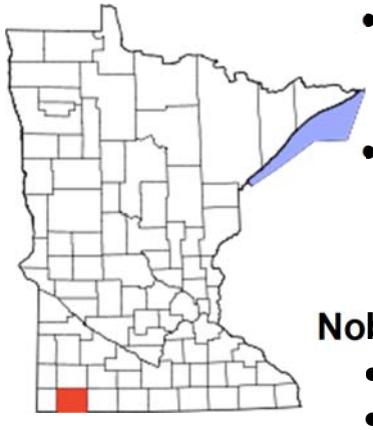
Nobles County



The 462,720 acres of Nobles County are home to 21,770 people.

- The 5 largest agricultural inventory items for Nobles County are corn for grain, soybeans, corn for silage, forage land (hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop), and oats for grain.
- The 5 largest livestock inventories are hogs and pigs, broilers and other meat-type chickens, cattle and calves, turkeys, and sheep and lambs.

Source: USDA 2012 Census

Nobles County has…

- 462,720 total acres
- 380,579 acres in farms
- 995 farms

Source: U.S. Census Bureau 2012

82% of Nobles County is farms.

Farm Land Use

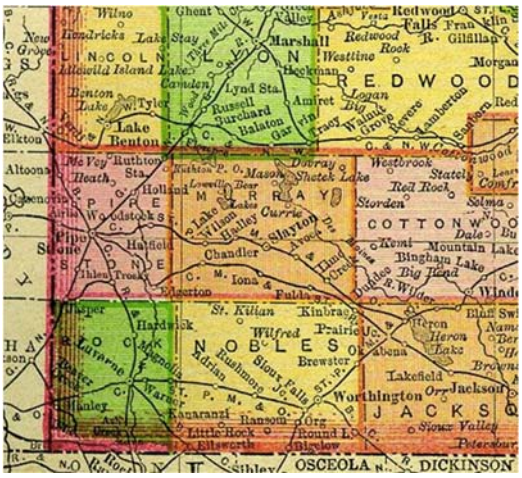
92.2% in Cropland - 7.8% in Other

A **watershed** is an area or ridge of land that separates waters flowing to different rivers, basins, or seas.

Watersheds

1. Des Moines Headwaters
2. Rock River
3. Little Sioux River

Source: NRCS, USDA, and MPCA, 2007



Nobles County is ranked…

- ✓ 3rd in the state for hogs and pig sales.
- ✓ 3rd in the state for cattle and calves sales.
- ✓ 5th in the state for hogs and pigs.
- ✓ 6th in the state for broilers and other meat-type chickens.
- ✓ 9th in the state for corn for silage.

Practices that farmers in Nobles County implement to protect natural resources include:

- Grass waterways, contour planting, and reduced tillage to protect against soil erosion.
- Nutrient management best management practice techniques, including soil sampling, precision application, and split applications.
- Good nutrient and pest management, including proper rates and timing of fertilizer applications and integrated pest management to protect groundwater resources.