# **Morrison County**



## Morrison County has...

- 737,920 total acres
- 436,536 acres in farms
- 20,273 irrigated acres
- 1,957 farms
  Source: U.S. Census Bureau 2012

The 737,920 acres of Morrison County are home to 32,775 people.

- The 5 largest agricultural inventory items for Morrison County is corn for grain, forage land (hay and haylage, grass silage, or greenchop), soybeans, corn for silage, and oats for grain.
- The 5 largest livestock inventories are broilers and other meat-type chickens, turkeys, layers, pullets for laying flock replacement, and cattle and calves.
   Source: USDA 2012 Census

### **Morrison County is ranked:**

- √ 1<sup>st</sup> in the state for broilers and other meat-type chickens, poultry and egg sales.
- $\checkmark$  2<sup>nd</sup> in the state for cattle and calves, and corn for silage.
- ✓ 3<sup>rd</sup> in the state for milk from cow sales, and forage land.
- ✓ 4<sup>th</sup> in the state for pullets for laying flock replacement, and oats for grain.
- ✓ 5<sup>th</sup> in the state for layers.
- √ 7<sup>th</sup> in the state for turkeys.

59% of Morrison County is farms.

#### **Farm Land Use**

58.7% in Cropland - 17.1% in Woodland - 13.1% in Pastureland - 11.1% in Other

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

#### **Watersheds**

- 1. Platte-Spunk
- 2. Elk-Nokasippi
- 3. Long Prairie
- 4. Rum (Wahkon) River
  - 5. Crow Wing
  - 6. Clearwater-Elk
    - 7. Sauk River

Source: NRCS, USDA, and MPCA, 2007

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

- Field buffers, wind breaks, and reduced tillage to protect against soil erosion.
- Soil sampling, precision application, and split application to decrease the effects of nutrient runoff.

