

## Juneau County Agricultural Profile 2012

<u>Item</u>	
Farms	827
By Principle Occupation:	
Farming full time	326
Other	501
Average age of farmer	54
Rotational Grazed	74
Organic	10
Land in Farms	180,039-A
Irrigated Land	7,362-A
Average Farm Size	218-A
Corn Grain	40,373-A
Soybeans	26,355-A
Forage (All Hay)	18,491-A
Alfalfa	10,800 - A
Corn Silage	5,191-A
Oats for grain	1,174-A
Cranberries	2,365 - A
Winter Wheat	3,600-A
All Cattle & Calves	24,388
Dairy Cows	10,787
Dairy Herds	78
Beef Cows	2,501
Sheep and lambs	400
Horse and Ponies	1536
Hogs	485

Dairy goats, bees, emus, laying hens, apples, asparagus, strawberries, buckwheat, ginseng, forest products, sorghum, sudan grass, sunflowers, and mint are among other animals and crops found in the county.

## 2012 Cash Farm Receipts

<u>Market Value of Agriculture Products Sold</u>	<u>Unit</u>
<b>Total Sales</b>	<b>124,770</b>
<b>Grain Crops</b>	<b>38,298</b>
<b>Dairy (Milk)</b>	<b>35,894</b>
<b>Fruits &amp; Berries</b>	<b>27,099</b>
<b>Cattle &amp; Calves</b>	<b>9,775</b>
<b>Misc. livestock, Poultry and their products</b>	<b>46,816</b>

Statistics are taken from the "2012 Census of Agriculture," at <http://www.nass.usda.gov/census> & 2012 Wisconsin Agricultural Statistics at <http://www.nass.usda.gov/Statistics>



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# AGRICULTURE IN JUNEAU COUNTY



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# JUNEAU COUNTY AGRICULTURE

Juneau County, in the South-Central part of Wisconsin, has a total area of 517,063 acres. Of this total 511,305 acres is land and 5,760 is water. The county consists of small cities and villages. In 2012, the population of Juneau County was 26,547. Mauston, the county seat and the largest city, had a population of 4,426.

The Wisconsin River forms the eastern boundary of the county. The northwestern corner of the county is the location of the Necedah National Wildlife Refuge and the Central Wisconsin Conservation Area. These wildlife areas cover approximately 100,000 acres of land.

Juneau County has a diverse natural resource base of forest, lakes, streams, and farmland. Dairying, potatoes and cranberries are significant enterprises as are alfalfa, corn, soybean, and other crops.

The diversity of Juneau County's resource base lends itself to a mix of agriculture, business and recreation.

## Climate

The climate of Juneau County is characterized by marked changes in weather common to Wisconsin. There is a tendency toward extremes in all of the climatic elements.

The average date of the last 32 degree freeze in spring is May 17, the first in fall is September 18. The growing season, defined as the number of days between the last 32 degree freeze and the first in fall, averages 135 days.

Precipitation is usually adequate for agricultural purposes, averaging around 32 inches annually, but soil moisture can become deficient in July and August. Severe drought affecting all crops is rare.

## GEOGRAPHY

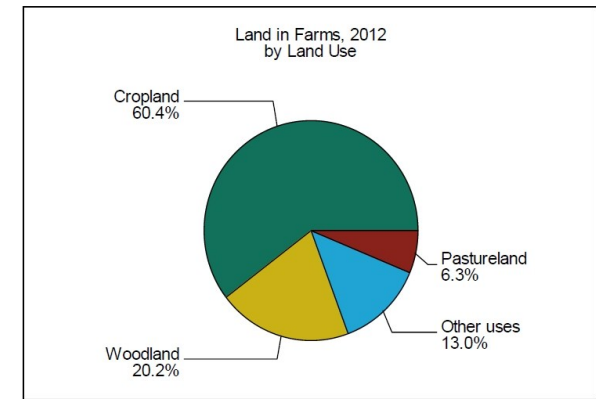
Juneau County lies entirely within the Driftless Area—the unglaciated portion of the state. Most of the county consists of a rather level sandy plain which is a portion of the Central Plain of Wisconsin. The lowland itself is due to the erosion of the weak Cambrian sandstone bedrock rather than to the surface covering of sand and gravel of glacial origin.

The land north and east of Interstate 94 lies in the Central Plain while that south and west of this highway is part of the Western Upland. The change from Central Plain to the Western Upland is very abrupt. The upland itself can have extreme elevation differences between hills and valleys. Heavy silt loams overlying limestone bedrock are the predominant soil types in this area.

The Driftless Area, in which the county lies, was never covered by the continental ice sheets during the Glacial Period (or Pleistocene Ice Age).

Although no part of Juneau County is believed to have been covered by the continental glaciers, the Central Plain is overlain with glacial deposits which resulted from the waters of Glacial Lake Wisconsin which covered over 80 percent of the land area of the county.

Percent of Crop Acreage 2012



Farms by size

