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  History of the Minnesota State Dairy, Food and Agriculture Departments, N. J. Holmberg, 1885-1926; Inside Agriculture: A Quick Look at Your Minnesota Department of Agriculture, undated.  2 items in 1 folder.
  Legislators Agricultural Education Tour and Review, October 1, 1974.
    Informational packet.
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Laws and Regulations

Agricultural Seed Laws and Rules and Regulations. 4 items in 1 folder.
September 1943; Seed Laws.
January 1952.
1962.
1968.

Agricultural Weed Laws. 5 items in 1 folder.
June 1945.
January 1946.
July 1953.
1958.
1969.

Apiary Law, 1939.
Cold Storage Law and Regulations, 1923, 1947. 2 items in 1 folder.

Dairy and Food Laws:

Dairy Laws, 1899.
1909.

[Report of Commission Appointed Pursuant to Chapter 406 Session Laws 1919 to Revise and Codify the Laws of Minnesota Relating to Dairy and Food Products]; 1919, 1921. 2 items in 1 folder.
1923, 1927. 2 items in 1 folder.
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1935, 1937. 2 items in 1 folder.
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1949, 1953. 2 items in 1 folder.
1958.

[Food] Standards and Definitions and Rules and Regulations.
July 1934, June 1938. 2 items in 1 folder.
July 1942, January 1949. 2 items in 1 folder.
1954.

Egg Law and Rules and Regulations.
1954, 1957. 2 items in 1 folder.
1959. Minnesota Certified Quality Egg Program.

Eggs: Minnesota State Retail and Wholesale Grades: Law, Rules and Regulations:
Undated.
1933.
1934.
1939.

Gasoline Tax and Oil Inspection: Laws, Rules, Regulations, 1937.
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Laws of Minnesota Relating to Cooperative Associations.
Title varies.
5 items in 1 folder.
Organization of Co-Operative Associations, circa 1919.
1936. 1 bound and 1 unbound copy.
1941.
1945.
1950, 1971. 2 items in 1 folder.


Milk Pasteurization and Grading: Various laws. 4 items in 1 folder.

Mosquito Abatement Law, September 1949.

Produce Dealer Laws. 5 items in 1 folder.
December 15, 1929. The Wholesale Produce Dealers Produce Act and Regulations.
Circa 1935. Minnesota Produce Dealer's Law.
1948. Wholesale Produce Dealer's Law.

Sanitary Food Law and Definitions, circa 1921.

Seed Potato Certification Law. 4 items in 1 folder.
1947 February 1.
1955 February 25.

Rules and Regulations of the Department of Agriculture.
1972 Parts A-D. 4 items in 1 folder.
Unbound.
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4 items in 1 folder.
All unbound.
1973 Part A.
1974 Part A.
1976 Parts A-B.

Miscellaneous laws and regulations.

Newsletters.
Scattered issues.
The Ag Mag, 1985-1990. 2 folders.
The Electronic Ag Mag, November 25, 1992–2000. 9 folders.

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The Electronic Ag Mag, 2001. 2 folders.

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MDA Update, 1997-2005. 2 folders.

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Bulletins.
Bulletin index, undated.
Possibly predecessor to the Bulletin of Information.

7 items in 1 folder.
Monthly Report, August-September 1889.
Monthly Report, October-November 1889.
Monthly Report, December 1889 - March 1890.
Special Report, August-November 1890. 2 copies.
Quarterly Report, January-June 1891.
Report, July 1891 - April 1, 1892.

Bound compilation of most or all of the above. 1 volume.

Bulletin of Information on Creameries, Cheese and Ice Cream Factories.
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1906. List of Minnesota Creameries and Cheese Factories and Statistics.
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12. Investigation of the Housing and Rental Situation in Minnesota, 1920.
14. Farm Census and Other Agricultural Statistics for the Year 1920.
15. Minnesota Cold Storage Law and Regulations, 1921.
16. Copy of Law Creating the State Department of Agriculture, 1921.
17. Copy of Law Authorizing the Incorporation of Co-Operative Associations, 1921.
18. Copy of Noxious Weed Law, 1921.
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27. Copy of General Co-Operative Law, 1923.
27. Copy of General Co-Operative Law, 1927.
33. Standard Forms for Cold Storage Warehouses, 1924.
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36. Report of Survey of 1924 Minnesota Wheat Crop,
State Testing Mill.
40. Report of Barberry Eradication, to December 1, 1924.
41. Potatoes Inspected and Certified in Minnesota in 1924.
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44. Noxious Weeds Act, 1925.
45. Protein Survey of 1925 Minnesota Wheat Crop, State Testing Mill.
47. Potatoes Inspected and Certified in Minnesota, 1925.
48. Copy of Law Relating to Inspection of Apiaries, 1925.
49. Market Grades of Farm Produce...., 1925.
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52. Protein Survey of 1926 Minnesota Wheat Crop.
53. Potatoes Inspected and Certified in Minnesota, 1926.
56. Seed Potato Inspection and Certification Law...., 1927.
[57.] Minnesota Wholesale Dealers, 1926.
60. Potatoes Inspected and Certified in Minnesota, 1927.
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64. Potatoes Inspected and Certified in Minnesota, 1928.
Agriculture, Dairy and Food Department Bulletins.
7 items in 1 folder.
2. Potatoes Inspected and Certified in Minnesota, 1929.
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4. The Wholesale Produce Dealers Act and Regulations, 1929.
6. The Potato Tagging, Labeling or Branding Act..., 1931.
7. Potatoes Inspected and Certified in Minnesota, 1931.
7 items in 1 folder.
10. Seed Potato Inspection and Certification Law..., 1933-1934.
11. Potatoes Inspected and Certified in Minnesota, 1933.
19. Primary Noxious Weed Act, Amended 1937.
9 items in 1 folder.
22. Potatoes Inspected and Certified in Minnesota, 1936.
31. Hybrid Seed Corn Act, 1939.
32. Pure Seeds Act, Amended 1939.
44. Noxious Weed Act, 1931.

Miscellaneous publications.

Miscellany, undated, 1890s–1990s. 2 folders. Undated.
3 items in 1 folder.

Food Values, undated.

Compiled by Julius Hortvet, Dairy and Food Department.

Food, Our Greatest Opportunity, undated.

Food and Fiber: Minnesota's Largest Industry, undated.


Minnesota Weed Pamphlet, undated.

Loose-leaf compilation of circulars and forms.
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Minnesota Weeds, undated.

Compilation of circulars.

Weed Identification Sheets, undated. 2 folders.

Printed color depictions of various noxious weed plants, including leaves, stems, roots, flowers, and seeds, undated. 13 items in 1 folder.

Issued originally by the Weed and Seed Division, later by the Plant Industry Division; the verso of each sheet lists where the weed is found, includes a detailed description, and indicates methods of control.

Bladder Campion.
Butter and Eggs.
Canada Thistle.
Clover Dodder.
Common Ragweed.
Field Bindweed.
Frenchweed.
Horse Nettle.
Leafy Spurge.
Ox-Eye Daisy.
Poison Ivy.
Sow Thistle.
Wild Carrot.

Black and white depiction of wild hemp [marijuana], undated. 1 item in folder.

Issued by the Agronomy Division.

1890s–1920s.

Dairy Map of Minnesota, 1896.
Official State Creamery and Cheese Factory Directory and Dairy Map of Minnesota, October 1, 1898. 2 copies.
Chief Chemist Report, 1907. 1 volume.
   From Eleventh Biennial Report of Commissioner.
Special Report: The So-Called "Green Bug" and Other Grain Aphids in Minnesota in 1907, March 1, 1908. 1 volume.
Chief Chemist Report, 1909.
   From Twelfth Biennial Report of Commissioner.
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24. The Minnesota Fly Trap, 1912.
35. Further Observations of Minnesota Birds: Their Economic Relations to the Agriculturist, 1916.
43. Some Useful Birds Found in Minnesota: Their Economic Relations to the Agriculturist, 1917.
45. Work on Pine Blister Rust in Minnesota, 1917.
47. Some Insects Injurious to the Potato, 1918.

120.A.4.8F  Chief Chemist, Fourteenth Report, 1913.
State Inspector of Apiaries Annual Report, Fourth, 1918.
Fertilizer Analyses and Registrations, 1928.
  Mimeograph copy.

1930s.
Fertilizer Analyses and Registrations, 1930, 1932, 1934. 3 items in 1 folder.
3 items in 1 folder.
Studies Relative to the Estimation of Vitamin D, November 1932.
Antirachitic Activity of Vitamin D Supplements for Poultry, April 1934.
Vitamin D Assays of Poultry Supplements, March 1935.
Insect Control, Nursery, and Aviary Inspection Division: Annual Report, 1935.
Insect Control, Nursery, and Aviary Inspection Division: Biennial Reports, 1935-1936.
Insect Control, Nursery, and Aviary Inspection Division: Annual Report, 1937.
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Fertilizer Analyses and Registrations, 1941.
The Composition of Commercial Dog Foods, August 1942.
Report of Department of Agriculture, Dairy and Food, Division of Dairy and Food, for Interim Committee on State Administration, 1943.

Typescript, carbon copy.

Legal Procedure for Control of Noxious Weeds in Minnesota, January 1944.

Fertilizer Analyses and Registrations, 1945, 1946. 2 items in 1 folder.

Legal Procedure for Control of Noxious Weeds in Minnesota, January 1946.

Fertilizer Analyses and Registrations, 1948, 1949. 2 items in 1 folder.


Apparently complete; directory of hatcheries, dealers, and independent flocks cooperating in the national poultry and national turkey improvement plans. Issued by the Minnesota Poultry Improvement Board (1949-1956) and later by the Agriculture Department in cooperation with the Livestock Sanitary Board.

1950s.

Fertilizer Analyses and Registrations, 1950, 1951. 2 items in 1 folder.


Submitted to the Minnesota Legislature.

Fertilizer Analyses and Registrations, 1954, 1955. 2 items in 1 folder.


Submitted to the Minnesota Legislature.

Fertilizer Analyses and Registrations, 1957, 1958, 1959. 3 items in 1 folder.

Legal Procedure for Control of Noxious Weeds in Minnesota, July 1959.
Fertilizer Analyses and Registrations, 1960, 1961. 2 items in 1 folder.
Minnesota Random Sample Turkey Meat Production Test, Sixth, 1961.
Potato Russet Scab Investigation, Annual Report, University of Minnesota and Department of Agriculture, Cooperators, 1963.
   By Kenneth Bohnenblust and Carl J. Eide.
Minnesota Random Sample Turkey Meat Production Test, Eleventh, 1966; Twelfth, 1967. 2 items in 1 folder.
Legal Procedure for Control of Noxious Weeds in Minnesota, 1969.

[Filed with 1960s reports.]

Meat Industry Division. Study on Cost of State Meat Inspection Programs, [etc.], April 1970.
Minnesota Breeding Flocks and Hatcheries, February 1971.
Legal Procedure for Control of Noxious Weeds in Minnesota, 1976.
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Minnesota Family Farm Security Act: Report to the Legislature, 1976. 2 different reports.
Corporate Farming and the Family Farm, Council of State Governments, July 1976.
Minnesota Dairy Plants, 1979. 1 volume.
Activity Proposal: Agricultural Marketing Services, April 1979. 1 volume.

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Minnesota Dairy Plants, 1980. 1 volume.
Minnesota Family Farm Security Act: Report to the Legislature, 1980. 1 volume.
The Minnesota Department of Agriculture Marketing Division: A Five-Year Plan, January 1980. 1 volume.
Agronomy Services Division: Seed Tax Audit Reports, 1981.
Minnesota Dairy Plants, 1981. 1 volume.
Minnesota Family Farm Security Act: Report to the Legislature, 1981.
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Main report and executive summary.


Minnesota Dairy Plants, 1982. 1 volume.

Minnesota Family Farm Security Act: Report to the Legislature, 1982. 1 volume.


Minnesota Dairy Plants, 1983. 1 volume.

Minnesota Dairy Plants, 1984. 1 volume.


Official List of Endangered, Threatened and Special Concern Plants and Animals by the Bird Group Committee, January 1984.

Progress Report 1985, Minnesota Trade Office.

Current status of P.L. 83-566 watershed program, river basin studies, and flood hazard studies in Minnesota.

Progress Report 1986, Minnesota Trade Office.

Current status of P.L. 83-566 watershed program, river basin studies, and flood hazard studies in Minnesota.

Minnesota Trade Office: Communications Division.

Progress Report 1987, Minnesota Trade Office.


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   Agronomy Services Division.
   Current status of P.L. 83-566 watershed program, river basin studies, and flood hazard studies in Minnesota.
   From the Minnesota Shade Tree Advisory Committee.
Description of the Data Base and General Observations:
   Analysis of Variables Associated with the Occurrence of Electric and Magnetic Fields Which may Contribute to Low Productivity of Dairy Animals, June 15, 1989. 2 folders.
   Submitted to the Low Livestock Productivity Advisory Board.
   Current status of P.L. 83-566 watershed program, river basin studies, and flood hazard studies in Minnesota.

1990s.

Sustainable Agriculture Program of Minnesota: Minnesota Department of Agriculture Energy & Sustainable Agriculture Project, circa 1990. 1 volume.
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Minnesota Certified Nursery Growers, Dealers, and Landscapers, 1992. 1 volume.
AG Focused Programs, Demonstrations and Research relating to Non-Point Source Pollution in the Minnesota River Basin, 1994.
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  Submitted by Minnesota Valley Alfalfa Producers.
  Submitted by Minnesota Valley Alfalfa Producers.
Minnesota’s Agricultural Profile, 1996.
Agency Performance Report, 1996.
Opportunities for Hybrid Poplar Production in Minnesota, March 1996.
Identification of Strategic Trends for Minnesota Agriculture: A Framework for Minnesota Department of Agriculture Strategic Planning, August 1996.
Recommendations from the Common Detection Advisory Committee To the Commissioner of Agriculture on the Status of Pesticides in Minnesota’s Water Resources, October 1996.


Cost of Public Services Study, June 1999.


2000s.

Brochure: Department of Agriculture, circa 2000.

Minnesota: Cost of Production Insurance Analysis, March 5, 2000.


Analysis by AgriLogic, Inc.

Turn of the Century Ag Expo: The World’s Fair of Agriculture, Gilfillan Estate, Redwood County, August 2000.


A proposal to The Fund for Rural America.

Economic Impact of Soy Diesel in Minnesota, February 2002.