AGRICULTURE DEPARTMENT
Field Accounting and Statistics Division

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

OVERVIEW OF THE RECORDS

Series Title: Audit reports and records of county agricultural societies,
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).
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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

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- Agricultural exhibitions--Minnesota--Statistics.
- Agriculture--Minnesota--Societies, etc.--Finance.
- Auditing.
- Fairs--Minnesota.--Statistics.

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DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE COLLECTION

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1970-1975

Location

Includes Cannon Valley Fair (Goodhue County).


Includes Mankato Fair (Blue Earth County).

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).

Includes South St. Louis Agricultural Society; Shell Prairie
Agricultural Association (Hubbard County).


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

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).


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).

   Includes Cannon Valley Fair (Goodhue County); Northern
   Minnesota District Fair, Littlefork (Koochiching County).

   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 Agricultural Society (Otter Tail County);
   Northwestern Minnesota Agriculture Fair, Fosston (Polk County).

   Includes South St. Louis County Fair (Preston).
1985-1986
Location

           Includes Mankato Fair (Blue Earth County); Cannon Valley Fair (Goodhue County); Shell Prairie Agricultural Association (Hubbard County); Northern Minnesota District Fair, Littlefork (Koochiching County).

           Includes Perham Agricultural Society (Ottertail County); Northwestern Minnesota Agricultural Association, Fosston (Polk County); South St. Louis County Fair, Proctor-Duluth).

1986-1987
Location

            Includes Cannon Valley Fair Association (Goodhue County).

            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).

              Includes Perham Agricultural Society (Otter Tail County); Northwest Minnesota Agricultural Association, Fosston (Polk County).
1989

Location

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).

Includes Perham Agricultural Society (Otter Tail County); Northwestern Minnesota Agricultural Association (Polk County).

1990

Location

Includes Cannon Valley Fair (Cannon Falls); Cass County fairs at Pillager and Pine River.

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

    Includes Cannon Valley Fair Association (Cannon Falls); two
    fairs from Cass County (Pine River and Pillager).

    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).


1994

Location

    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.


101.G.6.1B  Martin - Polk Counties.


130.A.12.1B  Traverse – Yellow Medicine Counties.

### 1999

#### Location

130.A.12.1B  Aitkin - Douglas Counties.

130.A.12.2F  Faribault – Otter Tail Counties.

130.A.12.3B  Pennington - Wabasha Counties.
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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).

   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).

2005

Location
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).

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).


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).

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