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**Field Accounting and Statistics Division**

**An Inventory of Its Audit Reports and Records of County  
Agricultural Societies**

**OVERVIEW OF THE RECORDS**

- Agency:** Minnesota. Department of Agriculture. Field Accounting and Statistics Division.
- Series Title:** Audit reports and records of county agricultural societies,
- Dates:** 1970-2006.
- Abstract:** Reports on the examination of the financial affairs of county agricultural societies, which organized the county fairs (1970-1983); and financial and related records collected by the Agriculture Department (1984-2006).
- Quantity:** 59.45 cu. ft. (60 boxes and 1 partial box).
- Location:** See Detailed Description section for box locations.

**SCOPE AND CONTENTS OF THE RECORDS**

Information recorded: officers' names, receipts and disbursements, and bank reconciliation statements. Each report includes the annual report of the society's secretary, which summarizes fair activities, revenues, expenditures, prizes awarded, assets, and liabilities.

Beginning in 1979, the audit files also include published premium lists, and for some years contain lists of prizes awarded and/or detailed financial data. Beginning in 1984, they consist largely of the secretary's annual reports and the premium lists; few or no formal audit reports are present. Most reports for 1976-1978 and 1980 are missing.

**ORGANIZATION OF THE RECORDS**

Arranged by year or group of years, thereunder alphabetical by county.

## RELATED MATERIALS

This series continues Public Examiner: Audit Reports of County Agricultural Societies, 1913-1964.

## INDEX TERMS

*This collection is indexed under the following headings in the catalog of the Minnesota Historical Society. Researchers desiring materials about related topics, persons or places should search the catalog using these headings.*

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Agricultural exhibitions--Minnesota--Statistics.  
Agriculture--Minnesota--Societies, etc.--Finance.  
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## DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE COLLECTION

*Note to Researchers: To request materials, please note the location shown below.*

### 1970-1975

#### Location

- 101.D.15.9B                   Aitkin - Cottonwood Counties.  
  Includes Cannon Valley Fair (Goodhue County).
- 101.D.15.10F               Crow Wing - Koochiching Counties.
- 101.D.16.1B               Lac Qui Parle - Nobles Counties.  
  Includes Mankato Fair (Blue Earth County).
- 101.D.16.2F               Norman - Rice Counties.  
  Includes Northern Minnesota District Fair (Koochiching County);  
  Northwestern Minnesota Agriculture Fair (Polk County); Perham  
  Agriculture Society (Otter Tail County); Red River Valley Fair  
  (Polk County; 1971-1973 only).
- 101.D.16.3B               Rock - Waseca Counties.  
  Includes South St. Louis Agricultural Society; Shell Prairie  
  Agricultural Association (Hubbard County).
- 101.D.16.4F               Washington - Yellow Medicine Counties.

### 1979-1982

Includes annual reports of the societies' secretaries, and occasionally premium lists of prizes to be awarded. Virtually no audit reports for 1980 are present, although the secretaries' reports are usually found. Files for Beltrami, Grant, and Sherburne counties date back to 1977.

#### Location

- 101.D.16.4F               Aitkin - Clay Counties.  
  Includes Cannon Valley Fair Association (Goodhue County).
- 128.E.5.8F               Clearwater - Lake Counties.
- 128.E.5.9B               Lake of the Woods - Polk Counties.  
  Includes Mankato Fair (Blue Earth County); Northern Minnesota  
  District Fair, Littlefork (Koochiching County); Northwestern  
  Minnesota Agriculture Fair, Fosston (Polk County); and Perham  
  Agriculture Society (Otter Tail County).

**Location**

128.E.5.10F Pope - Waseca Counties.  
Includes South St. Louis County Fair (Proctor).

128.E.6.1B Washington - Yellow Medicine Counties.

**1983**

Audits, audit workpapers, published premium lists, and lists of prizes awarded.

**Location**

128.E.6.1B Aitkin - Dodge Counties.  
Includes Mankato Fair (Blue Earth County).

128.E.6.2F Douglas - Norman Counties.  
Includes Cannon Valley Fair (Goodhue County); Northern  
Minnesota District Fair, Littlefork (Koochiching County).

128.E.6.3B Olmsted - Yellow Medicine Counties.  
Includes Perham Agricultural Society (Otter Tail County);  
Northwestern Minnesota Agriculture Fair, Fosston (Polk County);  
South St. Louis County Fair (Preston).

**1984-1985**

Annual reports of the societies' secretaries summarizing fair activities, lists of revenues and expenditures, assets and liabilities, published premium lists, and lists of prizes awarded. No formal audit reports are present.

**Location**

128.E.6.4F Aitkin - Fillmore Counties.  
Includes Mankato Fair (Blue Earth County).

128.E.6.5B Freeborn - Mille Lacs Counties.  
Includes Cannon Valley Fair (Goodhue County); Northern  
Minnesota District Fair, Littlefork (Koochiching County).

128.E.6.6F Morrison - Rock Counties.  
Includes Perham Agriculture Society (Otter Tail County);  
Northwestern Minnesota Agriculture Fair, Fosston (Polk County).

128.E.6.7B Roseau - Yellow Medicine Counties.  
Includes South St. Louis County Fair (Preston).

**1985-1986**

**Location**

- 107.K.7.1B Aitkin - Martin Counties.  
Includes Mankato Fair (Blue Earth County); Cannon Valley Fair (Goodhue County); Shell Prairie Agricultural Association (Hubbard County); Northern Minnesota District Fair, Littlefork (Koochiching County).
- 107.K.7.2F Meeker - Yellow Medicine Counties.  
Includes Perham Agricultural Society (Ottertail County); Northwestern Minnesota Agricultural Association, Fosston (Polk County); South St. Louis County Fair, Proctor-Duluth).

**1986-1987**

**Location**

- 127.E.19.2F Aitkin - Martin Counties.  
Includes Cannon Valley Fair Association (Goodhue County).
- 127.E.19.3B McLeod - Watonwan Counties.  
Includes Perham Agricultural Society (Otter Tail County); Northwest Minnesota Agricultural Fair (Polk County).
- 127.E.19.4F Wilkin - Yellow Medicine Counties. 2 folders.

**1988**

**Location**

- 102.D.11.9B Aitkin - Lincoln Counties.  
Includes Cannon Valley Fair Association (Goodhue County); Shell Prairie Agricultural Association (Hubbard County); Northern Minnesota District Fair, Littlefork (Koochiching County).
- 102.D.11.10F Lyon - Yellow Medicine Counties.  
Includes Perham Agricultural Society (Otter Tail County); Northwest Minnesota Agricultural Association, Fosston (Polk County).

**1989**

**Location**

102.D.12.1B Aitkin - Marshall Counties.  
Includes Tri-County Agricultural Society, Mankato (Blue Earth County); Cannon Valley Agricultural Society, Cannon Falls (Goodhue County); Shell Prairie Agricultural Society, Park Rapids (Hubbard County); Northern Minnesota District Agricultural Society, Littlefork (Koochiching County).

102.D.12.2F Martin - Yellow Medicine Counties.  
Includes Perham Agricultural Society (Otter Tail County); Northwester Minnesota Agricultural Association (Polk County).

**1990**

**Location**

102.D.12.3B Aitkin - Lyon Counties.  
Includes Cannon Valley Fair (Cannon Falls); Cass County fairs at Pillager and Pine River.

102.D.12.4F Mahnomen - Yellow Medicine Counties.  
Includes Northern Minnesota District Fair, Littlefork (Koochiching County); Otter Tail County fairs at Perham and Fergus Falls; Northwestern Minnesota Agricultural Society, Fosston (Polk County); St. Louis County fairs at Hibbing and Proctor; Tri-County Fair, Mankato (Blue Earth County).

**1991**

**Location**

103.D.11.9B Aitkin - Mille Lacs Counties.  
Includes Tri-County Fair Board Association (Blue Earth County); Cannon Valley Fair Association (Goodhue County); Shell Prairie Agricultural Association (Hubbard County); Northern Minnesota District Fair (Koochiching County).

103.C.11.10F Morrison - Yellow Medicine Counties.  
Includes Perham Agricultural Society (Otter Tail County); Northwestern Minnesota Agricultural Society (Polk County); South St. Louis County Agricultural Society.

## 1992

### Location

- 107.K.9.6F Aitkin - Mille Lacs Counties.  
Includes Cannon Valley Fair Association (Cannon Falls); two fairs from Cass County (Pine River and Pillager).
- 107.K.9.7B Morrison - Yellow Medicine Counties.  
Includes two fairs from Morrison County (Little Falls and Motley); two from St. Louis County (Hibbing and Proctor); Northern Minnesota Fair (Littlefork); Shell Prairie Agricultural Association (Park Rapids); Northwestern Minnesota Agricultural Society (Fosston); Perham Agricultural Society (Ottertail County); Tri-County Fair Board Association (Mankato).

## 1993

### Location

- 107.K.10.1B Aitkin - Jackson Counties.  
Includes Tri-County 4H Fair, Mankato (Blue Earth County); Cannon Valley Fair, Cannon Falls (Goodhue County); Shell Prairie Agricultural Association, Park Rapids (Hubbard County).
- 107.K.10.2F Kanabec - Steele Counties.  
Includes West Otter Tail (Otter Tail County); Northwestern Minnesota Agricultural Association, Fosston (Polk County); South St. Louis (St. Louis County).
- 107.K.10.3B Stevens - Yellow Medicine Counties.

## 1994

### Location

- 107.K.10.3B Aitkin - Hennepin Counties.  
Includes Tri-County 4H Club, Mankato (Blue Earth County); Cannon Valley Fair (Goodhue County).
- 107.I.15.8F Houston - Scott Counties.  
Includes Shell Prairie Agricultural Association, Park Rapids (Hubbard County); Northern Minnesota District Fair, Littlefork (Koochiching County); Perham Agricultural Society (Otter Tail County); Big Valley 4H Cluster Fair (Polk County).
- 107.I.15.9B Sherburne - Yellow Medicine Counties.

## 1995

### Location

- 107.I.15.9B Aitkin - Fillmore Counties.  
Includes Tri-County 4-H Fair, Mankato (Blue Earth County); and two fairs for Cass County.
- 107.I.15.10F Freeborn - Redwood Counties.  
Includes Cannon Valley Fair, Cannon Falls (Goodhue County); the Shell Prairie Agricultural Association, Park Rapids (Hubbard County); two fairs for Morrison County; West Otter Tail Agricultural Society (Otter Tail County); Big Valley 4H Cluster Fair, Fosston (Polk County).
- 101.G.5.6F Renville - Yellow Medicine Counties.  
Includes South St. Louis Agricultural Association (St. Louis County).

## 1996

### Location

- 101.G.5.6F Aitkin - Dakota Counties.  
Includes Tri-County 4-H Fair, Mankato (Blue Earth County); and two fairs for Cass County (Pine River and Pillager).
- 101.G.5.7B Dodge - Pine Counties.  
Includes two fairs for Goodhue County (Zumbrota and Cannon Valley Fair Association, Cannon Falls); Shell Prairie Agricultural Association, Park Rapids (Hubbard County); two fairs for Koochiching County (Northome and Northern Minnesota District Fair, Little Fork); two fairs for Morrison County (Little Falls and Motley); two fairs for Otter Tail County (East at Perham and West at Fergus Falls).
- 101.G.5.8F Pipestone - Wright Counties.  
Includes two fairs for Polk County (Fertile and Big Valley 4-H Cluster Fair, Inc. at Fosston); three fairs for St. Louis County (Hibbing, Proctor, and Floodwood).



**1996-1998**

**Location**

- 101.G.5.8F Aitkin - Benton Counties.
- 101.G.5.9B Blue Earth – Faribault Counties.  
Includes Mankato Fair (Blue Earth County); Pillager Fair (Cass County).
- 101.G.5.10F Freeborn - Marshall Counties.  
Includes Cannon Valley Fair (Goodhue County); Shell Prairie Agricultural Association (Hubbard County); Northern Minnesota District Fair (Koochiching County).
- 101.G.6.1B Martin - Polk Counties.  
Includes Perham Agricultural Association (Otter Tail County); Northern Minnesota Agricultural Association (Polk County).
- 101.G.6.2F Pope - Todd Counties.
- 130.A.12.1B Traverse – Yellow Medicine Counties.

**1999**

**Location**

- 130.A.12.1B Aitkin - Douglas Counties.  
Includes Mankato Fair (Blue Earth County); Pillager Fair (Cass County).
- 130.A.12.2F Faribault – Otter Tail Counties.  
Includes Cannon Valley Fair (Goodhue County); Shell Prairie Agricultural Association (Hubbard County); Northern Minnesota District Fair (Koochiching County); Perham Agricultural Association (Otter Tail County).
- 130.A.12.3B Pennington - Wabasha Counties.  
Includes Northern Minnesota Agricultural Association (Polk County).

## 2000

### Location

- 130.A.12.3B                   Aitkin - Clay Counties.  
                                      Includes Mankato Fair (Blue Earth County); Pillager Fair (Cass County).
- 130.A.12.4F                   Crow Wing – Renville Counties.  
                                      Includes Cannon Valley Fair (Goodhue County); Shell Prairie Agricultural Association (Hubbard County); Northern Minnesota District Fair (Koochiching County); Tri County Agricultural Society (Nicollet County); Perham Agricultural Association (Otter Tail County).
- 130.A.12.5B                   Rice - Yellow Medicine Counties.

## 2001

### Location

- 130.A.12.5                   Aitkin – Freeborn Counties.  
                                      Includes Tri-County Fair and two fairs for Cass County (Pine River and Pillager).
- 113.J.8.1B                   Goodhue – St. Louis Counties.  
                                      Includes Cannon Valley Fair (Goodhue County); Northern Minnesota District Fair, Little Fork (Koochiching County); Perham County Fair (East Otter Tail County); West Otter Tail County, Fergus Falls; two fairs for Morrison County (Little Falls and Motley); two fairs for Polk County (Fertile and Fosston); and three fairs for St. Louis County (St. Louis Southwest, Hibbing, and South St. Louis).
- 113.J.8.2F                   Scott – Yellow Medicine Counties.

## 2002

### Location

- 113.J.8.2F                   Aitkin – Fillmore Counties.  
                                      Includes Tri-County Fair, Garden City (Blue Earth County); and two fairs for Cass County (Pine River and Pillager).

**Location**

- 113.J.8.2F Freeborn – St. Louis Counties.  
Includes Cannon Valley County Fair (Goodhue County); Northern Minnesota District Fair, Little Fork (Koochiching County); two fairs for Morrison County (Little Falls and Motley); Perham (Otter Tail County); two fairs for Polk County (Fertile and Fosston); and three fairs for St. Louis County (St. Louis Southwest, Hibbing, South St. Louis).
- 113.J.8.4F Scott – Yellow Medicine Counties.

**2003**

**Location**

- 113.J.8.4F Aitkin – Jackson Counties.  
Includes Tri-County Fair, Mankato (Blue Earth County); two fairs for Cass County (Pine River and Pillager); and Cannon Valley County Fair (Goodhue County).
- 113.J.8.5B Kanabec – Watonwan Counties.  
Includes Northern Minnesota District, Little Fork (Koochiching County); two fairs for Morrison County (Little Falls and Motley); Perham County (Otter Tail County); Fertile (Polk County); and three for St. Louis County (St. Louis Southwest, Hibbing, South St. Louis).
- 113.J.8.6F Wilkin – Yellow Medicine Counties.

**2004**

**Location**

- 113.J.8.6F Aitkin – Lincoln Counties.  
Includes Tri-County Fair, Mankato (Blue Earth County); two fairs for Cass County (Pine River and Pillager); Cannon Valley County Fair (Goodhue County); Northern Minnesota District Fair, Little Fork (Koochiching County).
- 107.E.4.1B Lyon – Watonwan Counties.  
Includes two fairs for Morrison County (Little Falls and Motley); two fairs for Otter Tail County (Fergus Falls and Perham); three fairs for St. Louis County (Floodwood, Hibbing and Proctor).
- 107.E.4.2F Wilkin – Yellow Medicine Counties.

## 2005

### Location

- 107.E.4.2F                   Aitkin – Lake of the Woods Counties.  
                                  Includes Tri-County Fair, Mankato (Blue Earth County); two fairs  
                                  for Cass County (Pine River and Pillager); Cannon Valley County  
                                  Fair (Goodhue County); Northern Minnesota District Fair, Little  
                                  Fork (Koochiching County).
- 107.E.4.3B                   Le Sueur – Wilkin Counties.  
                                  Includes two fairs for Morrison County (Little Falls and Motley);  
                                  two fairs for Otter Tail County (Fergus Falls and Perham); three  
                                  fairs for St. Louis County (Floodwood, Hibbing, and Proctor).
- 107.E.4.4F                   Winona – Yellow Medicine Counties.

## 2006

### Location

- 107.E.4.4F                   Aitkin – Lincoln Counties.  
                                  Includes Tri-County Fair, Mankato (Blue Earth County); two fairs  
                                  for Cass County (Pine River and Pillager); Cannon Valley County  
                                  Fair (Goodhue County); Northern Minnesota District Fair, Little  
                                  Fork (Koochiching County).
- 107.E.4.5B                   Lyon – Stearns.  
                                  Includes two fairs for Morrison County (Little Falls and Motley);  
                                  two fairs for Otter Tail County (Fergus Falls and Perham); three  
                                  fairs for St. Louis County (Floodwood, Hibbing and Proctor).
- 107.E.4.6F                   Stearns – Yellow Medicine.  
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