

Summary of DNR Reported Minnesota Irrigation 2026 Permits and 2024 Irrigated Acres by County

Data shared by Sean Hunt of DNR Waters- 6th Jan 2026

Table created by Jerry Wright, IAM Membership Secretary- 6TH Feb 2026

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COUNTY	Alfalfa	Veg	S Bean	Peas	S Corn	Corn	Soybean	D Beans	Potato	S Beets	S Grain	Orch	Nurs	Sod	W Rice	TOTAL	Permitted
Aitkin															2,320	2,320	7,874
Anoka		92			60	410	97						174	995		1,828	3,573
Becker	651		174			5,712	3,255	6,097	2,583		901			70		19,443	21,159
Beltrami															1,970	1,970	5,905
Benton	1,317	691		694	100	9,054	2,574	2,115	2,408			157	48			19,158	19,647
Big Stone		5				1,773	1,175		1			1				2,955	3,996
Blue Earth						682	331							70		1,083	2,674
Brown	156				72	2,512	1,488									4,228	7,609
Carlton												10				10	30
Carver												2	515			517	203
Cass	139					3,089	1,229	1,318	340		604	2				6,721	8,021
Chippewa						373	354									727	1,116
Chisago						477	20							658		1,155	4,901
Clay						2,684	795		60	210	224					3,973	7,924
Clearwater	140	15				248						10		160	3,199	3,772	6,428
Cook																0	0
Cottonwood						769	354						80			1,203	2,347
Crow Wing				130		1,198	669	180	426				7	75	50	2,735	3,245
Dakota	881	520	1,734	1,810	3,409	31,750	9,200	419	1,151	48		30	1,846	1,443		54,240	69,118
Dodge						404	491									895	896
Douglas	183					5,565	2,289	70	98	303		9				8,517	10,468
Faribault														31		31	171
Fillmore		100					266									366	656
Freeborn						1,057	354									1,411	3,947
Goodhue	74		76	136	92	4,204	1,133							80		5,795	7,818
Grant	105					3,435	455	368			207					4,570	9,458
Hennepin	30												55	310		395	497
Houston																0	45
Hubbard	2,092	1		14	3	8,730	1,434	7,466	4,647		733	2	144	5		25,271	26,756
Isanti	160	32			33	1,921	110		10		327	46	36	3		2,678	3,253

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Itasca		8	3		18				45			2			407	482	1,555
Jackson						17	58						66			141	201
Kanabec																0	440
Kandiyohi	406		110	331	737	6,710	2,457	1,661			130					12,542	16,710
Kittson						2,146	112		1,063		18			314		3,653	4,428
Koochiching															479	479	805
Lac qui Par	159					791	2,677									3,627	5,831
Lake																0	0
Lake of the Woods									130						325	455	845
Le Sueur					107	850	525									1,482	1,848
Lincoln						540	175									715	715
Lyon						126	162									288	396
Mahnomen						110		195								305	548
Marshall									130							130	260
Martin						416	100									516	1,524
McLeod													1			1	679
Meeker	374	2		264	420	4,359	1,348	250								7,017	10,661
Mille Lacs	54					265	32									351	625
Morrison	1,676	5	329	1,731	39	19,221	4,639	4,410	2,453		35		8			34,546	40,512
Mower	60				321	5,064	2,775									8,220	10,296
Murray																0	0
Nicollet						428										428	683
Nobles																0	475
Norman	407					407	131	421	47		45					1,458	2,965
Olmsted													5			5	4
Otter Tail	4,421	2	121		9	45,700	20,438	14,772	6,797		2,480	2	197	51		94,991	105,584
Pennington									172						1,254	1,426	3,655
Pine																0	1,867
Pipestone						2,746	846	150								3,742	5,158
Polk						1,738	530	763	952	130					1,418	5,531	13,956

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Pope	1,141	412	215	1,663	2,309	28,358	8,047	6,857	1,307	2,626	134					53,069	58,494
Ramsey	10	12				10	10				15		8	80		145	349
Red Lake						580	264	415	1,151	130					273	2,813	6,367
Redwood												4	1			5	326
Renville								80		227						307	399
Rice					373	1,003	169					29		325		1,899	2,594
Rock						540	83									623	2,329
Roseau						260	127									387	1,034
Scott					1					25				65		91	405
Sherburne	102	254	120		143	18,977	9,133	397	6,946			60	192	234		36,559	46,670
Sibley																0	0
St. Louis														40		40	0
Stearns	3,498	523	55	1,506	2,151	32,847	8,327	3,027	309	2,386	1,570	36		110		56,343	70,247
Steele						499	674									1,173	1,726
Stevens	939	639				10,052	1,627	3,156	69	1,029	7			100		17,619	21,562
Swift	272	453	170		215	23,261	6,668	3,590		2,124						36,753	46,310
Todd	1,639		55			11,586	5,365	685	1,132		398					20,859	26,015
Traverse																0	292
Wabasha	18		127		50	897	137					18				1,247	1,797
Wadena	934	2		65	6	12,086	6,171	2,643	4,772		1,567		1	80		28,326	33,964
Waseca																0	60
Washington		109				315						187	620	122		1,353	3,602
Watonwan	12		230		80	4,542	1,515	40								6,419	6,840
Wilkin	77					535	242	256		95				40		1,245	4,369
Winona																0	0
Wright	63	82			181	3,861	1,077		167		121	128		25		5,705	8,218
Yellow Medicine																0	1,401
TOTAL	22,190	3,958	3,519	8,344	10,928	327,891	114,714	61,801	39,365	9,333	9,516	735	4,004	5,486	11,695	633,479	818,331
Row Labels	Alfalfa	Veg	S Bean	Peas	S Corn	Corn	Soybean	D Beans	Potato	Beets	S Grain	Orch	Nurs	Sod	Wild Rice		

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Summary of DNR Reported Minnesota Irrigated Acres & County Extension Surveys

Created by Jerry Wright, Retired Extension Ag Irrigation Engineer, University of Minnesota - Feb 6th 2026

Irrigation Acreage Data from 1984 - 2026 from DNR shared by Sean Hunt each year)

Crops	Alf	Veg	S Bean	Peas	S Corn	Corn	Soybean	D Bean	Potato	S Beets	Grain	Fr/Or	Nurs	Sod	W Rice	TOTAL	Permitted	
2024	22,190	3,958	3,519	8,344	10,928	327,891	114,714	61,801	39,365	9,333	9,516	735	4,004	5,486	11,695	633,479	818,331	
2023	27,221	5,138	4,392	10,773	14,952	373,485	124,309	45,296	41,529	9,383	11,433	787	3,234	8,083	11,489	691,502	796,794	
2022	25,132	3,507	4,232	11,293	15,207	350,837	113,402	54,946	45,481	8,994	12,389	899	4,437	6,836	13,920	671,509	797,324	
2021	25,498	4,967	5,296	11,951	14,720	346,452	125,400	60,207	39,683	9,114	12,725	584	4,053	8,127	11,603	680,379	791,206	
2020	24,896	3,331	4,816	12,070	14,495	324,323	109,694	74,830	36,837	9,600	15,031	666	4,511	3,375	10,319	648,795	784,658	
		34,238																
2015	23,809	27,320				306,820	108,626	57,919	39,961	8,358	10,936	349	3,372	1,623	15,224	617,473	756,260	
2010	19,234	2,714	2,019	5,483	7,500	240,815	88,656	36,987	40,124	7,412	12,168	61	925	638	11,623	481,269	614,284	
		15,002																
2000	19,000	15,148				182,448	95,856	31,268	47,688	6,343					17,521	432,888	551,673	
			1,621	3,984	9,543													
1996	21,971					191,954	49,221	37,154	41,640	2,236	3,251				18,103	401,101	527,999	
1991																389,970	532,106	
1984	23,802				7,000	150,662	48,971	11,784	19,114	2,752						301,755	310,432	
1978		* County surveys by Professor Roger Machmeier, Extension Agricultural Engineer *														272,119*		
1975		University of Minnesota Extension Service - Agricultural Engineering Department - St Paul														174,094*		
1974		** 1976 "DISC" Development of Irrigation and Speciality Crops MR-138														111,233**		
1970		University of Minnesota Agricultural Experiment Station														44,379**		
1960																20,000**		
1941																1,500**		
1930																150**		