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A WISCONSIN CROP AND LIVESTOCK REPORTING SERVICE
SUMMARY OF ADAMS COUNTY AGRICULTURE

Adams County is located a little south of the central part of Wisconsin. The seat of county government is the village of Friendship which is located at about the center of the county and in 1950 had a population of 566 people. The county was created in 1848 and was named for John Adams, the second president, or John Quincy Adams, the sixth president of the United States.

The soils of Adams County have been practically all derived from the weathering of various sandstone deposits. The topography is marked by the results of glaciation, including a terminal moraine in the southeastern part of the county, and west of the moraine glacial outwash covers the bedrock. While the ice sheets never covered part of the county, glaciation modified the topography of the entire area.

Great seasonal as well as annual variations in temperature and precipitation characterize the climate of Adams County. The temperature average for the county is approximately the 44 degree Fahrenheit average annual temperature for the state. Hot summers and cold winters are usual with July the warmest month and January the coldest. Precipitation is greatest from May through September and totals about 31 inches in a year.

Agricultural expansion was rapid in the county in the last half of the past century. By 1900 the number of farms had reached the all-time high reported in any census taken in the county. The record acreage in farms was reported in 1910. Following the general trend of the present time, the number of farms has decreased, but the acreage per farm has become larger as time has passed. Adams County ranks second among the 71 counties of the state in average size of the farms.

Livestock and livestock products other than milk account for nearly one-half of the cash farm income of Adams County farmers. Although the sale of milk contributes for just a little more than a third of the total cash farm income, almost one-half of the farms in the county are classified as dairy farms. The sale of crops accounts for about a sixth of the cash farm income.

Some Facts About Adams County Agriculture
(Also see the other side of this page)

<u>Livestock on Farms, January 1, 1955</u>		<u>Crop Acreages - 1954</u>	
All cattle and calves	15,000	All corn	20,870
Cows and heifers 2 years and over	7,600	Corn for grain	16,730
Hogs	5,700	Corn for silage	3,970
Horses and mules	600	Oats	12,380
Stock sheep	1,300	Barley	90
		Rye	6,100
Chickens	97,400	All wheat	480
Egg production, 1954	15,487,000	Buckwheat	310
		All tame hay	17,590
		Alfalfa hay	11,710
		Clover and timothy hay	4,520
		Wild hay	2,780
		Corn for canning	170
		Peas for canning	50
		Potatoes	690
		Soybeans for all purposes	1,950
<u>Dairy Products - 1954</u>			
Milk production - pounds	43,560,000		
Creamery butter - pounds	77,765		
Total cheese (excluding cottage curd and creamed)-pounds	1,307,428		

Population and Farm Data for Adams 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	9,141	1,842	303,585	164.8	10.8	
1910	8,604	1,681	307,661	183.0	14.3	7,166,118
1920	8,287	1,557	304,575	195.6	18.5	10,439,910
1925		1,388	268,774	193.6	16.1	8,366,279
1930	8,003	1,239	258,095	208.3	19.6	6,744,867
1935		1,494	300,780	201.3	26.0	5,371,939
1940	8,449	1,344	266,005	197.9	21.5	4,906,828
1945		1,290	280,520	217.5	15.7	5,915,935
1950	7,906	1,041	224,348	215.5	9.9	7,908,202*
Rank	69	63	52	2	40	63

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

Total Land Area, Farm Acreage, and Utilization of Farmland
Adams County, Wisconsin

Town	Total land area 1/	Farm acreage 2/	Percent of farmland in: 2/				
			Cropland harvested and idle Percent	Woodland not pastured Percent	Woodland pastured Percent	Pasture not wood-land 3/	ALL other land 4/
Adams	34,789.53	13,218*	28.2*	26.1*	27.7*	9.4*	8.6*
Big Flats	30,820.50	10,997	27.0	27.1	35.5	8.8	1.6
Colburn	22,912.01	7,721	34.7	23.7	31.4	8.1	2.1
Dell Prairie	21,576.96	12,533	39.0	24.3	19.3	13.6	3.8
Easton	23,118.27	11,701	33.7	18.9	30.1	10.2	7.1
Jackson	22,298.38	20,879	42.3	13.5	24.6	14.1	5.5
Leola	23,775.89	16,658	49.1	12.3	21.5	13.6	3.5
Lincoln	23,071.05	19,211	42.4	11.1	30.4	12.8	3.3
Monroe	23,820.73	5,577	35.4	28.0	22.0	11.7	2.9
New Chester	20,034.51	12,665	39.3	9.5	33.2	8.7	9.3
New Haven	19,402.50	16,293	46.7	8.9	18.9	19.1	6.4
Preston	23,068.68	9,075	26.5	28.2	36.2	6.0	3.1
Quincy	24,181.09	11,276	34.9	23.5	31.2	7.9	2.5
Richfield	22,672.99	11,314	53.4	18.4	10.8	11.2	6.2
Rome	39,061.56	5,083	29.1	27.2	35.0	5.8	2.9
Springville	27,838.67	15,997	35.3	20.3	31.5	6.5	6.4
Strongs Prairie	32,516.17	24,150	35.0	26.6	23.5	11.0	3.9
County	434,959.49	224,348	38.3	19.2	26.5	11.1	4.9

* Two farms in incorporated places (both in Adams town) are included.

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.