



Minnesota



Montana



North Dakota



South Dakota

Agriculture...

the foundation of our region's economy

FOUR-STATE REGION CROP PRODUCTION RANKING						
CROP PRODUCTION	NATIONAL RANK BY STATE					
	1	2	3	4	5	6
Barley	ND		MT			MN
Canola	ND	MN	MT			
Corn, Grain				MN		SD
Corn, Silage					MN	
Dry Edible Beans, Navy	ND	MN		SD		
Dry Edible Beans, Pinto	ND					MN
Dry Edible Peas	ND	MT				
Flaxseed	ND	MT	MN/SD			
Hay, Alfalfa			SD			
Lentils	ND	MT				
Oats	ND	MN		SD		
Potatoes				ND		MN
Soybeans			MN			
Sugarbeets	MN		ND			MT
Sunflower, Non-Oil	ND	MN	SD			
Sunflower, Oil	ND	SD		MN		
Wheat, Durum	ND	MT				SD
Wheat, Winter					SD	
Wheat, Spring	ND	MN	MT	SD		
LIVESTOCK PRODUCTION	1	2	3	4	5	6
Calf Crop						SD
Lamb Crop			SD	MT		
Pig Crop			MN			
Turkeys Raised	MN					
Wool Production					MT	SD
Honey Production	ND		SD		MT	MN
Milk Production						MN



Agriculture is the economic backbone of our four-state region: Minnesota, Montana, North Dakota and South Dakota. In 2007, total agricultural exports were valued at \$3.5 billion in Minnesota, \$723 million in Montana, \$2.5 billion in North Dakota, and \$1.85 billion in South Dakota.

- Crops grown in the northern-tier of the U.S. are among the finest in the world and are valued by discriminating customers around the globe.

Since 1983, Northern Crops Institute (NCI) has hosted crop buyers, technical experts, commodity traders, processors and producers from 127 nations. They come to learn more about crop quality and availability.

- Northern Crops Institute does not buy or sell crops. We teach people how to use our crops and how to buy them through the U.S. grain marketing system.

Northern Crops Institute promotes the region's wheat, feed grains, soybeans, pulses and oilseeds, and their products through educational and technical programs for international and U.S. buyers.

- Northern Crops Institute is the prime source of technical education about northern-grown crops and technical services for value-added products.

Located on the campus of North Dakota State University, Northern Crops Institute supports regional agriculture and value-added processing by conducting programs that expand and maintain domestic and international markets for northern-grown crops.

Northern Crops Institute....Connecting in the Global Marketplace

Agriculture in Our Four-State Region

Minnesota

State Population: 5.19 million (2007)
Number of Farms: 79,000 (2007)
Farm Land: 27.51 million acres (2002)
Average Farm Size: 340 acres (2007)
State Capital: Saint Paul



Top Agriculture Commodities in 2007

1. Corn
2. Soybeans
3. Hogs
4. Dairy products
5. Cattle and calves

Top Agriculture Exports, est. for 2007

1. Soybeans and products
2. Feed grains and products
3. Live animals and meat
4. Wheat and products
5. Other

Minnesota Climate Averages

Month	City	Temp.	Precip.
January	Crookston	2° F.	0.5"
	St. Paul	15° F.	0.9"
	Mankato	14° F.	0.7"
April	Crookston	41° F.	1.5"
	St. Paul	48° F.	2.6"
	Mankato	48° F.	2.5"
July	Crookston	70° F.	2.8"
	St. Paul	74° F.	3.9"
	Mankato	74° F.	4.1"
October	Crookston	44° F.	1.5"
	St. Paul	51° F.	2.5"
	Mankato	50° F.	2.1"

Montana

State Population: 957,861 (2007)
Number of Farms: 28,300 (2007)
Farm Land: 59.61 million acres (2002)
Average Farm Size: 2,139 acres (2007)
State Capital: Helena



Top Agriculture Commodities in 2007

1. Cattle and calves
2. Wheat
3. Barley
4. Hay
5. Dairy products

Top Agriculture Exports, est. for 2007

1. Wheat and products
2. Feeds and fodders
3. Vegetables and preparations
4. Feed grains and products
5. Seeds

Montana Climate Averages

Month	City	Temp.	Precip.
January	Glendive	14° F.	0.5"
	Great Falls	21° F.	0.9"
	Helena	20° F.	0.6"
April	Glendive	46° F.	1.3"
	Great Falls	44° F.	1.4"
	Helena	44° F.	1.0"
July	Glendive	74° F.	1.7"
	Great Falls	68° F.	1.3"
	Helena	68° F.	1.1"
October	Glendive	48° F.	0.8"
	Great Falls	48° F.	0.8"
	Helena	45° F.	0.6"

North Dakota

State Population: 639,715 (2007)
Number of Farms: 30,100 (2007)
Farm Land: 39.29 million acres (2002)
Average Farm Size: 1,283 acres (2007)
State Capital: Bismarck



Top Agriculture Commodities in 2007

1. Wheat
2. Soybeans
3. Cattle and calves
4. Corn
5. Sugar Beets

Top Agriculture Exports, est. for 2007

1. Wheat and products
2. Soybeans and products
3. Feed grains and products
4. Vegetables and preparations
5. Other

North Dakota Climate Averages

Month	City	Temp.	Precip.
January	Fargo	6° F.	0.7"
	Bismarck	8° F.	0.5"
	Williston	8° F.	0.5"
April	Fargo	44° F.	1.8"
	Bismarck	44° F.	1.7"
	Williston	44° F.	1.3"
July	Fargo	71° F.	2.7"
	Bismarck	70° F.	2.1"
	Williston	71° F.	2.1"
October	Fargo	46° F.	1.7"
	Bismarck	46° F.	0.9"
	Williston	45° F.	0.8"

South Dakota

State Population: 796,214 (2007)
Number of Farms: 31,300 (2007)
Farm Land: 43.79 million acres (2002)
Average Farm Size: 1,380 acres (2002)
State Capital: Pierre



Top Agriculture Commodities in 2007

1. Cattle and calves
2. Corn
3. Soybeans
4. Wheat
5. Hogs

Top Agriculture Exports, est. for 2007

1. Soybeans and products
2. Feed grains and products
3. Wheat and products
4. Live animals and meat
5. Feeds and fodders

South Dakota Climate Averages

Month	City	Temp.	Precip.
January	Aberdeen	10° F.	0.4"
	Pierre	17° F.	0.4"
	Rapid City	22° F.	0.4"
April	Aberdeen	45° F.	2.0"
	Pierre	47° F.	2.1"
	Rapid City	45° F.	1.9"
July	Aberdeen	74° F.	2.8"
	Pierre	76° F.	2.6"
	Rapid City	72° F.	2.0"
October	Aberdeen	47° F.	1.1"
	Pierre	50° F.	1.3"
	Rapid City	48° F.	1.1"