

BEGINNING FARMER - MAXIMUM ACRES THAT CAN BE OWNED IN WISCONSIN				
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County Name	2022 Number of Farms	2022 Total Acres	2022 Average # of Acres	30% of Average (2022)
Adams	301	114,792	381	114.3
Ashland	209	68,629	328	98.4
Barron	1,118	282,265	252	75.6
Bayfield	355	93,254	263	78.9
Brown	907	181,018	200	60.0
Buffalo	896	309,976	346	103.8
Burnett	302	77,858	258	77.4
Calumet	559	143,801	257	77.1
Chippewa	1,286	338,969	264	79.2
Clark	1,785	409,582	229	68.7
Columbia	1,199	290,003	242	72.6
Crawford	899	194,544	216	64.8
Dane	2,284	449,464	197	59.1
Dodge	1,489	374,456	251	75.3
Door	631	108,658	172	51.6
Douglas	213	67,866	319	95.7
Dunn	1,209	372,774	308	92.4
Eau Claire	1,006	168,016	167	50.1
Florence	80	17,926	224	67.2
Fond du Lac	1,163	308,888	266	79.8
Forest	108	27,368	253	75.9
Grant	2,264	586,453	259	77.7
Green	1,334	282,888	212	63.6
Green Lake	511	122,086	239	71.7
Iowa	1,534	374,179	244	73.2
Iron	57	8,578	150	45.0
Jackson	770	228,011	296	88.8
Jefferson	955	191,783	201	60.3
Juneau	622	167,871	270	81.0
Kenosha	368	67,322	183	54.9
Kewaunee	605	168,893	279	83.7
La Crosse	676	138,200	204	61.2
Lafayette	1,162	316,462	272	81.6
Langlade	333	109,487	329	98.7
Lincoln	419	79,496	190	57.0
Manitowoc	1,092	236,367	216	64.8
Marathon	2,059	477,577	232	69.6

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Marinette	468	132,155	282	84.6
Marquette	391	104,952	268	80.4
Milwaukee	100	3,819	382	114.6
Monroe	1,375	263,476	192	57.6
Oconto	762	194,482	255	76.5
Oneida	139	42,083	303	90.9
Outagamie	1,000	241,653	242	72.6
Ozaukee	292	49,769	170	51.0
Pepin	390	111,859	287	86.1
Pierce	1,150	229,659	200	60.0
Polk	1,066	239,493	225	67.5
Portage	951	273,256	287	86.1
Price	357	84,387	236	70.8
Racine	540	99,108	184	55.2
Richland	1,062	244,767	230	69.0
Rock	1,350	296,636	220	66.0
Rusk	454	118,421	261	78.3
Sauk	1,408	298,103	212	63.6
Sawyer	144	40,786	283	84.9
Shawano	1,029	253,092	246	73.8
Sheboygan	842	198,776	236	70.8
St. Croix	1,192	254,630	214	64.2
Taylor	745	216,009	290	87.0
Trempealeau	1,193	296,684	249	74.7
Vernon	1,810	354,885	196	58.8
Vilas	34	5,847	172	51.6
Walworth	861	179,902	209	62.7
Washburn	317	70,390	222	66.6
Washington	580	118,210	204	61.2
Waukesha	439	70,268	160	48.0
Waupaca	967	230,412	238	71.4
Waushara	627	149,098	238	71.4
Winnebago	816	145,208	178	53.4
Wood	909	216,635	238	71.4
Wisconsin	58,521	13,784,678	236	70.8