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A Wisconsin Crop and Livestock Reporting Service  
Summary of Jackson County Agriculture

Jackson County is located in the west-central part of Wisconsin. Black River Falls, in the central part of the county, is the seat of government. While the county was created in 1853, the present boundaries were not established until 1883. But even before the county was definitely established, there were about three-fourths the present number of farms.

Along with many of the counties in the top two-thirds of the state, lumbering was the first industry to be developed in Jackson County. About half of the acreage in the county was timber land, and much of this was originally pine. The white pine was cut early in the settlement of the county.

A little less than one-third of Jackson County is covered by good agricultural soils. One-third of the county is covered by sandy soils and one-third by poorly drained types. The climate is characterized by hot summers with a large part of the annual rainfall, and cold winters with much snow. The length of the frost-free period in Jackson County is about 130 days with frosts ending in the first half of May.

Tame hay has been the leading crop in the county since 1935 from the standpoint of acreage. Oats ranks second and corn third in the acreage used for crops. The county ranks third in the state in the acreage of cranberries, but rather low in the acreage of corn, oats, and tame hay although these crops are important in the county.

Dairying is the most important single source of cash farm income in Jackson County, and livestock and livestock products including milk account for most of the cash farm income. Cheese is the leading dairy product made in the county, followed by butter and condensed and powdered milk products. Most of the cheese made is the American type although a limited amount of Swiss cheese is produced.

Some Facts About Jackson County Agriculture  
(Also see accompanying tables)

<u>Livestock on Farms, January 1, 1955</u>		<u>Crop Acreages - 1954</u>	
All cattle and calves	46,100	All corn	30,240
Cows and heifers 2 years and over	26,600	Corn for grain	21,520
Hogs	18,100	Corn for silage	8,470
Horses and mules	1,700	Oats	36,720
Stock sheep	2,700	Barley	130
		Rye	70
Chickens	253,700	All wheat	630
Egg production, 1954	37,809,000	Buckwheat	130
		All tame hay	47,080
		Alfalfa hay	16,990
		Clover and timothy hay	28,600
		Wild hay	260
		Corn for canning	590
		Peas for canning	800
		Potatoes	270
		Soybeans	1,350
		Tobacco	20
<u>Dairy Products - 1954</u>			
Milk production - pounds	159,800,000		
Creamery butter - pounds	1,448,280		
Total cheese (excluding cottage curd and creamed) - pounds	3,023,375		

Population and Farm Data for Jackson County, Wisconsin  
From United States Census, 1900-50

Year	Total population	Farm numbers, acreage, size, tenancy, and value				
		Number of farms	Land in farms	Average farm size	Percent of tenancy	Value of farm-land & buildings
	Number	Number	Acres	Acres	Percent	Dollars
1900	17,466	2,468	387,846	157.1	8.4	
1910	17,075	2,382	374,923	157.4	11.7	11,904,506
1920	17,746	2,577	389,345	151.1	12.7	23,521,005
1925		2,468	370,445	150.1	16.6	19,645,415
1930	16,468	2,284	349,569	153.1	19.9	16,702,863
1935		2,528	381,286	150.8	21.9	11,073,088
1940	16,599	2,205	353,104	160.1	26.2	9,082,020
1945		2,056	353,867	172.1	18.4	11,358,218
1950	16,073	1,939	329,526	169.9	11.8	15,515,708

Total Area, Farm Acreage, and Utilization of Farmland  
Jackson County, Wisconsin

Town	Total land area 1/	Farm acreage 2/	Percent of farmland in: 2/				
			Cropland harvested and idle	Woodland not pastured	Woodland pastured	Pasture not wood-land 3/	All other land 4/
	Acres	Acres	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.
Adams	23,744.08	13,903	38.8	4.5	24.1	28.0	4.6
Albion	30,052.04	25,600	38.2	15.6	19.0	21.4	5.8
Alma	38,740.04	22,685	42.5	13.9	15.6	20.1	7.9
Bear Bluff	35,870.37	2,974	13.0	41.8	----	4.3	40.9
Brockway	30,927.48	3,352	17.6	10.1	18.1	1.9	52.3
City Point	58,029.63	8,823	13.0	33.4	19.9	27.5	6.2
Cleveland	22,928.75	20,342	43.1	17.5	10.8	23.8	4.8
Curran	23,304.65	24,852	40.3	17.7	15.0	21.9	5.1
Franklin	23,508.18	21,778	33.9	11.9	32.8	18.4	3.0
Garden Valley	23,033.18	20,911	48.4	13.7	9.1	22.4	6.4
Garfield	23,095.08	18,553	38.4	16.0	16.7	24.3	4.6
Hixton	23,056.91	20,049	49.3	11.0	15.8	17.7	6.2
Irving	27,042.30	25,413	41.8	12.1	19.3	23.5	3.3
Knapp	45,442.29	7,393	17.2	41.9	22.5	8.7	9.7
Komensky	38,538.45	1,010	26.0	16.0	43.5	10.9	3.6
Manchester	42,283.81	10,882	28.4	19.7	31.4	16.2	4.3
Melrose	17,764.21	15,027	41.5	9.8	26.7	14.8	7.2
Millston	46,387.78	283	47.4	43.4	----	----	9.2
North Bend	17,799.14	15,438	36.2	12.2	24.3	22.0	5.3
Northfield	23,119.58	22,453	46.7	10.3	9.4	28.1	5.5
Springfield	23,862.64	23,330	46.1	11.9	13.2	25.0	3.8
Inc. cities & villages		4,475	42.8	23.2	10.2	22.0	1.8
County	638,530.59	329,526	39.6	15.3	17.9	21.1	6.1

1/ Computed by the Crop Reporting Service and published in the 1935 Wisconsin Blue Book.

2/ From the 1950 United States Census.

3/ Includes cropland pastured and other pastured lands.

4/ Includes wasteland, house yards, barnyards, roads, ditches, etc.