

# Agriculture is Everywhere!

## IN 2018 WE RANKED IN THE TOP 10 STATES PRODUCING:

1 <sup>st</sup>	Oats Green Peas Red Kidney Beans Sugarbeets Turkeys raised Sweet Corn
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Hogs Spring Wheat
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Dry Edible Beans Soybean
4 <sup>th</sup>	Corn
5 <sup>th</sup>	Canola Ag Exports Alfalfa Hay Sunflowers for oil Vegetables
6 <sup>th</sup>	Cheese Red Meat Barley
7 <sup>th</sup>	Milk Cows Honey Potatoes
8 <sup>th</sup>	Wheat Milk
9 <sup>th</sup>	USDA Certified Organic Farms

You're sure to find these crops and animals where their picture appears on the map. Many will be found in other parts of Minnesota, too.

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## MINNESOTA GROWING AREAS

RED  
RIVER  
VALLEY  
CASH  
GRAIN  
AREA

FOREST  
AREA

DAIRY  
AREA

CROP/  
LIVESTOCK  
AREA

sugarbeet



soybeans



oats



wheat



wild rice



↑ Map pictures you may not recognize ↑

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Did *you* know?

99% of every beef animal is used for meat or other products.

The average American consumes 20 gallons of milk and 33 pounds of cheese each year.

Real Christmas trees are grown on Minnesota farms just like other crops.



The amazing dairy cow!

**1 day's average production brings:**

- \* 8 gallons of milk or
- \* 3.3 pounds of butter or
- \* 7 pounds of cheese



Chickens and turkeys do not have teeth, they use their beaks to pick up food.



There are **2.2** million farms dotting America's rural landscape.

Minnesota has 68,500 farms covering 25.5 million acres.



More than **21 million** American workers (15%) produce, process and sell/trade the nation's food and fiber.



One bale of cotton can produce **215** pairs of jeans.



A family of 4 eats about 5,000 pounds of food each year.

**1** cord of wood can produce up to 2,000 pounds of paper or 7.5 million tooth-picks.

More than 50 of Minnesota's 87 counties have farmers and ranchers raising bison.



Food is most affordable in the United States. Percent of annual income spent on all food consumption:

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- Kenya = 41%
- Philippines = 36%
- Poland = 20%
- Italy = 15%
- United States = 10%

Minnesota ranks fifth in agricultural exports. **China, Japan, Mexico and Canada** are our biggest customers.

America's farmers are the world's most productive. In **1940**, one farmer fed **19** people each year. Today, each farmer produces food and fiber for **154** people in the United States and abroad.



**HOG**

by-products are a source for nearly 40 drugs & pharmaceuticals.



**Wild Rice** is Minnesota's official state grain.



**Soybeans** are the #1 vegetable oil crop in the world. They are in the vehicle you drive, the books you read and the clothes you wear.



One bushel of whole wheat yields 64 one-pound loaves of bread.



The United States produces

- 41% corn
- 35% soybeans
- 21% beef
- 17% milk
- 12% cotton



Minnesota is the western-most state to produce maple syrup.

AN ACRE is about the same size as a football field. One acre can produce 39,000 pounds of potatoes, 11,400 pounds of sweet corn or 821 pounds of cotton.



The Norway or Red Pine is Minnesota's official state tree.

