</b>	<b>37,359,000</b>
Eau Claire	47,900	39,700	158.1	6,277,000	<b>Wisconsin</b>	<b>4,000,000</b>	<b>3,000,000</b>	<b>164.0</b>	<b>492,000,000</b>
Jackson	51,700	41,800	146.2	6,110,000	1/ Unlisted counties were not published to avoid disclosure of individual operations. Unpublished data is included in "other counties."				
La Crosse	34,100	26,600	160.4	4,266,000					
Monroe	62,500	42,900	157.9	6,774,000					
Pepin	29,900	23,600	163.3	3,854,000					
Pierce	86,700	73,700	179.2	13,210,000					
St Croix	98,600	85,400	170.6	14,571,000					
Trempealeau	92,500	69,300	157.7	10,930,000					
<b>West Central</b>	<b>677,000</b>	<b>540,000</b>	<b>162.8</b>	<b>87,928,000</b>					
Adams	26,100	20,800	130.3	2,710,000					
Green Lake	49,700	43,400	179.7	7,799,000					
Juneau	41,900	36,900	158.3	5,840,000					
Marquette	36,300	31,600	128.4	4,059,000					
Portage	50,800	29,900	149.4	4,468,000					
Waupaca	59,600	43,800	153.2	6,712,000					
Waushara	33,300	28,700	162.4	4,660,000					
Wood	37,300	22,900	144.0	3,297,000					
<b>Central</b>	<b>335,000</b>	<b>258,000</b>	<b>153.3</b>	<b>39,545,000</b>					
Brown	64,800	25,200	156.5	3,945,000					
Calumet	49,000	29,700	164.8	4,895,000					
Fond Du Lac	105,000	76,600	178.5	13,675,000					
Kewaunee	56,100	26,100	157.3	4,105,000					
Manitowoc	73,900	38,200	160.6	6,134,000					
Outagamie	84,800	60,300	157.7	9,508,000					
Sheboygan	47,700	25,400	158.3	4,021,000					
Other Counties	77,700	54,000	142.5	7,697,000					
<b>East Central</b>	<b>559,000</b>	<b>335,500</b>	<b>160.9</b>	<b>53,980,000</b>					



**SOYBEANS: Acreage, Yield, and Production, By County, Wisconsin, 2015 <sup>1</sup>**

County and District	Planted	Harvested	Yield per acre	Production	County and District	Planted	Harvested	Yield per acre	Production
Acres		Bushels			Acres		Bushels		
Barron	41,100	41,100	46.9	1,927,000	Crawford	21,200	21,000	40.7	854,000
Burnett	7,800	7,700	45.8	353,000	Grant	66,300	66,000	55.2	3,646,000
Chippewa	47,300	47,100	44.9	2,117,000	Iowa	40,200	40,000	53.5	2,140,000
Polk	28,800	28,700	48.2	1,384,000	Lafayette	59,100	58,800	56.9	3,348,000
Rusk	8,900	8,800	40.0	352,000	Richland	16,200	16,100	41.4	666,000
Other Counties	10,100	9,600	44.0	422,000	Sauk	33,700	33,400	46.0	1,535,000
<b>Northwest</b>	<b>144,000</b>	<b>143,000</b>	<b>45.8</b>	<b>6,555,000</b>	Vernon	30,300	30,200	42.5	1,285,000
Clark	36,100	36,000	49.1	1,768,000	<b>Southwest</b>	<b>267,000</b>	<b>265,500</b>	<b>50.7</b>	<b>13,474,000</b>
Marathon	44,300	44,200	44.9	1,983,000	Columbia	48,300	47,900	52.4	2,512,000
Price	800	770	31.6	24,300	Dane	85,400	85,000	55.2	4,688,000
Taylor	22,200	22,100	45.8	1,013,000	Dodge	72,400	72,100	54.7	3,941,000
Other Counties	6,100	5,930	39.4	233,700	Green	56,500	56,200	52.8	2,966,000
<b>North Central</b>	<b>109,500</b>	<b>109,000</b>	<b>46.1</b>	<b>5,022,000</b>	Jefferson	53,200	53,000	52.8	2,800,000
Marinette	7,000	6,900	34.9	241,000	Rock	97,200	96,800	53.4	5,167,000
Oconto	23,300	23,200	41.2	955,000	<b>South Central</b>	<b>413,000</b>	<b>411,000</b>	<b>53.7</b>	<b>22,074,000</b>
Shawano	25,100	25,000	45.8	1,144,000	Kenosha	24,100	24,000	50.8	1,218,000
Other Counties	6,100	5,900	37.3	220,000	Milwaukee	2,000	2,000	36.5	73,000
<b>Northeast</b>	<b>61,500</b>	<b>61,000</b>	<b>42.0</b>	<b>2,560,000</b>	Ozaukee	10,700	10,600	50.6	536,000
Buffalo	27,200	26,800	48.1	1,290,000	Racine	35,700	35,500	49.0	1,739,000
Dunn	57,800	57,400	48.1	2,759,000	Walworth	56,700	56,300	54.8	3,086,000
Eau Claire	23,000	22,900	46.0	1,054,000	Washington	22,000	21,900	52.1	1,142,000
Jackson	23,000	22,900	44.8	1,026,000	Waukesha	19,800	19,700	47.5	936,000
La Crosse	14,000	13,900	50.2	698,000	<b>Southeast</b>	<b>171,000</b>	<b>170,000</b>	<b>51.4</b>	<b>8,730,000</b>
Monroe	22,500	22,400	43.9	983,000	<b>Wisconsin</b>	<b>1,880,000</b>	<b>1,870,000</b>	<b>49.5</b>	<b>92,565,000</b>
Pierce	37,900	37,800	51.5	1,947,000					
St. Croix	53,600	53,300	48.5	2,584,000					
Other Counties	47,000	46,600	47.4	2,209,000					
<b>West Central</b>	<b>306,000</b>	<b>304,000</b>	<b>47.9</b>	<b>14,550,000</b>					
Adams	14,500	14,400	47.1	678,000					
Green Lake	19,000	18,900	53.3	1,007,000					
Juneau	25,900	25,800	46.7	1,206,000					
Waupaca	24,900	24,800	49.4	1,226,000					
Waushara	14,300	14,300	45.0	643,000					
Wood	17,800	17,700	47.5	841,000					
Other Counties	26,600	26,600	40.6	1,080,000					
<b>Central</b>	<b>143,000</b>	<b>142,500</b>	<b>46.9</b>	<b>6,681,000</b>					
Brown	20,300	20,200	52.0	1,050,000					
Calumet	23,700	23,600	51.5	1,215,000					
Door	13,000	12,900	40.5	523,000					
Fond Du Lac	50,700	50,600	52.2	2,641,000					
Kewaunee	11,300	11,200	47.9	536,000					
Manitowoc	26,900	26,800	47.2	1,265,000					
Outagamie	52,400	52,200	47.0	2,453,000					
Sheboygan	29,500	29,400	49.5	1,456,000					
Winnebago	37,200	37,100	48.0	1,780,000					
<b>East Central</b>	<b>265,000</b>	<b>264,000</b>	<b>48.9</b>	<b>12,919,000</b>					

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