



Commissioner's Exemptions

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

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Introduction

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 Anna Mae E Deters Revocable Trust
750 Railroad Avenue Apt 108
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 185 acres in Stearns County.

- 2 Askegaard Real Estate Holdings, LLLP
3920 3rd 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 Baby Owl LLC
5216 Highland Road
Minnetonka, MN 55345
 - a) 300 acres in Benton County. Land has been in the family since 1907 and four generations. The members are all siblings. Land is rented to a local producer. The intent of the siblings is to keep the land in farm production.

- 4 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.

- 5 Belvidere Farm, LLC
8075 330th St W
Northfield, MN 55057
 - a) 225 acres in Goodhue County. Land has been in the family since the 1800s. Members are all siblings. The farm is rented out to family members. LLC was set up for estate planning purposes.

- 6 Berry Pallets, Inc.
804 North Craig Street
Janesville, MN56048
 - 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.

- 7 Blakemore Farm Trust
5086 marsh Field Road
Sarasota, FL34235
 - 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.
- 8 Bussler Management, Inc.
North Main Street, P.O. Box 431
Winthrop, MN55396
 - a) Seven sibling shareholders. Own 80 acres and is rented out
- 9 Camphill Village Minnesota, Inc.
Rt. 3 Box 249
Sauk Center, MN56378
 - a) Land used for residential and vocational services to people with developmental disabilities.
- 10 CCSC, LLC
1620 north Nokomis
Alexandria, MN56308
 - a) 214 acres owned by 3 relatives and a neighbor for hunting purposes. Neighbor's son will farm the land.
- 11 Cheryl L Mann Family Trust
155 1st Ave Southwest
RochesterMN55902
 - 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.
- 12 Climax Development Corporation
Climax, MN56523
 - a) Owns 52 acres in PolkCounty. Land purchased in 1976 for development, currently being rented out.
- 13 David Spinler Construction, Inc.
RR 4 Box 118
Austin, MN55912
 - a) Owns 230 acres in SteeleCounty. Purchased for the removal of gravel. As the gravel is extracted, the land is being filled and rented out for farming.
- 14 Daybreak Farms LLC
 - a) Owns 155 acres in Dakota County for financing only. They have leased the land to the Hmong American Farmers Association, who in turn help Hmong Farmers find access to farmland. Lease to own agreement with HAFA.

- 15 DJG Farms Properties
2181 Southwood
White Bear Lake, MN 55110
 - a) DJG Farm Properties owns 189 acres in Dakota county, whose members are siblings. The father of the siblings purchased the land in the 1950s, with one of the siblings owning the land after that. The land is for sale. Until it is sold, the land is rented out to a local producer.

- 16 Edwin L. Traut Revocable Trust
1284 Huntington Avenue
Sartell, MN56377
 - a) 70 acres in Stearns county, land was put in trust for estate planning purposes. Trust is part of a family partnership

- 17 Erik John Pritchard Special Needs Trust
920 East 5th Street
Northfield, MN
 - a) Trust was set up by court order. 156 acres.

- 18 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.

- 19 Eugene F. Perrier Irrevocable Trust
610 7th Avenue North
St. Cloud, MN56303
 - a) Trust was created for estate planning purposes. Land consisting of 200acres is rented out to local farmers.

- 20 Fair Plain Pork, Inc.
Mapleton, MN56065
 - a) Owns 40 acres in BlueEarthCounty, and it is currently owned by three individuals and two family farm corporations. Family has been farming for over 100 years.

- 21 Family Share Trust of Leroy J. Louwagie DTD 5/25/00
30494 Upper Creek Road
Evergreen, CO80439
 - a) Owns 538 acres in Lyon County. Trust was created for estate planning purposes. The land is rented to local producers.

- 22 FLDBL Company LLC
4304 92nd Circle NE
Circle Pines, MN 55014
 - a) Owns 700 acres in Swift County. Sole member of LLC is a sibling, and the land has been in the family since the 1930s. Currently farmed by a family member that is not a member of the LLC. LLC is a partner in a family farm partnership for tax and liability reasons.

- 23 Fowl Feathered Friends, Inc.
630 Main Street
Elk River, MN55330
a) Owns 240 acres in BigStoneCounty. Land was purchased for hunting and recreation, some of which is being rented to a farmer. In CRP or RIM as well.
- 24Fox 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.
- 25 Glenn Sylvester Family LLC
437 20th Ave
West Fargo, ND 58078
a) Owns 128 acres in Wabasha County. Land has been in the family since 1950s. Family actively farmed it in past, and rents it out to local producers. Father is deceased, mother resides on land, and the son is the sole member of LLC. Set up for estate planning purposes.
- 26 Gorman Farm, LLC
10235 Berkshire Rd
Bloomington, MN 55437
a) 80 acres in Hennepin County. Land has been in the family since 1912, with 4 generations owning the land. LLC was formed for estate planning purposes, with 9 siblings currently the members of the LLC. It is rented out to local producers.
- 27 Grace M. Barthelemy Revocable Trust
5810 Canary Road Northwest
Royalton, MN56373
a.) Trust was created for estate planning purposes. Agricultural land consists of 200 acres, and has been in the family for over 110 years.
- 28 Granby Calf Ranch, LLC
817 North Main Street
Le Sueur, MN 56058
a) 60 acres in Nicollet County, and is a collaborative effort with the University of Minnesota to serve as an educational research site for the University, its college of veterinary medicine, and for educational outreach to the dairy industry.
- 29 Groeneweg Girls LTD
8991 St. Criox Road
Woodbury, MN 55125
a) 254 acres in Lyon county and has been in the family since 1917. Shareholders are all siblings and the land is rented to local producers. Entity was set up for estate planning purposes.

- 30 Grover Jesme Farm LLC
a) Has an interest in 110 acres in Lac Qui Parle County. Land has been in the family for over 100 years. LLC's members were Mom and siblings, but now it is just siblings. Land is rented to local producers.
- 31 Harriet O Hudrlik Residuary Trust
5502 Regis Trail NE
Fridley, MN55432
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.
- 32 Heen Century Farms, LLC
RR 1 Box 165
Maynard, MN56260
a) Land used for educational and historical purposes.
- 33 Heritage Acres
827 Lake Avenue
Fairmont, MN56031
a) Land used for demonstration purposes.
- 34 High Island Dairy, LLC
817 North Main Street
Le Sueur, MN 56058
a) 80 acres in Nicollet County, and is a collaborative effort with the University of Minnesota to serve as an educational/research site for the University, its college of veterinary medicine, and for educational outreach to the dairy industry. It is run by family members.
- 35 Holte Farms, LLLP
2373 190th Ave
Ada, MN 56510
a) Limited partnership has a remainder interest in 74 acres in Norman County, and its partners are all siblings. The mother has owned and farmed the land since 1975, but now has a life estate on the property. The land is rented out to a local neighbor. The limited partnership was set up for estate planning purposes.
- 36 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.
- 37 Hutchinson Technology, Inc.
40 West Highland Park Northeast
Hutchinson, MN55350
a) Owns 68.42 acres in McLeod County. Purchased in 1989 for future development. Currently rented to a farmer.

- 38 Ironwood Springs Christian Ranch
RR 1
Stewartville, MN55976
a) 80 acres used for youth ranch. Purchased in 1995. Hay, corn, and beans are grown.
- 39 J & C Farms, Inc.
103 2nd Avenue Southeast, Box 254
Spring Grove, MN55974
a) Owns 94 acres in HoustonCounty. Purchased for rock quarry, generally rented out farmland.
- 40 J Empey Development LLC
7760 France Ave S #1100
Edina, MN 55435
a) 550 acres in Dakota County, and has been in the family for four generations since 1900s. Members of LLC were originally Mom, who lived on farm, and siblings, but now it is just siblings and land is rented out to local producer. LLC was created for estate planning purposes.
- 41 JMDB Pipestone LLC
12806 West Maya Way
Peoria, AZ 85383
a) LLC has an interest in 308 acres in Pipestone County. Land has been in the family for over a century and through 4 generations. LLC's members are siblings. The farm is rented to local farmer.
- 42 Kimberly Steffl Trust
29846 300th St
Redwood Falls, MN 56283
a) Trust is a shareholder in a family farm corporation that owns 1009 acres. Corporation was set up in 1980. Land is currently farmed by the family. Trust was set up for estate planning purposes.
- 43 Langerud LLLP
11711 210th St N
Hawley, MN 56549
a) Limited partnership has a remainder interest in 300 acres in Clay county, and its partners are all related. The grandfather has owned and farmed the land, but now has a life estate on the property. The land is rented out to a local neighbor. The limited partnership was set up for estate planning purposes.
- 44 Lee H. Smith Disclaimer Trust
3000 St. Albans Road #115
Minnetonka, MN55305
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.

- 45 Leroy & Lila Bauer Family LLLP
1845 West 130th 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.
- 46 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.
- 47 Marcelle G. Leseth Revocable Living Trust
105 3rd Street North #406
Moorhead, MN56560
a) Trust was created for estate-planning purposes.
- 48 Mary Lou Regan Revocable Trust
11800 95th Avenue
North Maple Grove, MN55369
a) The trust was created for estate planning purposes. Land is rented out to local producers.
- 49 Maxine C. Shambour Revocable Trust Agreement
302 Windcrest Lane
New Prague, MN56071
a) The 192 acres was placed in a trust for estate planning purposes.
- 50 Melsha Farms LLC
40606 226th St
Arlington, MN 55307
a) Has a half interest in 385 acres in Sibley County along with a family trust. Members are all siblings and it was created for estate planning purposes. Land has been in the family since the 1970s.
- 51 Minnesota Valley Antique Farm Power and Machinery Association
5030 20th Avenue Southwest, P.O. Box 226
Montevideo, MN56265
a) Owns land for educational and demonstration purposes.
- 52 Morris Duck Pass, Inc.
Morris, MN56267
a) Land has been in family since 1960. Currently in CRP and used for hunting.
- 53 NBF, Inc.
10548 Vessy Road
Bloomington, MN55437
a) 650 acres rented out to local farmer. Land has been in family since 1800’s.

- 54 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.
- 55 Newburn Farms, LLC
Brian Alton, Atty
951 Grand Avenue
St. Paul, MN55105
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.
- 56 Nicolas E Guetter Irrevocable Trust
2950 17th 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.
- 57 Norman Orris Dahl Family LLLP
2525 S. University Dr Suite B
Fargo, ND 58103
a) Owns 400 acres in Norman and Mahnomen Counties. The partners are all relatives, and the land was put in to the LLLP for estate planning purposes to save the family farm.
- 58 North Hamburg Properties
661 Park Ave
Hamburg, MN 55339
A) Family farm LLC has an interest in 80 acres in Carver County, and its members are all sisters. The land has been in the family for over 40 years. The father has transferred the land to the LLC and his daughters for estate and tax planning purposes. The land is rented out to a local neighbor.
- 59 North Shore, Inc.
2178 Miles Circle Northwest
Brainerd, MN56401
a) Land has been in shareholders family for over a hundred years. Last generation has farmed the land and local farmer now farms it.
- 60 Pearl Harbor LLC
8050 West 78th St
Edina, MN 55439
a) Has an interest in 260 acres in Kanabec County. LLC's sole member is son, who inherited land from parents. Land is rented to local producer

- 61 R & R Nelson Farm, LLC
20732 Belle Lake Rd
Hutchinson, MN 55350
a) Owns 226 acres in Nicollet County, which has been in the family since the 1950s. Land was put in LLC for estate planning purposes, with mom residing on land and having a life estate in the property and siblings being the members of the LLC
- 62 R. A. Muecke Sand and Gravel, Inc.
2330 26th Street
Slayton, MN56172
a) Owns 80 acres in MurrayCounty. Purchased for development of sand and gravel, rented out for farming.
- 63 R.O.B.I. Farms, Inc.
16044 County Road 28
Villard, MN56385
a) Owns 160 acres in PopeCounty. Currently being rented out.
- 64 Randy Green-Wiese Limited Partnership II
3267 County Road 23
Gary, MN 56545
a) Operates 320 acres in Norman County. Sweet Daybreak LLC was set up as a partner in the partnership for estate planning purposes, and provides shares of American Crystal Company so that Mr. Green can farm the land.
- 65 Rohwer Properties LLC
18918 585th St
DodgeCenter, 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.
- 66 Ronald M Isdahl and Marlene L Nelson Revocable Trust
221 1st St
Brooten, MN56316
a) Trust was created for estate planning purposes. Land has been in family for 15 years and is currently being farmed by son.
- 67 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.

- 68 Schaefer Family Farm, LLC
62693 Shorewood Drive
MadisonLake, MN 56063
a) 360 acres in trust for estate planning purposes. No intention to expand, as the hope is grandchildren will farm it.
- 69 Shady Lawn Farm LLC
20344 Babcock Ave
Lester Prairie, MN 55354
a) Has an interest in 70 acres in McLeod County. The LLC's members are siblings, and the land has been in the family since 1856. The land was farmed by family for three generations, and is now rented to local producers.
- 70 Sheek, Inc.
23 North Lake, P.O. Box 57
Sherburn, MN56171
a) Owns approximately 200 acres for hunting purposes. Rents land to farmer to grow corn and soybeans.
- 71 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.
- 72 Star Thrower Farm LLC
5471 Zumbra Circle
Excelsior, MN55331
a) Partial interest in 100 acres in McLeodCounty. 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.
- 73 Star Thrower Properties LLC
5471 Zumbra Circle
Excelsior, MN55331
a) Partial interest in 100 acres in McLeodCounty. 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.

- 74 Tiller Corporation, Inc.
10633 89th Avenue North
Maple Grove, MN55311
a) 563 acres owned/ used in gravel operation, and rented to farmer.
- 75 Tischleder Snyder Farms, LLC
590 3rd St SW
Cokato, MN55321
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.
- 76 Totushek Farms LLC
805 Harrington St SW
Hutchinson, MN 55350
a) Owns 80 acres in McLeod County. Land has been in the family for over 100 years, and the members of the LLC are all siblings. Land is rented to local producer.
- 77 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.
- 78 Valley Lake Corp.
10774 Stanek Drive
Little Falls, MN 56345
a) 160 acres owned by family for generations and is now rented out.
- 79 Vreeman Construction Co. Inc.
10029 Highway 7, Southeast
Clara City, MN56222
a) Own 85 acres used for gravel operation, and rented to farmer.
- 80 WAG farms, Inc.
1765 Pinehurst Avenue
St. Paul, MN55116
a) 126 acres owned in Washington County. Land owned by family, now rented out.
- 81 Walden Prairie Farm, Inc.
P.O. Box 263
Pine River, MN56474
a) 240 acres owned by family. Rented out.
- 82 Walnut Valley, Inc.
RR. 2 Box 66
Harmony, MN55939
a) 168 acres, rented out or in C.R.P.

- 83 Waltham Farm
516 South Water
Northfield, MN 55057
a) Family farm LLC owns 147 acres in Mower county. The land was purchased by grandparents of current owners in 1915. The parents of current owners resided or farmed the land until 1998. The cousin of the current owners has farmed the land since 1981. The transaction was done this way for estate planning purposes.
- 84 Wild Wing Farms, Inc.
904 Kandi Circle
Kandiyohi, MN56251
a) 152 acres rented out in MeekerCounty.
- 85 Wilhelm Family Farm
210 Hillside Ave
Lanesboro, MN 55949
a) Owns 240 acres in Fillmore County. Land has been in the family for over 50 years, and the members of the LLC are all siblings. Land is rented to a local producer.
- 86 Willow Point Association of Minnesota, Inc.
1513 Marymar LN
Longville, MN 56655
a) Owns 48 acres in Stevens County that is used for hunting. Land is rented to local producer.
- 87 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.
- 88 Zimny Family Properties, LLC
2018 Autumn Drive Northwest
Alexandria, MN56308
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.
- 89 Zut Trust
3555 Timmons Lane
Suite 800
Houston, TX 77027
a) Sole member of Daybreak Farms, LLC, which has an interest in 155 acres in Dakota County. Trust is set up to preserve farmland. Daybreak Farms, LLC was set up as a funding mechanism in order for the Hmong America Farmers Association to own the land and get access for Hmong farmers to farmland.