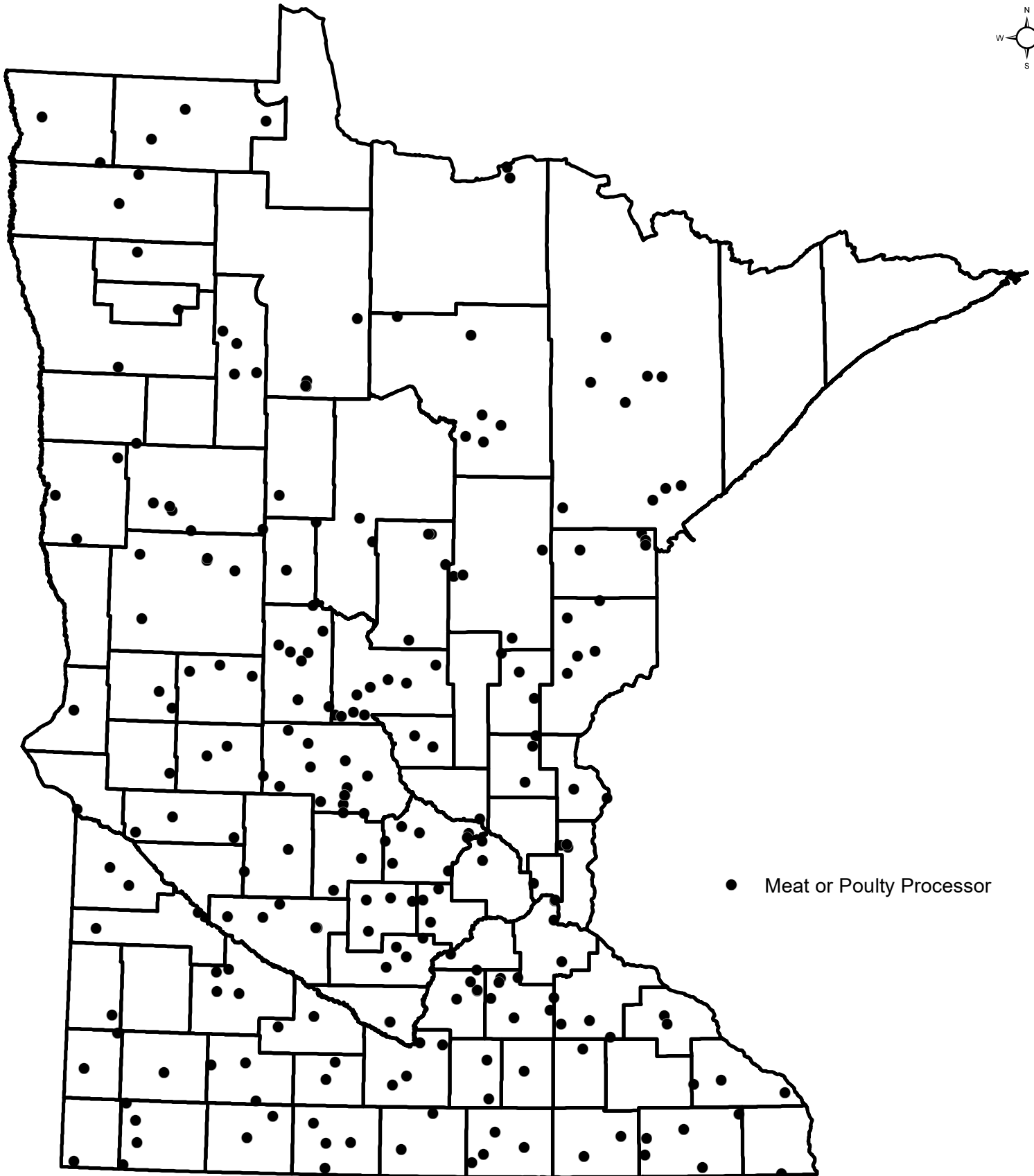


Custom Exempt Meat and Poultry Processing Sites



There are over 250 "custom exempt" meat and poultry processors in MN. These facilities provide a service to the local customer: they slaughter or process meat for the owner of that meat and return it to the owner. These plants serve an important role in small, local and niche processing markets as farmers frequently "direct market" live animals to customers for personal use.