



MINNESOTA DEPARTMENT  
OF AGRICULTURE

# Commissioner's Exemptions

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*List of Entities that Received Commissioner's Exemption under  
Minnesota Statutes Section 500.24*

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# Introduction

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This report is submitted pursuant to Minnesota Statutes 500.24, Subdivision 3:

***Subd. 3. Farming and ownership of agricultural land by corporations restricted.***

*(a) No corporation, limited liability company, pension or investment fund, trust, or limited partnership shall engage in farming; nor shall any corporation, limited liability company, pension or investment fund, trust, or limited partnership, directly or indirectly, own, acquire, or otherwise obtain any interest, in agricultural land other than a bona fide encumbrance taken for purposes of security. This subdivision does not apply to general partnerships. This subdivision does not apply to any agricultural land, corporation, limited partnership, trust, limited liability company, or pension or investment fund that meet any of the definitions in subdivision 2, paragraphs (b) to (f), (j) to (m), (p) to (x), (z), and (bb), has a conservation plan prepared for the agricultural land, and reports as required under subdivision 4.*

*(b) A corporation, pension or investment fund, trust, limited liability company, or limited partnership that cannot meet any of the definitions in subdivision 2, paragraphs (b) to (f), (j) to (m), (p) to (x), (z), and (bb), may petition the commissioner for an exemption from this subdivision. The commissioner may issue an exemption if the entity meets the following criteria:*

*(1) the exemption would not contradict the purpose of this section; and*

*(2) the petitioning entity would not have a significant impact upon the agriculture industry and the economy.*

*The commissioner shall review annually each entity that is issued an exemption under this paragraph to ensure that the entity continues to meet the criteria in clauses (1) and (2). If an entity fails to meet the criteria, the commissioner shall withdraw the exemption and the entity is subject to enforcement proceedings under subdivision 5. The commissioner shall submit a report with a list of each entity that is issued an exemption under this paragraph to the chairs of the senate and house of representatives agricultural policy committees by October 1 of each year.*

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- 1 Aloysius Barthelemy Revocable Trust  
5810 Canary Road Northwest  
Royalton, MN 56373
  - a) Trust was created for estate planning purposes. Agricultural land consists of 200 acres, and has been in the family for over 110 years.
  
- 2 Askegaard Real Estate Holdings, LLLP  
3920 3<sup>rd</sup> Street South  
Moorhead, MN 56560
  - a) 160 acres in Clay County. Father has owned the land since 1968, and now owns a life estate in the land, with the company having a remainder interest. Company is owned by the siblings of the father. Land is currently being farmed. Transaction was done for estate planning purposes.
  
- 3 Bel Acres, LLC  
525 Walnut Street  
Cold Spring, MN 56320
  - a) 170 acres in Stearns County. Parents owned the land and sold to siblings, who formed LLC to obtain the money to buy the land. Land is either CRP or farmed by local farmer, to which the family wants to continue to rent to.
  
- 4 Berry Pallets, Inc.  
804 North Craig Street  
Janesville, MN 56048
  - a) 160 acres, farmed by brother of sole shareholder. Parents of shareholder live on the land. Corporation was set up so land was not foreclosed upon.
  
- 5 Blakemore Farm Trust  
5086 marsh Field Road  
Sarasota, FL 34235
  - a) 448 acres in Martin County, the land has been in family since 1800s. Land was put into family trust in order for it to stay in the family.
  
- 6 Bussler Management, Inc.  
North Main Street, P.O. Box 431  
Winthrop, MN 55396
  - a) Seven sibling shareholders. Own 80 acres and is rented out
  
- 7 Camphill Village Minnesota, Inc.  
Rt. 3 Box 249  
Sauk Center, MN 56378
  - a) Land used for residential and vocational services to people with developmental disabilities.

- 8 CCSC, LLC  
1620 north Nokomis  
Alexandria, MN 56308  
a) 214 acres owned by 3 relatives and a neighbor for hunting purposes. Neighbor's son will farm the land.
- 9 Cheryl L Mann Family Trust  
155 1<sup>st</sup> Ave Southwest  
Rochester MN 55902  
a) Trust was set up as the result of death of young mother. Two children are beneficiaries. There are 14 acres leased out, with rental income given to beneficiaries.
- 10 Climax Development Corporation  
Climax, MN 56523  
a) Owns 52 acres in Polk County. Land purchased in 1976 for development, currently being rented out.
- 11 David Spinler Construction, Inc.  
RR 4 Box 118  
Austin, MN 55912  
a) Owns 230 acres in Steele County. Purchased for the removal of gravel. As the gravel is extracted, the land is being filled and rented out for farming.
- 12 Edwin L. Traut Revocable Trust  
1284 Huntington Avenue  
Sartell, MN 56377  
a) 70 acres in Stearns county, land was put in trust for estate planning purposes. Trust is part of a family partnership
- 13 Erik John Pritchard Special Needs Trust  
920 East 5<sup>th</sup> Street  
Northfield, MN  
a) Trust was set up by court order. 156 acres.
- 13 Erlandson Farms, LLLP  
2005 Cty Hwy 110  
Fergus Falls, MN 56537  
a) 400 acres in Otter Tail County. Parents have owned and farmed the land since 1994. They now have life-estate in property, with the siblings having a remainder interest through the LLLP. Land is rented and farmed by local farmer.
- 14 Eugene F. Perrier Irrevocable Trust  
610 7th Avenue North  
St. Cloud, MN 56303  
a) Trust was created for estate planning purposes. Land consisting of 200 acres is rented out to local farmers.

- 15 Ewald Benedict & Son, Inc.  
413 32nd Avenue South  
Moorhead, MN 56560
  - a) Owns 400 acres in Clay County. Owned by widow of farmer, currently being rented out.
- 16 Fair Plain Pork, Inc.  
Mapleton, MN 56065
  - a) Owns 40 acres in Blue Earth County, and it is currently owned by three individuals and two family farm corporations. Family has been farming for over 100 years.
- 17 Family Share Trust of Leroy J. Louwagie DTD 5/25/00  
30494 Upper Creek Road  
Evergreen, CO 80439
  - a) Owns 538 acres in Lyon County. Trust was created for estate planning purposes. The land is rented to local producers.
- 18 Fowl Feathered Friends, Inc.  
630 Main Street  
Elk River, MN 55330
  - a) Owns 240 acres in Big Stone County. Land was purchased for hunting and recreation, some of which is being rented to a farmer. In CRP or RIM as well.
- 19 Fox Family Farm LLC  
Pipestone, MN 56164
  - a) Owns 240 acres in Pipestone County. Land has been in the family since 1916, and was put into an LLC for estate management purposes. Land is farmed by local producers.
- 20 Grace M. Barthelemy Revocable Trust  
5810 Canary Road Northwest  
Royalton, MN 56373
  - a.) Trust was created for estate planning purposes. Agricultural land consists of 200 acres, and has been in the family for over 110 years.
- 21 Harriet O Hudrlik Residuary Trust  
5502 Regis Trail NE  
Fridley, MN 55432
  - a) Owns 1/3 interest in 500 acres. Land has been in family for years. It was put into trust for estate planning purposes. The land is farmed by local producers.
- 22 Heen Century Farms, LLC  
RR 1 Box 165  
Maynard, MN 56260
  - a) Land used for educational and historical purposes.

- 23 Henry J Deters and Anna Mae E Deters Revocable Trust  
750 Railroad Ave  
Sauk Center, MN 56378  
a) Trust was created for estate planning purposes. Spouse is in nursing home and family members are farming the land, which is 350 acres.
- 24 Heritage Acres  
827 Lake Avenue  
Fairmont, MN 56031  
a) Land used for demonstration purposes.
- 25 Houlton Olson Family LLC  
a) LLC owns 347 acres in Sherburne County. The family has owned the farmland since 1880, and has been in the family for four generations. Land was placed in the LLC for estate planning purposes, and they are planning on keeping it as agricultural land.
- 26 Hutchinson Technology, Inc.  
40 West Highland Park Northeast  
Hutchinson, MN 55350  
a) Owns 68.42 acres in McLeod County. Purchased in 1989 for future development. Currently rented to a farmer.
- 27 Ironwood Springs Christian Ranch  
RR 1  
Stewartville, MN 55976  
a) 80 acres used for youth ranch. Purchased in 1995. Hay, corn, and beans are grown.
- 28 J & C Farms, Inc.  
103 2nd Avenue Southeast, Box 254  
Spring Grove, MN 55974  
a) Owns 94 acres in Houston County. Purchased for rock quarry, generally rented out farmland.
- 29 Kleronomia Farms, Inc.  
4190 Diamond Drive  
Eagan, MN 55122  
a) Rents 80 acres in Rice County. All shareholders are family members but land is being rented out to farmer.
- 30 Lee H. Smith Disclaimer Trust  
3000 St. Albans Road #115  
Minnetonka, MN 55305  
a) Agricultural land has been in family for more than one hundred years. The 97 acres are rented out to local producers. It was created for estate planning purposes.

- 31 Leroy & Lila Bauer Family LLLP  
1845 West 130<sup>th</sup> Street  
Shakopee, MN 55379  
a) Owns 687 acres in Morrison County, but only 55 acres are farmable. The land is farmed by a local farmer. The land was purchased to be handed down to the family, and was put in an LLLP for estate planning purposes.
- 32 Linder Farms, LLC  
124 4th Ave NE  
Hutchinson, MN  
a) 88 acres has been in family for over 100 years. Is a “Century Farm.” Land is intended to stay in the family, and is leased to the neighbors.
- 33 Marcelle G. Leseth Revocable Living Trust  
105 3rd Street North #406  
Moorhead, MN 56560  
a) Trust was created for estate-planning purposes.
- 34 Mary Lou Regan Revocable Trust  
11800 95th Avenue  
North Maple Grove, MN 55369  
a) The trust was created for estate planning purposes. Land is rented out to local producers.
- 35 Maxine C. Shambour Revocable Trust Agreement  
302 Windcrest Lane  
New Prague, MN 56071  
a) The 192 acres was placed in a trust for estate planning purposes.
- 36 Minnesota Valley Antique Farm Power and Machinery Association  
5030 20th Avenue Southwest, P.O. Box 226  
Montevideo, MN 56265  
a) Owns land for educational and demonstration purposes.
- 37 Morris Duck Pass, Inc.  
Morris, MN 56267  
a) Land has been in family since 1960. Currently in CRP and used for hunting.
- 38 NBF, Inc.  
10548 Vessy Road  
Bloomington, MN 55437  
a) 650 acres rented out to local farmer. Land has been in family since 1800’s.
- 39 New Sweden Dairy, LLC  
817 Main St  
Le Sueur, MN 56058  
a) 80 acres in Nicollet County. Sole member of LLC is another LLC. Both entities are made up of family members, and one of the family members actively farms. The LLC was set up for estate planning purposes.

- 40 Newburn Farms, LLC  
Brian Alton, Atty  
951 Grand Avenue  
St. Paul, MN 55105  
a) Owns 240 acres in Nobles County, and has been in the family for over 50 years. Land is rented by local producer. The land was put into an LLC for estate planning purposes.
- 41 Nicolas E Guetter Irrevocable Trust  
2950 17<sup>th</sup> St South  
Moorhead, MN 56560  
a) 120 acres in Becker County. Trust is a partner in the Shell River Real Estate LLLP. Done for estate planning purposes.
- 42 Nolan Farms, Inc.  
1363 Benson Blvd. East  
Stillwater, MN 55082  
a) 120 acres has been in the family for over two hundred years. The land was placed into corporation for estate planning purposes.
- 43 North Shore, Inc.  
2178 Miles Circle Northwest  
Brainerd, MN 56401  
a) Land has been in shareholders family for over a hundred years. Last generation has farmed the land and local farmer now farms it.
- 44 R & R Properties of Willmar, Inc.  
1301 East Highway 12  
Willmar, MN 56201  
a) Owns 63.74 acres in Kandiyohi County. Purchased for land development in 1993, currently being rented for farming.
- 45 R. A. Muecke Sand and Gravel, Inc.  
2330 26th Street  
Slayton, MN 56172  
a) Owns 80 acres in Murray County. Purchased for development of sand and gravel, rented out for farming.
- 46 R.O.B.I. Farms, Inc.  
16044 County Road 28  
Villard, MN 56385  
a) Owns 160 acres in Pope County. Currently being rented out.
- 47 Randy Green-Wiese Limited Partnership II  
3267 County Road 23  
Gary, MN 56545  
a) Partnership was created so that Randy Green could farm 320 acres on contract basis with American Crystal Company and for estate planning purposes.

- 48 Rohwer Properties LLC  
18918 585th St  
Dodge Center, MN55927  
a) Owns 434 acres in Dodge County. It has been in the family for 26 years. The land was held in trust, and now is an LLC, with the relatives as the members of the LLC. The land is rented to the parents, with one of the relatives helping out during planting and harvesting.
- 49 Ronald M Isdahl and Marlene L Nelson Revocable Trust  
221 1<sup>st</sup> St  
Brooten, MN 56316  
a) Trust was created for estate planning purposes. Land has been in family for 15 years and is currently being farmed by son.
- 50 Schaap Investments  
2305 East St. George Drive  
Sioux Falls, SD 57101  
a) 160 acres of land in Nobles County. Land was inherited and in the same family for generations. The land has been leased to the same family for over 50 years. They agreed to restriction that land can only be used for agricultural purposes.
- 51 Schaefer Family Farm, LLC  
62693 Shorewood Drive  
Madison Lake, MN 56063  
a) 360 acres in trust for estate planning purposes. No intention to expand, as the hope is grandchildren will farm it.
- 52 Schauble Farms, LLC  
1025 Washington St N.W.  
Preston, MN 55965  
a) 267 acres in Houston County, with all but 20 acres in CRP. The land was given to siblings upon death of father, and they have been unable to sell the land. Land was put in LLC to close the estate and will be held in LLC until the land can be sold.
- 53 Sheek, Inc.  
23 North Lake, P.O. Box 57  
Sherburn, MN 56171  
a) Owns approximately 200 acres for hunting purposes. Rents land to farmer to grow corn and soybeans.
- 54 Shell River Real Estate LLLP  
21125 County Hwy 25  
Detroit Lakes, MN 56501  
a) 120 acres in Becker County. Parents have owned the land since 1979, and now have life estate in property. Partnership has remainder interest, and the partners are all siblings of the parents. Set up for estate planning and medical assistance purposes. The land is rented out to local farmers.

- 55 Star Thrower Farm LLC  
5471 Zumbra Circle  
Excelsior, MN 55331  
a) Partial interest in 100 acres in McLeod County. This LLC was set up for estate planning purposes, and is owned by another LLC, which is a husband and wife, who live and farm the land. The intent of the couple is to continue to live and farm the land.
- 56 Star Thrower Properties LLC  
5471 Zumbra Circle  
Excelsior, MN 55331  
a) Partial interest in 100 acres in McLeod County. This LLC was set up for estate planning purposes, and is owned by another LLC, which is a husband and wife, who live and farm the land. The intent of the couple is to continue to live and farm the land.
- 57 Thief Lake Enterprises, Inc.  
5088 Wienzel Pt Road  
Lakeshore, MN 56468  
a) Own 143 acres for use as a hunting camp. Rent to farmer.
- 58 Thomas J. Alleckson Trust  
63 Harvard Drive  
Hartsdale, NY 10530  
a) 160 acres held in trust for a minor child until he is of sufficient age.
- 59 Tiller Corporation, Inc.  
10633 89th Avenue North  
Maple Grove, MN 55311  
a) 1278 acres owned/ used in gravel operation, and rented to farmer.
- 60 Tischleder Snyder Farms, LLC  
590 3<sup>rd</sup> St SW  
Cokato, MN 55321  
a) Owns 107 tillable acres in Stearns County. The land has been owned by the family for three generations going back to 1919. The land was farmed by the family, but is now leased to a local producer. The future intent of the family is to maintain the land in farming.
- 61 Triple H Enterprises LLC  
a) Owns 80 acres in Washington County. Land has been in the family for over 80 years and 3 generations, and was put into an LLC for estate planning purposes.
- 62 Valley Lake Corp.  
10774 Stanek Drive  
Little Falls, MN 56345  
a) 160 acres owned by family for generations and is now rented out.

- 63 Vreeman Construction Co. Inc.  
10029 Highway 7, Southeast  
Clara City, MN 56222  
a) Own 85 acres used for gravel operation, and rented to farmer.
- 64 WAG farms, Inc.  
1765 Pinehurst Avenue  
St. Paul, MN 55116  
a) Land owned by family, now rented out.
- 65 Walden Prairie Farm, Inc.  
P.O. Box 263  
Pine River, MN 56474  
a) 240 acres owned by family. Rented out.
- 66 Walnut Valley, Inc.  
RR. 2 Box 66  
Harmony, MN 55939  
a) 168 acres, rented out or in C.R.P.
- 67 Wild Wing Farms, Inc.  
904 Kandi Circle  
Kandiyohi, MN 56251  
a) 152 acres rented out in Meeker County.
- 68 Willow Point Associates of Minnesota, Inc.  
4421 College Heights Circle  
Bloomington, MN 55437  
a) Owns 47.11 acres for hunting. Rented out to farmer.
- 69 Z & M Farms, LLLP  
19479 210th Street  
Audubon, MN 56511  
a) 250 acres in Becker County. Parents have owned the land since 1971 and now have life estate in the land. Partnership has remainder interest, and is owned by the siblings of the parents. This was set up for estate planning purposes.
- 70 Zimny Family Properties, LLC  
2018 Autumn Drive Northwest  
Alexandria, MN 56308  
a) Farm land has been in the family since 1912. Father has passed away and Mother has life estate in the property. Land is rented to local producers.