



# Stearns County Ag Facts...

Each farmer in Minnesota feeds 155 people in the world!!

## Stearns County Ranks Number 1 in the State of Minnesota in:

Total Cash Farm Receipts.....	\$438 million
Livestock Cash Farm Receipts .....	\$366 million
Value of Milk .....	\$235 million
Milk Production.....	1.3 billion pounds
Oats Production .....	1.7 million bushels
Hay Production.....	389,200 tons
Cattle and Calves.....	209,000 head
Milk Cows.....	70,000 head

The Minnesota Dairy Industry with both production and processing earns approximately \$5.6 billion annually and employs over 40,000 people.

Local support for the Dairy Industry is critical as the number of dairy farms drops:

### Stearns County Dairy Farms



<u>Year</u>	<u>Farm Count</u>	<u>Average Farm Size</u>	<u>Lbs. Milk per Cow</u>
1922	4,379	9.7 cows	n/a
1950	4,166	13.1 cows	5,500
1975	1,905	37.1 cows	10,000
2000	1,076	58.6 cows	17,500
2005	963	67.6 cows	18,100
2009	825	91.9 cows	19,600

Every 1,000 cows in Stearns County generates 1.7 million dollars of economic impact locally.

The typical farm family in Stearns County spends over **\$595,000** annually, with most of those dollars spent locally. *(Northeast/East Central & West Central MN Farm Business Mgmt, 2011)*

*Information provided by the University of Minnesota Extension in Stearns County and the Stearns County Dairy Advisory Committee. For more information call 1-800-450-6171.*