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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY



The Agricultural Growth, Research, and Innovation (AGRI) Program, established at the Minnesota Department of Agriculture (MDA) by MINN. STAT. 41A.12, advances the state's agricultural and renewable energy industries. In Fiscal Year 2025 (FY25), the MDA awarded nearly \$23.3 million to farmers, agricultural businesses, and schools through:

- ▶ Beginning Farmer Farm Business Management Scholarships
- ▶ Biofuels Infrastructure Grants
- ▶ Bioincentive Program
- ▶ County Fair Grants
- ▶ Crop Research Grants
- ▶ Farm to School Grants
- ▶ Good Agricultural Practices (GAP)/Good Handling Practices (GHP) Cost-Share
- ▶ Good Food Access Program (GFAP) Grants
- ▶ Livestock Investment Grants
- ▶ Meat, Poultry, Egg, and Milk Grants
- ▶ Make it Minnesota CostShare
- ▶ Preparing for Extreme Weather Grants
- ▶ Protecting Livestock Grants
- ▶ Sustainable Agriculture Demonstration Grants
- ▶ Urban Agriculture Grants
- ▶ Value-Added Grants

The AGRI appropriation in FY26 is \$18.257 million. As of Feb. 1, 2026, the MDA is accepting applications for County Fair Grants, Good Agricultural Practices (GAP)/Good Handling Practices (GHP) Cost-Share, Food Retailer Improvement and Development Grants, Make it Minnesota Cost-Share, and Urban Agriculture Grants. The MDA also recently opened the Dairy Investment and Assistance Relief Initiative.

INTRODUCTION

The Minnesota Legislature established the AGRI Program (MINN. STAT. 41A.12) in 2009. The statute authorizes the commissioner of agriculture to issue grants, loans, and other types of financial assistance for activities including, but not limited to, grants to livestock producers under the Livestock Investment Grant Program (MINN. STAT. 17.118); bioenergy awards made by the NextGen Energy Board (MINN. STAT. 41A.105); grants for the installation of biofuel blender pumps; and financial assistance to support other rural economic infrastructure activities.¹

In FY25, the commissioner implemented the following programs:

Beginning Farmer Farm Business Management

Scholarships to encourage beginning farmers to enroll in Farm Business Management instruction.

Biofuels Infrastructure Grants to help retail service stations upgrade their infrastructure to increase access to and sales of motor fuel blends containing at least 15% ethanol.

Bioincentive Program payments to encourage production of advanced biofuels, renewable chemicals, and biomass thermal energy.

County Fair Grants to help county fairs preserve and promote Minnesota agriculture.

Crop Research Grants to catalyze research that will improve the quality, quantity, and value of crops grown in Minnesota.

Farm to School Grants to help schools and early childhood education centers purchase and serve more Minnesota-grown and -raised products in their school meal programs.

GAP/GHP Certification Cost-Share to increase the number of food safety-certified farms and food processors.

Good Food Access Program Equipment and Physical Improvement Grants to help grocery stores and small food retailers buy equipment and make physical improvements.

Livestock Investment Grants to help farmers and ranchers initiate or expand livestock production.

Make It Minnesota Cost-Share to help farm or branded food, beverage, or pet food companies take advantage of growth opportunities through a variety of high-impact marketing activities.

Minnesota Pavilions to offer financial, promotional, and logistical support to small-to-medium-sized food and beverage companies that exhibit with the MDA at select wholesale trade shows.

Preparing for Extreme Weather Grants to help Minnesota livestock and specialty crop producers make their operations more resilient against extreme weather.

Protecting Livestock Grants to help Minnesota farmers protect their livestock from disease outbreaks.

Sustainable Agriculture Demonstration Grants to enhance the environmental, economic, and social sustainability of Minnesota farms through farmer-led on-farm research.

Urban Agriculture Grants to stimulate urban youth agricultural education and/or urban agricultural community development.

Value-Added Grants to buy equipment necessary to create, upgrade, or modernize value-added businesses.

BACKGROUND

Funds for the AGRI Program were first made available in FY13 after the state fulfilled its 10-year commitment to support the ethanol industry. In that first year, the Legislature combined \$641,422 in carryover funds from the FY12 ethanol producer payments appropriation with a separate \$2.3 million appropriation (Laws of Minnesota 2011 Ch. 14 sec. 3 subd. 4). The annual AGRI appropriation grew from \$10.235 million in FY14 to \$27.457 million in FY25, but decreased to \$18.257 million in FY26 and \$18.007 million in FY27.

¹ The NextGen Energy statute (MINN. STAT. 41A.105) created the NextGen Energy Board and authorized NextGen and authorized NextGen grants. It expired on June 30, 2015.

BEGINNING FARMER FARM BUSINESS MANAGEMENT SCHOLARSHIPS

Farm Business Management (FBM) Scholarships help farm operators learn profitable business management strategies. Led by Minnesota State, the program teaches farmers how to use their own farm records to make sound business decisions. Instructors meet with students one-on-one and/or in small group settings.

The MDA's Beginning Farmer FBM Scholarship program defines a beginning farmer as a person who has owned or operated a farm or ranch, wholly or in partnership with others, for 10 years or fewer. As owner/operator, a person must have a financial interest in the farm, must participate in making some or all management decisions, and must participate in the operation of the farm on a regular basis. The Beginning Farmer FBM Scholarship program pays 50% of the cost for beginning farmers to enroll in up to 10 credits of FBM education per year until the student earns 40 credits.

In FY25, the MDA awarded \$450,000 to the schools' foundations for scholarships. These funds helped 569 owner/operators afford FBM tuition. An additional \$450,000 was allotted for scholarships during the 2025-2026 school year.

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For new farmers, there's no better resource than the Minnesota Farm Business Management Program – especially with support from Minnesota's Beginning Farmer Scholarship Fund. It offers an unmatched opportunity to gain hands-on experience and personalized guidance from seasoned agricultural professionals in financial planning and business management.

Justin, Blue Earth County

My work with FBM has allowed me to be more confident in my decisions I am making as I expand my operation during this difficult time in farming. The Beginning Farmer Scholarship has allowed me to not have to worry about the cost of the services and concentrate on making good confident decisions for my farming business with the help from my instructor.

Nick, Pipestone County

The skills and programs FBM has put in place right from the beginning have helped me to have a better grasp on the true costs of farming and business ownership. It continues to be an important part of our farm's success.

Christine, Sibley County

BIOFUELS INFRASTRUCTURE GRANT

The Biofuels Infrastructure Program invests in equipment certified as compatible with E25 or higher blends to increase consumer access to and sales of motor fuel blends that contain at least 15% ethanol. The program makes

grants to fueling stations for the replacement or installation of new fuel pumps, fuel storage tanks, and other equipment needed to dispense higher ethanol blend biofuels. This program supports the biofuel replacement goals established under the Petroleum Replacement Promotion statute (MINN. STAT. 239.7911).



Grantee Spotlight

Farmers Cooperative Oil is a diversified farmer-owned agricultural cooperative in Elbow Lake. FY25 grant funds were used to upgrade tanks, pumps, and dispensers for compatibility with higher ethanol blends. The project was completed in the summer of 2025, and the co-op now is dispensing E15, E30, E50, and E85. The co-op states that it is the only retailer offering higher ethanol blends within a 25-mile radius.

In FY25, \$3.695 million was available, including \$3.25 million appropriated by the Legislature and \$246,000 remaining from a \$1 million gift from the Minnesota Corn Growers Association in 2022.

More detailed information about this program can be found in a separate Biofuels Infrastructure Program Legislative Report.

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| FY 2025 Summary | |
| Applications Received/Amount Requested | 64/\$11.36 million |
| Applications Funded/Amount Awarded | 20/\$3.56 million |
| Estimated Leveraged Private Investment | \$3.1 million |

For FY26, about \$5 million is available, including funds appropriated by the Legislature to the AGRI Program, funds from FY22 and FY23 projects that were canceled or not completed by their contract expiration date, and remaining funds from the Minnesota Corn gift. The MDA received 28 proposals requesting \$5.35 million. Evaluations took place at the end of 2025, with contracts currently in process.

BIOINCENTIVE PROGRAM

The Bioincentive Program issues payments to eligible entities that produce advanced biofuels, renewable chemicals, biomass thermal energy, and siding. MINN. STAT. 41A.15-41A.20 describes program eligibility, requirements, and payment amounts and limits. The FY24 and FY25 budget rider appropriated \$5.75 million each year for this program, of which \$50,000 was reserved for administrative costs.

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| FY 2025 Summary | |
| Amount of Qualified Claims Received | \$6.45 million |

In FY25, 11 producers received payments totaling \$5.7 million. Payments were apportioned as follows:

- Advanced Biofuels: \$4,209,897
- Renewable Chemicals: \$1,246,403
- Biomass Thermal Energy Production: \$243,699
- Siding: \$0

Nine participants received less than the amount for which they qualified because the appropriation was exhausted by claims made in Quarters 1, 2, and 3. Unpaid claims for FY25 (exceeding available funding) totaled \$747,100.

In FY26 and FY27, \$3 million per fiscal year is available for the program. The MDA anticipates that funding will again be fully used by the end of Quarter 3. More detailed information about this program is available in the separate Bioincentive Program Legislative Report.

COUNTY FAIR GRANTS

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| FY 2025 Summary | |
| Applications Funded/Amount Awarded | 92/\$983,835 |

The MDA offers two types of grants for county fairs. The AGRI County Fair Grant is for the preservation and promotion of Minnesota agriculture; the Legacy County Fair Grant, funded through the Legacy Arts and Cultural Heritage Fund, promotes Minnesota’s arts and agricultural history. The FY24 and FY25 budget rider allocated about



Grantee Spotlight

The Wright County Fair used FY25 AGRI County Fair Grant funds to upgrade the sound system for their horse arena.

\$1 million each year to support Minnesota’s 93 county fairs. Each fair was eligible to receive up to \$10,800.

In total, the MDA distributed \$983,835 in AGRI funds to 92 county fairs. Fairs used the funding in various ways, such as completing concrete work in poultry buildings, upgrading sound systems for horse arenas, buying sheep pens, and updating children’s barn yards.

The MDA is currently accepting applications from county fairs for the FY26 grant cycle. Each fair is eligible to receive \$10,050 in AGRI funds and \$4,710 in Legacy funds.

CROP RESEARCH GRANTS

Crop Research Grants generate university-level applied research to improve the quality, quantity, or value of crops grown in Minnesota. Awards of up to \$250,000 can fully reimburse grantees for their project costs, with no match required. Projects must provide near-term benefits for Minnesota agriculture and associated industries and must include a robust outreach component to transfer results and technology to farmers. This program differs from other funding sources, such as federal grants, by supporting research that focuses on emerging or chronic crop production issues specific to Minnesota. With the goal of developing practical applications from projects in three to seven years, these grants are unique in addressing the immediate research needs of Minnesota farmers.

As of the publication of the FY24 AGRI legislative report, the FY24 awards were not yet public, so this report includes both FY24 and FY25 program details. See Appendix A for a list of FY24 and FY25 Crop Research Grant recipients.

FY 2024 Summary

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| Applications Received/Amount Requested | 16/\$3.49 million |
| Applications Funded/Amount Awarded | 6/\$1.12 million |

FY 2025 Summary

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| Applications Received/Amount Requested | 33/\$7,787,737 |
| Applications Funded/Amount Awarded | 5/\$1.25 million |

FARM TO SCHOOL AND EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION GRANTS

The AGRI Farm to School and Early Care grant programs support Minnesota school districts, early childhood education (ECE) centers, and family child care providers wanting to buy and serve Minnesota agricultural products.

In FY25, the programs were expanded to include family day care providers, in addition to schools and ECE centers. In FY25, \$1,051,875 was available for the Farm to School and Early Care programs with \$100,000 set aside for the new Local Tots Cost-Share program for family day care providers, leaving \$951,875 for Farm to School and Early Care grants.

Farm to School and Early Care Grants

Schools, school districts, and ECE centers were able to apply for one of two food grants, with each grant tailored toward differing levels of Farm to School experience. Applicants needed to

“ We purchased meat to be used for the daycare from a family that used to attend my daycare. This makes making healthy meals easier, and to get the children beef from a local farm is great!

Brooke Carr
Carr’s Clubhouse, Spring Valley

Thank you for the opportunity. The children are enjoying learning about where their food comes from, and I feel good about feeding them local, healthy foods.

Margorie Lapinski
Margie’s Daycare, Woodbury

participate in either the National School Lunch Program (NSLP) or the Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP).

- **First Bite Mini Grants** were intended for school districts and ECE centers new to Farm to School or Farm to Early Care. Applicants could apply for awards ranging between \$2,500 and \$5,000 and did not have to provide matching funds.
- **Full Tray Grants** were designed for school districts and ECE centers with some prior Farm to School or Farm to Early Care experience. Applicants could apply for up to \$35,000, depending on the number of meals served in their federal meal program(s). A 1:1 cash match was required.

Applicants also could apply for up to \$25,000 to purchase kitchen equipment to support their Farm to School and Early Care initiatives. A 1:1 cash match was required.

| FY 2025 Grants Summary | |
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| Applications Received/Amount Requested | 73/\$1.58 million |
| Food Applications Funded/Amount Awarded | 73/\$871,089 |
| Equipment Applications Funded/Amount Awarded | 13/\$80,786 |
| Grant Type Awarded | School: 14 First Bite 49 Full Tray 10 Equipment Early Care: 8 First Bite 2 Full Tray 3 Equipment |

Local Tots Cost-Share

The Local Tots Cost-Share reimburses providers for their purchases of Minnesota-grown and -raised foods as a part of CACFP meals and snacks. Interested family child care providers were able to submit a letter of intent to participate. Each provider received an award of \$500; matching funds were not required.

| FY 2025 Local Tots Cost-Share Summary | |
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| Applications Received | 195 |
| Cost-Share Funded/Amount Awarded | 194/\$97,000 |
| Award size per Provider | \$500 |



Grantee Spotlight

The Kid Zone Early Learning Center in Hopkins used grant funds to partner with Tree Range Farms in Northfield to serve chicken throughout the year. In addition to serving local chicken, Kid Zone brought the farmer into the learning center to talk with students about what farms look like, the process of raising chickens, and regenerative farming practices.

See Appendix B for a list of FY25 Farm to School and Early Care recipients, a map of their locations, a list of Local Tots Cost-Share recipients, and a map showing grantees from FY17-25.

In FY26, \$1.35 million is available to support Farm to School and Early Care programs, including the First Bite, Full Tray, and Equipment grants, and the Local Tots Cost-Share program. The MDA received 102 applications requesting \$1,458,166 in food, with 51 of those applicants requesting an additional \$657,785 in equipment funding. The MDA also received 314 Local Tots Cost-Share letters of intent requesting \$308,640. Evaluations took place at the end of 2025; contracts are currently being processed.

GOOD AGRICULTURAL PRACTICES (GAP)/GOOD HANDLING PRACTICES (GHP) CERTIFICATION COST-SHARE

The GAP/GHP Certification Cost-Share Program defrays farmer and processor costs to obtain GAP and/or GHP certification for food safety. This kind of certification is often required to sell produce to schools and institutions and through retail markets.

GAP and GHP certifications focus on improving the safety and quality of produce in the field and/or during handling. They require food safety plans and independent audits to verify that farmers and processors are producing, packing, handling, and storing fruits and vegetables in the safest manner possible. In FY25, growers and handlers who met USDA GAP and/or GHP standards, as assessed by an accredited certifier, were eligible to receive a reimbursement of 75% of their certification costs of up to \$2,500 for a maximum of three years.

FY 2025 Summary

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| Number of requests for reimbursement | 1 |
| Amount in claims disbursed | \$872 |

In FY26, GAP/GHP Cost-Share applications will be accepted through May.

GOOD FOOD ACCESS PROGRAM

The Good Food Access Program (GFAP) increases availability of and access to affordable, nutritious, and culturally appropriate food, including produce, for underserved communities in low- and moderate-income areas. The program provides financial support and technical assistance to open, renovate, or expand the operations of grocery stores and small food retailers through two grant opportunities: Equipment and Physical Improvement Grants (for retailers) and Technical Assistance Grants (for technical assistance providers). MINN. STAT. 17.1017 describes eligibility requirements, program administration, and additional selection criteria. The FY24 and FY25 budget rider provided \$1 million each year for the program. Based on the recommendation of the GFAP Advisory Committee, the MDA did not offer the Technical Assistance Grants in FY25 so that more funding could go toward the Equipment and Physical Improvement Program.

FY 2025 Summary

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| Applications Received/Amount Requested | 90/\$4.75 million |
| Applications Funded/Amount Awarded | 21/\$935,000 |
| Estimated Leveraged Private Investment | \$4.88 million |

Funded projects ranged from \$7,000 to \$75,000. Grantees are using these grants for activities such as installing coolers and freezers to expand their retail space and/or improve energy efficiency with their equipment.

In FY26, the program name changed to the Food Retail Improvement and Development Program with \$1 million in available funds. The MDA is currently accepting applications for the Equipment and Infrastructure Grants (for retailers) and the Technical Assistance Provider Support Grants (for technical support providers).

More detailed information about this program can be found in a separate Good Food Access Program Legislative Report.

LIVESTOCK INVESTMENT GRANT

The AGRI Livestock Investment Grant (LIG), established by MINN. STAT. 17.118, encourages long-term industry development for Minnesota livestock producers by investing in infrastructure and equipment.

“The Livestock Investment Grant has allowed us to build our herd numbers while increasing efficiency and animal health, wellness, and comfort. Having the funding to do the project the correct way has made a huge impact on our ability to implement new equipment and ideas that are better both for us and the cattle.

Paul Gathje, Gathje Farms, Stewartville

FY 2025 Summary

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| Applications Received/Amount Requested | 112/\$1.25 million |
| Applications Funded/Amount Awarded | 63/\$844,960 |
| Estimated Leveraged Private Investment | 23:1 |

The program reimburses grantees for 10% of qualifying expenses, with a maximum award of \$25,000 per year. Grants are awarded competitively based upon recommendations made by a panel of MDA and external reviewers with experience in the livestock industry. In FY25, evaluation criteria prioritized new farmers, generational transitions, recovery from natural disasters, farm management plans/programs, accessibility improvements, robotic milking equipment and other technology, improving profitability, and positive environmental impacts.

A list of FY25 awardees, a map of their locations, and a map of FY17-25 recipients are available in Appendix C.

Among the recipients, 40 are beginning farmers who started farming within the past 10 years. Most recipients who completed their projects believe the improvement made their farms more efficient and profitable, enhanced environmental sustainability, and supported the raising of healthier animals.

During the 2025 legislative session, the Livestock Investment Grant statute was amended. The changes include:

- **Applicant eligibility:** To be eligible, applicants must be a resident of the state of Minnesota, a business entity authorized to farm in Minnesota, or a unit of Tribal government.
- **Livestock type eligibility:** Eligible livestock is now defined as animals raised for the production of fiber, meat, and animal by-products for sale or as breeding stock, including but not limited to beef cattle, dairy cattle, swine, poultry, goats, mules, farmed cervids (deer or elk), ratites (flightless birds including emu), bison, sheep, horses, aquaculture, and llamas.
- **Reimbursement:** The grant will reimburse 50% of the first \$20,000 in eligible expenses, then 25% of eligible expenses up to the maximum grant amount of \$25,000.

In FY26, the MDA received 386 applications requesting more than \$6 million. Evaluations took place at the end of 2025; contracts are currently being processed.

MAKE IT MINNESOTA

FY 2025 Summary

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| Minnesota Pavilions Participants | 34 small- and medium-sized enterprises |
| Make it Minnesota Cost-Share Program Participants | 170 small- and medium-sized enterprises |

Make it Minnesota is the MDA's flagship effort to help homegrown food, beverage, pet food brands, and farms reach new customers and markets. From bustling trade show floors to strategic marketing investments, the program supports emerging companies with resources, funding, and visibility to drive long-term growth.

Minnesota Pavilions

Through participation in the FY25 Minnesota Pavilions trade show program, supported brands collectively reported hundreds of new sales contacts, high-value business leads, and new distributor relationships.

Minnesota Pavilions put local companies in the spotlight at top-tier national business-to-business (B2B) trade shows. The MDA secures premium booth space and delivers logistical, promotional, and financial support, allowing companies to focus on what they do best: selling their story and their products.

“We are so grateful for this program! This year, we were able to pay for a marketing run which led us to be named Best Granola of 2025 by Better Homes and Gardens, among other things. Thank you!”

Liza Maya
Soul Grain, St. Paul

In FY25 Minnesota brands had a strong presence at:

- Winter Fancy Food Show (Las Vegas, NV)
- Natural Products Expo West (Anaheim, CA)
- National Restaurant Association Show – Taste of the States Pavilion (Chicago, IL)
- Sweets and Snacks Expo (Indianapolis, IN)

The MDA supported 34 Minnesota companies across these major events.

Make it Minnesota Cost-Share Program

Through the Make it Minnesota Cost-Share Program, the MDA incentivizes marketing investment by small food and beverage businesses and farms. A total of 170 brands participated. In FY25, this program reimbursed expenses in the following categories, up to \$3,000 per company:

- **In-store demos:** includes labor for an employee or owner and mileage for retail product demonstrations.
- **B2B trade shows:** includes booth rental at in-person and virtual events, Minnesota Pavilions booth discounts, and limited travel costs for new exhibitors through the MDA's Walk the Floor Mentorship Program.
- **Wholesale and retail activities:** includes expenses that contribute to better brand performance in retail, such as syndicated data, brand strategy consulting, and logo/label design.
- **E-commerce and digital marketing activities:** includes expenses like email and social media marketing, website design and development, photography, and videography.

“Excellent way to grow our in-store demonstration presence and online footprint!”

Jeff Roslund
Dapper Barons, St. Paul

The MDA sent evaluation surveys to all program participants, and 46 participants responded. Survey respondents shared overwhelmingly positive feedback and many credited the program with helping them access new markets, especially through e-commerce and trade show participation. One respondent noted that they were able to launch an online store and reach buyers in 15 states. Cost-sharing support was highlighted as a critical factor in enabling participation in otherwise cost-prohibitive marketing opportunities. Respondents appreciated the smooth application process and flexibility of the program. Several cited trade shows and tastings as key to customer acquisition. Common barriers to growth included cash flow, staffing, and packaging availability. Some businesses requested expanded support for distributor-

sponsored trade shows, and newer participants expressed interest in deepening their engagement with the program moving forward. Overall, some key themes emerged from survey respondent's answers:

- Cost-sharing support is deeply appreciated.
- Application process is smooth and efficient.
- Participation enables access to opportunities that would otherwise be too costly.

Overall, the program supports the efforts of businesses still building their sales channels and access to broader markets:

- 93% of respondents explored new markets.
- 76% of respondents started selling to new stores
- 52% of respondents initiated new distributor relationships.



JonnyPops, a Minnesota frozen popsicle brand, drew a large crowd at Natural Products Expo West.

Extrapolating survey results to all 170 participants, the MDA estimates the following outcomes for participating businesses and farms:

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| New stores distributed to | New distributor relationships established | New gross retail sales generated |
| 10,950 | 200+ | \$7.2 million |

A list of Cost-Share Program and Minnesota Pavilions participants, a map of their locations, and a map of FY25 recipients can be found in Appendices D and E.

PREPARING FOR EXTREME WEATHER GRANT

The AGRI Preparing for Extreme Weather Grant, also known as the Prepare Grant, helps Minnesota livestock and specialty crop producers buy and install supplies and equipment that help make their operations more resilient to extreme weather, including drought, flooding, hail, and other severe weather events like storms, tornadoes, and straight-line wind. These weather events put significant stress on producers; this program aims to put producers in a better position when a severe weather event occurs. The MDA made \$500,000 of undesignated AGRI funds available for this program.

Of the recipients who completed their projects, most noted that their projects decreased the risk of extreme weather impacting their farms and offered that they would not have been able to do their projects without the grant.

See Appendix F for a list of FY25 grantees.



Grantee Spotlight

Josh Krenz’s farm, Windland Flats, raises grass-fed beef and lamb with a focus on regenerative agricultural practices, including rotational grazing. Drought has affected Windland Flats over the past few years, and Josh has reduced their rotational pastures to manage grazing based on water availability. This has left much of the pasture with no shade sources for their Highland cattle, which are highly susceptible to heat stress due to their long hair. Using grant funds, Josh installed a mobile shade structure in his pasture to manage drought effects and protect their cattle.

FY 2025 Summary

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| Funding Available | \$500,000 |
| Applications Received/Amount Requested | 159/\$1.116 million |
| Applications Funded/Amount Awarded | 65/\$403,206 |
| Estimated Leveraged Private Investment | \$2.9:\$1 |

In FY26, the MDA received 143 applications and is currently in the review process.

PROTECTING LIVESTOCK GRANT

The AGRI Protecting Livestock Grant, also referred to as the Protect Grant, helps Minnesota farmers and ranchers purchase and install equipment and supplies to prevent the transmission of avian influenza on their farms.

FY 2025 Summary

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| Applications Received/Amount Requested | 48/\$383,028 |
| Applications Funded/Amount Awarded | 35/\$292,477 |
| Estimated Leveraged Private Investment | \$2:\$1 |

In FY25, the MDA allocated both designated funds for the Protect Grant and additional undesignated funds to support this program, enabling the funding of projects addressing a range of livestock types and protection measures. Truck washes clean vehicles so pathogens won't be spread via farm vehicles. Cattle ear tags monitor bio-information, such as temperature and movement, which can be used to predict and track illness in individual cattle. Some grantees installed Danish entry systems in hog or poultry barns, where separate clean and dirty areas can prevent disease spread. Installing quarantine pens allows farmers to separate sick and healthy livestock, so fewer healthy animals fall ill.

See Appendix G for a list and map of FY25 grantees.

In FY26, there is \$250,000 designated for the program in the budget rider. The Protect Grant is accepting applications until Jan. 15, 2026.

The rider further requires that grants focus on preventing the transmission of highly pathogenic avian influenza (HPAI). As of the publishing of this report, HPAI has affected more than 9.94 million birds on 211 sites in Minnesota since March 2022.

SUSTAINABLE AGRICULTURE DEMONSTRATION GRANTS

Since 1989, the Sustainable Agriculture (SustAg) Demonstration Grant program (MINN. STAT. 17.116) has helped farmers, nonprofit groups, agricultural researchers, and educators explore ways to enhance the sustainability of a wide range of farming systems. The 2024 Legislature made changes to the statute to allow grants to be awarded to organizations such as Tribal entities, local units of government, and agricultural cooperatives. These changes were implemented during FY25.

The program funds projects that research or demonstrate farm-based agricultural techniques or systems that address energy efficiency, environmental benefits, and/or profitability. Grantees report annually on their progress, and their final reports are compiled and published by the MDA in the *Greenbook* so other farmers and researchers can learn from their experiences. As of 2024, the *Greenbook* is published digitally as a series within the Minnesota Water Research Library, allowing users to search for relevant articles and research past projects. Staff are currently working to publish archives of the *Greenbook* in the online library as well.

See Appendix H for a list of FY25 grantees.

FY 2025 Summary

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| Applications Received/Amount Requested | 25/\$900,000 |
| Applications Funded/Amount Awarded | 11/\$336,383 |
| Estimated Leveraged Private Investment | \$127,000 |

URBAN AGRICULTURE GRANTS

AGRI Urban Agriculture grants promote youth agricultural education and/or agriculture-connected community development in urban and peri-urban areas throughout Minnesota. For-profit businesses, nonprofit organizations, schools, local government entities, and Native American Tribal communities are eligible to apply for the program.



Grantee Spotlight

Lake Region Healthcare Foundation, located in Fergus Falls, received a FY25 AGRI Urban Agriculture grant to build a greenhouse to increase production capacity at the Lake Region Takes Root Community Garden. Produce grown in the garden and greenhouse will be donated to area food shelves. Through this grant, Lake Region Healthcare Foundation has been able to leverage additional funding and volunteers, both of which will be essential for the sustainability of the project. The foundation planned to wrap up greenhouse construction in 2025 for planting in spring 2026. A youth internship program, with the greenhouse as a focal point, will launch in summer 2026.

They can use funds to buy equipment, make physical improvements, and pay for staff time to carry out urban agriculture-related programming. The FY24 and FY25 AGRI budget rider allocated \$2 million for the program. A panel of MDA staff and external reviewers evaluates proposals for long-term sustainability, the applicant's capacity to implement the project, impacts on economic justice and the environment, and commitment to serving underserved communities. A list of grantees and a map of their locations are available in Appendix I.

In 2025, the Urban Agriculture program was granted new rider language to expand the use of grant funds to include value-added processing and vocational training related to urban agriculture. As a result, two FY26 Requests for Proposals (RFPs) were released focusing on urban agriculture youth education projects and urban agriculture community and economic development projects.

FY 2025 Summary

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| Applications Received/Amount Requested | 69/\$3.95 million |
| Applications Funded/Amount Awarded | 33/\$1.7 million |
| Estimated Leveraged Private Investment | \$4.2 million |

VALUE-ADDED AND MEAT, POULTRY, EGG, AND MILK PROCESSING GRANTS

The AGRI Value-Added and Meat, Poultry, Egg, and Milk (MPEM) Grants help value-added and livestock processing businesses invest in equipment and related physical improvements to increase sales of products produced with Minnesota-grown ingredients.

Value-Added Grant

This program impacts a variety of agricultural products including apples, grains, grapes, hemp, honey, potatoes, etc. Results include increased efficiency, diversification, and processing of new products or utilizing more agricultural products from Minnesota farmers. Businesses and projects of all

“This grant has allowed us to greatly expand our business and increase the market for our apple juice products. The assistance provided to establish our freezer will allow us to increase the shelf life of our fresh apple juice products from days to 18 months.”

Suzanne Kollodge
In-Cider Orchard, Mora

sizes benefit, and businesses across the program project sales growth between thousands and millions of dollars based on the scale of their business. Examples of grant projects include purchasing refrigeration or freezer equipment, produce washing and grading equipment, and bottling and labeling equipment.

In the spring of FY25, the MDA released an additional grant round comprised of FY25 carryover funds and FY26 funds set aside for both the Value-Added and MPEM programs. The grant closed at the beginning of FY26 with 93 submitted applications requesting about \$5.7 million.

FY 2025 Summary

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| Applications Received/Amount Requested | 48/\$2.6 million |
| Applications Funded/Amount Awarded | 16/\$714,010 |
| Estimated Leveraged Private Investment | \$2.88 million |

A list of FY25 recipients, a map detailing their locations, and a map showing FY17-25 grantees are available in Appendix J.



Grantee Interview

Bruce Savage and Tawny Smith-Savage are the owners of Spirit Lake Native Farms, a Native-owned family business located on the Fond du Lac Reservation in Sawyer. They produce seasonally harvested maple syrup and wild rice using traditional processing methods. Bruce received an AGRI Value-Added Grant in FY25 to purchase a firewood processor needed for wood-firing maple syrup and parching wild rice. We recently spoke with Bruce about the grant’s impact on his business and community.

How has this equipment impacted your business?

When my wife and I started this business, we’d go out after work, and she’d hold a flashlight while I chopped wood by hand! Using the firewood processor saves time 100-fold, and it frees up our time to manage other aspects of our business, like working with inspectors and processing more maple syrup and wild rice. Plus, it’s efficient – there’s very little waste product. The technology on this type of equipment has come far even in the past five years.

How has this grant impacted your community?

Being able to process more efficiently allows traditional foods to be used in our Tribal communities more often, which is very important. The increased revenue from these products is spent in our local economies. It also helps us continue our cultural connection with fire and traditional processing methods.

I think using new technologies cultivates interest from our youth, helps us practice good forest management, and brings awareness of our products to others.

Top photo: Bruce and his son-in-law Chris operate the firewood processor. The new equipment can split eight-foot bolts of wood into usable firewood for wood-fired parching.

Bottom photo: Lines of tubing run from maple tree to maple tree in the sugaring process. Spirit Lake Native Farms expects to double their maple syrup production capacity by using the new firewood processor.

Meat, Poultry, Egg, and Milk Grant

The MPEM Grant operates as a Value-Added Grant specifically targeted toward livestock processors. Examples of grant projects include purchasing meat processing equipment such as rail systems or grinders, purchasing egg washers, and installing epoxy flooring for increased food safety.

FY 2025 Summary

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| Applications Received/Amount Requested | 54/\$3.28 million |
| Applications Funded/Amount Awarded | 26/\$1,041,613 |
| Estimated Leveraged Private Investment | \$4,245,055 |

“This grant allowed us to open up a meat processing shop, which is a huge need in our area. Using the grant for refrigeration and cooling let us be more time-efficient and focus on items that wouldn’t have been able to be in our budget previously.

Michelle Hanenberger
Bear Country Meats, Byron



The MPEM Grant prioritized projects that create additional meat or poultry slaughter capacity as well as projects that increase access to kosher or halal markets. Fifteen processing businesses were new MPEM grantees. Five projects increased dairy-related processing.

Awards covered 50% of the total project cost for the first \$50,000, and 25% of remaining costs, with a minimum award of \$1,000 and maximum award of \$150,000.

About \$1.17 million was available for FY25 awards. A list of FY25 recipients, a map detailing their locations, and a map showing FY17-25 grantees are available in Appendix J.

Grantee Spotlight

Amo Creamery, located in Heron Lake, received an AGRI Meat, Poultry, Egg, and Milk Grant for completing their new on-farm creamery, which includes purchasing epoxy flooring and installing plumbing, heating, and cooling. Amo Creamery creates dairy products from locally-produced milk and sells directly from their farm.

FY24 Crop Research Grant Recipients

| Project Title | Organization | Principal Investigator | Crop(s) |
|---|---------------------------|------------------------|-------------------------|
| Direct Harvest Canola – Strategies to Increase Harvest Efficiency and Profitability | Minnesota Canola Council | Jon Dockter | Canola |
| Frost Seeding to Establish Legume Cover Crops in Climate Smart Crops in Northern Minnesota | University of Minnesota | Nancy Ehlke | Cover crops, wheat, rye |
| Identifying Optimal Management Practices for Minnesota Table Grape Farmers | University of Minnesota | Soon Li Teh | Grapes |
| Improving Winter Survival in Perennial Ryegrass Cultivars for Seed Production in Northern Minnesota | University of Minnesota | Eric Watkins | Perennial ryegrass |
| Oat Variety Development for Minnesota | University of Minnesota | Kevin P. Smith | Oats |
| Protecting Manoomin (Wild Rice) for Seven Generations | Leech Lake Tribal College | Joey Riley | Wild rice |

FY25 Crop Research Grant Recipients

| Project Title | Organization | Principal Investigator | Crop(s) |
|--|-------------------------|------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Best Management Practices for African Green Crops: Cassava, Bitterleaf, Spiderwisp, and Jute Mallow | University of Minnesota | Paulo Pagliari | Specialty edible greens/roots |
| Breeding Apples with Durable Resistance to Fungal Pests | University of Minnesota | Matthew Clark | Apples |
| Epidemiology and Development of Management Practices for Aster Yellows in Cultivated Garlic in Minnesota | University of Minnesota | Robert Alvarez Quinto | Garlic |
| From Soybeans to Dry Beans & Beyond: Evaluating the Expanding Threat Posed by the Soybean Gall Midge | University of Minnesota | Robert Lee Koch | Soybeans, dry beans |
| Multipronged Approach for Management of Soilborne Pathogens in Potato Production | University of Minnesota | Ashish Ranjan | Potatoes |

FY25 Farm to School Grant Recipients

| School/School District | County | Type(s) | Project Summary |
|--|-----------|-----------------------|---|
| Agape Child Development Center | Hennepin | First Bite, Equipment | Expand food purchases to include fresh, culturally relevant items from small- and mid-sized farms, and introduce educational events that connect students and families to local and seasonal produce. With Equipment funds, they will purchase a commercial freezer, refrigerator, stove griddle, and a double oven. |
| Aitkin Public Schools | Aitkin | Full Tray | Continue purchasing local meat, produce, wild rice, and honey through the Aitkin Farmers Market Hub. Expand weekly orders to support Minnesota Thursday meals and salad bar offerings that highlight seasonal produce from local farmers. |
| Alexandria School District | Douglas | Full Tray | Purchase Minnesota-raised poultry to serve as a feature in monthly Farm to School meals. Continue to strengthen partnerships with local and emerging farmers to expand access to unprocessed, sustainably grown and raised foods. |
| Aurora Waasakone Community of Learners | Beltrami | Full Tray | Purchase locally grown fruits, vegetables, whole grains, and proteins, focusing on Indigenous and regionally significant foods. |
| Becker Public Schools | Sherburne | Full Tray, Equipment | Add locally raised hamburger patties to the menu and expand sourcing of unique specialty crops, raw turkey breasts, cheeses, wild rice, produce, and maple syrup. With Equipment funds, they will purchase multifunctional cooking system units to enable boiling, pan frying, and browning of local foods at elementary sites, improving cooking speed and food quality. |
| Bloomington School District | Hennepin | Full Tray | Continue purchasing raw beef patties and turkey breasts and add Minnesota-produced cheese, produce, wild rice, and maple syrup from small Minnesota farms to strengthen local food sourcing. |
| Brooklyn Center Community Schools | Hennepin | Full Tray | Partner with local farmers and food hubs to source culturally diverse ingredients and introduce seasonal menus, cooking demos, and taste tests that celebrate community food traditions and promote student engagement. |
| Butterfield-Odin Public School | Watsonwan | Full Tray | Partner with local producers and a local meat locker to source fresh, regionally raised produce and proteins. Local products will be featured as they launch their Minnesota Thursday initiative. |
| Cannon Falls Schools | Goodhue | Full Tray | Continue purchasing and serving fresh, locally grown and raised foods while working to increase classroom and community education efforts around their Farm to School partnerships. |
| Clinton-Graceville-Beardsley Schools | Big Stone | First Bite | Partner with local farmers to source fresh Minnesota-grown fruits and vegetables and purchase frozen and canned items to ensure year-round access to nutritious, community-grown foods for students. |
| Crosby-Ironton Public Schools | Crow Wing | Full Tray | Expand scratch cooking with minimally processed, locally grown foods, and engage students through taste tests and grower profiles to promote local foods throughout the district. |
| Crosslake Community School | Crow Wing | Full Tray | Expand local menu items for Minnesota Thursday meals and the breakfast program, and introduce new food items through taste tests, grower profiles, and farmer visits to promote local agriculture. |

| School/School District | County | Type(s) | Project Summary |
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| Dassel-Cokato Public Schools | Meeker, Wright | Full Tray | Develop monthly Minnesota Thursday menus featuring locally sourced produce, proteins, grains, and dairy. |
| Deer River Public Schools | Itasca | Full Tray | Purchase Minnesota-grown foods from the local farmers' market and increase student exposure to local produce while supporting local farmers. |
| Detroit Lakes Schools | Becker | Full Tray | Increase the frequency of Minnesota-grown meals on the menu and expand procurement of locally raised foods by strengthening relationships with Minnesota farmers. |
| Dilworth-Glyndon-Felton Public School | Clay | Full Tray | Purchase Minnesota-raised chicken and seasonal produce from local farmers and implement Farm to School education and outreach to students. |
| East Grand Forks Public Schools | Polk | First Bite, Equipment | Establish partnerships with local farmers to source fresh, local ingredients, and transition from convenience foods to scratch cooking. Purchase an insulated heated holding/proofing cabinet to maintain safe serving temperatures and preserve flavor, texture, and appeal of freshly prepared local foods. |
| East Range Academy of Technology and Sciences | St. Louis | Full Tray | Continue procuring fresh foods from local farmers and educate students about the source of their food to support nutritious school meals. |
| Eureka Kids, Inc. | Olmsted | First Bite | Collaborate with local farms to integrate fresh produce into daily meals and launch hands-on nutrition education for preschoolers that promotes healthy eating, agricultural awareness, and community engagement. |
| Foley Public Schools | Benton | Full Tray, Equipment | Continue purchasing locally grown foods and promote the Farm to School program by expanding partnerships with new farmers. Replace outdated bread roll machine to continue offering scratch-made whole wheat rolls. |
| Fond du Lac Ojibwe School | Carlton | Full Tray | Source Indigenous foods like wild rice, bison, fish, and maple syrup from local producers, and support emerging Native farmers through expanded partnerships and use of the reservation's 36-acre farm. |
| Great Expectations School | Cook | First Bite | Increase Minnesota-grown produce to 20% of cafeteria offerings, establish relationships with local farmers, and promote healthy eating through field trips, workshops, and farm-to-table meals. |
| Greenway Public School | Itasca | Full Tray | Expand Farm to School offerings to all students and encourage their interest in learning about local food products, the growing cycle, and the local food distribution process. |
| Hawley Public Schools | Clay | First Bite, Equipment | Expand sourcing from additional local farmers to educate students on agriculture and the benefits of fresh fruits and vegetables. Purchase a refrigerated salad bar to maintain safe temperatures and freshness of produce and a Robot Coupe to reduce labor time for prepping high-demand vegetables. |
| Hill City School District | Aitkin | First Bite | Replace premade items with locally sourced eggs, honey, and vegetables, and enhance the salad bar with Minnesota produce. |
| Holy Trinity Catholic School, Pierz | Morrison | Full Tray | Continue expanding the use of Minnesota-grown products in daily meals to students. Introduce at least two new producers each year. |
| Holy Trinity Catholic School, South St. Paul | Dakota | Full Tray | Broaden student experiences with food by sourcing even more locally grown foods from local and emerging farmers. |

| School/School District | County | Type(s) | Project Summary |
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| Hopkins Public Schools | Hennepin | Full Tray | Support current Farm to School efforts while also expanding Farm to School initiatives by adding more local farmers and their products to the menus. Increase current Farm to School sourcing to support local and emerging farmers. |
| Hutchinson Public Schools | McLeod | Full Tray | Develop monthly Minnesota Thursday menus featuring local fruits, vegetables, proteins, grains, and dairy, and highlight seasonal preservation, cultural traditions, and farmer engagement to deepen student connections to regional food systems. |
| Immanuel Lutheran School | Sibley | Full Tray | Continue purchasing beef, pork, cheese, and eggs from local farmers, and expand sourcing of fruits and vegetables to strengthen relationships with local producers. |
| Jordan Public Schools | Scott | Full Tray | Feature local apples, ground beef, and additional Minnesota-grown products during Farm to School Month and strengthen relationships with existing and new farmers to expand local sourcing throughout the school year. |
| Kelliher Public School | Beltrami | First Bite | Purchase walleye, bison, wild rice, honey, and maple syrup from nearby producers. |
| Kingsland Public School | Fillmore | First Bite, Equipment | Launch the district's first Farm to School program by purchasing fresh and local meats, fruits, and vegetables, and upgrade outdated kitchen equipment to support scratch cooking and healthier, more appealing meals. |
| Kootasca Head Start | Itasca, Koochiching | First Bite, Equipment | Implement monthly Minnesota Thursday meals featuring locally sourced foods and educate students through taste tests and farm-focused lessons that build appreciation for the source of their food. Purchase a Robot Coupe to efficiently prepare fresh produce and a vacuum packing machine with bags to preserve seasonal local foods. |
| Lake City Public Schools | Wabasha | Full Tray | Source locally grown foods through partnerships with the local farmers' market, and celebrate local agriculture with menu features, classroom activities, and farmer-led discussions that connect students to food production. |
| Lakeville Area Schools | Dakota, Scott | First Bite | Continue offering locally grown apples and expand to Minnesota-grown vegetables served in the cafeteria and as a part of taste tests with students. |
| Litchfield Public Schools | Meeker | Full Tray | Develop monthly Minnesota Thursday menus showcasing local fruits, vegetables, proteins, grains, and dairy, and highlight cultural traditions, seasonal preservation, and farmer engagement to enrich student learning and regional food systems. |
| Los Amiguitos De River Heights | Dakota | First Bite | Introduce children and families to new, healthy foods by sourcing from Minnesota farmers, and support community wellness by providing education on purchasing and eating locally grown products. |
| Menahga Public School | Becker, Hubbard, Otter Tail, Wadena | First Bite | Begin Farm to School efforts by sourcing fresh, local foods for school meals and strengthening community ties through purchases that support the local economy and highlights regional agriculture. |

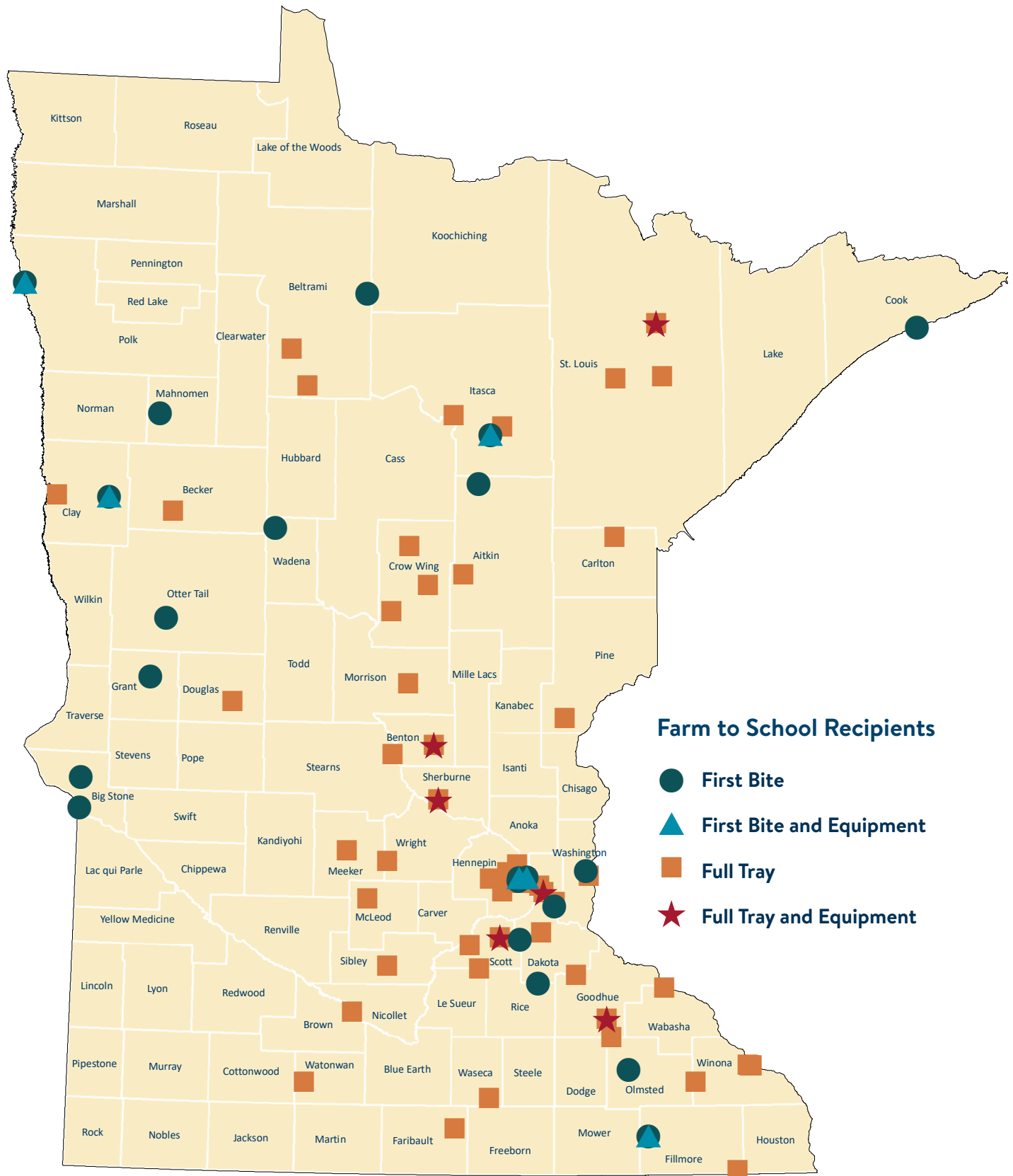
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| Mesabi East Schools | St. Louis | Full Tray | Purchase wild rice from local Native communities, and support veteran, women, and alumni-owned farms to expand protein offerings and promote farming as a career path in northeast Minnesota. |
| Minneapolis Public Schools | Hennepin | Full Tray | Prioritize culturally relevant Indigenous foods like wild rice, bison, and squash, and collaborate across departments to develop recipes and immersive learning experiences that celebrate Indigenous traditions and local sourcing. |
| New Richland-Hartland-Ellendale-Geneva Schools | Freeborn, Steele, Waseca | Full Tray | Expand partnerships with Minnesota producers to supply fruits, vegetables, meats, and dairy as a part of the school meal program. |
| New Ulm Area Catholic Schools | Brown | Full Tray | Procure fresh produce, pasture-raised meats, honey, grains, and eggs from local farmers, and educate students on the benefits of buying locally to support community health and economic sustainability. |
| Nisse Treehouse, LLC | Fillmore | Full Tray | Purchase fresh beef and fruit from area farmers to serve as a part of the school's meal and snack program. |
| Northfield Montessori | Rice | First Bite | Source fresh fruits and vegetables from local farmers to supplement the school garden harvest and enhance year-round access to nutritious foods while deepening community connections. |
| Olu's Beginnings | Hennepin | First Bite | Partner with local producers to increase Minnesota-grown food in meals and snacks and introduce children to a wider variety of fresh fruits and vegetables. |
| Ortonville School District | Big Stone | First Bite | Showcase the abundance of locally grown foods and foster awareness and appreciation for local agriculture. |
| Pine City Public Schools | Pine | Full Tray | Celebrate Farm to School Month and feature locally purchased foods throughout the school year to promote seasonal eating and community connections. |
| Pine Island Public School | Goodhue | Full Tray | Expand scratch cooking and local food offerings using Minnesota-grown products. |
| Prior Lake-Savage Area Schools | Dakota, Scott | Full Tray, Equipment | Broaden the variety of Minnesota-grown foods in school menus and create interactive learning experiences to deepen students' understanding of local agriculture and healthy eating. Purchase serving lines to expand display capacity for Minnesota-grown foods, supporting Farm to School efforts and improving daily menu variety. |
| Riverway Learning Community | Winona | Full Tray | Procure minimally processed and locally grown foods including beef, apples, vegetables, chicken, and pork, and serve farm-raised turkeys for a Thanksgiving meal to celebrate local abundance. |
| Robbinsdale Area Schools | Hennepin | Full Tray | Expand use of Minnesota-grown produce, raw beef, local cheeses, and sambusas across all schools in the district, and enhance scratch cooking capacity with training and summer preparation to deliver fresh, locally sourced meals throughout the year. |
| Rosemount-Apple Valley-Eagan Schools | Dakota | Full Tray | Connect cafeteria, classroom, and the community through Minnesota-grown and -raised foods featured on the menu throughout the year. |
| St. Charles Public Schools | Winona | Full Tray | Strengthen relationships with current farm partners and expand into turkey and cheese curd procurement to meet student demand and support additional nearby producers. |

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| St. Paul Public Schools | Ramsey | Full Tray, Equipment | Feature Minnesota-grown foods monthly and promote them through food maps, social media, and cafeteria events to strengthen the district's interconnected food system and community vitality. Purchase a new roll-in refrigerator to ensure consistent temperature control and preserve quality of Minnesota-grown produce served on the choice bar. |
| Sartell-St. Stephen | Stearns | Full Tray | Purchase a diverse array of local products, including beef patties, ground chicken, turkey roasts, vegetables, melons, berries, apples, cheese, maple syrup, honey, and wild rice. Items will be incorporated into the menu, labeled as "local" to highlight their origin, and promoted to excite students around local foods. |
| Schoolcraft Learning Community | Beltrami | Full Tray | Build a culture of healthy, local eating by integrating farm-sourced foods into meals, educating students on producers, and celebrating local partnerships through storytelling and community outreach. |
| St. Croix Prep Academy | Washington | Full Tray | Continue sourcing high-quality local foods and educate students on food origins through field trips, virtual tours, and weekly communications that highlight the journey from farm to tray. |
| St. Michael's School | Mahnomen | First Bite | Integrate locally grown foods into the school lunch program to reflect Mahnomen County's agricultural heritage and enhance student nutrition with familiar, fresh produce from family farms. |
| St. Wenceslaus Catholic School | Le Sueur, Scott | Full Tray | Purchase fresh beef and cheese for monthly meals and to raise student awareness of rural farmers, continuing the momentum from a previous Farm to School grant. |
| Stare Academy | Crow Wing | Full Tray | Expand local food procurement and cultivate student connections to farmers using food to teach leadership, health, and community engagement in the Brainerd Lakes area. |
| Stillwater Area Public Schools | Washington | First Bite | Launch a Harvest of the Month program featuring locally sourced ingredients from area farmers. |
| The Journey School | Ramsey | Full Tray | Grow Farm to School efforts by increasing farmer partnerships, staff training, and classroom integration, and engage students in gardening and cafeteria-based healthy eating education. |
| Underwood School | Otter Tail | First Bite | Collaborate with local and emerging farmers to enhance meals, educate students on the source of their food, and highlight local produce during Farm to School month. |
| United South Central Public Schools | Faribault | Full Tray | Procure beef, greens, and sweet corn from area farmers and promote environmental sustainability by showcasing Minnesota-grown ingredients and encouraging student engagement with local food systems. |
| Vermilion Country School | St. Louis | Full Tray, Equipment | Provide Minnesota Thursday lunches and integrate culinary education with local food sourcing, field trips, and seasonal celebrations to expose students to agriculture career opportunities. Purchase a storage freezer and food dehydrator to preserve local produce year-round. |
| Wayzata Public Schools | Hennepin | Full Tray | Support emerging farmer and women-owned farms, incorporate culturally relevant foods into meals, and connect classrooms, cafeterias, and communities through staff training and curriculum integration. |

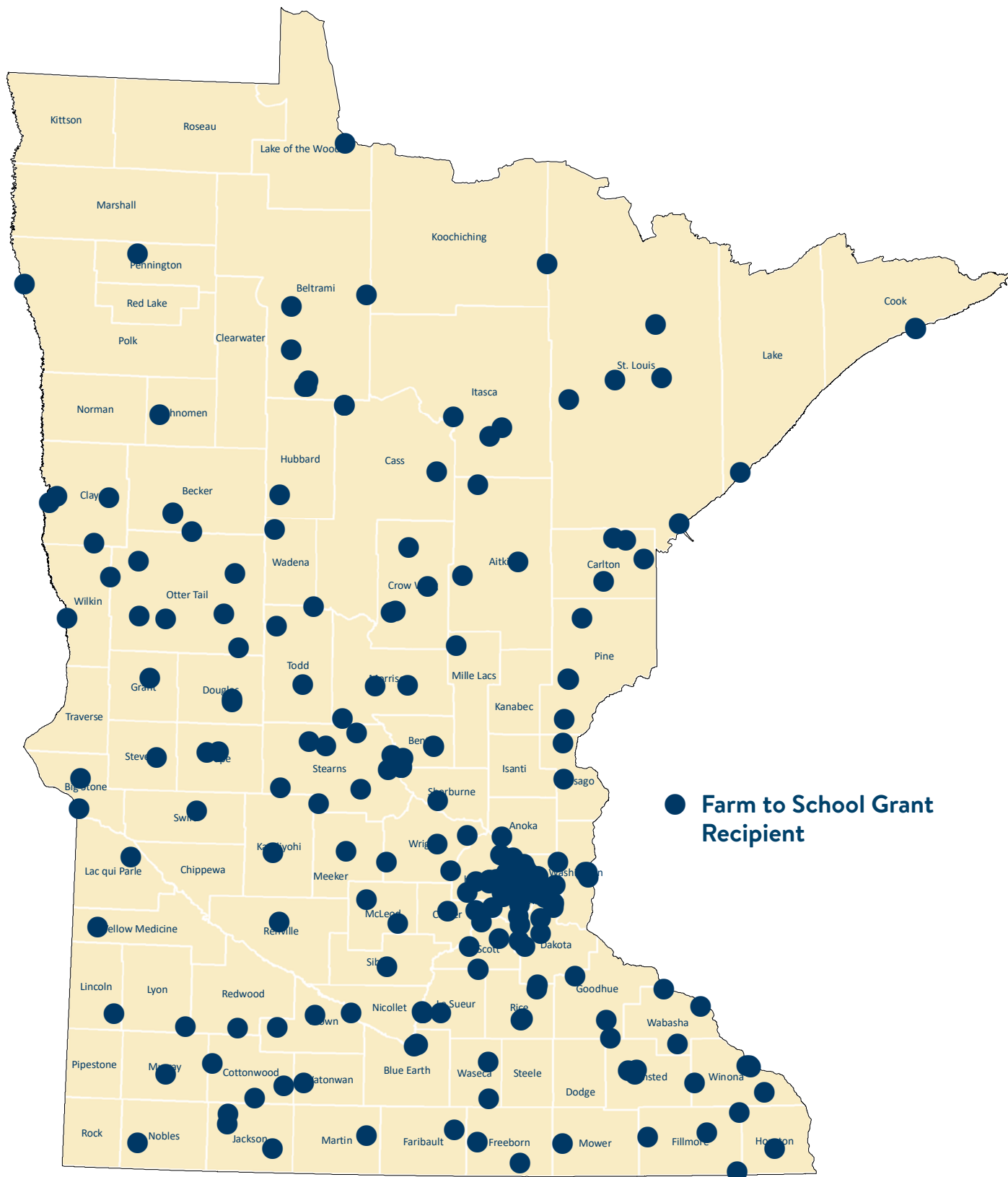
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| West Central Minnesota Communities Action (Perham Head Start) | Grant | First Bite | Introduce fresh, locally grown foods into Head Start classrooms to improve child nutrition, expand food access, and strengthen community partnerships across West-Central Minnesota. |
| Winona Area Public Schools | Winona | Full Tray | Expand partnerships with Minnesota farms to feature local produce, meats, and dairy in school meals, and foster student connections to agriculture. |
| Yinghua Academy | Hennepin | First Bite, Equipment | Purchase Minnesota-grown apples, dairy products, and produce to expand local food offerings, and engage students through taste tests, education, and the Great Apple Crunch to promote healthy, locally sourced meals. Purchase a reach-in freezer and refrigerator to store Minnesota-grown dairy and produce, supporting consistent, high-quality local foods. |
| YMCA of the North, Early Childcare Centers | Hennepin | Full Tray | Increase access to local fruits and vegetables across eight Twin Cities Early Learning Centers and host family events to educate underserved communities about Minnesota-grown produce and healthy eating habits. |
| Zumbrota-Mazeppa Public Schools | Goodhue | Full Tray, Equipment | Deepen Farm to School efforts by engaging in scratch cooking with local apples, lettuce, meats, and produce, and develop standardized recipes to use as a part of the school meal program. Purchase a tilting skillet to replace outdated steam equipment for scratch cooking of local meat and cheese, and a food processor to efficiently prepare fresh produce. |

FARM TO SCHOOL GRANTS BY COUNTY

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APPENDIX B

FY25 Local Tots Cost-Share Recipients

| Legislative District | County | Provider/Business Name | City |
|----------------------|------------|---|------------------|
| 01A | Roseau | Jeri Lynn Sharp Licensed FCC | Salol |
| 01B | Polk | Belinda Johnson | Erskind |
| 01B | Polk | Dawn Anderson Daycare | Crookston |
| 01B | Polk | Michelle Carlson, Michelle's Daycare | Fosston |
| 01B | Polk | Nevette Neubert | Winger |
| 01B | Polk | Sarah Ellis, Eastside Sprouts Childcare | East Grand Forks |
| 02A | Beltrami | Emily Kurschner, Room to Grow Family Child Care | Bemidji |
| 02A | Beltrami | Shawna Swenson, Kids First Daycare | Bemidji |
| 02A | Clearwater | Christina Christenson, Christina's Little Tikes Daycare | Shevlin |
| 02B | Beltrami | Natalie Grauman, Growing WILD | Tenstrike |
| 02B | Beltrami | Phyleasha Grauman, Moonspots & Mudboots Academy | Tenstrike |
| 02B | Clearwater | Merry Charles, Little Skeeters Daycare | Bagley |
| 02B | Mahnomen | Jennifer Syverson, Jenni's Daycare | Waubun |
| 03A | Cook | Maria Carlson | Grand Marais |
| 04A | Clay | Elizabeth Becker | Moorhead |
| 04A | Clay | Nikkol Anderson, Little Learners Home School | Moorhead |
| 04A | Clay | Stacy Scott | Moorhead |
| 04B | Becker | Sara Johnson, Grins-N-Giggles Daycare | Detroit Lakes |
| 04B | Becker | Taylor Frier, Taylor's Daycare | Detroit Lakes |
| 04B | Clay | Falyn Thom, Our Little Blessings Daycare | Barnesville |
| 04B | Clay | Paige Pickett, Pickett's Playcare | Dilworth |
| 04B | Clay | Samantha Kujava, Barnyard Buddies Childcare | Hawley |
| 04B | Clay | Shelby LeNoue, Shelby's Daycare | Barnesville |
| 05A | Becker | Tammy Torma, Tammy Torma's Childcare | Frazee |
| 05A | Hubbard | Jennifer DeBlieck, Jennifer DeBlieck's Child Care | Park Rapids |
| 05A | Hubbard | Kari Smith | Park Rapids |
| 05A | Hubbard | Shannon Frazier, Nevis Daycare | Nevis |
| 06B | Crow Wing | Jessica Cave, Lucky Ducks Daycare | Brainerd |
| 07A | Itasca | Adriana Clusiau, Seasons of Care | Coleraine |
| 08A | St. Louis | Stacia Ceryes | Duluth |
| 09A | Otter Tail | Janell Hartjen | Pelican Rapids |

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| 09A | Otter Tail | Marissa Westerberg, Marissa Westerberg Child Care | Rothsay |
| 10A | Crow Wing | Kayla Backowski, Squiggles and Giggles Childcare | Fort Ripley |
| 10A | Morrison | Jayne Martinson, Jayne Daycare | Little Falls |
| 10A | Morrison | Jessica Nutz Childcare and Preschool | Randall |
| 10A | Morrison | Latasha Nelson, LaaLaa's Daycare | Little Falls |
| 10A | Morrison | Patricia Orth, Patty's Child Care and Preschool | Randall |
| 10B | Benton | Greta Olson | Rice |
| 10B | Benton | Lora Henry, Lora's Daycare | Foley |
| 10B | Benton | Shayla Turnquist, Miles of Smiles Childcare | Oak Park |
| 10B | Mille Lacs | Lori Monroe's Daycare | Milaca |
| 10B | Morrison | Nicole Miller Daycare | Hillman |
| 10B | Stearns | Amanda Wahlin's Child Care | Holdingford |
| 11A | Carlton | Alexis Frank, Tender Roots Childcare | Cloquet |
| 11A | Carlton | Heather Schmitz, Little Sprouts' Playschool | Wrenshall |
| 11B | Kanabec | Dawn Fredlund, Dfred's Daycare | Mora |
| 11B | Pine | Julia Marie Risland | Pine City |
| 12A | Stearns | Michelle Groetsch | Sauk Centre |
| 12B | Douglas | Ashley Sabol | Alexandria |
| 12B | Douglas | Kaia Christianson's Child Care | Alexandria |
| 12B | Douglas | Cassie Piekarski | Osakis |
| 12B | Stearns | Patsy Schwinghamer, Happy Hearts Daycare | Sauk Centre |
| 13A | Stearns | Deanna Nathan, Little Dreamers Child Care | Cold Spring |
| 13A | Stearns | Kayla Lang Family Childcare | Richmond |
| 13B | Benton | April Leeb, April's Daycare | Sauk Rapids |
| 13B | Benton | Becky Taszarek Daycare | Sartell |
| 13B | Benton | Danelle Helget, Play Palace In Home Child Care | Sauk Rapids |
| 13B | Benton | Lisa Lewellyn, Lisa's Daycare | Sartell |
| 13B | Benton | Lynn Buley | Sartell |
| 14A | Stearns | Christine Spillers | St. Joseph |
| 14A | Stearns | Melissa Lawwell | St. Joseph |
| 14A | Stearns | Mindy Schneider, Mindy and Friends | Waite Park |
| 14A | Stearns | Nadine Streit | St. Augusta |
| 14B | Stearns | Karen Gutormson, Karen's Daycare | St. Cloud |
| 15A | Lyon | Brandy Haak, Brandy's Daycare | Cottonwood |
| 15A | Lyon | Darice Nielsen, Darice's Doodlebugs | Marshall |
| 15A | Lyon | Joy Buysse | Minneota |

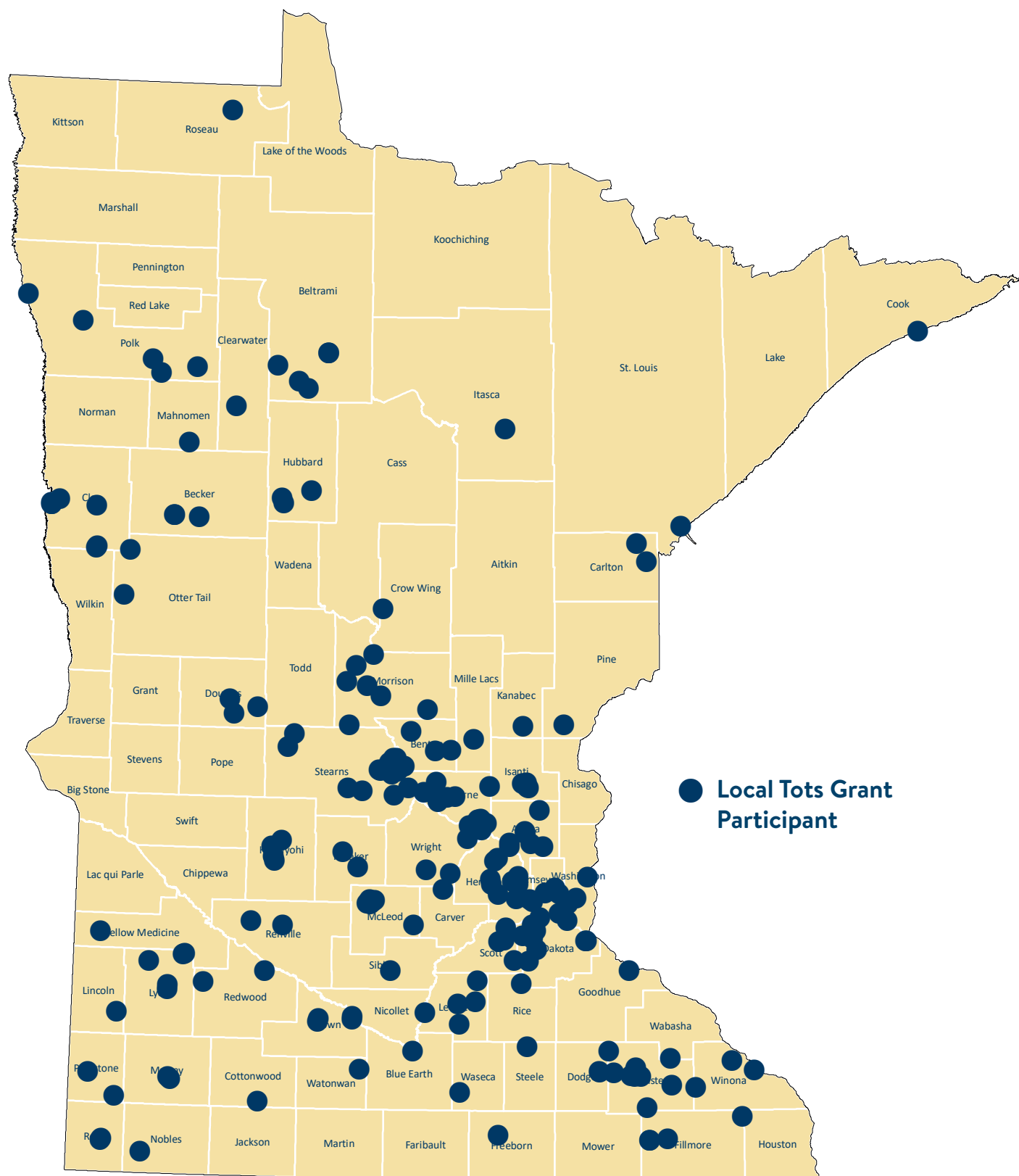
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| 15A | Lyon | Samantha Wee, Wee Ones Daycare | Cottonwood |
| 15A | Lyon | Tammy Coudron, TLC Daycare | Marshall |
| 15A | Yellow Medicine | Lynn Wollum, Lynn's Lane Daycare | Canby |
| 15B | Brown | Barb Krzmarzick | Sleepy Eye |
| 15B | Brown | Deana Ries, Busy Hands Daycare | New Ulm |
| 15B | Brown | Kim Krzmarzick Childcare | Sleepy Eye |
| 15B | Brown | Kindt Spieland | New Ulm |
| 15B | Redwood | Nicole Debbaut | Milroy |
| 15B | Redwood | Sarah Runck, Sarah's Family Child Care | Redwood Falls |
| 16A | Meeker | Jennamae Dogotch, Little Hatchlings Childcare | Litchfield |
| 16A | Renville | Monica Ridler, Little Sprouts Family Daycare | Olivia |
| 16A | Renville | Theresa Andrews Daycare | Renville |
| 16B | Kandiyohi | Carly Panek | Willmar |
| 16B | Kandiyohi | Chacey Moist, 100 Acre Woods Country Childcare | Willmar |
| 16B | Kandiyohi | Michelle Weiler, Michelle's Daycare | Willmar |
| 16B | Kandiyohi | Ronda Mundahl, Ronda's Daycare | Willmar |
| 16B | Kandiyohi | Susan Yoakum | Willmar |
| 17A | McLeod | Christine Carrigan, Family Daycare | Hutchinson |
| 17A | McLeod | Doreen Burks, Burks Family Childcare | Hutchinson |
| 17A | McLeod | Jillayne Young, Young Family Childcare | Hutchinson |
| 17A | McLeod | Lilia Bull | Hutchinson |
| 17A | McLeod | Linsay Krantz | Hutchinson |
| 17A | McLeod | Paige Stone, Stepping Stones Daycare | Hutchinson |
| 17A | Meeker | Isabell Willock, Little Oaks Childcare | Litchfield |
| 17B | Carver | Linda Poikonen, Linda and Mark's Family Child Care and Preschool | Watertown |
| 17B | McLeod | Roberta Lilienthal | Plato |
| 17B | Sibley | Lisa Templin, Templin's Tiny Tots | Gaylord |
| 18A | Nicollet | Stacey Paul, Little Angels Daycare | St. Peter |
| 19B | Steele | Kori Eickhoff, Kori's Kids | Medford |
| 20A | Goodhue | Ashley Bickle Childcare | Red Wing |
| 20B | Goodhue | Stacy Boysen, Early Discoveries Family Child Care | Pine Island |
| 20B | Olmsted | Kimberly Horn | Eyota |
| 20B | Olmsted | Marah Collins Childcare | Stewartville |
| 20B | Wabasha | Victoria Timm, Lil Buds Daycare | Elgin |
| 20B | Winona | Laurie Mueller, Laurie's Day Care | St. Charles |

| Legislative District | County | Provider/Business Name | City |
|----------------------|------------|--|---------------|
| 21A | Lincoln | Jessica Merrill Daycare | Tyler |
| 21A | Murray | Joan Prahm Daycare | Slayton |
| 21A | Murray | Kathy Counter Daycare | Slayton |
| 21A | Nobles | Ann Bullerman Childcare | Adrian |
| 21A | Pipestone | Amberlie Haak | Pipestone |
| 21A | Pipestone | Michelle Moosey | Edgerton |
| 21A | Rock | Addison Hastings | Luverne |
| 21A | Rock | Tara Churchill's Daycare | Luverne |
| 21B | Cottonwood | Gwen Rhubee, Wendy's Daycare | Windom |
| 22A | Blue Earth | Becky Defries, Becky Daycare | Mankato |
| 22A | Watonwan | Stephanie Knudtson Sullivan | Madelia |
| 22B | Le Sueur | Alisa Schipper | Cleveland |
| 22B | Le Sueur | Amy Sellner | Le Center |
| 22B | Le Sueur | Jill Baer, Little Explorers Child Care | Montgomery |
| 22B | Le Sueur | Stefanie Pint Daycare | New Prague |
| 23A | Freeborn | Laura Back | Albert Lea |
| 23A | Waseca | Marijo Beckstrand Daycare | Waldorf |
| 24A | Dodge | Julie Wolfe, Kiddie Campus | Kasson |
| 24A | Dodge | Melissa Zahn | Kasson |
| 24A | Olmsted | June Turany, June's Daycare | Bryron |
| 24B | Olmsted | Ellen Sheehan, Ellen's Little Miracles | Rochester |
| 24B | Olmsted | Heidi Highet, Heidi and Jamie Highet's Daycare | Rochester |
| 25A | Olmsted | Amanda Thompson, The Little Pandas Daycare | Rochester |
| 25B | Olmsted | Anna Smith, Anna's Daycare | Rochester |
| 25B | Olmsted | Heather Ridenour, Heather's Happy Learners | Rochester |
| 26A | Winona | Brooke Pelowski, Little Ones Daycare | Winona |
| 26A | Winona | Peter Speltz, Maureen's Preschool Daycare | Rollingstone |
| 26B | Fillmore | Andrea Scrabeck, Andrea's Childcare | Wykoff |
| 26B | Fillmore | Brooke Carr, Carr's Clubhouse | Spring Valley |
| 26B | Fillmore | Chellsey Olson, Little Critters Daycare | Rushford |
| 26B | Fillmore | Taylor Brooks, Taylor's Tots | Spring Valley |
| 27A | Sherburne | Brianna Graber Child Care | Becker |
| 27A | Sherburne | Emily Struffert, Em's Munchkins | Becker |
| 27A | Sherburne | Kayla McNamara, Kayla's Learn N Play | Becker |
| 27A | Sherburne | Sabrina Miller Daycare | Clear Lake |
| 27A | Sherburne | Stephanie May's Daycare | Becker |

| Legislative District | County | Provider/Business Name | City |
|----------------------|------------|--|---------------------|
| 27A | Sherburne | Tiki Sandoz, Tikis Tots Daycare | Clear Lake |
| 27A | Stearns | Cassandra Emmel, Cassandra's Daycare | St. Cloud |
| 27B | Sherburne | Summer Snow, Summer's Little Stars | Zimmerman |
| 28A | Isanti | Angela King, Angie's Licensed Childcare | Isanti |
| 28A | Isanti | Julie Jones, Julie's Family Childcare | Isanti |
| 28A | Isanti | Kaylee Irlbeck, Kaylee's Daycare | Isanti |
| 28A | Isanti | Taylor Lundeen, Little Munchkins Daycare | Isanti |
| 29A | Wright | Amy Hooser Daycare | Waverly |
| 29A | Wright | Wendy Franklin, Wendy's Daycare | Delano |
| 30A | Wright | Kelly Olson Family Childcare | Albertville |
| 30A | Wright | Patrice Milless' Licensed Childcare | Otsego |
| 30B | Sherburne | Cheryl Holzknecht | Elk River |
| 30B | Sherburne | Dawn Berndt, Dawn's Daisies | Elk River |
| 30B | Sherburne | Frances Gunderson, Franny's Daycare | Elk River |
| 30B | Wright | Jessica Stockamp, Logan's Friends Daycare | Otsego |
| 31B | Anoka | Chandra Snyder | Ham Lake |
| 31B | Anoka | Michaela Johnson, Wildlings Nature School | Cedar |
| 31B | Anoka | Terry Puro | Ham Lake |
| 32A | Anoka | Taylor Wilke, Taylor's Child Care | Blaine |
| 33B | Washington | Annalise Berres, Kind Roots Early Learning & Care | Stillwater |
| 35A | Anoka | Helen Carol Reichenbacher | Anoka |
| 35A | Anoka | Michelle Gulden, Love and Laughter Family Child Care | Anoka |
| 36A | Anoka | Jodell Eisenschenk, Heart of Lino Child Care | Lino Lakes |
| 37A | Hennepin | Barbara Wilkinson | Maple Grove |
| 37B | Hennepin | Jackie Van Slooten | Maple Grove |
| 41B | Dakota | Kellie Kimmes, Cherished Kids Daycare | Hastings |
| 41B | Dakota | Melanee Theodorson, Mel's Munchkins Daycare | Hastings |
| 42A | Hennepin | Kristen Glowacki, Lil' Feet Big Feet Daycare | Plymouth |
| 42A | Hennepin | Kristie Chaffee | Plymouth |
| 43B | Hennepin | Kimberly Olson, Childcare by Kim | Golden Valley |
| 45B | Hennepin | Joyce Block, Building Blocks Daycare and Preschool | Minnetonka |
| 47A | Washington | Lynne DeVallier, Lynne's Little Ones | Woodbury |
| 47B | Washington | Margorie Lapinski, Margie's Daycare | Woodbury |
| 52A | Dakota | Annie Hanson, Watch Me Grow Family Child Care | Eagan |
| 52B | Dakota | Geri Peterson | Eagan |
| 53B | Dakota | Beth Beltz, Beth's Little Buddies Childcare | Inver Grove Heights |

| Legislative District | County | Provider/Business Name | City |
|----------------------|------------|---|---------------|
| 53B | Washington | Tera Hoffman, Above and Beyond Home Childcare | Cottage Grove |
| 54B | Scott | Carol Jackson, Carol's Daycare | Prior Lake |
| 54B | Scott | Kimberly McCullough | Prior Lake |
| 55A | Scott | Tabytha Luikens | Savage |
| 55B | Dakota | Constance Lahammer, Loving Heart Childcare | Burnsville |
| 56A | Dakota | Karen Love | Apple Valley |
| 56A | Dakota | Suzanne Landreville | Apple Valley |
| 57A | Dakota | Carrie Krentz, Carrie's Daycare | Lakeville |
| 57A | Dakota | Hannah Baune, 10 Acre Wood Nature Preschool | Lakeville |
| 58A | Rice | Elizabeth Hagerty, Happy Trails Daycare | Northfield |
| 58B | Dakota | Angela Timm | Farmington |
| 59A | Hennepin | Catherine Contreras Family Childcare | Minneapolis |
| 59B | Hennepin | Whitney Jackson, Lorene's Learning Loft | Minneapolis |
| 61B | Hennepin | Pam Colby, Pam's Puddle Jumpers | Minneapolis |
| 63B | Hennepin | Cynthia Kish, Grandma's Daycare | Minneapolis |
| 63B | Hennepin | Mercedes Thiono, Little People Academy | Minneapolis |
| 65A | Ramsey | Carolyn Collins Family Childcare | St. Paul |
| 67A | Ramsey | Jennie Thao, Kids Academy Child Care | St. Paul |
| 67A | Ramsey | Julie Fees Family Childcare | St. Paul |
| 67B | Ramsey | Lynn Moore Family Childcare | St. Paul |

LOCAL TOTS COST-SHARE PROGRAM PARTICIPANTS BY COUNTY FISCAL YEAR 2025



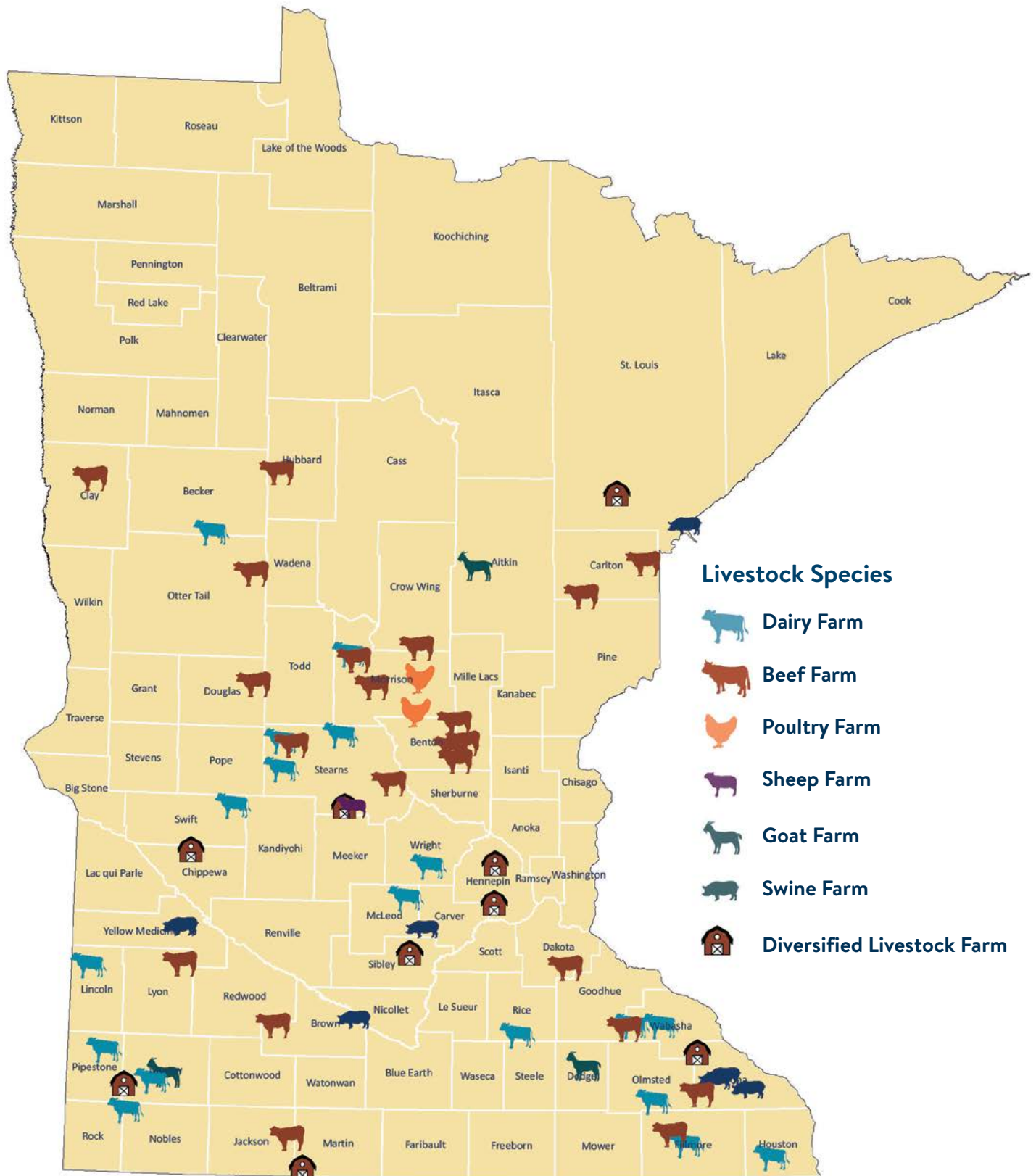
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FY25 Livestock Investment Grant Recipients

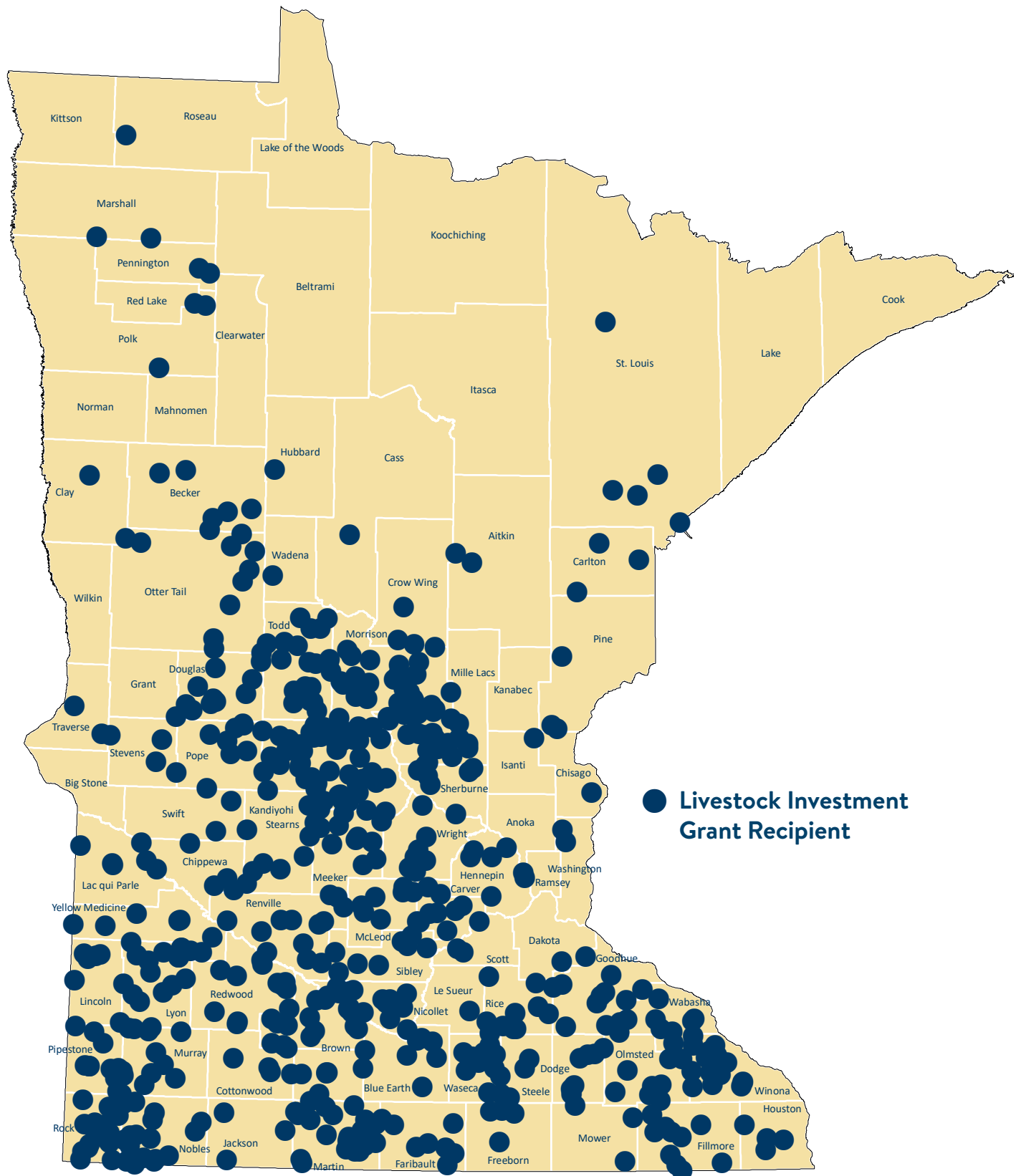
| Legislative District | County | Name | Species |
|----------------------|-----------------|--|-----------------------|
| 04B | Clay | Jennifer Morken | Beef |
| 05A | Becker | Landon Byer | Dairy |
| 05A | Hubbard | Annette Ackerman | Beef |
| 07B | St. Louis | Jolene Schlander | Diversified Livestock |
| 07B | St. Louis | Kathy Lionberger, Arrowhead Regional Corrections | Swine |
| 09B | Otter Tail | William Schwartz | Beef |
| 10A | Aitkin | Gabrea Anderson | Goats |
| 10A | Crow Wing | Amber Woitalla | Beef |
| 10A | Morrison | Alex Gruber | Poultry |
| 10A | Morrison | Alex Zilka | Dairy |
| 10A | Morrison | Greg Adamek | Beef |
| 10B | Benton | David Emslander | Beef |
| 10B | Benton | George Mastey | Beef |
| 10B | Benton | Rachel Bork | Beef |
| 10B | Mille Lacs | Aubrey Halverson | Beef |
| 10B | Morrison | Karl Sabrowsky | Beef |
| 10B | Morrison | Robin Winscher | Poultry |
| 11A | Carlton | Russell Peterson | Beef |
| 11A | Carlton | Scott Heittola | Beef |
| 12A | Stearns | Jamey Groetsch | Beef |
| 12A | Stearns | Paul Reitsma, Reit Way Dairy | Dairy |
| 12A | Swift | Clark Family Farm Partnership | Dairy |
| 12B | Douglas | Lane Arkfeld | Beef |
| 13A | Stearns | Jason and Lynn Gerads | Dairy |
| 13A | Stearns | Kathy Hommerding | Sheep |
| 13A | Stearns | Kim and Dorvan Martin | Dairy |
| 13A | Stearns | Kurt Hansen | Diversified Livestock |
| 14A | Stearns | Griffin Fesenmaier | Beef |
| 15A | Lyon | Andrew Kolander | Beef |
| 15A | Yellow Medicine | Luke Stevens | Swine |

| Legislative District | County | Name | Species |
|----------------------|-----------------|---|-----------------------|
| 15A | Yellow Medicine | Robert Stevens | Swine |
| 15B | Brown | Jim Jensen | Beef |
| 15B | Brown | Martin Mohr | Swine |
| 16A | Chippewa | Travis Anderson | Diversified Livestock |
| 17B | Carver | Jay Eichner, Eichner Family Farms, LLLP | Swine |
| 17B | McLeod | Kraig Krienke | Dairy |
| 17B | Sibley | Karina Niemczyk, Niemczyk Family Farms, LLC | Diversified Livestock |
| 19A | Rice | Joshua Kelm | Dairy |
| 20A | Wabasha | Colby Mehrkens, Mazeppa Valley Dairy, Inc. | Dairy |
| 20B | Goodhue | Katie Brenny | Beef |
| 20B | Olmsted | Paul Andrew Gathje | Dairy |
| 20B | Wabasha | Lance Sexton | Dairy |
| 20B | Winona | Marlene Ward | Beef |
| 20B | Winona | Tyler Burke | Diversified Livestock |
| 21A | Lincoln | Kevin Rybinski | Dairy |
| 21A | Murray | Chad Conway | Goats |
| 21A | Murray | Dan Dysthe, Bar D Holstein | Dairy |
| 21A | Murray | Jody Schaap | Diversified Livestock |
| 21A | Nobles | Morgan Lubben | Dairy |
| 21A | Pipestone | Ashley Marie Hoheisel, Zeinstra Dairy, LLC | Dairy |
| 21B | Jackson | Jacob Braulick | Beef |
| 22A | Martin | Bailey Scott | Diversified Livestock |
| 24A | Dodge | Rex Quam | Goats |
| 26A | Winona | Brady Allen Beyer | Swine |
| 26A | Winona | Brian Beyer | Swine |
| 26A | Winona | Creighton Sauer | Swine |
| 26B | Fillmore | Erica Earley | Beef |
| 26B | Fillmore | Larry Gartner, Rumpus Ridge Farms | Dairy |
| 26B | Houston | Jennifer Nutt, Birchwood Gap Farm, Inc. | Dairy |
| 29A | Wright | Garret Duske | Dairy |
| 37A | Hennepin | Tanya Denny | Diversified Livestock |
| 49A | Hennepin | Jamie Johnson | Diversified Livestock |
| 58B | Dakota | Jennifer Gergen | Beef |

LIVESTOCK INVESTMENT GRANTS BY COUNTY FISCAL YEAR 2025



LIVESTOCK INVESTMENT GRANTS BY COUNTY FISCAL YEARS 2017 THROUGH 2025



FY25 Make it Minnesota Program

Minnesota Pavilion Participants

| Legislative District | County | Business Name | City |
|----------------------|-----------|-----------------------------|-----------------|
| 22B | Hennepin | Maud Borup, Inc. | Plymouth |
| 26B | Houston | Sno Pac Foods, Inc. | Caledonia |
| 27A | Sherburne | Von Hanson's Snacks | Becker |
| 36A | Ramsey | Live Better Brands, LLC | North Oak |
| 40A | Ramsey | Riffs Smokehouse | Arden Hills |
| 43A | Hennepin | Dr. In The Kitchen, LLC | New Hope |
| 45A | Hennepin | Mixly Cocktail Co. | Excelsior |
| 49B | Hennepin | Funky Chunky, LLC | Eden Prairie |
| 50B | Hennepin | Endless Fun | Bloomington |
| 51A | Dakota | Joyce Foods, LLC | Mendota Heights |
| 60A | Hennepin | Fit Butters | Maple Grove |
| 61B | Hennepin | Huxley | Minneapolis |
| 63A | Hennepin | Peace Coffee | Minneapolis |
| 66A | Hennepin | SMACKIN' Sunflower Seeds | Minneapolis |
| 66A | Ramsey | Tastemakers, LLC DBA Maazah | Arden Hills |

FY25 Make it Minnesota Program

Cost-Share Program Participants

| Legislative District | County | Business Name | City |
|----------------------|------------|----------------------------|--------------|
| 01A | Kittson | Far North Spirits, Inc. | Hallock |
| 03A | Hennepin | Chef FLO-K Foods | Minneapolis |
| 03A | St. Louis | Brainstorm Bakery | Ely |
| 08B | Carlton | Utopia Borealis | Esko |
| 09B | Douglas | Ida Graves Distillery | Alexandria |
| 10A | Mille Lacs | Botanical Lucidity | Isle |
| 11A | Carlton | Farmers' Kitchen, LLC | Wrenshall |
| 12A | Stearns | Redhead Creamery | Brooklyn |
| 12B | Douglas | Dutch House Confections | Nelson |
| 15A | Lyon | Deutz Brothers, LLC | Marshall |
| 15B | Brown | Sweethaven Tonics, LLC | New Ulm |
| 18B | Blue Earth | The Meatery | Mankato |
| 19A | Goodhue | Seven Songs Organic Farm | Kenyon |
| 19B | Steele | N H Corp | Owatonna |
| 19B | Waseca | Fischer Family Farms Pork | Waseca |
| 20A | Goodhue | Ferndale Market | Cannon Falls |
| 20A | Goodhue | Grass Fed Cattle Co., LLC | Kenyon |
| 20A | Goodhue | Raw Bistro, Inc. | Cannon Falls |
| 20A | Rice | CannonBelles Cheese | Northfield |
| 20B | Goodhue | The Greensted, LLC | Zumbrota |
| 20B | Wabasha | Hidden Stream Farm | Elgin |
| 22B | Hennepin | Lovebird Foods | Edina |
| 22B | Hennepin | Maud Borup, Inc. | Plymouth |
| 24A | Olmsted | Wine & Swine BBQ, LLC | Byron |
| 25A | Lyon | Ryan Verlinde | Tracy |
| 26B | Dakota | RedC Farms, LLC | Dakota |
| 26B | Houston | Sno Pac Foods, Inc. | Caledonia |
| 27A | Sherburne | Von Hanson's Snacks | Becker |
| 28B | Chisago | Eichtens Hidden Acres, LLC | Center City |
| 28B | Chisago | Sunrise Flour Mill, Inc. | North Branch |

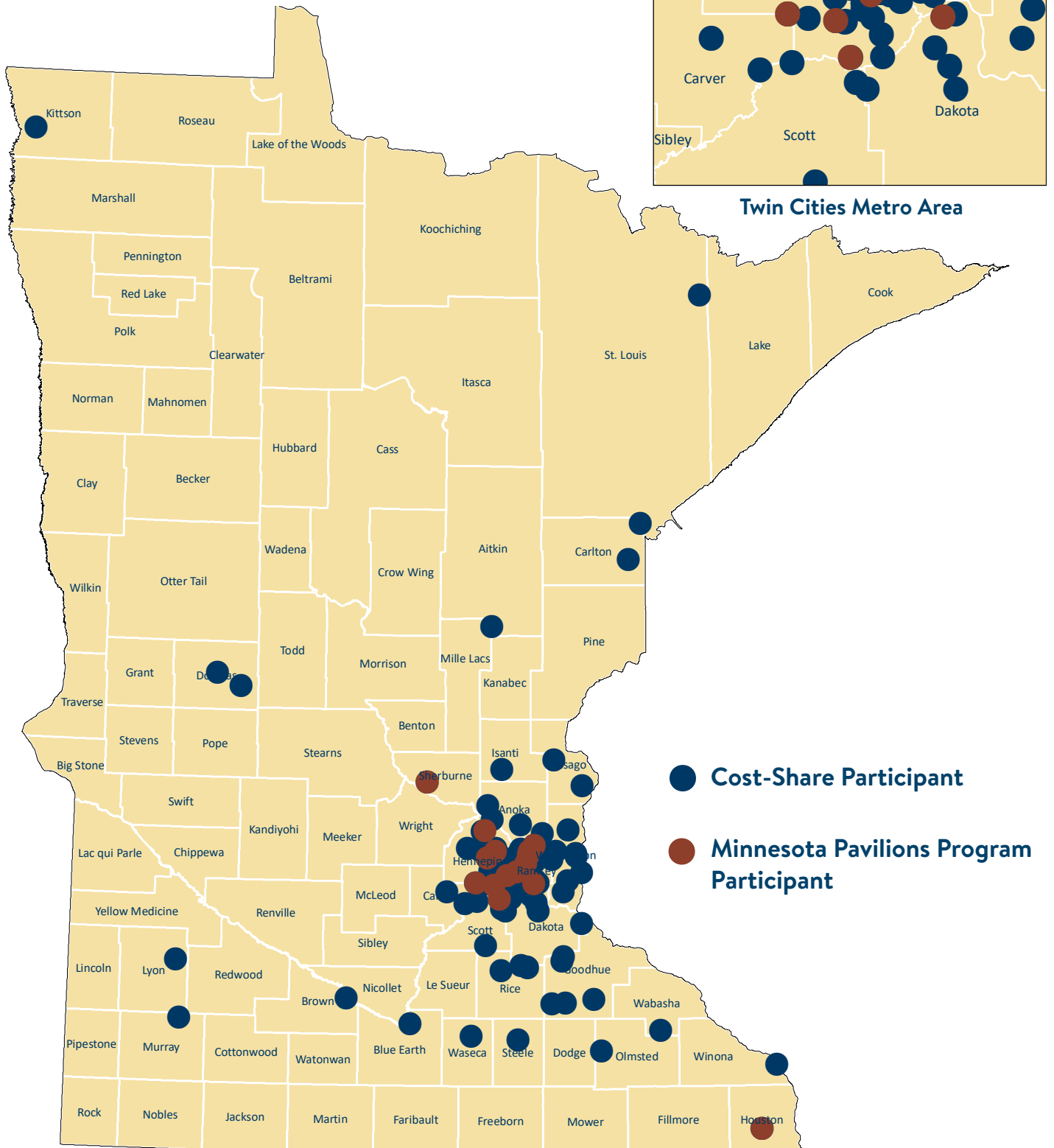
| Legislative District | County | Business Name | City |
|----------------------|------------|---|----------------|
| 29B | Hennepin | Tailgate Spices | Hopkins |
| 31A | Anoka | Summer Lakes Beverage | Ramsey |
| 31B | Isanti | NKI Enterprises, Inc. DBA The Saucy Mamma | Isanti |
| 32A | Anoka | Bernie's | Blaine |
| 32A | Ramsey | Lovejoy's Bloody Mary Mix, Inc. | Roseville |
| 32B | Hennepin | TC Farm | Minnetonka |
| 33A | Ramsey | Henke Foods, LLC | St. Paul |
| 33A | Washington | Salad Girl, Inc. | Willernie |
| 33B | Washington | Facepunch Foods | Stillwater |
| 33B | Washington | Sara's Topsy Pies | Stillwater |
| 34A | Hennepin | P&TY Granola Co. | Dayton |
| 36A | Anoka | All Good Organics | Lino Lakes |
| 36A | Ramsey | Live Better Brands, LLC | North Oaks |
| 36B | Hennepin | Junita's Jar | Minneapolis |
| 37B | Hennepin | Qwiznibet Foods | Minneapolis |
| 39B | Ramsey | MinneapplegirlBakes, LLC | New Brighton |
| 40A | Ramsey | Riffs Smokehouse | Arden Hills |
| 41A | Washington | Trailblazer Food Co. | Cottage Grove |
| 41A | Washington | Vanilla Bean Project | Lakeland |
| 42A | Hennepin | Norte, LLC DBA Norte Café Roasters | Plymouth |
| 42B | Hennepin | Minneoats, LLC | Plymouth |
| 42B | Hennepin | Nikkolette's Macarons | Plymouth |
| 42B | Ramsey | Blume Brauhaus, LLC DBA Bent Brewstillery | Roseville |
| 43A | Hennepin | Dr. In The Kitchen, LLC | New Hope |
| 43A | Hennepin | Maytown Foods, LLC | New Hope |
| 43A | Ramsey | R&R Cultivation | Roseville |
| 43B | Hennepin | Healthy America, LLC | Plymouth |
| 44A | Ramsey | Soul Grain | St. Paul |
| 44A | Washington | Sailor Mercy | Stillwater |
| 44B | Ramsey | LUV Ice Cream | North St. Paul |
| 45A | Hennepin | JR Partners, LLP | New Hope |
| 45A | Hennepin | North Mallow | Golden Valley |
| 45A | Hennepin | Mixly Cocktail Co. | Shorewood |
| 46A | Hennepin | CoreWellness, LLC | Minneapolis |
| 46A | Hennepin | Zambezi Biltong | St. Louis Park |
| 46B | Anoka | Mabel Concessions, LLC | Ramsey |

| Legislative District | County | Business Name | City |
|----------------------|------------|---|---------------------|
| 46B | Hennepin | Hem Eatery DBA Bao Bao Buns | Minneapolis |
| 46B | Hennepin | Nordic Waffles, Inc. | Hopkins |
| 46B | Hennepin | Northland Vinegars | Minneapolis |
| 47B | Washington | AJ Foods, LLC DBA Janet's Finest Compotes | Woodbury |
| 48A | Carver | Schram Haus Brewery | Chaska |
| 48A | Carver | Schram Winery, LLC | Waconia |
| 49A | Hennepin | Sergeant Shortbread, LLC | Eden Prairie |
| 49B | Hennepin | Double Take Salsa | Edina |
| 49B | Hennepin | Funky Chunky, LLC | Eden Prairie |
| 49B | Hennepin | Mama Kicks, LLC | Edina |
| 50B | Hennepin | Endless Fun | Bloomington |
| 50B | Ramsey | Nikolas Bakery | St. Paul |
| 51A | Dakota | Joyce Foods, LLC | Mendota Heights |
| 51B | Hennepin | Mr. B's BBQ | Bloomington |
| 52A | Dakota | E&H KAZO, LLC | Inver Grove Heights |
| 52B | Dakota | Dapper Barons | Eagan |
| 53B | Dakota | Let's Dish! | Burnsville |
| 55A | Scott | XO'Xocolati, LLC | Savage |
| 56B | Dakota | Coconut Whisk, LLC | Rosemount |
| 58A | Rice | Tree Range Farms | Northfield |
| 58A | Rice | Under The Bark, LLC | Lonsdale |
| 58A | Rice | Sweetland Orchard, LLC | Webster |
| 58B | Dakota | Creative Confectionaire | Hastings |
| 58B | Rice | Little Hill Berry Farm | Northfield |
| 59A | Hennepin | Safari Pride Coffee | Minneapolis |
| 59B | Hennepin | Route To India, LLC | Minneapolis |
| 59B | Hennepin | Luca and The Five Girls, LLC | Minneapolis |
| 59B | Hennepin | Jinx Tea | Minneapolis |
| 60A | Hennepin | Acme Organics, LLC | Minneapolis |
| 60A | Hennepin | AquaVirgo, LLC | Minneapolis |
| 60A | Hennepin | Eli's Hot Rockin' | Minneapolis |
| 60A | Hennepin | Fit Butters | Maple Grove |
| 60A | Hennepin | K-Mama Sauce, LLC | Minneapolis |
| 60A | Hennepin | Reneu Concepts Corporation | Minneapolis |
| 60A | Hennepin | The Twisted Shrub | Edina |
| 60A | Ramsey | Desserts by Alighieri | St. Paul |

| Legislative District | County | Business Name | City |
|----------------------|----------|---------------------------------|----------------|
| 60B | Hennepin | Coffeewomple | Minneapolis |
| 60B | Hennepin | So Good Brand, Inc. | Minneapolis |
| 60B | Hennepin | The Beste Co. DBA Village Salsa | Corcoran |
| 61B | Hennepin | Huxley | Minneapolis |
| 62A | Hennepin | Spirit Path, LLC | Minneapolis |
| 63A | Hennepin | Laune Bread, LLC | Minneapolis |
| 63A | Hennepin | Peace Coffee | Minneapolis |
| 63A | Hennepin | University of Fisheries, LLC | Minneapolis |
| 64A | Ramsey | Panache, LLC | St. Paul |
| 65B | Ramsey | Taking Stock Foods, LLC | St. Paul |
| 66A | Dakota | GrIk, LLC | West St. Paul |
| 66A | Hennepin | Apasa Foods | Minneapolis |
| 66A | Hennepin | Off Type, LLC | Minneapolis |
| 66A | Hennepin | SMACKIN' Sunflower Seeds | Minneapolis |
| 66A | Ramsey | Tastemakers, LLC DBA Maazah | Arden Hills |
| 66A | Ramsey | Tasty Tin | Falcon Heights |
| 66A | Hennepin | Well Rooted Teas | St. Louis Park |

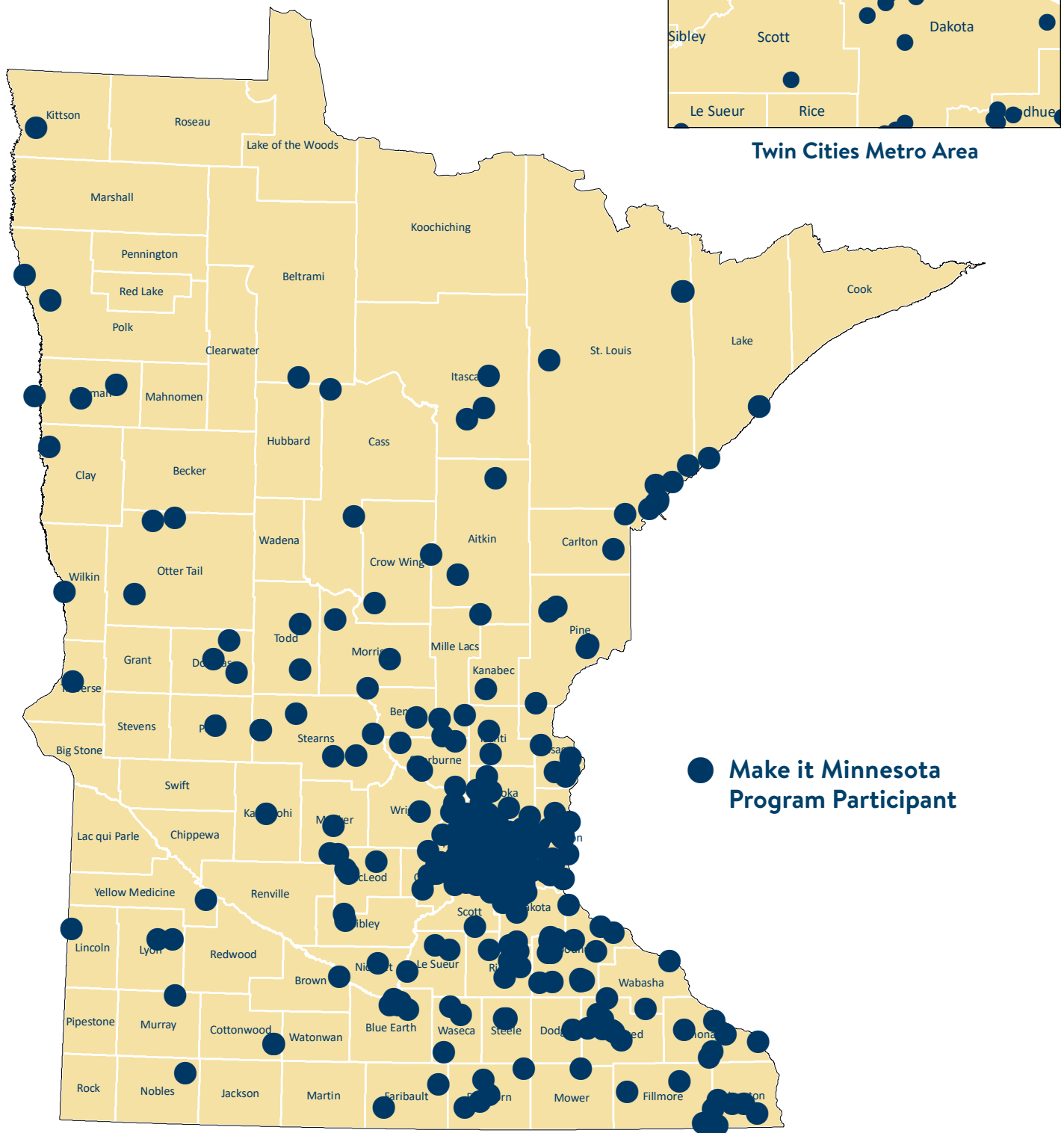
APPENDIX E

MAKE IT MINNESOTA PROGRAM PARTICIPANTS BY COUNTY FISCAL YEAR 2025



APPENDIX E

MAKE IT MINNESOTA PROGRAM PARTICIPANTS BY COUNTY FISCAL YEARS 2017 THROUGH 2025



APPENDIX F

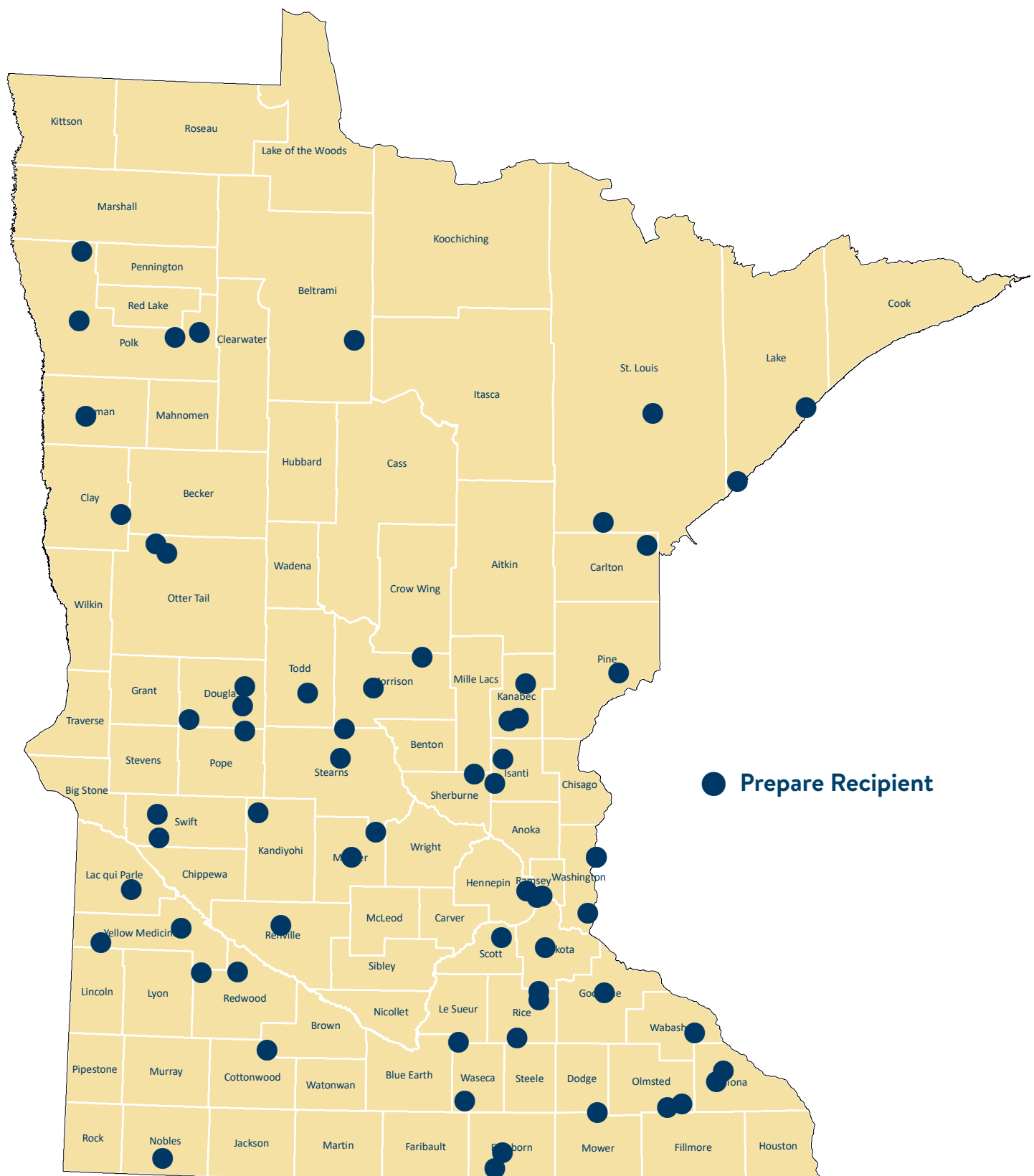
FY25 Prepare Grant Recipients

| Legislative District | County | Grantee | Farm Type |
|----------------------|-----------------|---|-----------------|
| 01B | Norman | Amy Germolus | Livestock |
| 01B | Polk | Anthony Wayne Hamrick | Livestock |
| 01B | Polk | Hillary Paulson | Livestock |
| 01B | Polk | Justin Jerde | Livestock |
| 01B | Polk | Morgan Voxland | Specialty crops |
| 02B | Beltrami | Rachel Gray | Livestock |
| 03A | Lake | Sarah Mayer, Wolf Ridge Environmental Learning Center | Specialty crops |
| 03B | Lake | Daniel Schutte | Specialty crops |
| 04B | Clay | Carl Ekre | Livestock |
| 05B | Morrison | Myles Tomsche, Dairy Ridge, Inc. | Livestock |
| 07B | St. Louis | Doug Ahlgren | Livestock |
| 09B | Douglas | Erica Sawatzke, Oakdale Farms, Inc. | Livestock |
| 09B | Otter Tail | Abraham Bentley | Livestock |
| 09B | Otter Tail | Nathan Dalman | Specialty crops |
| 10A | Crow Wing | Curtis Paul Brisk | Livestock |
| 10A | Kanabec | Brooke Dunsmore | Livestock |
| 10A | Morrison | Ronald Woltjer and Tai Jen Kiu | Specialty crops |
| 11A | Carlton | Troy and Chelsey Smith | Specialty crops |
| 11A | St. Louis | Angela Irvine | Livestock |
| 11B | Kanabec | Ryan Nelson, Nelson Grass Farm | Livestock |
| 11B | Kanabec | Suzanne Kollodge | Specialty crops |
| 11B | Pine | Jonathan Nelson | Livestock |
| 12A | Swift | Joseph Arnold | Specialty crops |
| 12A | Swift | Tobin Tyler, Toad Hill Farm | Livestock |
| 12B | Douglas | Benet Glanzer | Livestock |
| 12B | Douglas | Miriam Kilpatrick | Livestock |
| 12B | Pope | Cory Walker | Livestock |
| 13A | Stearns | Kurt Thell | Livestock |
| 13A | Stearns | Strawberries Galore and More, LLC | Specialty crops |
| 15A | Lac qui Parle | Evert Olesen | Both |
| 15A | Yellow Medicine | David Schrunk | Livestock |
| 15A | Yellow Medicine | Luke Stevens | Livestock |
| 15B | Brown | Neil Roiger | Livestock |
| 15B | Redwood | Katherine Brozek | Specialty crops |
| 15B | Redwood | Rosie Petty | Specialty crops |
| 16A | Meeker | Jayna Larrea | Specialty crops |
| 16A | Renville | Nicholas Steffel | Both |
| 16B | Kandiyohi | Shannon Urban | Both |
| 19A | Rice | Josh Kelm | Livestock |

| Legislative District | County | Grantee | Farm Type |
|----------------------|------------|---|-----------------|
| 20A | Goodhue | Travis Ryan | Livestock |
| 20B | Olmsted | Alexandra Hanson, Hanson Girls Cattle Co., LLC | Livestock |
| 20B | Olmsted | Logan Clark | Both |
| 20B | Wabasha | Jary Holst | Livestock |
| 20B | Winona | Patrick Kalmes | Livestock |
| 21B | Nobles | Jesse Walker | Specialty crops |
| 22B | Le Sueur | Ethan Muellerleile | Livestock |
| 23A | Freeborn | Ann Larson | Livestock |
| 23A | Freeborn | Grady Ruble | Livestock |
| 23A | Waseca | Daniel Zimmerli | Specialty crops |
| 24A | Dodge | Kathryn Davis | Specialty crops |
| 26A | Winona | Ross L. Herber | Livestock |
| 27B | Isanti | Farm Farm, LLC | Specialty crops |
| 27B | Sherburne | Josh Krenz | Livestock |
| 28A | Isanti | Joan Foster | Livestock |
| 29A | Meeker | Travis Schiefelbein, Schiefelbein Farms, LLC | Livestock |
| 33B | Washington | Greg Sandager | Specialty crops |
| 33B | Washington | Jake Powell | Specialty crops |
| 41B | Washington | Christopher R. James, Fresh Earth Farms | Specialty crops |
| 54B | Scott | Matthew Arends | Specialty crops |
| 58A | Rice | Grace Brosnan, Feed The People Cooperative Farm | Livestock |
| 58A | Rice | Rebecca Rudebusch, Seeds Farm | Specialty crops |
| 58B | Dakota | Aaron Brand, Brand Farms, LLC | Specialty crops |
| 62B | Hennepin | Dream of Wild Health | Specialty crops |
| 64A | Ramsey | Xe Susane Moua | Specialty crops |
| 64B | Scott | Ann Brombach | Specialty crops |

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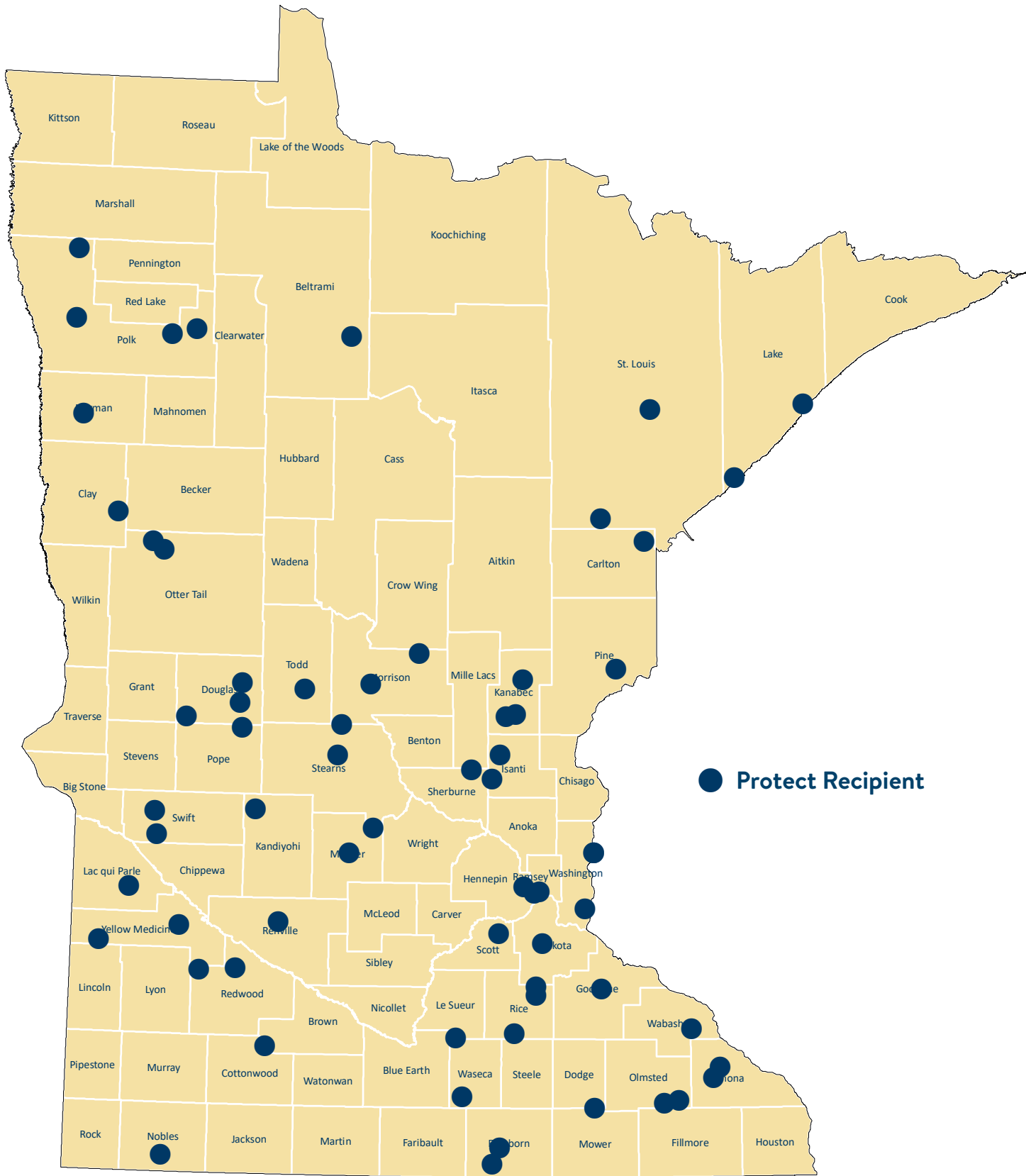


FY25 Protect Grant Recipients

| Legislative District | County | Grantee | Livestock Type |
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| 02B | Beltrami | Charli Schocker | Poultry, sheep/goats |
| 04B | Clay | Jacob Thompson, Four Hill Farms, Inc. | Beef cattle |
| 05B | Cass | Clayton Barg, Barg Seven Mile Creek Ranch | Beef cattle |
| 05B | Morrison | Michael Barber, M & M Turkeys, LLC | Poultry |
| 05B | Todd | Matthew Holt | Beef cattle |
| 07B | St. Louis | Jolene Schlander, Animals R Us | Beef cattle, bison, dairy cattle, horses, llamas, mules, poultry, ratites, sheep/goats, swine |
| 09B | Douglas | Ian Olson, Ian Olson Farms | Poultry |
| 12A | Stearns | Michelle Groetsch | Poultry |
| 12A | Stearns | Tara Meyer, Meyer Dairy, LLC | Beef cattle |
| 12B | Pope | Jennifer Olson, Golden Banty Farm | Beef cattle |
| 12B | Pope | Jeremy Walker | Dairy cattle |
| 12B | Stearns | Matt Herdering, Klaphake Feed Mill, Inc. | Poultry |
| 12B | Stearns | Shane Wilhelm, Richmond Turkey Farm, LLC | Poultry |
| 13A | Stearns | Earl Gregoire | Beef cattle, horses, poultry, sheep/goats |
| 13A | Stearns | Janice Hansen | Beef cattle, bison |
| 13A | Stearns | Kathy Hommerding | Beef cattle, poultry, sheep/goats, swine |
| 13A | Stearns | Kurt Hansen | Beef cattle, sheep/goats |
| 15A | Lyon | Chase VanKeulen | Swine |
| 15A | Lyon | Brandon Deutz, Deutz Brothers, LLC | Beef cattle, dairy cattle |
| 15B | Brown | Martin Mohr | Swine |
| 16A | Kandiyohi | Michael Mohr, Mohr Pork, LLC | Swine |
| 16B | Kandiyohi | Jessica Westbrook, Sunflower Farms | Poultry |
| 18A | Nicollet | Dustin Compart | Swine |
| 18A | Nicollet | Kyle Compart, KA Enterprises, LLC | Swine |
| 20B | Goodhue | Sara Betcher, JB Farms, LLC | Sheep/goats |
| 20B | Wabasha | Lance Sexton | Dairy cattle |
| 21A | Murray | Josh Lingen, Lingren Dairy | Dairy cattle |
| 21A | Murray | Melissa Runck, SMR Cattle | Beef cattle, horses, poultry |
| 21A | Nobles | Annette Junak, Son-D-Farms, Inc. | Swine |
| 24A | Olmsted | Anthony Rossman | Beef cattle |
| 26B | Houston | Tony Heppner, Golden Hawk Farms | Beef cattle, poultry sheep/goats, swine |

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| 28A | Isanti | Brian Heymer, Red Bridge Farms, Inc. | Poultry |
| 28B | Chisago | Jennifer Kozlowski, Monarch Acres | Beef cattle, sheep/goats |
| 58B | Rice | Nathan Holden, Holden Farms, Inc. | Poultry, swine |

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FY25 Sustainable Agriculture Demonstration Grant Recipients

| Legislative District | County | Organization | Project Title |
|-------------------------|---|---|--|
| 04A | Clay | Caliton's Family Farm | Growing Amaranth for Edible Leaves in the Red River Valley |
| 62B | Hennepin | Dream of Wild Health | Reshaping Farm Fields for Water Management and Soil Health |
| 20A | Goodhue | Dry Creek Farms | Grazing Standing Milo for Winter Feeding |
| 18A, 54B | Nicollet, Scott | Great River Greening | Winter Camelina/Soybean Yield Difference in Relay Cropping vs. Double Cropping Systems |
| 58B | Dakota | Little Hill Berry Farm | Trialing New Minnesota Hardy Seedless Table Grapes on an Organic Farm |
| 29A, 17A | Wright, McLeod | Midwest Elderberry Cooperative | Creating Novel Crop Quality Standards to Unlock and Sustain Wholesale Market Opportunities |
| 26B | Fillmore | Radicle Heart Farm | Comparing Three Methods for Reinvigorating Pasture |
| 16A | Aitkin, Crow Wing, Hennepin, Olmstead, Sherburne, Stearns | University of Minnesota | Planting Legumes in Hybrid Hazelnut Alleys for Sustainable Provision of Nitrogen |
| 19A, 19B, 58A, 58B, 23B | Rice, Steele | Rice Soil and Water Conservation District | Rice-Steele Soil Health Nitrogen Rate – Return on Investment Trials |
| 28A | Isanti | Smarterlife Organic Farms, LLC | Optimizing On-farm Composting for Healthy Ecosystem and Sustainable Specialty Crops Production |
| 20B | Winona | Timm Family Farms | Single Pass Integrated Combine Harvester Cover Crop Seeding System |

FY25 Urban Agriculture Grant Recipients

| Legislative District | County | Organization | Project Summary |
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| 04A | Clay | Harvest Hope Farm | Cultivate agriculture knowledge and creativity with mobile Farm Camp on Wheels and onsite programs for youth ages 3–17. Funds will be used to purchase art supplies and other necessary learning tools to facilitate these camps, staff wages for onsite and mobile camps, and art structures created by program youth. |
| 05A | Beltrami | Boys & Girls Club of the Bemidji Area | Revitalize the club's garden space by incorporating a new curriculum, capturing rainwater to eliminate flooding, adding a pollinator garden, and developing a plan to build sustainability into the garden program. |
| 05A | Beltrami | Headwaters Regional Development Commission | Revitalize Conifer Estates' community garden in Bemidji by replacing 10 raised beds with fresh soil, installing irrigation, and supplying seeds and tools. Funds will also be used to organize workshops to connect residents to the garden spaces. |
| 05A | Beltrami | Northwestern Minnesota Juvenile Center | Provide youth hands-on agricultural opportunities by restoring a greenhouse with utilities, creating a fenced-in space to add more garden beds, and purchasing necessary equipment to support the program's growth. |
| 07B | St. Louis | Hermantown Community Schools | Develop the Hermantown Learning Garden to expose youth aged Pre-K through 5, to the growth cycle and process of growing food through hands-on learning opportunities. Funds will be used to purchase supplies for raised beds, garden infrastructure, starter plants, and other garden equipment. |
| 09A | Otter Tail | Lake Region Healthcare Foundation | Increase production capacity at the Lake Region Takes Root Community Garden by building a greenhouse. Produce will be donated to area food shelves. A youth education and internship position will also be initiated using grant funds. |
| 12B | Stearns | Child Care Choices, Inc. DBA Milestones | Implement the Harvesting Bright Futures: Urban Agriculture for Child Care project, equipping 100 family childcare educators with the tools, training, and resources to integrate urban agriculture education into their programs. The project will reach more than 600 young children annually. |
| 26B | Steele | Owatonna Alternative Learning Center | Implement a hydroponic agriculture program to teach students green-tech skills, entrepreneurship, and agricultural growing practices. |
| 43B | Hennepin | Frog Tree Farm | Empower urban youth in Brooklyn Park and surrounding neighborhoods with hands-on farm education, cohort-based seed sowing, soil health projects, expert-led workshops, and rural farm retreats to cultivate sustainability, agriculture career pathways, and urban-rural partnerships. |
| 44A | Hennepin | Friendly Hmong Farms, LLC | Establish a professional development program for Hmong women farmers and youth in Hennepin, Ramsey, and Washington counties. Funds will support regenerative farming, entrepreneurship, and market access through intergenerational farming opportunities. |
| 53A | Ramsey | Hand In Hand | Equip and integrate urban agriculture infrastructure – including maple syrup equipment, raised beds, a greenhouse, composting, a brick oven, and hydroponics – to establish a self-sustaining farm and hands-on educational programming led by four student teams. |

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| 58B | Hennepin | City of Richfield | Deliver youth and adult programs at the Richfield Community Center on gardening, cooking with homegrown produce, and food business development. The project also will purchase communal tools, install an outdoor garden shed, and build raised beds at two community garden sites. |
| 60A | Hennepin | Appetite For Change | Engage North Minneapolis youth in agricultural programming through paid hands-on training at urban farms, enabling 30 participants to grow and donate 7,500 pounds of produce, develop a tailored curriculum, and sustain long-term community impact. |
| 60A | Hennepin | Native American Community Development Institute | Continue community food sovereignty in the Phillips neighborhood by enhancing programming across three sites, building infrastructure, supplying maintenance materials, staffing events, and launching a summer internship at the Four Sisters Urban Farm and Farmers' Market. |
| 60A | Hennepin | Pillsbury United Communities | Facilitate educational opportunities for youth aged 14-18 as a part of the Pillsbury United Communities Food System Youth Internship program. Funds will be used to support a cohort of five paid youth interns in an eight-week summer internship and a cohort of four paid youth interns during an academic year internship, using the on-site garden space as the classroom. |
| 60B | Hennepin | Sheridan Neighborhood Organization | Expand the donation garden by building a retaining wall, installing perennial beds, hiring a garden manager, and driving outreach and educational signage to boost food security, sustainability, and community engagement at the community garden. |
| 60B | Hennepin | Urban Ventures | Develop a cohort of seven educators to teach 500 youth (Pre-K to high school) a variety of agriculture and nutrition experiences, tripling the number of youth impacted. Funds will cover wages for youth educators and a hydroponics manager. |
| 61A | Hennepin | Seward Montessori Parent Teacher Association | Construct six to eight garden structures in Seward Montessori's courtyard to establish a vegetable and medicinal plant garden that fosters environmental stewardship and hands-on learning. |
| 62A | Hennepin | Textile Center | Expand the Dye Garden along University Avenue's north sidewalk, install drip irrigation and natural-fiber composting, cultivate native dye plants, and sustain accessible, multilingual fiber-art education via signage, forums, classes, internships, and community partnerships within the Prospect Park neighborhood of Minneapolis. |
| 62B | Hennepin | Augsburg University | Enhance the Augsburg Community Garden project in Cedar-Riverside by upgrading garden infrastructure, hosting multilingual community events, and increasing food production through culturally relevant gardening practices. |
| 62B | Hennepin | Sustainable Farming Association | Support the Twin Cities Metro Growers Network through a three-year series of educational and networking events designed to educate and connect urban growers, strengthening community connections and sustainable farming skills among Minneapolis and St. Paul urban growers. |
| 62B | Hennepin | University of Minnesota Extension | Empower young people to understand the connections between climate science and food systems through hands-on projects such as building hydroponic systems, growing microgreens, container gardening, youth-led community action projects, and climate story podcasts. Field trips to local farms and urban agriculture businesses will be a component of this project. The project will be based at multiple sites in Minneapolis, Brooklyn Park, Waconia, Carver, and St. Paul. |

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| 63A | Hennepin | Darling Little Farm | Deliver weekly agriculture workshops for persons with disabilities and caretakers through partnership with Highland Friendship Club. Funds will be used to develop curriculum and purchase equipment and materials for those classes. |
| 63A | Hennepin | East Phillips Neighborhood Institute | Expand existing community workshop programming to provide free, environmentally focused education informed by Indigenous traditional knowledge to local K-12 youth through summer camps and at after school programs. Funds also will continue community-wide cultural workshops at community gardens in the East Phillips neighborhood. |
| 63A | Hennepin | Folwell Neighborhood Association | Add infrastructure to protect and add to the functionality of the Folwell Neighborhood Gardens, increasing accessibility to the community. Funds also will provide stipends to garden managers at two sites. |
| 63A | Hennepin | Freedom Farms MPLS | Transform a vacant North Minneapolis lot into a vibrant green space, engage residents and youth with urban farming and sustainability workshops, improve food security, promote environmental stewardship, and create local agricultural job opportunities for a resilient community. |
| 63B | Hennepin | Midwest Food Connection | Equip West Side (St. Paul) K-12 students with hands-on urban agriculture education, including raising plants, harvesting produce, tending to neighborhood gardens, and creating a mentorship opportunity for high school youth to work with elementary-aged youth. |
| 66A | Ramsey | Lower Phalen Creek Project | Establish a four sisters demonstration garden at Wakan Tipi Center in St. Paul. Funds will purchase a storage container, raised beds, and other equipment to make the learning space accessible to the community, including youth, elders, and those with physical disabilities. |
| 66B | Ramsey | St. Paul Public Schools | Expand Humboldt School Garden by adding an orchard and raised beds, hiring students for summer care and harvest, improving soil health with compost and mulch, installing drip irrigation, and building cold frames to extend the growing season. |
| 66B | Ramsey | Urban Roots | Support the Market Garden Program and Community Garden Program on the East Side (St. Paul) by improving water infrastructure, covering staff wages, providing mentor stipends, and purchasing necessary farm equipment. |
| 67A | Ramsey | Friends School of Minnesota | Install seven raised beds, fruit trees, a hydroponic system, and chickens on school grounds, engaging K-8 students in garden maintenance to deepen agricultural knowledge. |
| 67B | Ramsey | Global Entrepreneurship Week Minnesota | Expand Way of the Roots Farm family farming program at two new St. Paul locations. The project will focus on a tiered mentorship program where teen farmers will train younger children in sustainable growing practices and wellness opportunities through agriculture. |
| 67B | Ramsey | Irreducible Grace Foundation | Deepen youth engagement in sustainable urban agriculture at Frogtown's Black Youth Healing Arts Center by expanding garden beds, integrating African American heritage gardening methods, launching a mobile Pay-What-You-Can Market, and funding stipends and coordinators. |

FY25 Value-Added Grant Recipients

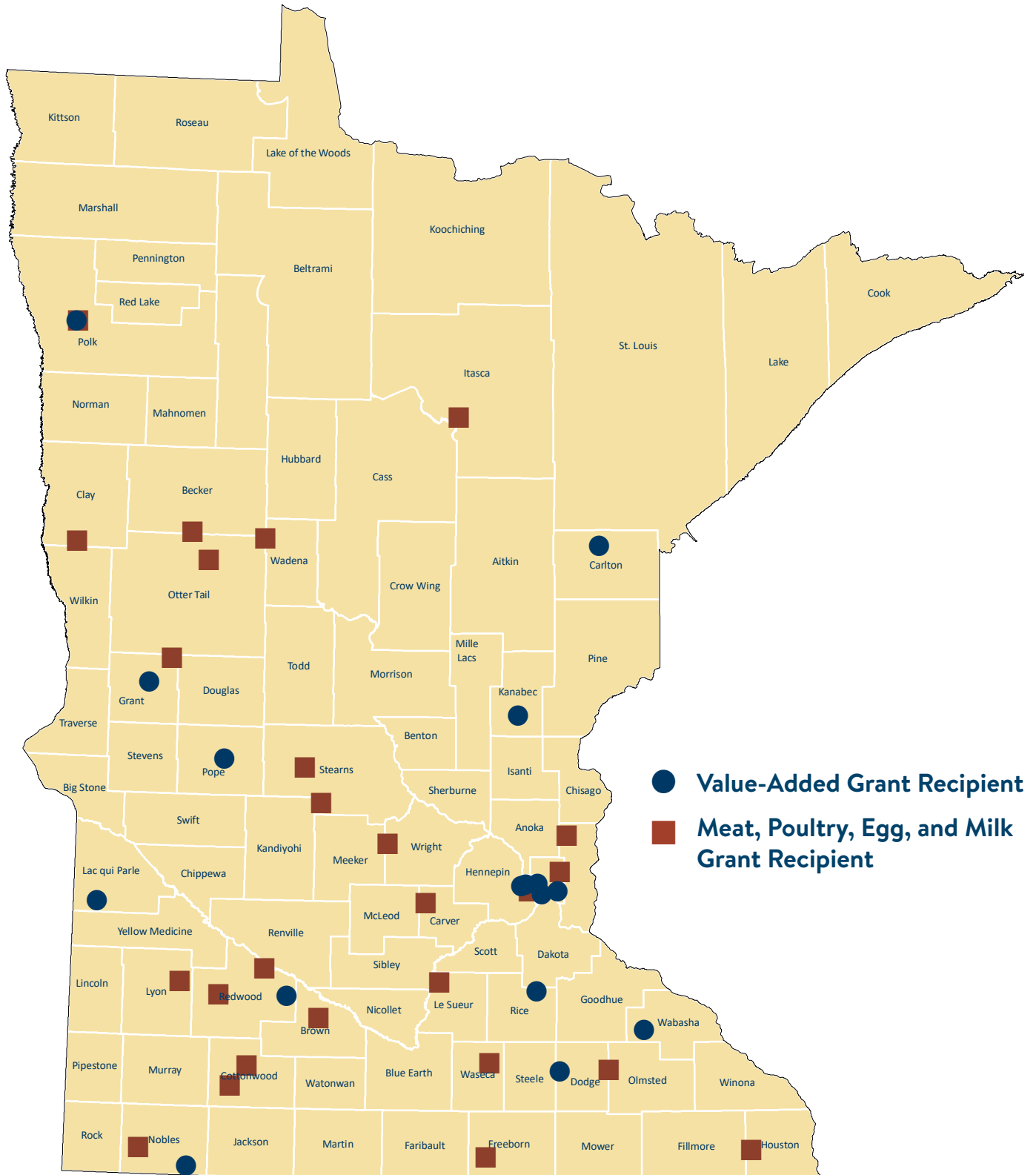
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| 01B | Polk | Sunrich Products, LLC | Purchase of pasteurization equipment for increased processing capacity of Minnesota-grown sunflower kernels. |
| 09A | Grant | Ancient Wheat Craft | Purchase of stone mill, grain cleaning equipment, and packaging equipment to grind Minnesota-grown wheat into artisan flour. |
| 11A | Carlton | Spirit Lake Native Farms | Purchase of firewood processor used for making wood-fired maple syrup and traditional parching of wild rice. |
| 11B | Kanabec | In-Cider Orchard | Purchase of freezer equipment including insulated walls, ceiling, doors, compressor, and condenser for food-safe storage of apple juice. |
| 12A | Pope | Rolling Forks Vineyards | Purchase of wine-bottling line. |
| 15A | Yellow Medicine | Sandhill Mill | Conversion of existing mill building into grain storage area for improved food safety. |
| 15B | Redwood | Crested River | Installation of electrical hookups and purchase of a pasteurizer and CIP (clean-in-place) system for greater hemp processing capacity and food safety. |
| 20B | Wabasha | Zumbro Falls Golf Club | Purchase of bottler, water heater, labeling machine, and air compressor for local winery. |
| 21B | Nobles | Nystrom Orchard | Purchase of apple washer-grinder, transfer pump, power washer, pasteurizer, and bag filler for increasing cider processing efficiency and food safety. |
| 24A | Dodge | AI-Corn Clean Fuel, LLC | Purchase of distiller's grain drying equipment, enabling the ethanol plant to expand production of ethanol, distiller's grains, and corn oil sourced from Minnesota-grown grains. |
| 58A | Rice | Loon Liquors | Purchase of stone mill, grain cleaner, additional milling equipment, and distillery bottling equipment for increasing distillery grain processing. |
| 59B | Hennepin | Hoyo | Purchase of combination oven, vegetable peeler, vertical cutter machine, kettle mixer, metal detector, and additional equipment for increasing production capacity as a food manufacturer. |
| 61A | Hennepin | PlantB, LLC | Purchase of dry-blender and filler to increase processing capacity of plant protein products. |
| 64A | Ramsey | Nature's Holistic Farm, LLC | Purchase of commercial-grade freeze dryer and freezer for increasing processing capacity of Minnesota-grown herbs, fruits, and vegetables. |
| 66A | Ramsey | The Good Acre | Renovation of commercial kitchen to serve as dedicated space for processing, assembly, and packaging of consumer packaged goods and community supported agriculture. |
| 67B | Ramsey | X2 Pastries | Purchase of HVAC system, hood, double stack convection oven, singe rack roll-in oven, walk-in fridge, and a walk-in freezer for brick-and-mortar bakery. |

FY25 Meat, Poultry, Egg, and Milk Grant Recipients

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| 01B | Polk | B and E Meats | Purchase of utensil washer for meat processing facility. |
| 04B | Clay | Callahan Meats, Inc. | Purchase of processing equipment, packaging equipment, and slaughter facility improvements, including a slicer, mixer/grinders, labeler, coolers, etc. |
| 05A | Becker | Ketter's Meats & Locker Plant | Purchase of meat grinder and ground beef bagger for increased meat processing capacity. |
| 07A | Itasca | Orty's Custom Meats | Purchase of automatic dishwasher for meat processing facility. |
| 09A | Grant | TFC Poultry, LLC | Purchase of grinding equipment for increased processing capacity of ground turkey. |
| 09B | Otter Tail | Lakes Community Cooperative | Purchase of coolers and processing equipment for increased meat processing capacity. |
| 09B | Wadena | Ten Finn's Creamery | Purchase of on-farm milk pasteurizer and associated parts/pumps to increase milk processing capacity. |
| 12A | Stearns | Concept Processing | Purchase of filler and bagger for more efficient and food-safe processing of fluid milk. |
| 13A | Stearns | B&K Schrupp's Meat & Seafood, LLC | Purchase of heat-sealing packaging machine for meat processing facility. |
| 15A | Lyon | Deutz Brothers, LLC | Expansion of cold storage for meat products and egg washing. |
| 15B | Brown | Compass Rose Creamery | Build-out of facility for start-up creamery, including purchase of cheese processing equipment. |
| 15B | Redwood | Farmers Union Industries | Purchase of new condenser to increase rendering capacity for area livestock and poultry producers' raw material. |
| 15B | Redwood | South Forty Meat Market | Purchase of a sausage stuffer and linker to increase processing capacity. |
| 17B | Carver | Schroeder Meats | Renovation of facility room to separate ready-to-eat product packaging from raw product, and purchase of a bacon slicer. |
| 19B | Waseca | Morgan's Meat Market | Purchase of mixer/mincer and new flooring for increasing meat processing capacity and food safety. |
| 21A | Jackson | Amo Creamery | Purchase of plumbing, ventilation, and epoxy flooring work, and refrigerated product transport for start-up on farm creamery. |
| 21A | Nobles | Egan's Market | Replacement of meat processing facility flooring for increased food safety. |
| 21A | Cottonwood | Highwater Creek Meat Market, LLC | Purchase of a bandsaw, curing pump, patty machine, splitting saw, meat tenderizer, and meat slicer to increase processing capacity and increase food safety. |
| 22B | Le Sueur | Chad Boisjolie | Installation of hot water lines and purchase of a higher volume scalding for mobile poultry processing trailer. |
| 23A | Freeborn | Conger Meat Market | Purchase of meat processing equipment for increasing processing capacity, including a meat grinder, walk-in cooler and freezer, bandsaw, etc. |
| 24A | Dodge | Bear Country Meats | Purchase of refrigeration equipment for on-farm meat processing. |

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| 26B | Houston | Gardner Family Farm | Purchase of an egg washer to increase processing capacity for pasture-raised eggs. |
| 29A | Wright | French Lake Butcher Shop | Purchase of a bowl chopper to increase sausage processing capacity. |
| 33A | Washington | Autumnwood Farm, LLC | Purchase of filling/capping equipment for milk bottles and refrigerated transport vehicle. |
| 36B | Ramsey | White Bear Butchery, Inc. | Renovation of meat processing facility ceiling with antimicrobial, washable tiles to increase food safety. |
| 63A | Hennepin | Swanson Meats, Inc. | Purchase of meat tenderizer and intervention applicator to increase processing capacity and food safety. |

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