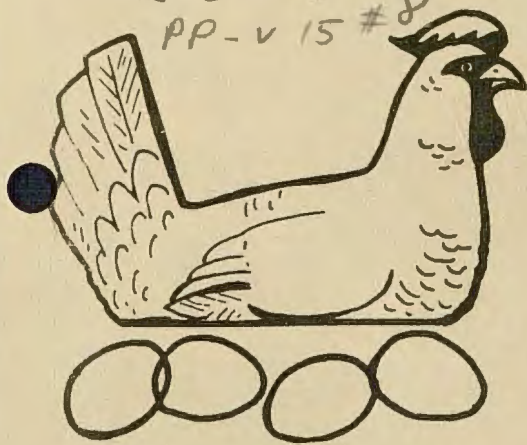


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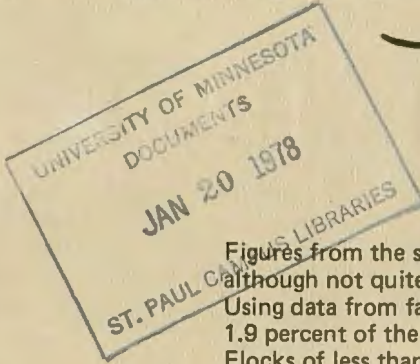
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## THE MINNESOTA EGG INDUSTRY

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The Minnesota egg industry is undergoing constant change, primarily due to the loss of farm flocks from the poultry scene and the increase in the size of larger commercial operations. The December issue of Poultry Tribune reported that more than 85 percent of the layers in the United States are on 3.8 percent of the farms, according to 1974 U.S. Census of Agriculture figures. Flocks of 50,000 hens and over (0.5 percent of the farms) had 45.6 percent of the layers. Farms with less than 10,000 layers made up 96.2 percent of the farms reporting layers.



Figures from the same census show similar trends for Minnesota, although not quite the same extent of commercialization. Using data from farms reporting hens and pullets of laying age, 1.9 percent of the flocks housed 63.6 percent of the birds. Flocks of less than 10,000 made up 98.0 percent of the farms reporting layers. The trend toward increased intensification of the industry has been occurring since the census was taken. Although the figures have only recently become available and they are of historical nature at this time, they do point out the changes taking place in the industry. The census data are not always wholly comparable with previous figures, but the comparisons are a good indication of developments taking place.

## Hens and pullets of laying age on Minnesota farms—1969 and 1974 census

COUNTY	NUMBER OF FARMS		NUMBER OF CHICKENS		NUMBER OF FARMS BY FLOCK SIZE--1974				
	1974	1969	1974	1969	1-99	100-399	400-1599	1600-9999	Over 10,000
Aitkin	136	124	22,981	16,089	118	15	-	3	-
Anoka	87	87	59,461	68,681	69	13	1	3	1
Becker	149	185	86,365	248,022	116	28	3	1	1
Beltrami	140	112	9,565	10,747	120	18	1	1	-
Benton	138	163	146,356	100,102	94	33	2	2	7
Big Stone	77	113	40,923	33,292	40	27	8	-	2
Blue Earth	170	322	60,256	114,162	72	66	26	6	-
Brown	191	398	219,804	303,222	79	45	46	16	5
Carlton	80	49	2,789	5,319	74	6	-	-	-
Carver	188	277	61,196	59,185	102	70	14	1	1
Cass	136	148	6,702	7,504	119	15	2	-	-
Chippewa	96	245	84,045	99,343	44	31	14	5	2
Chisago	154	119	47,673	56,977	119	30	1	3	1
Clay	66	106	290,275	55,483	44	15	4	-	3
Clearwater	74	89	350,280	222,762	62	7	2	1	2
Cottonwood	133	291	143,029	134,837	47	62	14	5	5
Crow Wing	106	80	4,754	14,421	93	13	-	-	-
Dakota	132	178	59,044	84,171	75	40	11	4	2
Dodge	104	152	55,474	45,411	54	36	10	2	2
Douglas	209	279	65,216	65,753	115	84	6	2	2
Faribault	156	285	164,149	207,074	67	55	26	3	5
Fillmore	208	355	91,943	104,844	117	71	12	6	2
Freeborn	176	334	435,651	354,528	68	54	21	16	17
Goodhue	224	313	112,459	138,648	113	90	12	7	2
Grant	59	122	54,545	25,032	31	18	7	2	1
Hennepin	89	135	49,514	71,706	50	26	9	2	2
Houston	156	266	56,044	114,439	101	37	13	4	1
Hubbard	96	89	28,859	36,217	74	16	5	-	1
Isanti	146	107	88,145	163,848	120	21	2	-	3
Itasca	80	75	16,035	31,592	68	10	-	2	-
Jackson	144	300	164,976	154,326	57	53	20	6	8
Kanabec	119	86	6,167	13,429	104	14	1	-	-
Kandiyohi	164	262	102,232	189,369	84	58	11	9	2

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	Kittson	45	64	5,017	6,661	34	10	1	-
Koochiching	58	45	23,957	20,746	50	5	2	-	1
Lac Qui Parle	140	261	77,576	87,129	75	50	8	5	2
Lake	5	6	13,500	5,731	3	-	-	2	-
Lake of the Woods	39	47	2,571	2,424	27	12	-	-	-
LeSueur	208	305	55,389	118,587	105	82	17	2	2
Lincoln	120	203	34,447	75,950	49	62	7	2	-
Lyon	107	274	108,028	212,945	35	47	19	3	3
McLeod	270	431	214,726	244,117	124	117	10	14	5
Mahnomen	59	72	18,402	21,581	44	12	2	-	1
Marshall	87	163	7,375	14,842	62	21	4	-	-
Martin	163	371	86,715	117,613	68	67	24	1	3
Meeker	195	286	262,230	214,435	100	64	13	9	9
Mille Lacs	121	107	17,995	25,485	105	14	1	-	1
Morrison	310	336	236,775	109,452	230	62	4	4	10
Mower	133	311	175,744	206,452	53	46	17	11	6
Murray	134	334	54,100	156,665	52	47	30	4	1
Nicollet	145	279	155,309	195,716	53	61	22	4	5
Nobles	169	392	184,142	214,335	60	65	32	6	6
Norman	59	97	21,849	29,760	28	28	2	-	1
Olmsted	166	252	79,502	106,883	88	50	19	7	2
Otter Tail	406	556	92,245	147,842	265	121	15	2	3
Pennington	54	75	17,254	21,735	36	16	1	-	1
Pine	198	198	199,525	117,703	167	26	-	2	3
Pipestone	110	236	22,391	82,275	39	54	17	-	-
Polk	126	195	157,376	171,437	68	48	6	1	3
Pope	97	217	47,202	86,841	43	39	12	1	2
Ramsey	3	4	8,506	42,005	1	-	1	1	-
Red Lake	52	59	43,638	22,434	39	11	1	-	1
Redwood	201	369	181,168	213,378	79	78	26	12	6
Renville	235	425	165,976	202,074	86	111	30	4	4
Rice	207	325	93,975	133,656	114	79	7	4	3
Rock	112	271	104,621	138,600	23	53	30	1	5
Roseau	108	156	7,448	12,903	86	20	2	-	-
St. Louis	112	111	157,645	57,582	96	10	2	2	2
Scott	174	270	64,544	78,239	92	62	14	4	2
Sherburne	67	68	34,087	269,502	47	12	5	1	2
Sibley	246	459	394,460	228,934	130	75	31	2	8
Stearns	485	639	415,726	365,486	289	151	17	11	17
Steele	151	281	164,362	189,549	66	48	21	12	4
Stevens	73	184	193,411	179,493	17	30	15	4	7
Swift	98	231	44,625	96,020	25	56	14	2	1
Todd	267	354	87,609	51,522	211	52	-	1	3
Traverse	44	93	19,781	40,275	17	18	6	3	-
Wabasha	133	247	90,844	98,274	57	52	17	4	3
Wadena	112	101	34,978	54,780	102	8	-	-	2
Waseca	105	221	41,411	81,094	46	49	7	2	1
Washington	103	149	52,294	66,182	69	25	5	3	1
Watsonwan	101	183	103,708	78,121	40	39	15	6	1
Wilkin	56	105	51,551	56,327	28	19	4	3	2
Winona	194	246	43,365	72,772	104	72	14	4	-
Wright	342	410	167,417	139,161	188	118	25	8	3
Yellow Medicine	135	245	62,064	95,152	74	44	11	6	-

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