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

Juneau County is located in the central part of the state. Mauston, in the south-central part of the county, is the seat of government. Along with many other counties in the upper two-thirds of the state, the first settlers were attracted to the area because of the growth of timber and the lumbering possibilities. The increasing population resulting from lumbering brought about the usual demand for food supplies, and agriculture developed in the county.

Wheat production was the first agricultural development of any wide importance. By 1870 Juneau County probably was the most important wheat producing area in the state. Dairying followed as the century came to a close. And Juneau County became part of the important butter producing district of western Wisconsin.

Juneau County is in the unglaciated area of the state. The soils are mostly sandy. Forest now covers a little less than half of the land area of the county compared with the original estimated 85 percent. Juneau County has very little swampland or marshland.

The annual average precipitation is 31 inches. Nearly two-thirds occurs as rainfall during the growing season. Forty inches or more of snowfall in the winter accounts for the remaining annual precipitation. Temperatures in July average 70 degrees and they hit a low average of 15 degrees in January. The growing season is usually from about 123 to 135 days in length, but has been as short as 85 days and as long as 182 days.

Juneau is primarily an agricultural county and much of the land is used in crop production. Over 95 percent of the total harvested cropland is used in the production of corn, oats, and hay. These feed crops are much needed to maintain the dairy and livestock industry. The sale of crops accounts for only about a tenth of the cash farm income of the county. Of the other nine-tenths, milk accounts for somewhat more than livestock and livestock products other than milk.

Some Data on Juneau County Agriculture
(Also see accompanying tables)

<u>Livestock on Farms, January 1, 1955</u>		<u>Crop Acreages - 1954</u>	
All cattle and calves	40,800	All corn	30,990
Cows and heifers 2 years and over	22,000	Corn for grain	22,690
Hogs	12,200	Corn for silage	7,750
Horses and mules	1,400	Oats	25,660
Stock sheep	2,000	Barley	120
		Rye	800
Chickens	146,200	All wheat	370
Egg production, 1954	24,170,000	Buckwheat	260
		All tame hay	33,950
		Alfalfa hay	14,400
		Clover and timothy hay	18,300
		Wild hay	1,310
		Corn for canning	950
		Peas for canning	300
		Potatoes	270
		Soybeans for all purposes	500
		Tobacco	20
<u>Dairy Products - 1954</u>			
Milk production - pounds	117,800,000		
Creamery butter - pounds	4,359,783		
Total cheese (excluding cottage cheese curd and creamed) - pounds	1,068,526		

Population and Farm Data for Juneau County, Wisconsin
From the 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	20,629	2,694	356,327	132.3	13.4	
1910	19,569	2,470	344,650	139.5	11.8	11,818,048
1920	19,209	2,479	327,561	132.1	12.9	20,567,419
1925		2,256	301,014	133.4	14.6	16,886,858
1930	17,264	2,221	304,302	137.0	17.5	15,733,538
1935		2,428	331,997	136.7	19.3	11,506,714
1940	18,708	2,122	298,354	140.6	21.4	9,670,019
1945		2,036	303,232	148.9	20.9	11,715,355
1950*	18,930	1,881	290,444	154.4	11.2	17,449,626*
Rank	49	48	42	22	37	50

*Total value estimated from value per farm and value per acre taken from census sample.

Total Land Area, Farm Acreage, and Utilization of Farmland
Juneau 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	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent
Armenia	49,201.78	12,093	32.4	14.8	30.3	19.1	3.4
Clearfield	22,905.97	10,148	38.7	19.0	25.1	12.9	4.3
Cutler	34,642.61	12,816	22.9	13.0	21.2	9.8	33.1
Finley	24,677.80	4,502	43.8	14.7	24.3	11.7	5.5
Fountain	20,176.07	18,109	44.2	11.3	22.3	18.3	3.9
Germantown	27,943.80	7,558	32.9	24.5	23.1	8.3	11.2
Kildare	19,047.77	13,492	44.2	15.1	17.9	14.5	8.3
Kingston	36,315.31	6,132	1.9	24.5	--	7.7	65.9
Lemonweir	28,023.28	22,070	47.8	12.1	10.2	15.0	14.9
Lindina	23,130.13	21,851	51.3	12.8	13.0	17.5	5.4
Lisbon	19,905.20	14,727	51.0	12.5	13.7	14.1	8.7
Lyndon	18,647.61	14,418	41.4	18.9	15.4	18.5	5.8
Marion	14,693.16	8,883	55.7	10.1	16.0	10.7	7.5
Necedah	54,053.16	15,273	25.7	20.7	26.2	21.6	5.8
Orange	23,134.33	17,308	37.3	17.2	24.5	17.1	3.9
Plymouth	23,325.04	18,319	42.2	3.5	34.6	15.3	4.4
Seven Mile Creek	23,389.93	21,969	39.8	12.0	21.8	21.0	5.4
Summit	23,868.02	22,844	43.4	2.7	41.6	8.6	3.7
Wonewoc	24,222.67	21,275	44.4	3.9	18.8	27.9	5.0
Inc. cities and villages		6,657	39.6	15.4	15.8	24.4	4.8
County	511,303.64	290,444	40.8	12.5	21.7	16.4	8.6

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.