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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.

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.

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

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

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

FY 2025 Summary

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	
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	
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

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

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

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

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:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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
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.

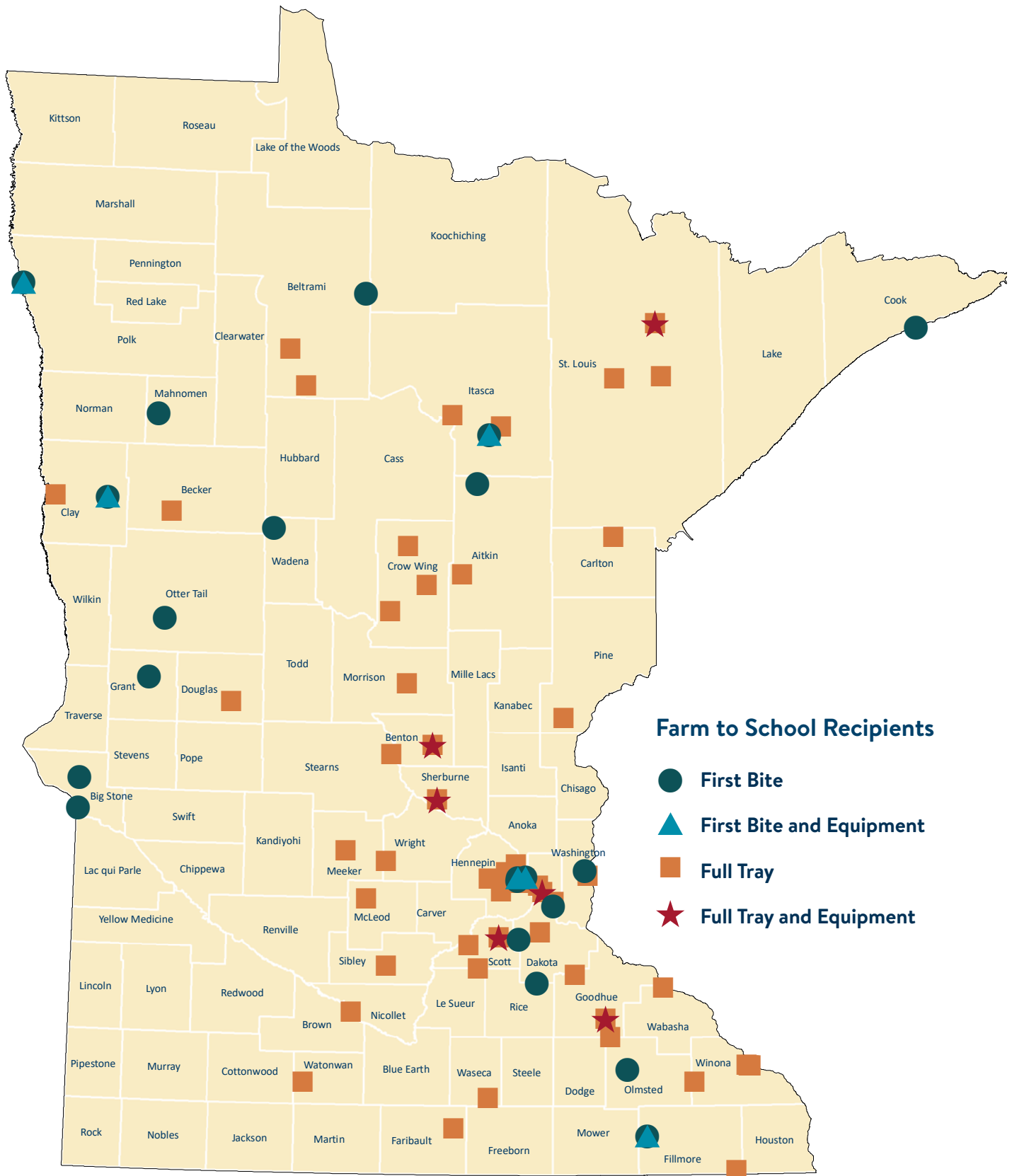
School/School District	County	Type(s)	Project Summary
Hopkins Public Schools	Hennepin	Full Tray	Support current Farm to School efforts while also expanding Farm to School initiatives by adding more local farmers and their products to the menus. Increase current Farm to School sourcing to support local 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.

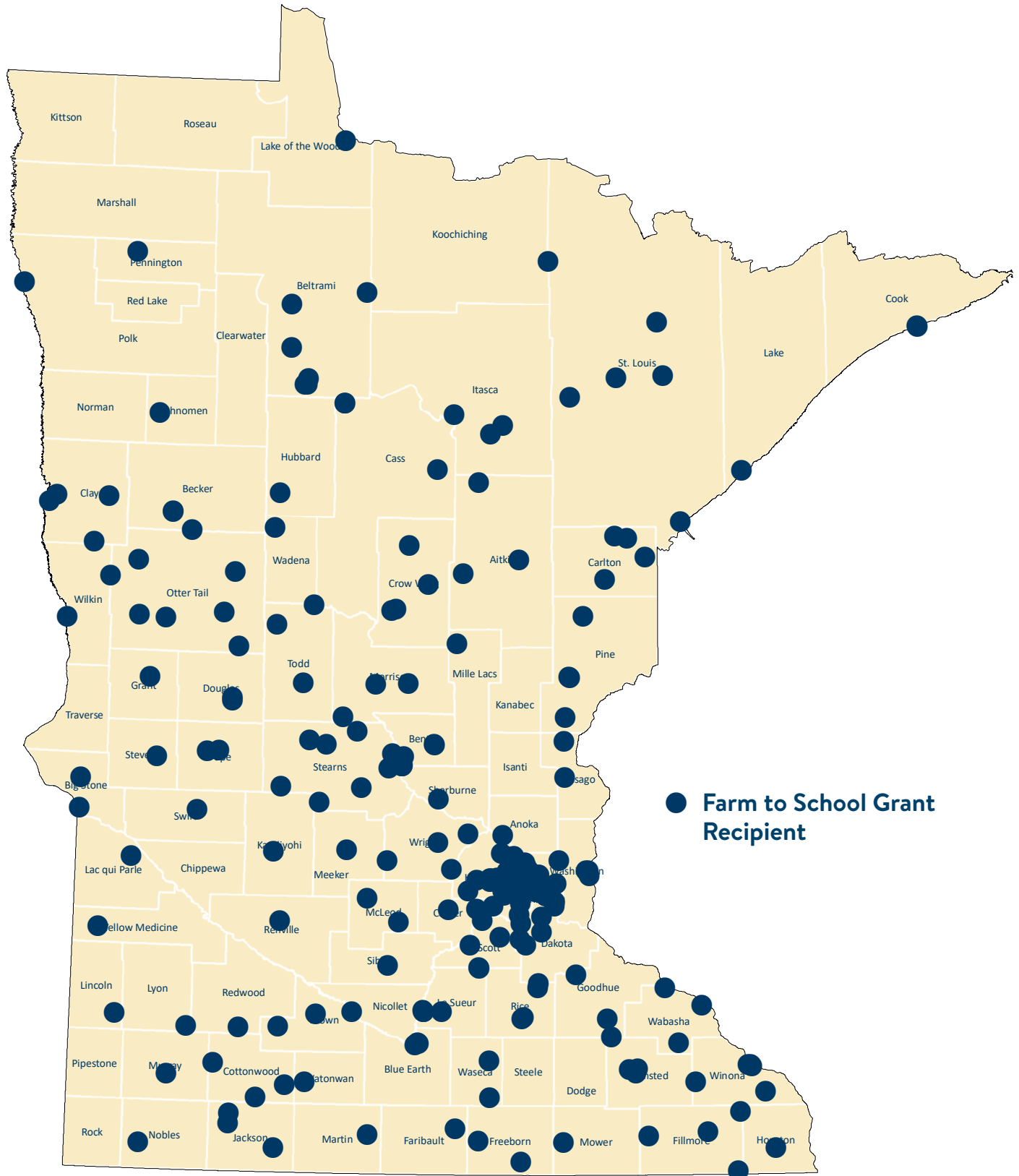
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St. Paul Public Schools	Ramsey	Full Tray, Equipment	Feature Minnesota-grown foods monthly and promote them through food maps, social media, and cafeteria events to strengthen the district's interconnected food system and community vitality. Purchase 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 FISCAL YEAR 2025



FARM TO SCHOOL GRANTS BY COUNTY FISCAL YEARS 2017 THROUGH 2025



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	Erskine
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

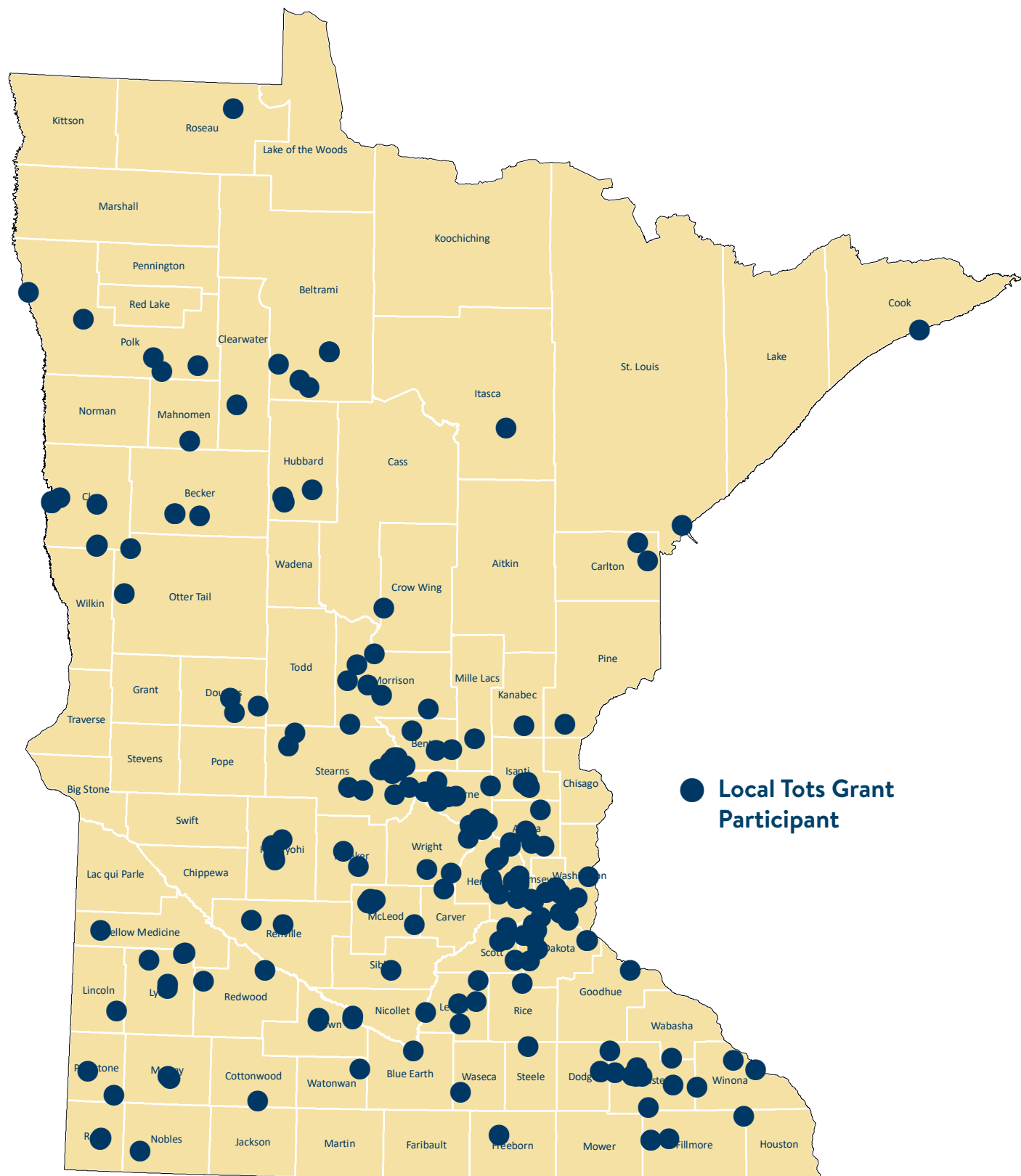
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15A	Lyon	Samantha Wee, Wee Ones Daycare	Cottonwood
15A	Lyon	Tammy Coudron, TLC Daycare	Marshall
15A	Yellow Medicine	Lynn Wollum, Lynn's Lane Daycare	Canby
15B	Brown	Barb Krzmarzick	Sleepy Eye
15B	Brown	Deana Ries, Busy Hands Daycare	New Ulm
15B	Brown	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

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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

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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

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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

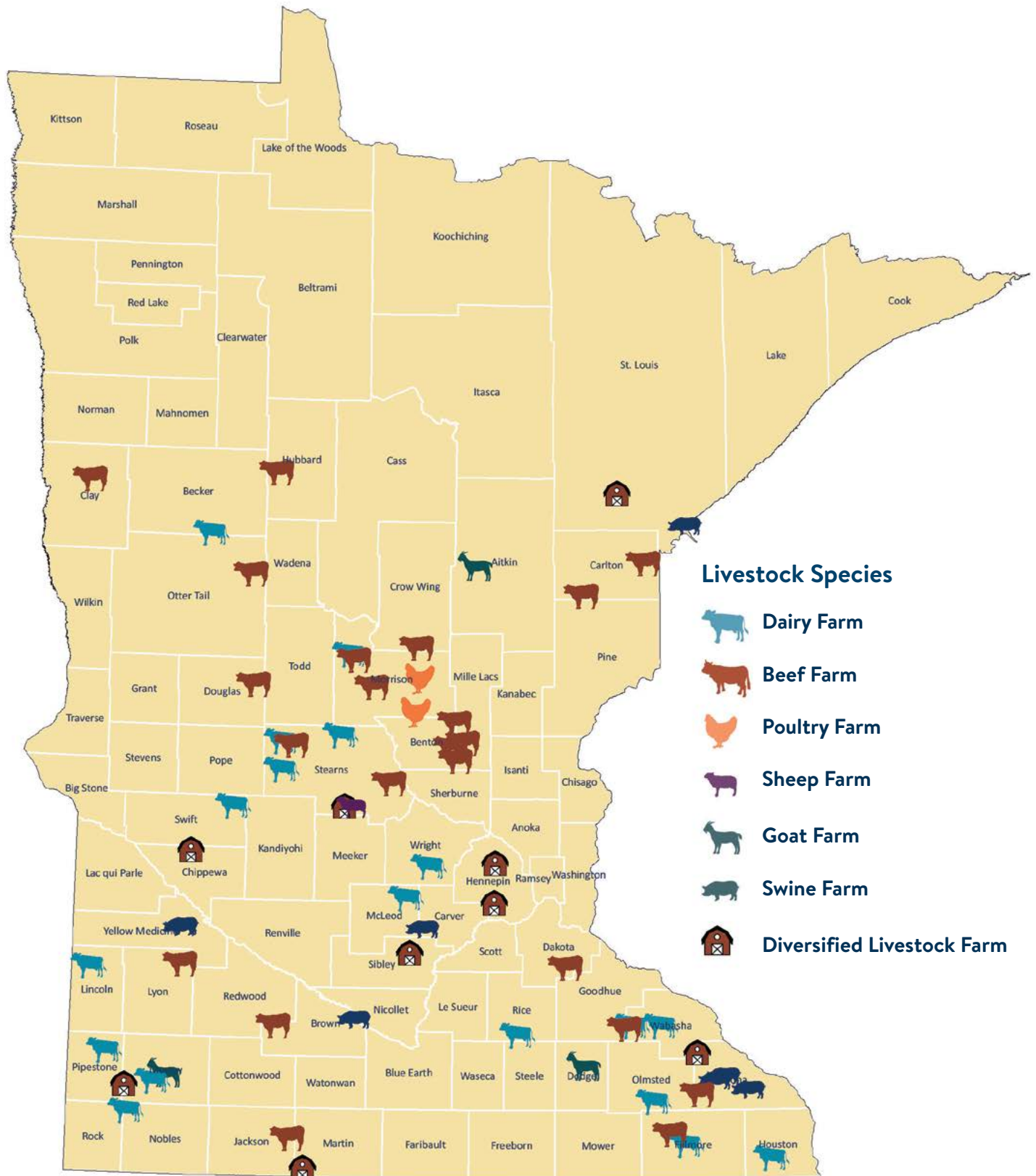


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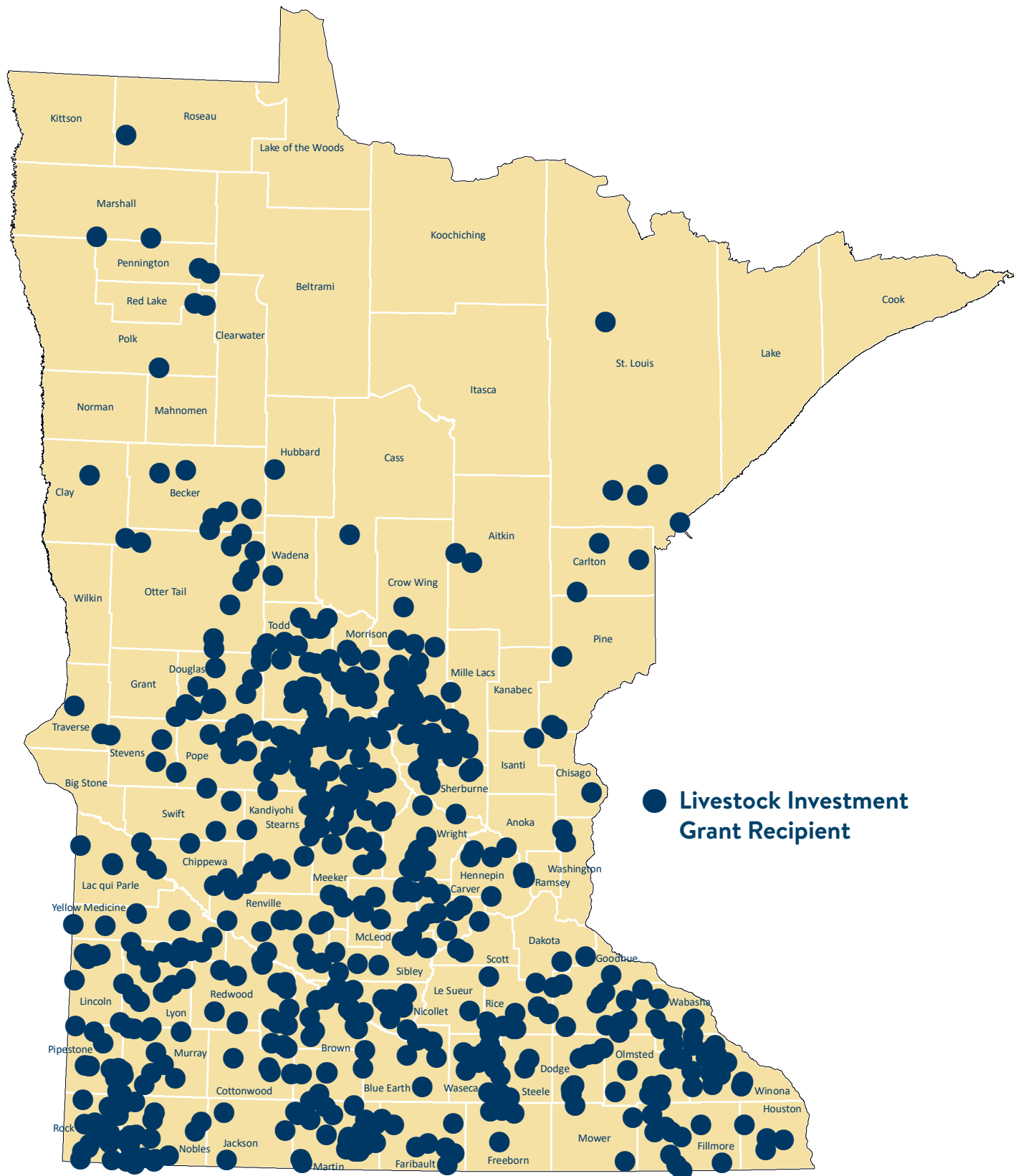
Legislative District	County	Name	Species
04B	Clay	Jennifer Morken	Beef
05A	Becker	Landon Byer	Dairy
05A	Hubbard	Annette Ackerman	Beef
07B	St. Louis	Jolene Schlander	Diversified Livestock
07B	St. Louis	Kathy Lionberger, Arrowhead Regional Corrections	Swine
09B	Otter Tail	William Schwartz	Beef
10A	Aitkin	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

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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

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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	Brooten
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

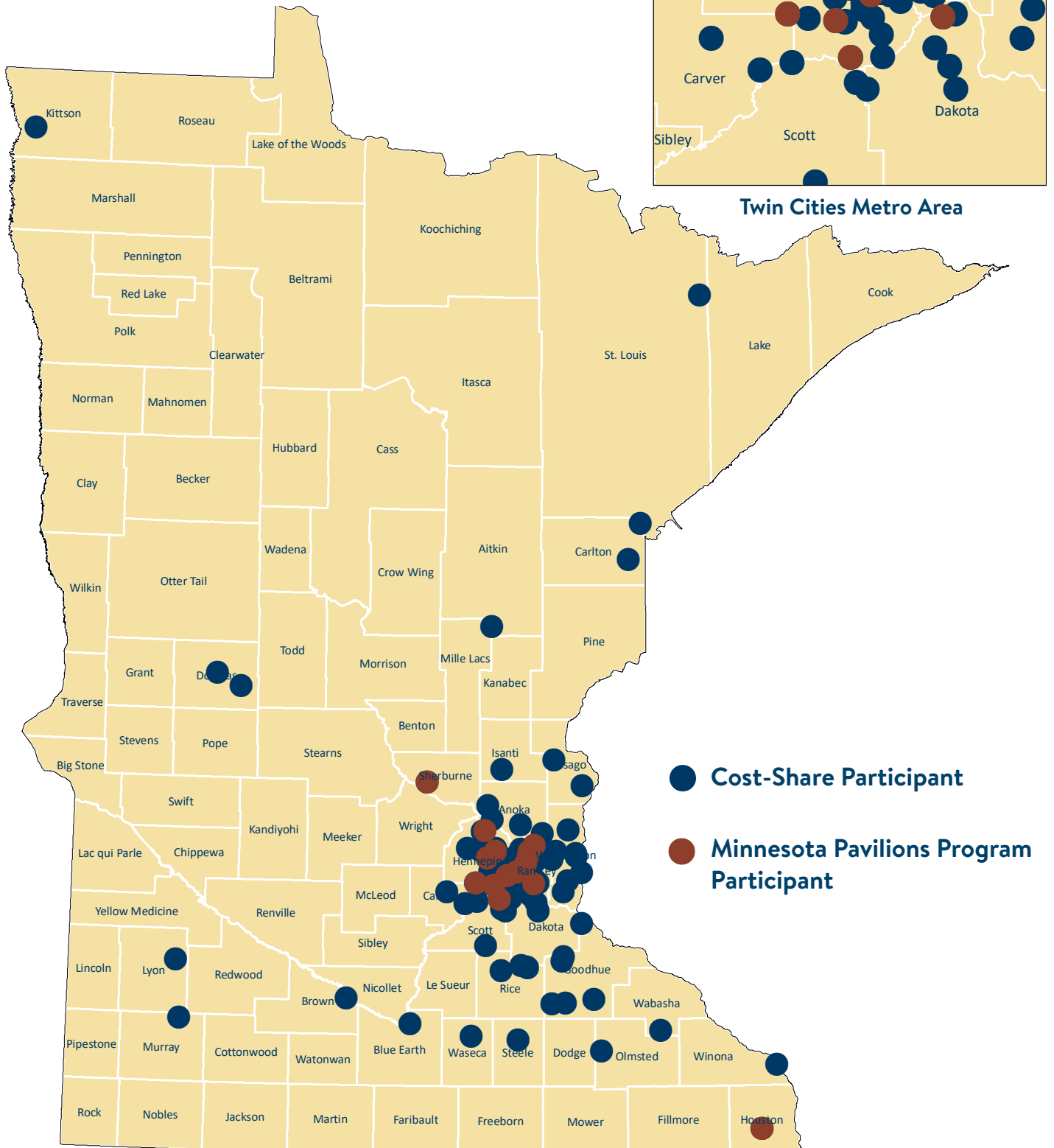
Legislative District	County	Business Name	City
29B	Hennepin	Tailgate Spices	Hopkins
31A	Anoka	Summer Lakes Beverage	Ramsey
31B	Isanti	NKI Enterprises, Inc. DBA The Saucy Mamma	Isanti
32A	Anoka	Bernie's	Blaine
32A	Ramsey	Lovejoy's Bloody Mary Mix, Inc.	Roseville
32B	Hennepin	TC Farm	Minnetonka
33A	Ramsey	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

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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

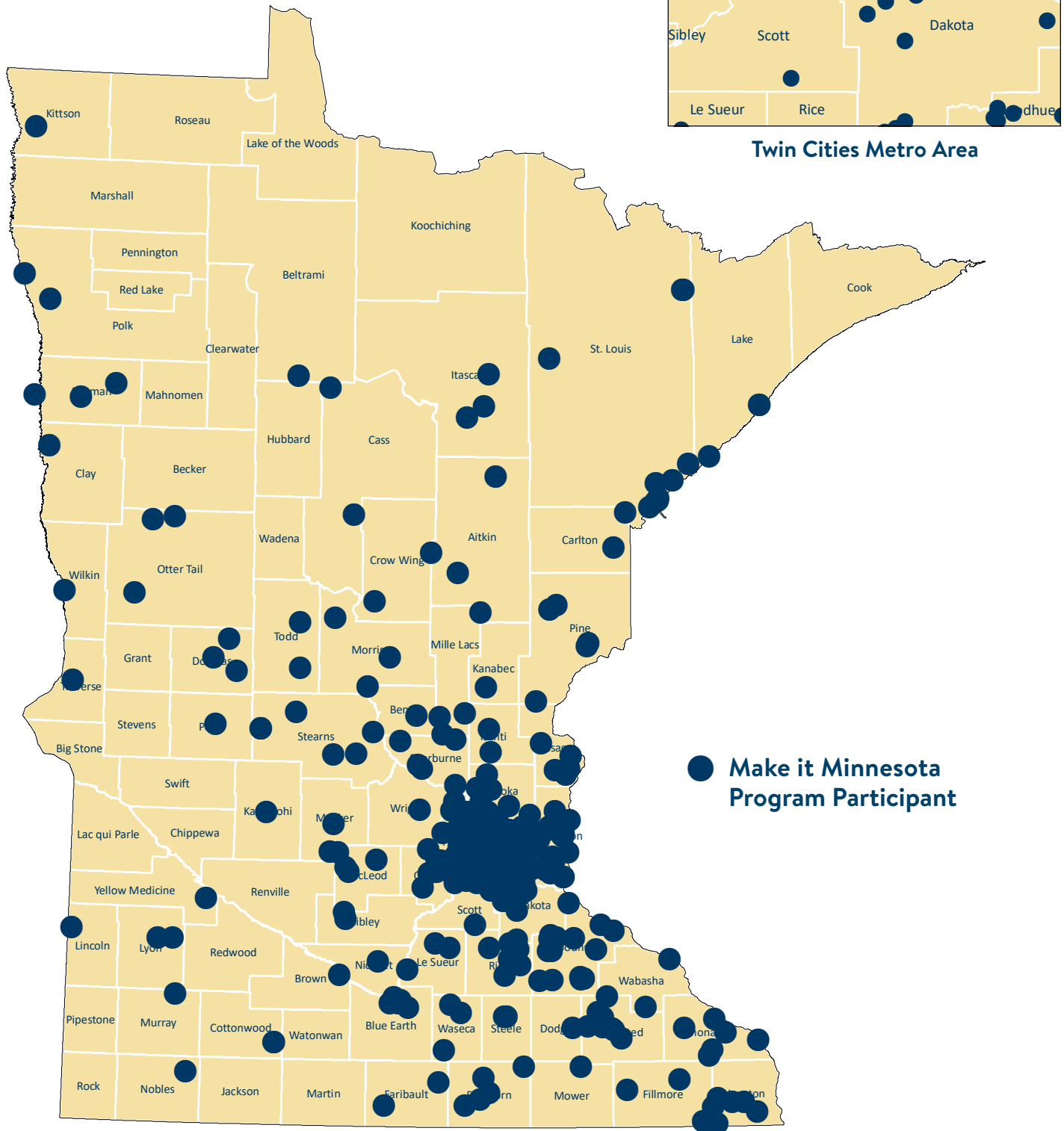
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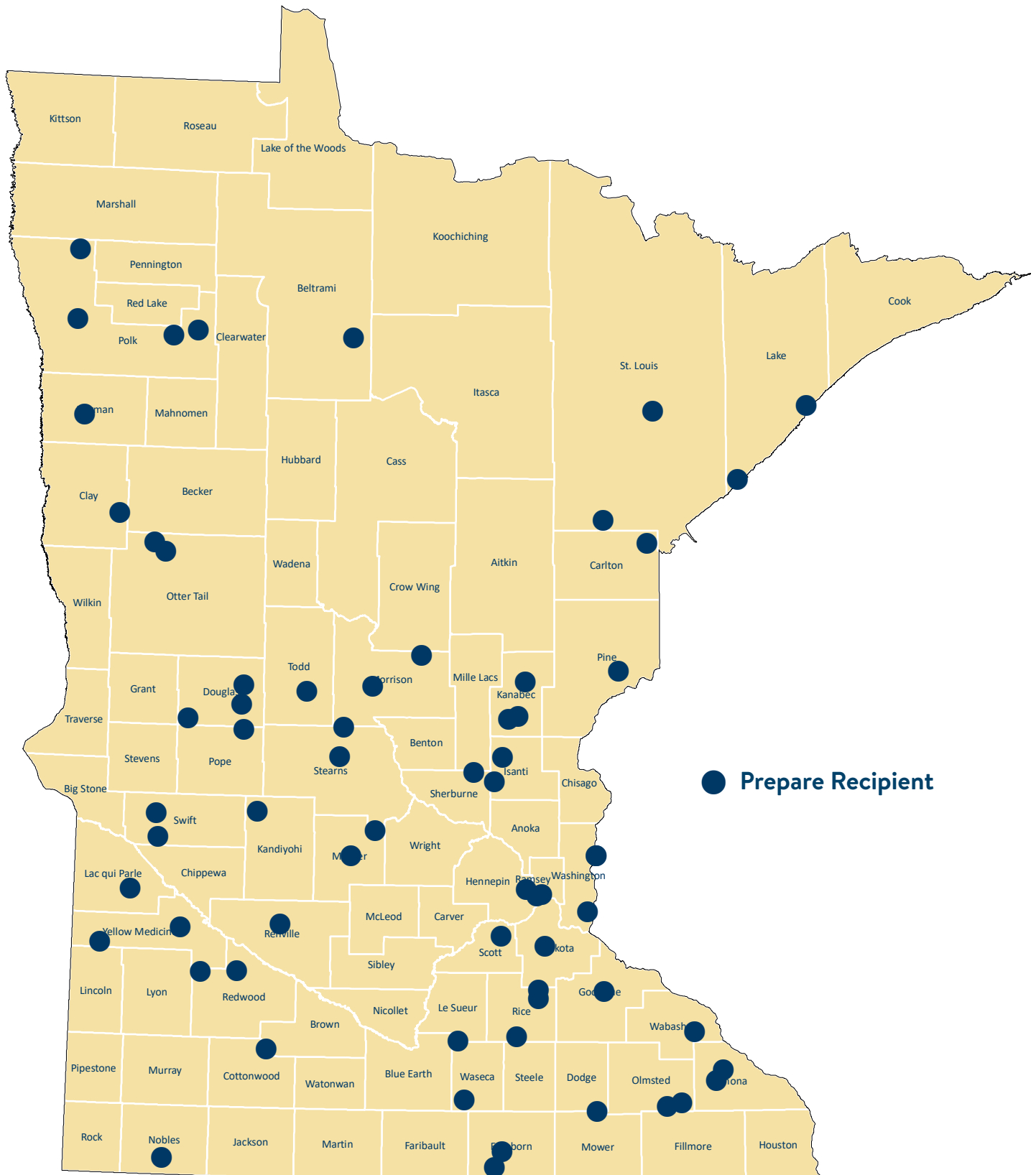
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FY25 Prepare Grant Recipients

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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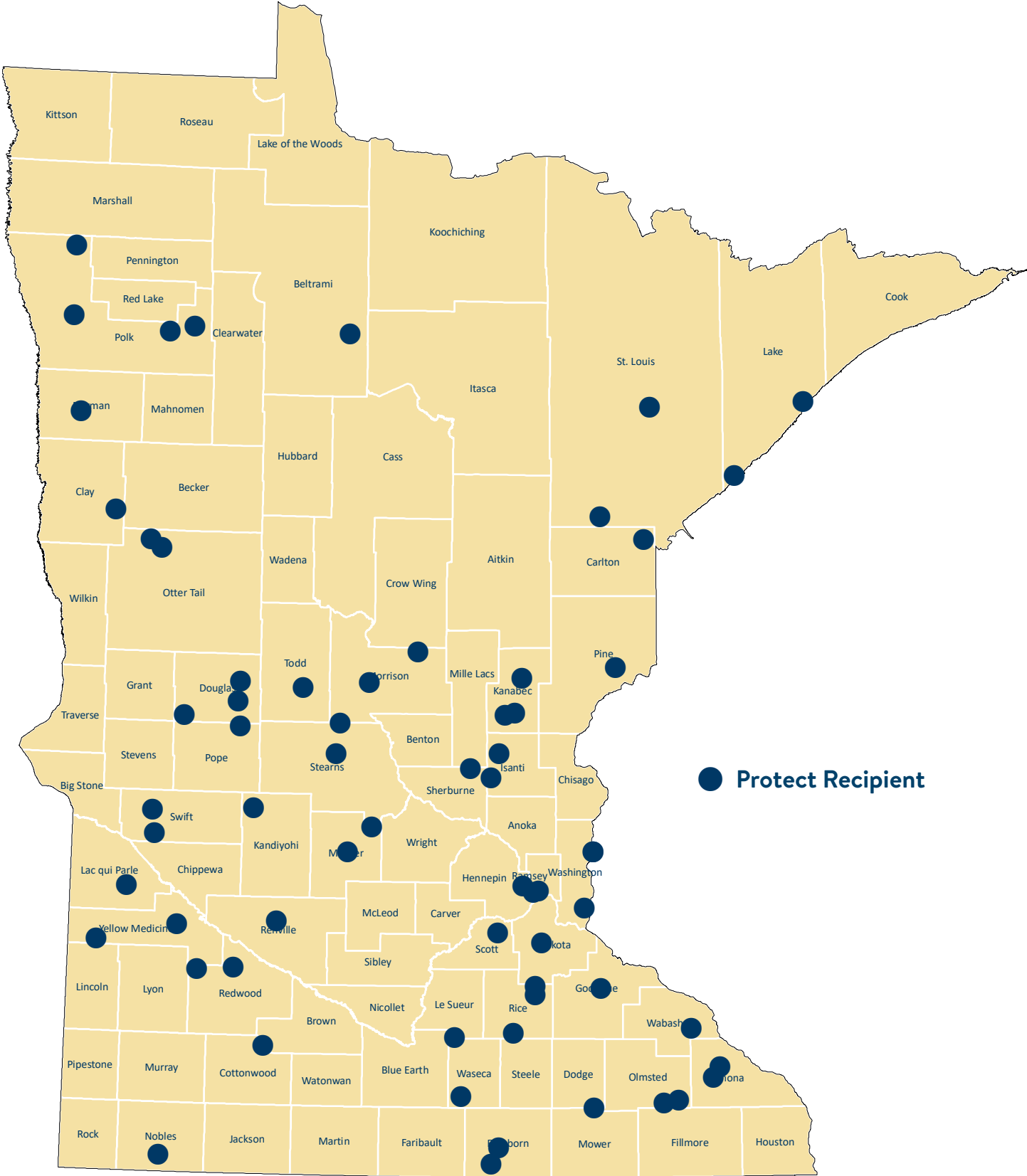
FY25 Protect Grant Recipients

Legislative District	County	Grantee	Livestock Type
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

Legislative District	County	Grantee	Livestock Type
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

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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.

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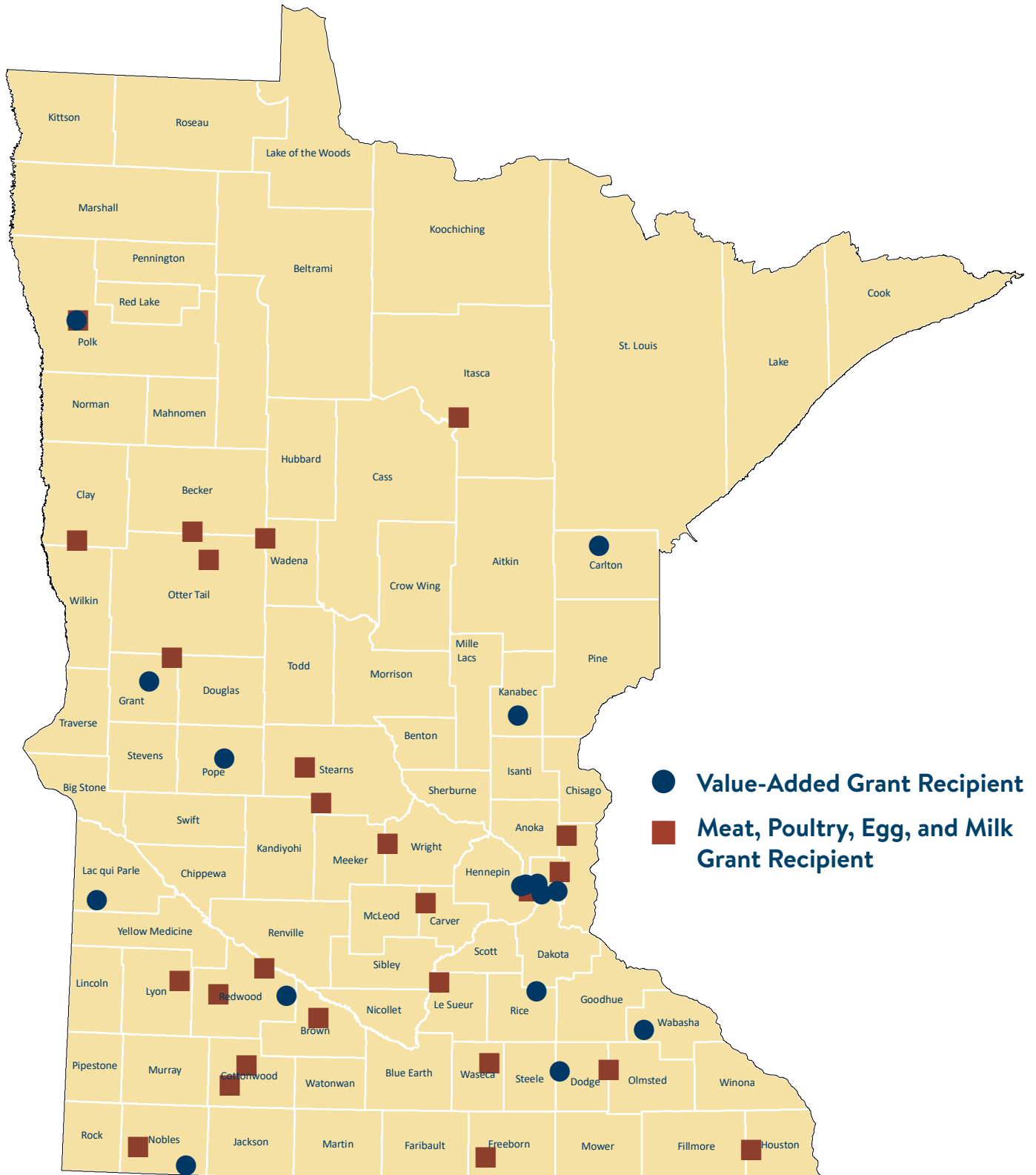
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01B	Polk	Sunrich Products, LLC	Purchase of pasteurization equipment for increased processing capacity of Minnesota-grown sunflower kernels.
09A	Grant	Ancient Wheat Craft	Purchase of stone mill, grain cleaning equipment, and packaging equipment to grind 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.

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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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