



More than 30% of farmland in Upper Mississippi River Basin states is rented. Total leased land exceeds 40% in Minnesota, and 50% in Iowa and Illinois.

This situation presents both risk and opportunity. Upward trending numbers present an increasing need for landowners and tenants to communicate, and to be clear about who is responsible to implement the farm's conservation plan, and who pays for conservation practices. All concerned benefit when clarity is a priority.

This map displays the percentage of land rented or leased (county scale) for counties within the Upper Mississippi River Basin.

Data represented in this map were developed and made available by the U.S. Department of Agriculture: Census of Agriculture for 2012 and can be found at [AgCensus.usda.gov](https://www.agcensus.usda.gov).