



Blue Earth County Minnesota

Total and Per Farm Overview, 2022 and change since 2017

	2022	% change since 2017
Number of farms	1,019	+4
Land in farms (acres)	478,133	+25
Average size of farm (acres)	469	+21
Total	(\$)	
Market value of products sold	838,011,000	+73
Government payments	5,323,000	-59
Farm-related income	13,929,000	-11
Total farm production expenses	593,213,000	+55
Net cash farm income	264,049,000	+103
Per farm average	(\$)	
Market value of products sold	822,385	+67
Government payments ^a	11,422	-33
Farm-related income ^a	21,867	-7
Total farm production expenses	582,152	+50
Net cash farm income	259,126	+96

3 Percent of state agriculture sales

Share of Sales by Type (%)

Crops	55
Livestock, poultry, and products	45

Land in Farms by Use (acres)

Cropland	452,711
Pastureland	2,184
Woodland	10,565
Other	12,673

Acres irrigated: 3,269

1% of land in farms

Land Use Practices (% of farms)

No till	9
Reduced till	28
Intensive till	45
Cover crop	4

Farms by Value of Sales

	Number	Percent of Total ^b
Less than \$2,500	249	24
\$2,500 to \$4,999	28	3
\$5,000 to \$9,999	34	3
\$10,000 to \$24,999	70	7
\$25,000 to \$49,999	45	4
\$50,000 to \$99,999	64	6
\$100,000 or more	529	52

Farms by Size

	Number	Percent of Total ^b
1 to 9 acres	96	9
10 to 49 acres	222	22
50 to 179 acres	239	23
180 to 499 acres	203	20
500 to 999 acres	122	12
1,000+ acres	137	13

Market Value of Agricultural Products Sold

	Sales (\$1,000)	Rank in State ^c	Counties Producing Item	Rank in U.S. ^c	Counties Producing Item
Total	838,011	3	87	70	3,078
Crops	463,455	3	87	48	3,074
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, dry peas	458,954	3	86	13	2,917
Tobacco	-	-	-	-	267
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	-	-	647
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, sweet potatoes	1,874	43	86	659	2,831
Fruits, tree nuts, berries	(D)	37	80	(D)	2,711
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, sod	1,410	22	79	850	2,660
Cultivated Christmas trees, short rotation woody crops	(D)	26	43	(D)	1,274
Other crops and hay	952	72	87	2,081	3,035
Livestock, poultry, and products	374,556	7	87	127	3,076
Poultry and eggs	(D)	29	86	(D)	3,027
Cattle and calves	7,133	55	86	1,482	3,047
Milk from cows	(D)	68	77	(D)	1,770
Hogs and pigs	355,237	2	85	11	2,814
Sheep, goats, wool, mohair, milk	394	21	83	507	2,967
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, donkeys	(D)	(D)	83	(D)	2,907
Aquaculture	-	-	36	-	1,190
Other animals and animal products	71	50	85	1,102	2,909

Producers ^d	1,811	Percent of farms that:	Top Crops in Acres ^e	
Sex		Have internet access	86	
Male	1,322			
Female	489	Farm organically	1	
Age		Sell directly to consumers	4	
<35	189	Hire farm labor	31	
35 – 64	931	Are family farms	96	
65 and older	691			
Race			Livestock Inventory (Dec 31, 2022)	
American Indian/Alaska Native	-		Broilers and other meat-type chickens	270
Asian	3		Cattle and calves	5,372
Black or African American	2		Goats	144
Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	-		Hogs and pigs	669,744
White	1,804		Horses and ponies	342
More than one race	2		Layers	(D)
Other characteristics			Pullets	51
Hispanic, Latino, Spanish origin	4		Sheep and lambs	2,361
With military service	144		Turkeys	(D)
New and beginning farmers	423			

^a Average per farm receiving. ^b May not add to 100% due to rounding. ^c Among counties whose rank can be displayed. ^d Data collected for a maximum of four producers per farm. ^e Crop commodity names may be shortened; see full names at www.nass.usda.gov/go/cropnames.pdf. ^f Position below the line does not indicate rank. (D) Withheld to avoid disclosing data for individual operations. (NA) Not available. (Z) Less than half of the unit shown. (-) Represents zero.