



The majority of land in the Upper Mississippi River Basin is used for agriculture.

About half of Basin land is in crops such as corn and soybeans. With pasture and hay, more than 60 percent of total land is used for agriculture. Eight percent of land is urban.

Land cover data from 2011 is shown here. Data represented were developed and made available by the Multi-Resolution Land Characteristics (MRLC) Consortium and can be found at [www.mrlc.gov/nlcd2011.php](http://www.mrlc.gov/nlcd2011.php).



#### Land Cover Details

COVER TYPE	PERCENT	SQUARE MILES
Cultivated Crops	47.6	90,403
Deciduous Forest	18.0	34,248
Pasture Hay	11.1	21,091
Developed, Open Space	4.7	8,881
Woody Wetlands	4.0	7,523
Open Water	2.9	5,468
Developed, Low Intensity	2.7	5,153
Grassland/Herbaceous	2.6	5,029
Emergent Herbaceous Wetlands	2.2	4,239
Developed, Medium Intensity	1.0	1,852
Mixed Forest	1.0	1,834
Evergreen Forest	0.9	1,793
Shrub/Scrub	0.8	1,523