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MINNESOTA CHAPTER

Message from the Immediate Past Chapter President-Sharon Jacobson



The Minnesota Chapter of the American Society of Farm Managers and Rural Appraisers (ASFMRA) is pleased to present our 2022 Minnesota Agricultural Land Value and Cash Rent Survey.

ASFMRA members are recognized as the most trusted rural property professionals including farm managers, appraisers, appraisal reviewers and consultants. The Minnesota Chapter supports our skilled members through education, ethics and networking opportunities in order to strengthen their trusted and reliable agricultural services.

This survey is the result of the dedication of many Minnesota Chapter members who shared their valuable data and expertise from across the state. Our Chapter has nearly 110 members. The information in this survey is divided in to 8 regions as Minnesota has a diverse landscape and a variety of crops.

It is our hope you find the information useful and utilize it as a reference tool. The survey offers a general overview of the data throughout the regions and cannot replace the comprehensive knowledge and service that our members provide to landowners. The agricultural economy has been volatile the last several years with weather and trade implications but generally has been very rewarding the past two years. The farmland market has reacted to the broader economic conditions, with buyer interest from land operators as well as investors. This reinforces the need to track the real estate market and engage a professional when making financial decisions.

If you have any questions about the survey or a specific area within one of the regions, I encourage you to contact a local member. The most recent Minnesota Chapter membership directory is included at the end of this survey. Many thanks to our regional captains, survey contributors, the survey committee chairman, Brandon Kirk, and our Chapter Administrator, Jeremy Bengtson, in generating a quality survey!

A big thank you to all sponsors for supporting this publication. This is the seventh survey in current format. Starting with the 2021 Report, your financial support allowed us to create a more professional designed report. Ongoing support from sponsors, chapter members and readers will allow our survey to continue to improve each year. We welcome any feedback from you the reader.

If you are a rural property professional or work within the agricultural industry, we invite you to learn more about our organization or about becoming a member. Visit our chapter website, www.mnasfmra.com or talk with a member of our executive team found in the contact information provided in this publication.

Sincerely,

Sharon K. JacobsonMinnesota Chapter President
Certified General Appraiser

Welcome

Welcome to the Minnesota Chapter of the ASFMRA! The American Society of Farm Managers and Rural Appraisers (ASFMRA) is recognized as the premier organization for rural property professionals, providing excellent education, networking opportunities and legislative representation for its members.

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Data includes January 1st, 2022 to December 31st, 2022 agriculture land sales and cash rent contracts. Land Value Survey results may include duplication of sales. Qualified sales were determined by the Regional Captains and may or may not indicate the actual number of sales in that county. Land Professionals were asked to omit data from non-typical transactions including but not limited to related parties, irrigated (wet) cropland, transitional and/or development land, land under restrictive easements, etc. The Survey Rental Rates are actual rental information handled by ASFMRA chapter members. Typically, professionally managed land brings premium rents compared to privately negotiated rental rates. The survey reflects the rental rates for land managed by ASFMRA members. Please contact your local professional ASFMRA manager for more assistance.

Survey readers are asked to exercise discretion when using data from this report. This survey data should never be used as a substitute for a Land Professional.



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ASFMRA-American Society of Farm Mangers & Rural Appraisers



VISION

To be the most trusted resource for rural property professionals and the clients they serve.

MISSION

ASFMRA is the premier organization for rural property professionals, focused on advancing the standards of the disciplines we represent through an unparalleled level of expertise and integrity. We empower our members to provide best-in-class service with an invaluable balance of education, accreditation and support.

VALUES

Integrity: ASFMRA values ethical and professional service—ultimately holding the disciplines we represent to a higher standard.

Expertise: ASFMRA is the conduit through which our members learn, maintain standards of professional service and ultimately advance their careers.

Support: ASFMRA connects members to a network of trusted and respected colleagues, providing expanded opportunities for professional and personal growth.



The American Society of Farm Managers and Rural Appraisers® (ASFMRA®) is the largest professional association for rural property land experts, boasting over 2100 members in 31 chapters throughout the United States. Over 40 percent of ASFMRA's members hold a designation as an Accredited Farm Manager (AFM), Accredited Rural Appraiser (ARA), Real Property Review Appraiser (RPRA) or Accredited Agricultural Consultant (ACC).

ASFMRA was founded in 1929 and the average member has been part of the organization for over 17 years. Our Farm Managers and Agricultural Consultants are in strong demand, with over 40 percent of farmland in the United States currently being rented. Our Farm Managers and Agricultural Consultants on average manage 55 to 75 farms, consisting of 14,000 to 20,000 acres. They also have influence over more than just the farms they manage as a typical professional farm manager will work with a farm operator who is farming additional land. Farm Managers and Consultants typically work with 50 to 70 landowners, family members and their beneficiaries. Our Farm Managers and Consultants have influence on input and other production and marketing decisions on acreage representing millions of dollars.



ASFMRA's Appraisers and Review Appraisers represent individuals who have taken additional training beyond what is required, in order to gain specialized expertise in appraising rural and agricultural properties. Many of them are familiar with complex appraisal situations including eminent domain, conservation easements as well as appraising poultry facilities, grain elevators, wind farms, dairies, greenhouses and vineyards. When you utilize an ASFMRA trained appraiser or review appraiser know that they have been trained on the most up-to-date technologies and methodologies associated with valuation.



ASFMRA truly represents *The Most Trusted Rural Property Professionals* and is *the* organization for individuals who provide management, consultation, and valuation services, as well as real estate services on rural and agricultural assets. The land experts who hold membership in ASFMRA work under a professional code of ethics, which includes continuing education requirements. You can rest assured that if you're working with someone who is an accredited member of the Society, you are truly working with a competent land expert and agricultural professional who can assist you with all of your property, land and asset needs.

ASFMRA Membership & Accreditations

ASFMRA Accredited Designations

AAC-Accredited Agricultural Consultant
AFM-Accredited Farm Manager
ARA-Accredited Rural Appraiser
RPRA-Real Property Review Appraiser

ASFMRA Membership

As a member of the American Society of Farm Managers and Rural Appraisers (ASFMRA), you join a select group of professionals who share your passion for agriculture and the rural landscape - and for helping others understand and capture the value of the land and rural assets.

ASFMRA is the only professional society focused on the development and advancement of professionals in agricultural property management, appraisal and consulting. ASFMRA maintains high ethical and educational standards for its members, and, as a result, our members are The Most Trusted Rural Property Professionals.

You should join if you:

- Have a passion and commitment to agriculture and the rural landscape.
- Are driven to be the best you can be at what you do.
- Want to distinguish yourself from others in the industry and prepare yourself for advancement in your career.
- Are just getting started in the business and want to improve your skills.
- Want to clearly demonstrate your commitment to self-improvement, high ethical standards and professional development.
- Enjoy being among peers in the industry and having a nationwide network of professionals at your fingertips
- Value relationships with other industry professionals and enjoy networking opportunities to build your business.
- Would like the opportunity to share your industry on a state and national level.

If you have any questions during this process, please do not hesitate to contact the membership department at 303-692-1216 or membership@asfmra.org

ASFMRA Membership Classifications

Becoming a member of ASFMRA is taking an <u>important step in your business and career</u> <u>development</u>. Members of the American Society of Farm Managers and Rural Appraisers are recognized as the most trusted rural property professionals. They adhere to high standards of professionalism and a rigorous code of ethics.

CLASSIFICATIONS

Accredited: Persons who have obtained the Accredited Farm Manager (AFM), Accredited Rural Appraiser (ARA), Real Property Review Appraiser (RPRA) and/or Accredited Agricultural Consultant designation (s).

Associate: Persons, who manage, appraise or provide related valuation services, review appraisals, and/or consult for a fee that are working towards Professional or Accredited status and do not yet meet the additional criteria for those membership classifications.

Affiliate: Persons and/or organizations who are not providing farm and ranch management, agricultural consulting, rural appraisal or related valuation services and/or appraisal review services on rural property belonging to others, but desire to be affiliated with the American Society of Farm Managers and Rural Appraisers.

Academic: Persons whose work is primarily educational and who are devoting the majority of their time working at a college or university, in the agricultural consulting, farm and ranch management, rural appraisal and/or review appraisal field as an instructor, researcher, extension worker or administrator and have held that position for two or more years.

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2023 ASFMRA College Scholarship

\$1,000 Scholarship for the 2023 Academic Year

Purpose:

To support and encourage interest in rural appraisal, farm management, and agriculture consulting and to promote the ASFMRA chapter's student membership.

Eligibility Criteria:

Applicants must meet the following qualifications to be eligible for the MN ASFMRA College Scholarship:

- Have completed the equivalent of 4 semesters of post-secondary education by June 1, 2023.
- Possess a cumulative college GPA of 2.5 or better.
- Have a designated major in an agriculture, real estate or management related field.
- Be a resident of the state of Minnesota or a student attending a Minnesota College/University.

Additional Preferences:

If possible, the following preferences will also be considered:

- Involvement in agriculture and community activities,
- Demonstrated leadership qualities,
- Academic achievements,
- Stated interest in a career in agriculture appraisal, consulting or farm business management.

Application:

Undergraduate students who meet the selection criteria should complete the <u>application form</u> by July 31st, 2023. Applications and essays will be reviewed by the Minnesota ASFMRA Scholarship Committee. Scholarship winners will be notified by letter on or before April 1st.

Application deadline is July 31st, 2023

Want to learn more about ASFMRA?

Applicants are highly encouraged to learn more about the Farm Manager and Rural Appraisal industries through job shadowing with our expert members.

If you are interested in attending an ASFMRA conference or have application questions, contact Rachel Daberkow by phone (507) 376-7208 or by email at Rachel.Daberkow@Compeer.com



MN ASFMRA Members Scholarships Opportunities

\$1,000 Scholarship for the annual ASFMRA Annual Conference & Leadership Institute.

Purpose:

To encourage members who have not attended the National Conference and/or Leadership Institute, to enjoy this great member benefit of the ASFMRA.

To apply, you must be an active MN Chapter member and remit this form within 1 week after the event: click here



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ASFMRA Committees

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ASFMRA National committees focus on key areas that support the rural property professions including accrediting and education, appraisal review, auction, awards, bylaws, ethics, editorial, finance, government relations, nominating, programs, and sponsorship.

Recruitment for committees usually begins in the spring and summer for service beginning October 1st, the start of the Society's fiscal year. Applicants must complete a <u>Committee Application Form</u>. This assesses your background, your level of interest and commitment, as well as your ability to work well with your fellow committee members. Please click on the committee you are interested in to view volunteer opportunities!

Patron Chapters

Each year, Chapters that have met criteria related to membership growth, governance, event activity and overall "good standing" with the Society are designated as ASFMRA Patron Chapters. In 2022, a record fifteen Chapters achieved this feat, and are designated below with a the Patron Chapter logo.

The Minnesota Chapter hosts a robust winter meeting consisting of continuing education for farm managers and appraisers, as well as a chapter business meeting and an auction to support scholarships. They also hold a summer tour, typically in July, incorporating education and a tour of agricultural related sites. They also produce a Land Value Survey and a Land Rent survey each year, which they provide to members in January. The Minnesota Chapter also strives to support students and those that are new to the profession, by providing scholarships to the Agricultural Economics department at the University of Minnesota.



What is a Farm Manager?

A farm manager is much more than the person that only negotiates cash rent on a farm.

A Farm Manager is the link (third party) between the Landowner and the Farm Operator. Yes, a Farm Manager negotiates the cash rent on a cash rent lease agreement, but a Farm Manager provides so much more. We provide other services, we care about the land, and we care about you.

Farm Managers provide these services:

- Acts as a third-party person between the landowner and the farm operator. This can minimize tension between family members, or even between landowner and tenant.
- Negotiates and prepares a written lease each year, determining a fair cash rent.
- Analyzes lease options and recommends a specific lease type that helps reach the farm income goal.
- This would include cash rent, cash rent plus "flex" option, 50/50 crop share, custom blend, or custom lease type leases. What lease type fits best for the farm?
- Develops an annual operating plan and budget including capital improvements, if applicable.
- Approves and pays all farm bills. Collects and accounts for all income. Provides accounting statements and a year-end summary for ease in tax preparation providing peace of mind.
- Sends concise farm inspection reports during the year to inform and provide the peace of mind that a farm is being operated consistently with the objectives, and taken care of.
- Coordinates and handles any special projects on a farm, such as; drainage issues, drainage tile projects, conservation work, irrigation, waterways, etc.
- Monitors that proper certification is completed each year at the Farm Service Agency, so a farm remains in compliance with government farm programs.
- Analyze applicable Government Farm Program considerations and provide recommendations.
- We take care of all the paperwork.
- Some Farm Management Companies even provide grain marketing and crop insurance services.
- Although we are not a CPA, accountant, attorney, estate planner, financial planner, we are able to refer you to other professionals as you need these services. We're happy to be the quarterback and guide you.



Farm Managers Care

Farm managers care about the land:

- We make sure that good stewardship is being applied to a farm.
- We monitor soil fertility test to protect the soil fertility levels of a farm.
- We make sure soil erosion, and wind erosion are kept at a minimum to save valuable soil.
- We monitor weed control and weed control products for a clean and safe farm.
- We are always seeking ways to improve the land, protect the land, and care for the land as if it's our own.

Farm managers care about you:

- We care about goals and objectives, both short term and long term.
- We care about you as an individual, your family, and future generations.
- We care about what's going on in your life, not only business, but personal.
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WHAT TYPE OF **FARM LEASE AGREEMENT** IS RIGHT FOR YOU?

Contact a local Farm Manager to help you analyze your options, and choose a lease that will help you achieve your goals.

Negotiating a yearly lease is a key step toward profitable farm ownership. Depending on where your farm is located in Minnesota, you may have as many as five different lease options, from cash to custom. A brief description of the various lease types is listed below. Each lease option has certain risks, and certain opportunities. It is best to contact a Minnesota Farm Manager to help you analyze your options, and choose a lease that will help you achieve your goals.

Cash Rent Lease

Typically calculated on the basis of a fixed number of dollars per acre. In the past, many of these leases called for approximately one-half of the rent in the spring with the remaining rent due in the fall. Today most cash rent is paid up front.

Note: Gaining in popularity is another lease called a **Cash Rent - "Flex Lease"**, which allows owners to share in higher-than-normal yields or prices. Some years this pay a bonus if you see above normal yields and grain prices.

Net Share Lease

This leasing alternative has gained in popularity as an **alternative to cash rent**. It differs from the bushel lease in that the owner receives a specified percentage of the crop. Thus, if the crop yields are good, the rent goes up. The only cost the owner is usually responsible for is the drying and/or storage of their share of the grain at harvest. All other production costs are paid by the operator.

Crop Share Lease

Under this arrangement the owner pays a share of the input costs and receives a share of the crop. In many areas, the owner shares in 50% of the cost of the seed, fertilizer, and chemicals, and then receives 50% of the crop. Depending on the area, this may be 25%, 33%, or 40% share, depending upon the amount of weather risk involved and the consistency of production over time. With changing farming methods and increasing land values, this lease may not be as competitive as it once was. To address this issue, many leases are now being tailored to each farm situation, and new percentages, such as 55% owner - 45% operator, are emerging or supplemental cash rent. Another alternative is to adjust the percentage of input cost paid by the owner.

Custom Blend Lease

Under this operating arrangement the owner pays 100% of the direct crop production input costs (usually seed, fertilizer, and chemicals). The operator pays all machine and labor costs to prepare the land, plant the crop, cultivate if necessary, and harvest it, but pays none of the production input costs. The crop share is negotiable, but generally is in the range of 75% to the owner and 25% to the operator. Like the bushel, net share, and traditional crop share leases, the owner is responsible for paying drying and storage costs on their share of the grain.

Custom Operation

This arrangement offers the most reward potential, but carries the most risk. Good farms in consistent production areas are excellent candidates for a custom operation. With this arrangement, the owner pays 100% of the direct input costs plus contracts with a local operator to perform all of the operations required to grow the crop and harvest it for either a fixed amount per operation or per acre. In most situations, we prefer to pay by the operation in order to keep costs under control. Since the owner receives 100% of the crop and government program payments under this arrangement, the owner is responsible for drying and storage of the crop.

Note: The <u>ASFMRA</u> (American Society of Farm Managers & Rural Appraisers) Minnesota Chapter can find you a local Farm Manager to help you discuss more in detail the different lease types. A Farm Manager can also help you discuss other services that are available.





CAN THE FARMLAND MARKET **MAINTAIN UNPRECEDENTED** HIGH VALUES?

Kevin D. PiferPresident & CEO
Pifers Auction & Realty and Land Management

January 2023

Farmland values have soared since the second quarter of 2021 to unprecedented valuations. Can the market continue to support these values? Likely not. Why? Farmland values have and will always be driven by three core fundamentals: commodity prices, interest rates, and risk management (federal crop insurance).

The most notable determination of farmland values in 2023 will be the cost of capital, interest rates. The Federal Reserve, with a steadfast determination to lower inflation to 2 percent, is convinced that higher interest rates will tame inflation. Right or wrong, this strategy is going to lower farm profitability and has already more than doubled the cost of capital to the level we have not seen since 2007. Simply put, in March of 2022 a \$1 million farmland loan had an interest cost of approximately \$40,000 annually. Today, that same loan will reflect an annual interest cost of \$70-\$80,000. That's real money and it lowers farm profitability for producers and investors' return on farmland. What's more, the Federal Reserve will likely raise interest rates at least two to three more times in 2023. This will surely take 20-30 percent of farmland buyers out of the market.

Speaking of investors, they continue to view farmland as an asset class that is attractive to muscle-build their balance sheet in an unpredictable financial market environment. Investors historically have used 1031 funds, cash, or attractive debt financing to purchase farmland. Well, in this market you can throw out the attractive debt financing. Now, it's either cash or 1031 funds or a lower quotient of debt financing to make a farmland investment work. In 2022, investors purchased approximately 25 percent of land sold at Pifer's auctions. Some of these investors will likely sit on the sidelines in 2023.





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The clear loser in this market will be the producer-buyer who wants to expand his farmland footprint but has to borrow a substantial portion of the purchase at these high interest rates. This is not an equation that will work for many producers. Land buying opportunities are created by willing sellers and when the opportunity arises for a producer to buy land that has been on their radar for years, the timing for cash-poor buyers is not good today. Inventory is determined by sellers not buyers and sellers determine when farmland will be on the market.

In 2022, Pifer's sold nearly 50,000 acres of farmland at a live, public auction. The inventory of farmland on the market in 2023 will likely be similar to 2022 with Baby Boomers looking to liquidate their farmland to lower their debt, provide for a more comfortable retirement lifestyle, and further their estate planning.

In summary, 2023 will likely see a healthy inventory of farmland on the market. There will be fewer qualified buyers as the year unfolds. Values of farmland will likely level off and may even decline in the final two quarters of 2023. Regardless, be careful out there, there are many things to consider when selling and buying land. Turn to an experienced farmland professional before making any decisions. As a seller, it could save you thousands of dollars in capital gain taxes if the sales process is done correctly and as a buyer, the purchase could be structured and financed with a strategy that works.



What role does an Appraiser serve?

First and foremost, the role of an appraiser is to act as an unbiased third party to provide an opinion of value of "something". However, the specific role an appraiser serves goes much further than that, particularly for appraisers that focus on rural property types such as farmland.

Appraisal (valuation) services are needed for a variety of reasons. Lending purposes are the most common, whereby the appraiser will establish the market value of specific property that a lender will rely on to make informed lending decisions. Another commonplace for appraisers is to establish values on property for estate purposes when someone passes away which involves providing an opinion of value as of the date of death. Additional situations that involve appraisers include but are not limited to; marriage/partnership dissolutions, helping parties with buy/sell decisions, financial or tax planning situations, conservation easements or charitable contributions. Really, any situation that involves the need for an unbiased third party to provide an opinion of value.

Beyond the value opinions, appraisers are frequently relied on by third parties for their knowledge and expertise in a specific market. This is particularly true for ruralfocused appraisers. Often times, the market data needed to value rural properties is harder to obtain and more difficult to analyze consistently in a manner that makes sense. Appraisers use their knowledge of the interworking's of local markets to analyze market transactions, assemble market studies, or define factors that impact values in a local market area. This detailed knowledge of a market area and the factors that impact value, positions the appraiser as a highly skilled consultant on values in that area.

The job of an appraiser often times requires the collection and analysis of large amounts of data/sales transactions. Individual appraisers or appraisal companies that work in a specific market or market area, tend to accumulate this data over time which positions them to put this data to work. Increasingly, data collected by appraisers is being used to complete benchmarking and analyze historical trends with the goal of assisting market participants with making decisions or gauging the future direction of a particular market.

As you can see, appraisers are most renowned for being licensed to provide an opinion of value. However, their inherent knowledge and expertise about the markets they serve equip them to provide professional opinions, knowledge, expertise and data, all with the goal in mind to help their clients.



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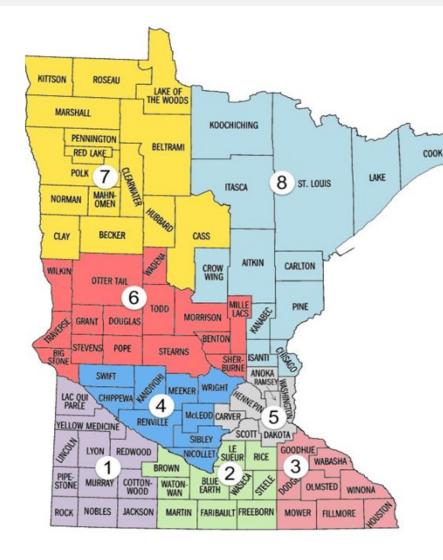
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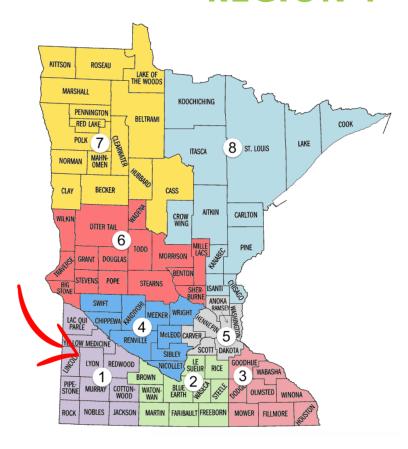
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About Region 1

Region 1, also known as the Southwest region of Minnesota, includes the counties of Rock, Nobles, Jackson, Pipestone, Murray, Cottonwood, Lincoln, Lyon, Redwood, Yellow Medicine, and Lac Qui Parle. The geographic location of this region starts on the Minnesota/Iowa/South Dakota border and extends north and east to the Minnesota River. The area is primarily used for agriculture production such as - row crop farming, livestock farms, pasture, and nontillable acres used for recreational use. This region has a diverse and variable set of soil types. The counties along the MN/IA border are highly productive, while the further north one goes, soil productivity and drainage slowly declines. Overall, the area has mid to highly productive soils for the state.

Major Commodities include corn and soybeans with smaller amounts of wheat, alfalfa, peas, sugar beets, and kidney beans. There is a considerable amount of livestock production in this area especially feedlots and cow/calf operations, hog production, some dairy and poultry production.





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Recap of Southwest Minnesota

Entering the 2022 growing season, subsoil moisture was a concern as 2021 was a massive drought year for most of the Region. March and April were below average temperatures with above average moisture, which resulted in late snow melt and frost removal from the soil profile. Many fields were not fit to be planted until mid-to-late May and farmers were faced with the difficult decision of sticking with the same variety of seed they originally chose or switching to an earlier maturity seed because of late planting. Many farmers in this area are comparing this year to 2019 which was a very wet planting season in which many fields were left unplanted.

Commodity prices continued to improve with corn around \$6.00/bu, and soybeans around \$14.00/bu. at the beginning of the year. From February to the middle of June, the combination of the Russia/Ukraine war, supply shortages, and prevent plant resulted in corn reaching over \$8.00/bu and \$17.00/bu soybeans.

Land values continue to rise from January to June. From June to August values were relatively stable as commodity prices were stable and the crop was now in the ground. Late August, we saw the demand and value for land starting to be impacted as a result of rapidly rising interest rates. A year ago, interest rates of 4.00-5.00% were typical, now interest rates of 6.50-8.00% are the norm. Land values are showing anywhere from 5-15% softening in but still near record highs.

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Future Outlook

Despite a marginal-to-average crop and high input costs, farm profitability for 2022 remained very strong. Moving forward, land values are anticipated to remain stable to lower as a result of higher interest rates. Investors appear to be exiting the market as a higher ROI can be obtained in alternative investments from the standard 2-4% for cropland. 2023 looks to be another profitable year based on current inputs and commodity prices. Demand for cropland should remain strong from the producers standpoint.



Region 1 - Cropland Cash Rent

County	Low	Average	High	Trend
Cottonwood	215-280	280-345	345-420	Higher
Jackson	225-300	300-365	365-430	Higher
Lac Qui Parle	200-235	235-270	270-300	Higher
Lincoln	190-250	250-320	320-395	Higher
Lyon	195-290	290-385	385-475	Higher
Murray	200-280	280-360	360-450	Higher
Nobles	230-300	300-380	380-450	Higher
Pipestone	300-330	330-360	360-400	Higher
Redwood	180-270	270-360	360-450	Higher
Rock	200-290	290-380	380-475	Higher
Yellow Medicine	175-250	250-325	325-395	Higher

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Region 1 - Cropland Sales (per tillable acre)

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County	*Qualified Sales	Low	Mean	High	Sales Activity	Value Trend
Cottonwood	11	\$10,000	\$12,000	\$15,185	Lower	Higher
Jackson	17	\$7,000	\$10,500	\$15,200	Lower	Stable
Lac Qui Parle	19	\$4,800	\$7,400	\$10,700	Higher	Higher
Lincoln	11	\$4,900	\$7,800	\$9,900	Lower	Higher
Lyon	23	\$5,500	\$10,300	\$15,000	Higher	Higher
Murray	14	\$4,100	\$10,150	\$14,400	Lower	Higher
Nobles	25	\$7,450	\$12,100	\$18,200	Lower	Higher
Pipestone	24	\$4,400	\$11,100	\$16,000	Higher	Higher
Redwood	53	\$6,250	\$11,900	\$14,825	Higher	Higher
Rock	14	\$2,500	\$11,500	\$19,700	Steady	Higher
Yellow Medicine	24	\$5,250	\$8,675	\$12,000	Steady	Higher

^{*}Qualified Sales are subjective to the Regional Contributors

Regional Cropland Average Value Trend



Regional Cropland Average Value Trend

Regional Index *	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
Region 1	\$ 6,852	\$ 6,990	\$ 6,675	\$ 6,659	\$ 6,856	\$ 8,673	\$ 10,311
% Change	N/A	2%	-5%	0%	3%	26%	19%



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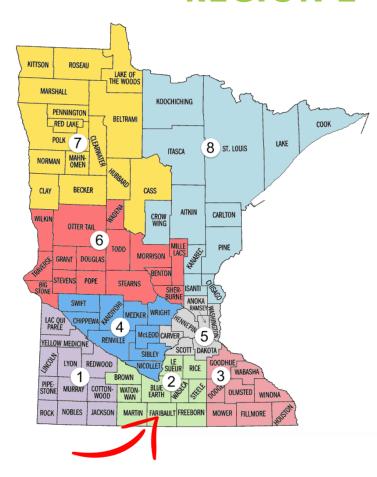
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About Region 2

Region 2 is comprised of ten counties located south and east of the Minnesota River in south central Minnesota. The region begins at the south edge of the Twin Cities metro area then extending south down the U.S. Interstate 35 corridor to the lowa border, then west in alignment with U.S. Interstate 90 along the Minnesota/lowa border to and including Martin County, then north to the Minnesota River.

The area's economy is largely agriculturally based, to include crop and livestock production, grain and livestock processing, and various ancillary agricultural businesses. Primary crops grown are corn, soybeans, and cannery crops (sweet corn & sweet peas). Other crops raised include small grains, wine grapes, and recently hemp. Various organic and specialty crops are grown as well.





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Regional Captain-William LeDuc

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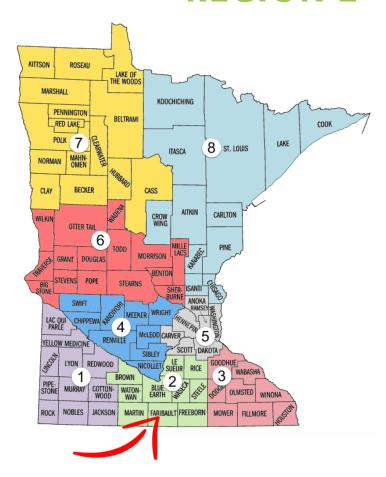
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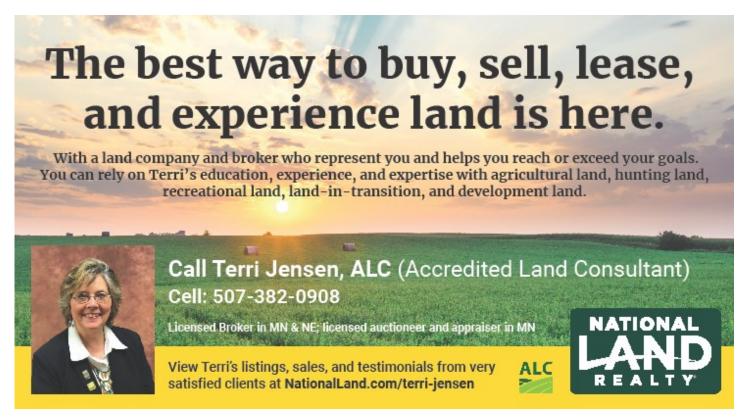
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South-Central Minnesota

There are many grain markets and large grain processing facilities in the region, to include Archer Daniels Midland (ADM), Alltech/Hubbard Feeds, Big Gain, Cargill and Cenex Harvest States (CHS). Various cooperatives and other more local markets are scattered throughout the region. Corn grown in the area (and beyond) supplies five ethanol production plants within Region 2. Soybeans raised in the area supply a biodiesel production plant in Albert Lea, MN.

Swine production is a major contributor to the agricultural economy in this region. With major pork processors located close-by in Austin, MN (Hormel), Worthington, MN (JBS) and Windom, MN (HyLife), hog finishing sites are situated throughout the region to supply these facilities. Dairy and beef cattle production is evident in the region as well.





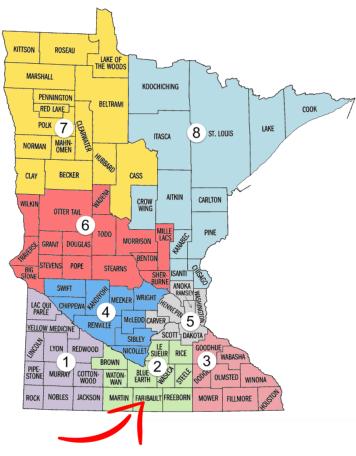
Key Factors Affecting Farm Land Sale Prices

Poor weather conditions delayed planting in many areas causing producers to be concerned about having to harvest late into the fall. Then in the summer, dry almost drought conditions threatened potential crop yields in many areas. Harvest results were variable in the region; however, many producers were pleasantly surprised with higher-than-expected yields.

Interest Rates - To combat inflation and an economy that is over-heating, the Federal Reserve raised the federal funds rate seven times in 2022. Initial increases did not hamper borrowing, however, with the rate now in the 4.25% to 4.5% range borrowers are starting to realize the effects of higher rates. Ongoing low interest rates had encouraged borrowing and undoubtedly contributed to land sale prices upward trend. Moving forward, increased cost of credit will have an effect on all aspects of agriculture, including farm real estate.

Commodity Prices - Chicago corn prices started the year at \$5.50 per bushel, shot up to near \$7.75 per bushel by May, backed off to \$5.75, then trended higher to \$6.78 per bushel to close the year. Soybean prices started the year at \$12.75 per bushel, with a run up to near \$16.00 by June, backed off, then trended higher, ending the year at \$15.19 per bushel. These higher trending grain prices made 2022 the most profitable in the last decade for most producers.

Sustained higher commodity prices has increased profitability, however, input costs (inputs-rents-fuel-machinery-labor) have increased as well. Producers will have to consider a higher cost of production leading to a higher breakeven point in 2023. Volatility is inevitable, increasing the challenge of grain marketing.





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Key Factors Affecting Farm Land Sale Prices continued

Conclusion - Ending U.S. grain inventories are reported to be tight in relation to future demand expectations. Demand for commodities (grain-livestock) continues to be strong. The Russia-Ukraine conflict has shuffled many aspects of global relations, including the import and export picture for many commodities and products. Inflation on consumer goods has benefited agricultural producers with higher commodity prices. Higher input costs will challenge profitability in 2023.

Demand for agricultural real estate continues to be strong. With increasing concerns about inflation, crop producers and investors see buying farmland as a safe, long-term investment, with a steady cash flow, and a hedge against inflation. However, land sale prices have increased by 20% year over year (2021-2022). The S & P 500 index ended the year down by 19%, Dow Jones Industrial Average down by 6% and the NASDAQ Composite was down by 33% in Y2022. There is much dialogue of a possible economic recession in the near future. Equity and debt markets have declined, is farm real estate candidate for a correction?

With the many different variables involved in a global market for agricultural products, the trickle down will undoubtedly have some effect on land sale values and rents in Y2023.



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Region 2 - Cropland Cash Rent

County	Low	Average	High	Trend
Blue Earth	\$225	\$365	\$500	Higher
Brown	\$160	\$280	\$400	Slightly Higher
Faribault	\$225	\$365	\$500	Higher
Freeborn	\$225	\$365	\$500	Higher
Le Sueur	\$155	\$280	\$400	Higher
Martin	\$225	\$315	\$400	Higher
Rice	\$140	\$320	\$500	Higher
Steele	\$220	\$360	\$500	Higher
Waseca	\$225	\$365	\$500	Higher
Watonwan	\$290	\$335	\$375	Higher

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Region 2 - Cropland Sales (per tillable acre)

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County	*Qualified Sales	Low	Mean	High	Sales Activity	Value Trend
Blue Earth	20	\$9,285	\$11,177	\$14,478	Stable	Higher
Brown	17	\$9,357	\$12,622	\$17,877	Stable	Higher
Faribault	25	\$9,127	\$11,856	\$15,251	Higher	Higher
Freeborn	15	\$8,646	\$11,033	\$14,100	Lower	Higher
Le Sueur	8	\$8,031	\$11,213	\$15,529	Stable	Higher
Martin	19	\$9,870	\$11,127	\$13,344	Stable	Higher
Rice	8	\$7,895	\$10,366	\$13,699	Higher	Higher
Steele	10	\$9,728	\$11,510	\$14,527	Stable	Higher
Waseca	4	\$8,764	\$10,419	\$10,475	Stable	Stable
Watonwan	24	\$9,067	\$11,476	\$13,787	Higher	Higher

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Regional Cropland Average Value Trend



Regional Cropland Average Value Trend

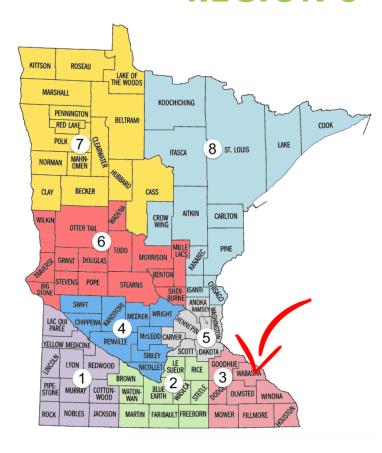
Regional Index *	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
Region 2	\$ 7,215	\$ 6,800	\$ 6,763	\$ 6,808	\$ 7,122	\$ 9,022	\$ 11,280
% Change	N/A	-6%	-1%	1%	5%	27%	25%



About Region 3

Region 3 includes 8 counties in southeast Minnesota and can generally be defined as the area north of the Iowa border, south of the Twin Cities metropolitan area, east of Interstate 35, and west of the Mississippi River. Region 3 is primarily rural in nature although there are pockets of urban influence adjacent to the Twin Cities and Rochester. These larger population centers provide a significant source of amenities as well as economic opportunity for the region outside of agriculture. The region has a good network of roads, railways, and river terminals on the Mississippi which facilitate movement and commerce.

The geography of Region 3 is heavily influenced by multiple river valleys that shape the landscape including the Mississippi, Cannon, Root, Whitewater, and Zumbro Rivers. These areas are often surrounded by good quality wooded recreational acreage that gives way to agricultural cropland where topography



allows. Soil types can be highly variable from county to county but overall the area is home to a large amount of fairly good quality soils that are conducive to row crop production. Livestock production is also prevalent throughout the region although environmental regulation plays a large role in permitting new and existing facilities surrounding riparian areas.



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Recap of Southeast Minnesota

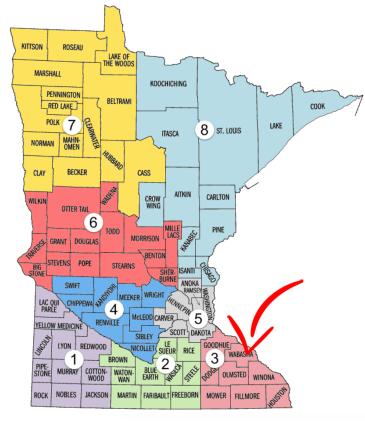
The 2022 growing season began with a sustained period of lower temperatures and wet conditions that delayed planting dates for many producers past historical averages. After planting, rainfall was limited throughout June and July in many areas which resulted in stressed crops and limited optimism in terms of yields for many producers. August brought increased rainfall that included a broader area of the state and provided a muchneeded boost to finish out the growing season. Harvest was early, dry and in most cases uneventful which allowed for most producers to complete harvest and fall tillage in a timely manner. Despite a less than ideal 2022 growing season, many producers found that yields were unexpectedly strong and were able to cash in on above average commodity prices for both corn and soybeans.

Commodity prices for both corn and soybeans were a positive for producers again in 2022. The previous year saw commodity prices rise to strong levels historically with cash bids offered at one of the largest cooperatives in the region at \$5.75 per

bushel for corn and \$13.25 for soybeans at the end of 2021.

While there were modest swings in prices throughout 2022, the year ended higher still at roughly \$6.00 per bushel for corn and \$14.00 for soybeans locally.

The agricultural land market experienced a strong year in 2021 in terms of the number of sales taking place as well as year over year increases in values. Despite more limited activity in 2022, land values continued to rise in most areas. While each market area within Region 3 has its own set of individual circumstances, land values in general increased to the tune of 10% to 20% versus figures from the previous year. This was on top of the 15% to 25% increases many markets experienced from 2020 to 2021. Buyers this past year were made up of a diverse set of investors and local operators and paid some of the highest prices ever recorded for agricultural land in the region - especially when factoring in additional buyer fees often charged on top of the gavel price when land was auctioned off.





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Recap of Southeast Minnesota continued

Cash rents also increased significantly again this year in most areas. Sustained higher commodity prices left many producers with increased gross revenue which was sometimes used to bid up land rents in the area hoping to expand a land base. At the same time, many land owners demand higher rents in 2022. Revenue sharing options continued to become more common in which the land owner is entitled to a portion of the harvest income in addition to a base rent. This has allowed land owners to share in strong yields and commodity prices over these past two years.

Future Outlook

A continued period of strong commodity prices and significant inflation on a national level has fueled much of the increased interest and value in agricultural cropland over the last two years with no significant changes to either of these factors expected in the coming year. Cash bids and forward contracts for corn and soybeans are still at strong levels historically and offer some assurance that producers will be able to lock in fairly good margins for the coming year. The Federal Reserve has raised interest rates multiple times in 2022 and will likely do so again in 2023 in order to combat inflation which could have a limiting impact on the market due to a significantly higher cost of funds. In addition to rising interest rates, land rents are up significantly for 2023 and fertilizer and fuel costs still remain high. Nevertheless, good quality cropland never seems to go out of style and interest and from producers and investors alike is expected to continue throughout the coming year.



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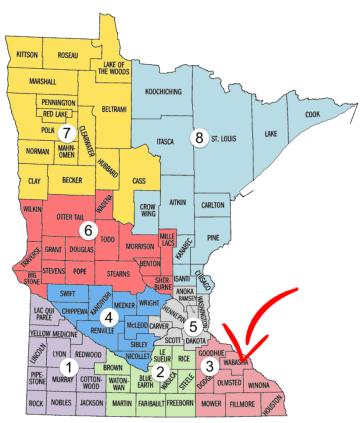
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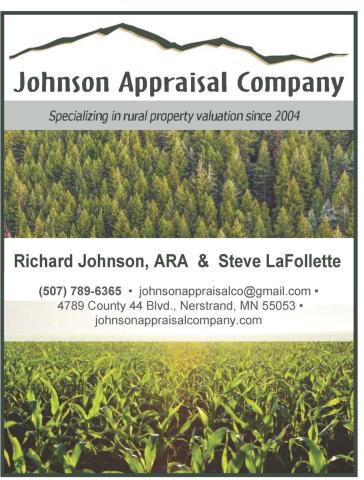
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Region 3 - Cropland Cash Rent

County	Low	Average	High	Trend
Dodge	\$300	\$400	\$500	Higher
Fillmore	\$250	\$350	\$450	Higher
Goodhue	\$250	\$350	\$500	Higher
Houston	\$250	\$300	\$450	Higher
Mower	\$300	\$400	\$500	Higher
Olmsted	\$300	\$400	\$500	Higher
Wabasha	\$250	\$350	\$450	Higher
Winona	\$200	\$300	\$400	Higher

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Region 3 - Cropland Sales (per tillable acre)

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County	*Qualified Sales	Low	Mean	High	Sales Activity	Value Trend
Dodge	11	\$7,500	\$12,150	\$14,550	Lower	Higher
Fillmore	24	\$4,750	\$8,100	\$12,000	Lower	Higher
Goodhue	17	\$7,000	\$9,850	\$14,700	Lower	Higher
Houston	7	\$6,000	\$6,700	\$11,000	Stable	Higher
Mower	40	\$5,000	\$10,600	\$12,700	Stable	Higher
Olmsted	16	\$8,000	\$10,400	\$13,000	Lower	Higher
Wabasha	9	\$6,100	\$9,100	\$10,700	Lower	Higher
Winona	4	\$6,000	\$7,400	\$8,750	Lower	Higher

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Regional Cropland Average Value Trend



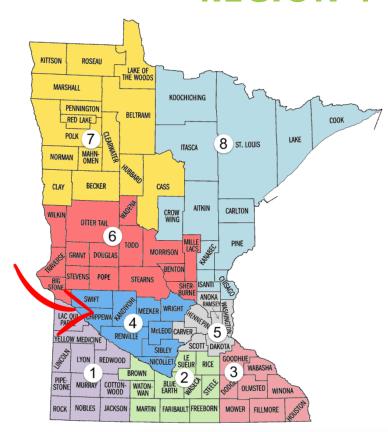
Regional Cropland Average Value Trend

Regional Index *	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
Region 3	\$ 6,332	\$ 6,633	\$ 7,114	\$ 6,719	\$ 6,472	\$ 7,319	\$ 9,288
% Change	N/A	5%	7%	-6%	-4%	13%	27%

About Region 4

Region 4, the Central Region, includes the counties of Chippewa, Kandiyohi, McLeod, Meeker, Nicollet, Renville, Sibley, Swift and Wright. This geographic region begins approximately 30 miles west of the Twin Cities, and extends west towards the South Dakota border, and north of the Minnesota River. This area has mid to highly productive soils in the southern portion as well as the northern portion, which has some rolling land. Corn and soybeans are the major agricultural crops.

Region 4 also contains over 100,000 acres of sugar beets grown for the Southern Minnesota Sugar Beet Co-op, which is located in Renville County. Livestock enterprises in the area include turkeys, swine, eggs, beef cattle and dairy operation. Jennie-O Turkey Store is headquartered in Willmar with a couple of processing plants in the region.





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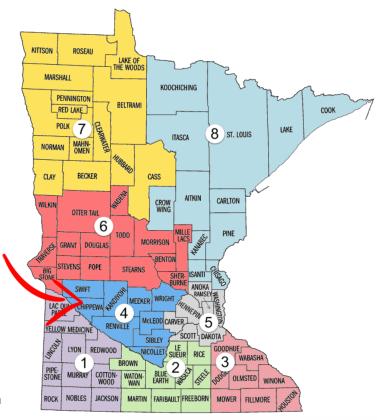
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Recap of Central Minnesota

The 2022 growing season was delayed due to a very wet spring. The weather corrected, and many areas experienced above average yields overall. The harvest season was one of the driest we've seen in recent memory, allowing many farmers to finish their fieldwork early. Farmland sale prices continually increased as the months went by. The year ended with continued strong prices and significantly increased sales activity. Investors played a big role in these higher prices, however local farmers made up a large portion as well. These sales were a mix of auctions, privately negotiated, and word of mouth.

Dairy in the area has continued to see the expansion of numerous large facilities in Chippewa and Swift Counties. Most of these facilities are between 9,000 to 11,000 head. This expansion is expected to continue through 2023 and beyond.



Due to a relatively wet spring, most sugar beet acres didn't get planted until late May making it the latest average planting date for Southern Minnesota Beet Sugar Cooperative. Unfortunately, the late planting was followed by unusually dry conditions throughout the summer, and into fall. This combination of late planting and dry growing conditions resulted in a somewhat reduced yield of 26.28 tons per acre. However, this was partially offset with a slightly better than average sugar content of 16.89%.

Turkey production continues to be a leader in the agriculture industry within this region. Avian influenza has been an ongoing issue in recent years, which has led to the development of newer technologies and changes in growing facilities to help reduce the chances of these outbreaks in the future. Vaccines have also been tested as a solution, but have not yet proved to be cost effective.



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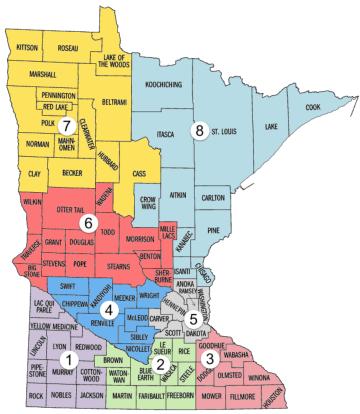
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Future Outlook

With interest rates and crop inputs on the rise, the demand for farmland is projected to level off and potentially slow compared to the record levels we saw this past year. However, many had forecasted that these prices would slow in 2022 - which did not materialize in this region. Ongoing macroeconomic conditions and continual adoption of new monetary policy aided this intention. Nevertheless, commodity prices have remained high into the new year and interest from investors continue to support increasing land prices.





Region 4 - Cropland Cash Rent

County	Low	Average	High	Trend
Chippewa	\$175	\$300	\$400	Steady
Kandiyohi	\$175	\$325	\$500	Steady
McLeod	\$200	\$315	\$400	Higher
Meeker	\$175	\$250	\$350	Higher
Nicollet	\$200	\$350	\$500	Higher
Renville	\$190	\$325	\$475	Steady
Sibley	\$225	\$300	\$375	Higher
Swift	\$180	\$235	\$340	Higher
Wright	\$150	\$225	\$300	Higher

Region 4 - Cropland Sales (per tillable acre)

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County	*Qualified Sales	Low	Mean	High	Sales Activity	Value Trend
Chippewa	18	\$5,577	\$9,165	\$13,952	Lower	Higher
Kandiyohi	15	\$4,800	\$12,056	\$17,282	Lower	Higher
McLeod	22	\$6,800	\$9,250	\$12,594	Higher	Higher
Meeker	14	\$6,471	\$11,529	\$14,625	Steady	Higher
Nicollet	16	\$8,600	\$13,000	\$14,500	Steady	Higher
Renville	55	\$7,407	\$11,571	\$17,136	Higher	Higher
Sibley	25	\$7,500	\$12,000	\$14,424	Lower	Higher
Swift	17	\$5,124	\$8,693	\$11,202	Lower	Higher
Wright	10	\$7,000	\$9,500	\$11,800	Steady	Higher

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Regional Cropland Average Value Trend



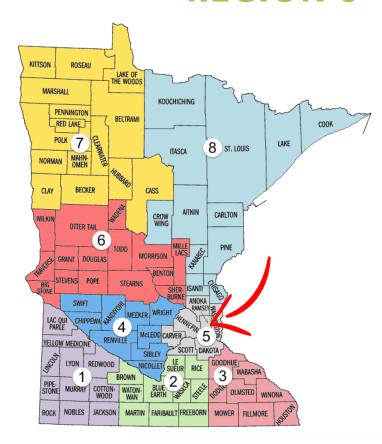
Regional Cropland Average Value Trend

Regional Index *	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
Region 4	\$ 5,996	\$ 6,165	\$ 6,233	\$ 6,475	\$ 6,539	\$ 7,967	\$ 10,752
% Change	N/A	3%	1%	4%	1%	22%	35%

About Region 5

This region encompasses the land area considered to be the Twin Cities Metropolitan Area. It includes the counties of Anoka, Carver, Dakota, Hennepin, Ramsey, Scott, and Washington. The geographic region begins with the state line of Wisconsin to the east and is built around the Mississippi, Minnesota, and St. Croix Rivers. Somewhat variable topography with higher elevations located furthest west and away from the Mississippi River historical riverway.

While the area is heavily developed and expansion of residential and commercial development is located throughout there are pockets of remaining cropland and farming operations at this time on the outer edges. Land quality is highly variable with areas of highly productive loamy soils in the western and southwestern counties, but also sandier loamy soils (southern and northern counties) and peat soils in the north. Recreational properties are quite uncommon in this market.





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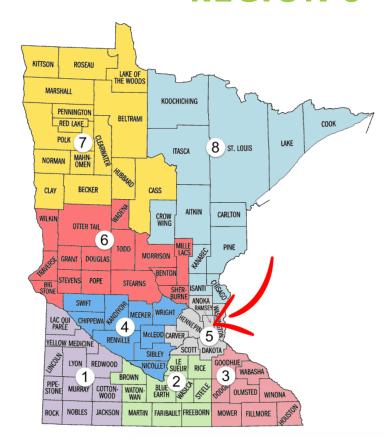
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About Region 5 continued

Primary agricultural commodities include: Corn, soybeans, turf/sod, edible beans, canning crops such as peas and sweetcorn, arboricultural and horticultural crops, and equine. Livestock operations are increasingly rare beyond hobby or part-time sized operations. Equine operations remain strong at this time, with continued facility expansion in the western suburbs and very high occupancy rates being reported. Sales of cropland are sporadic, often purchased by speculative investors, with decreasing numbers of farming operations remaining. These sales are often marketed with agriculture as an interim or temporary use, prior to further development. Rents continued to be highly variable but overall stable throughout the region.



Recap of Region 5

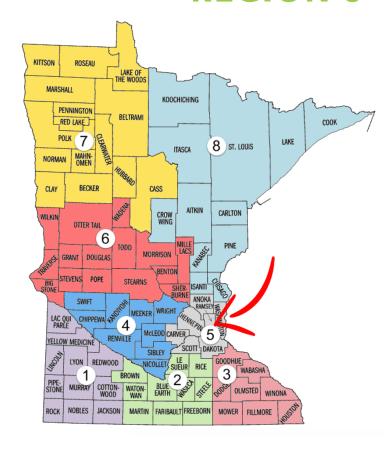
In areas connected to or adjacent to municipalities with established city services (mainly sewer/water), level of developer interest and the numbers of new homes constructed has remained at historically high level. With interest rates increasing throughout the year though, this became the greatest restriction to aggressive development expansion with developers wary to further commit resources into a slowing marketplace; esp. for those that were in the business in 2009. The pace of development was very strong prior to this COVID-19. The effect of this outbreak on the real estate market is unknown at this point for the long term but for a short while caused some developer related panic and delaying of future development plans. It was expected that it would have some impact on development properties due to the financing available or the willingness of developers to commit after the events in the last economic downturn. This panic went away quickly given supported by a lack of inventory, high levels of competition, and record low interest rates which rapidly increased the pacing of new construction. As of this writing though many developers have indicated a holding pattern; where they will continue to construct out areas already purchased and with development improvements paid for to get a return especially if there is still market interest but the pace is rapidly slowing generally with few new large tracts being purchased and marketing times extending.

Values for this transitional ground is highly varied based on many of these factors; mainly locational. Some signs of slowing have been occurring though with marketed properties

Recap of Region 5 continued

exhibiting increasing exposure times or several price reductions prior to sales but overall the pacing of new construction homes remained relatively brisk, despite construction costs remaining high, and sales of development or future expansion speculation properties paced this trendline.

The future outlook of this region remains mostly unchanged with most rental rates remaining steady, as are land transactions.





Region 5 - Cropland Cash Rent

County	Low	Average	High	Trend
Anoka	\$60	\$105	\$150	Stable
Carver	\$215	\$260	\$300	Stable to increasing
Dakota	\$200	\$280	\$360	Stable to increasing
Hennepin	\$100	\$180	\$255	Highly Variable
Ramsey				No data
Scott	\$175	\$225	\$275	
Washington	\$200	\$250	\$300	Variable

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Region 5 - Cropland Sales (per tillable acre)

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County	*Qualified Sales	Low	Mean	High	Sales Activity	Value Trend
Anoka					Limited cropland sales, more residential and devel- opment	
Carver	12	\$6,200	\$11,200	\$15,500	Steady pacing, increased transitional influence - ag sales paced higher than past several years	Steady pacing, increased transitional influence - ag sales paced higher than past several years
Dakota	11	\$8,500	\$10,500	\$13,000	Pacing of sales up to stable historical levels. Some transitials properties sold and irrigated ground is still in high demand.	Pacing of sales up to stable historical levels. Some transitials properties sold and irrigated ground is still in high demand.
Hennepin	3		\$13,800	\$15,200	Pace of homebuilding was	Pace of homebuilding was stable to brisk esp early on; limited cropland sales and those had some future development interest but interim utility and buyers, more limited development property (larger tract)
Ramsey	0	+ · = / · · · ·	+ ,	¥ . • /= • •	No data or influence	No data or influence
Scott	7	\$7,500	\$9,800	\$12,500	Steady pacing, remaining	Steady pacing, remaining steady transitional influence - ag sales paced stable
Washing- ton	2	\$11,500		\$16,000	Transitional - Limited cropland sales	Transitional - Limited cropland sales

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Regional Cropland Average Value Trend



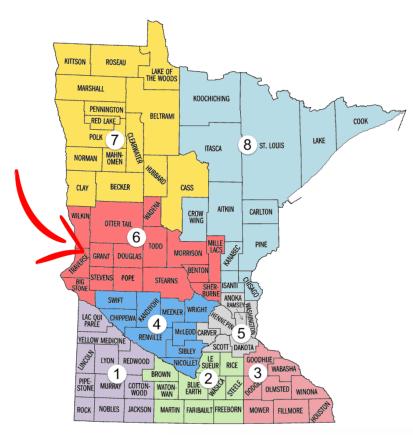
Regional Cropland Average Value Trend

Regional Index *	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
Region 5	\$ 7,303	\$ 7,260	\$ 7,134	\$ 7,619	\$ 7,200	\$ 8,025	\$ 9,800
% Change	N/A	-1%	-2%	7%	-5%	11%	22%

About Region 6

Region 6 encompasses Central to West-Central Minnesota. Major highways that service the area include Interstate 29 and 94, US Highways 10, 59, 75, 71, 169. The counties of Wilkin, Traverse, Big Stone, Otter Tail, Grant, Stevens, Douglas, Pope, Wadena, Todd, Stearns, Morrison, Benton, Sherburne, and Mille Lacs make up the region.

The topography and soils of the region are typically associated with lacustrine and glacial till from the Des Moines, Superior and Wadena glacial lobes. The Red River Valley Basin runs along the western edge of this region in Wilkin, Traverse, and Big Stone Counties. Soil quality and productivity varies significantly throughout the region, ranging from lighter sandier soils near the Lakes Area and near the Mississippi River area to heavier soils in the Red River Valley Basin.





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About Region 6 Continued

Larger cities are located along major highways, with St. Cloud being the largest population center in the area. Other larger cities in the area include: Fergus Falls, Alexandria, Little Falls, Morris, and Wheaton. These cities, along with rural towns, serve as the main hubs of off-farm employment opportunities.

Agricultural activity is the main land use in the southern and western portions of the region with the north/northeastern counties having a higher recreational influence. While a majority of the crop acres in the area are predominately used to produce corn, soybeans and alfalfa, the diverse soils seen across the region make certain areas suitable for specialty crops like potatoes, sugar beets and edible beans. Animal agriculture has a strong presence in the region. Pilgrim's Pride and Jennie-O have poultry processing plants in the region. Additionally, livestock production is a commonplace throughout the market, with a

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mix of both feedlot facilities and pasture-raised cow/calf operations. Agriculture land that is not suitable for crop production is often fenced for use as pasture. Hog production is a factor in the area, though it does not have as large of a market presence as the southern portion of the state. Dairy is very prevalent with a mix of herd sizes ranging from under 100 cows to large, multi-facility commercial operations.

Recap of Region 6

The later part of 2021 through 2022 has shown increases in input prices such as fertilizer, chemical, diesel, labor, and machinery. Low interest rates and strong commodity prices increased the demand for productive farmland and contributed to increasing rental rates, however interest rates have been climbing in the later part of 2022. Many sellers are still expecting a premium and land values held through the end of the year. Recreational and rural residential tracts have been following this trend and prices are strong. The proximity of the region to the Twin Cities and Fargo as well as the large number of lakes and recreational hunting tracts encourages a strong demand. Throughout the last couple of years, many have chosen to move out of highly populated areas and relocate due to the pressure of Covid-19 and continued transition to working remotely. Land values are expected to remain strong/stable leading into the first part of the new year.

Future Outlook

Input prices are projected to remain strong and increases in interest rates may continue to stabilize land values into the coming year.



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Region 6 - Cropland Cash Rent

County	Low	Average	High	Trend
Benton	\$80	\$155	\$225	Higher
Big Stone	\$175	\$225	\$275	Higher
Douglas	\$175	\$225	\$275	Higher
Grant	\$200	\$290	\$385	Higher
Pope	\$225	\$290	\$350	Higher
Mille Lacs	\$75	\$130	\$180	Higher
Morrison	\$80	\$155	\$225	Higher
Otter Tail	\$150	\$200	\$250	Higher
Sherburne	\$100	\$225	\$350	Higher
Stearns	\$150	\$250	\$350	Higher
Stevens	\$200	\$250	\$300	Higher
Todd	\$80	\$140	\$200	Higher
Traverse	\$200	\$250	\$300	Higher
Wadena	\$60	\$105	\$150	Higher
Wilkin	\$150	\$220	\$285	Higher

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Region 6 - Cropland Sales (per tillable acre)

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County	*Qualified Sales	Low	Mean	High	Sales Activity	Value Trend
Benton	7	\$4,000	\$4,500	\$5,000		Higher
Big Stone	8	\$5,600	\$6,300	\$6,500		Higher
Douglas	5	\$3,800	\$5,500	\$9,000		Higher
Grant	10	\$6,800	\$6,800	\$10,000		Higher
Pope	4	\$4,500	\$6,500	\$7,500		Higher
Mille Lacs	10	\$2,900	\$4,200	\$4,800		Higher
Morrison	17	\$2,700	\$4,000	\$6,200		Higher
Otter Tail	12	\$3,500	\$4,500	\$6,500		Higher
Sherburne	3	\$3,800	\$5,800	\$7,000		Higher
Stearns	16	\$5,000	\$6,500	\$8,000		Higher
Stevens	4	\$5,500	\$6,500	\$9,800		Higher
Todd	11	\$2,000	\$3,800	\$5,700		Higher
Traverse	14	\$5,000	\$7,000	\$8,300		Higher
Wadena	4	\$1,600	\$2,500	\$2,800		Higher
Wilkin	10	\$5,800	\$7,200	\$8,700		Higher

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Regional Cropland Average Value Trend

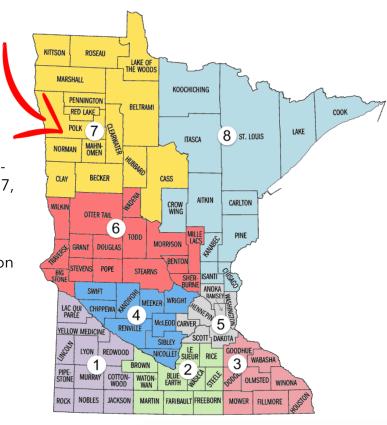


Regional Cropland Average Value Trend

Regional Index *	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
Region 6	\$ 4,375	\$ 3,808	\$ 3,761	\$ 3,677	\$ 4,084	\$ 4,773	\$ 5,440
% Change	N/A	-13%	-1%	-2%	11%	17%	14%

About Region 7

The deep productive silty clay soils of the Red River Valley were formed by the sediment of the ancient Lake Agassiz. Primary commodities include corn, soybeans, spring wheat and sugar beets. East of the Red River Valley is primarily lighter soils on the beach ridges. Dry edible beans, potatoes, sunflowers, and small grains are also grown Region 7, primarily east of the Red River Valley. Historically, sugar beets and potatoes have been highly profitable crops. Land that is suitable for sugar beet and potato production typically sells at the high end of the range.





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Recap of Region 7

Farmers in the area had a slow start to planting due to a wet spring. The region's heavy snowfall was melting at a nice, controlled pace until April and May rains soaked the region. The heavy rains saturated fields and even washed out or closed many township and county roads in the area, leaving some fields inaccessible. Crop insurance deadlines in June pressured many of the Red River Valley's corn, soybeans, and sugarbeet farmers to plant quickly or file prevent plant.

After the wet spring transitioned into a relatively dry summer, yields exceeded expectations. Corn and soybean yields were favorable. Sugarbeet yields were low in terms of tonnage but high in terms of sugar content. Preliminary beet payments for the year are strong, which tends to support land values.

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Demand for farmland has remained very strong. Land sales began consistently reaching higher prices in the fall of 2021 before skyrocketing over the past year. In the last three years, the data collected for Clay County for this survey yielded an average of \$4,137 per acre in 2020, \$5,300 per acre in 2021, and \$7,217 per acre in 2022. The average increased nearly 75% in just two years. Sale prices are also very strong on the North Dakota side of the Red River. One sale of potato ground in Walsh County in northeast North Dakota was purchased at auction for nearly \$15,000 per tillable acre in late 2022, which is believed to be a record for the Red River Valley.





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Recap of Region 7 Continued

A very large number of public auctions have taken place throughout the year and have been met with a high level of interest. Investors and farmers are active in the market, but a majority of the buyers are farmers. Cash rents have increased but not at the same trajectory that land values have. Participants in the cash rent market have suggested that contracts being renegotiated for 2023 are typically \$25 to \$50 per acre stronger than previous contracts.

Future Outlook

Demand remains strong from both farmers and investors. Many market players believe that sales will stay strong as long as commodity prices stay high. It does not appear that rising interest rates over the past several months have had a substantial impact on farmland sale prices yet. It remains to be seen what, if any, impacts higher interest rates will have. So far, strong demand appears to outweigh the higher interest rates. High quality land continues to bring strong prices, and there are currently no significant signs of slowing down in the market.



Region 7 - Cropland Cash Rent

County	Low	4	Average	High	Trend
Becker	\$ 40	\$	130	\$ 225	Higher
Beltrami					
Cass					
Clay	\$ 115	\$	195	\$ 275	Higher
Clearwater					
Hubbard	\$ 125	\$	188	\$ 250	Higher
Kittson	\$ 40	\$	100	\$ 160	Stable
L.O.W					
Mahnomen					
Marshall	\$ 40	\$	105	\$ 170	Stable
Norman	\$ 90	\$	170	\$ 250	Higher
Pennington	\$ 30	\$	80	\$ 130	Stable
Polk	\$ 40	\$	180	\$ 325	Higher
Red Lake	\$ 40	\$	140	\$ 235	Higher
Roseau	\$ 30	\$	75	\$ 120	Stable

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Region 7 - Cropland Sales (per tillable acre)

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County	*Qualified Sales	Low	Mean	High	Sales Activity	Value Trend
Becker	8	\$2,930	\$4,654	\$8,500	Higher/Higher	Higher/Higher
Beltrami						
Cass						
Clay	37	\$3,988	\$7,217	\$9,253	Higher/Higher	Higher/Higher
Clearwater	3	\$1,350	\$1,450	\$1,500	Stable/Higher	Stable/Higher
Hubbard						
Kittson	9	\$1,668	\$3,502	\$5,238	Stable/Higher	Stable/Higher
L.O.W	1	\$1,150	\$1,150	\$1,150	Stable	Stable
Mahnomen	9	\$1,985	\$4,654	\$6,000	Higher/Higher	Higher/Higher
Marshall	31	\$2,000	\$4,066	\$6,503	Stable/Higher	Stable/Higher
Norman	28	\$3,052	\$5,616	\$6,810	Stable/Higher	Stable/Higher
Pennington						
Polk	30	\$3,172	\$6,035	\$9,657	Stable/Higher	Stable/Higher
Red Lake	6	\$1,747	\$3,385	\$5,196	Stable/Higher	Stable/Higher
Roseau	13	\$1,311	\$2,852	\$4,100	Higher/Higher	Higher/Higher

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Regional Cropland Average Value Trend



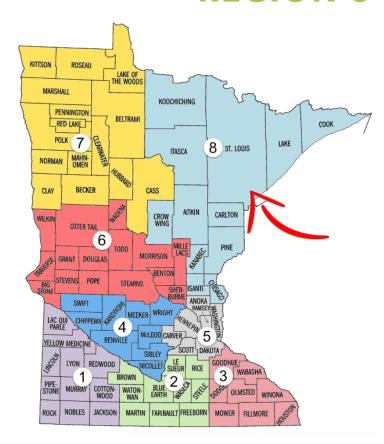
Regional Cropland Average Value Trend

Regional Index *	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
Region 7	\$ 2,968	\$ 2,528	\$ 2,609	\$ 2,778	\$ 2,952	\$ 3,067	\$ 4,053
% Change	N/A	-15%	3%	6%	6%	4%	32%

About Region 8

This region encompasses the Northeastern Region of Minnesota. It includes the counties of Isanti, Kanabec, Chisago, Pine, Carlton, Aitkin, Crow Wing, Itasca, Koochiching, St. Louis, Lake, and Cook. The geographic region borders Wisconsin to the east, Lake Superior on the NE and Canada to the north. The area encompasses some of the largest and least densely populated counties in the state of Minnesota.

Due to a shorter growing season, lack of topsoil depth and quality, poor drainage, and often bedrock the more northern counties are very limited in agricultural operations. There is some hay production and beef cattle. Typically, this region is more focused on mining and timber/wood operations. Chisago and Isanti counties are heavily influenced by the Twin Cities Metro area and with broken up sandier soils properties are typically purchased for recreational or rural residential sites.





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Recap of Region 8

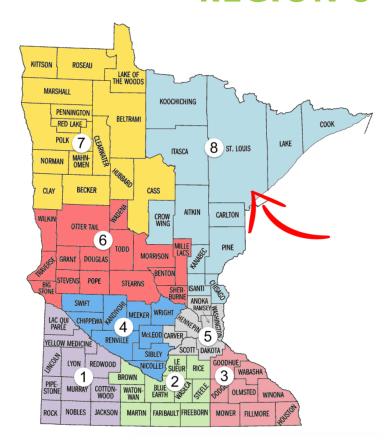
The more southerly counties including Isanti, Chisago, Kanabec, and southern Pine offer pockets of quality, productive complex and sandy loam soils. The pacing of cropland sales in this area would be considered slightly down but the values have been slightly increasing to stable in some areas. The greatest increases are occurring in areas with slightly transitional influence such as around Cambridge and Isanti.

Rural residential sales and land with suitability for future building sites were very fast paced with short marketing times and strong values being received. Properties with the ability to commute to the metro or in areas with stronger internet capabilities showed the strongest desirability.

Recreational and hunting properties continued to trade hands at a good pace throughout the year, and these types of properties were slightly increasing to mostly stable.

In counties where agriculture is more prevalent, large acreage is being split into 40 acre to 80 acre parcels and transitioning from agriculture and logging towards recreation and rural residences. Primary commodities include: Corn, soybeans, hay and small grains, beef, wild rice, potatoes (Crow Wing), and timber. Pasture and cropland values have shown a stable trend across the region, with the exception being for sales with heavier ground in Isanti County.

Values are expected to remain stable to increasing and are mainly buoyed by the rural residential and recreational markets which are somewhat propping up the more marginal ground.





Region 8 - Cropland Cash Rent

County	Low	Average	High	Trend
Aitkin	\$40	\$50	\$60	Stable
Carlton	\$40	\$55	\$75	Limited rental data
Chisago	\$50	\$100	\$150	Stable - Highly variable
Cook				Limited rental data
Crow Wing	\$50	\$75	\$100	Stable
Isanti	\$65	\$105	\$150	Stable
Itasca	\$30	\$50	\$75	Limited rental data
Kanabec	\$50	\$85	\$120	Stable
Koochiching				Limited rental data
Lake				Limited rental data
Pine	\$50	\$90	\$125	Stable - trending downward
St Louis				Limited rental data

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Region 8 - Cropland Sales (per tillable acre)

County	*Qualified Sales	Low	Mean	High	Sales Activity	Value Trend
Aitkin	3	\$1,600	\$2,000	\$2,500	Stable but stronger val- ues	Stable but stronger values
Carlton	0				No sale data	No sale data
Chisago	3	\$4,500	\$5,500	\$6,200	Transitional, very slow ag sales market	Transitional, very slow ag sales mar- ket
Cook	0				No sale data	No sale data
Crow Wing	0				No sale data	No sale data
Isanti	3	\$3,525	\$4,500	\$6,200	Very rural residential influenced- limited cropland sales	Very rural residential influenced- limited cropland sales
ltasca	0				No sale data	No sale data
Kanabec					Very slow year, much more recreational sales and rural residential influ- enced this last year	Very slow year, much more recrea- tional sales and rural residential influenced this last year
Koochiching	0				No sale data	No sale data
Lake	0				No sale data	No sale data
Pine	1				Very slow; higher rec pacing	Very slow; higher rec pacing
St Louis	0				No sale data	No sale data

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Regional Cropland Average Value Trend



Regional Cropland Average Value Trend

Regional Index *	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
Region 8	\$ 1,990	\$ 1,991	\$ 1,953	\$ 2,400	\$ 2,600	\$ 2,657	\$ 4,000
% Change	N/A	0%	-2%	23%	8%	2%	51%

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