

**TREND STATISTICS ON THE NUMBER OF FARMS AND FARMERS IN CHIPPEWA COUNTY**

	<b>2014</b>	<b>2015</b>	<b>2016</b>	<b>2017</b>
<b>Farm Operators &amp; Other Tenants</b>	2185	1461	2203	1512
<b>Tract Owners</b>	5557	3468	5564	3689

Farm owners & Tenants = A producer. Anyone that technically reports that they operate the land, including:

- A. Landowners who are also operators, and
- B. An operator who leases the land

Tract Owners = Any affected landowner.

What the number tells us

The range is a reliable indicator of the general number of farm owners and operators (i.e. number of farmers range from 1461-2203; number of landowners with cropland range from 3468-5564)

Variability is a function of the number of people that report to FSA

We can say that there are 2 times more landowners than operators

For every operator, there are 2 landowners.

So we have a lot of landowners that are renting the land out.

Lease arrangements are generally one year leases (50%)

Or

5 year lease (50%)

Source: Kristi Mandel @ Chippewa County FSA