

A “First Look” at the Status of Selected **UNDERSERVED PRODUCERS**



Overview

The United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) has identified four groups of producers that fit the definition of “*Historically Underserved*”. This classification includes farmers and ranchers who are: Beginning, Socially Disadvantaged, Veterans, and Limited Resource.

The full definition can be found on the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) website:

<https://www.nrcs.usda.gov/getting-assistance/underserved-farmers-ranchers>

About the Data

In a concerted effort to provide benchmark data to all of Minnesota’s farmers, this report was prepared to focus on Historically Underserved Producers who generate less than \$105,000 in gross farm revenue. The Minnesota State Farm Business Management (FBM) program currently provides financial data on the status of beginning farmers in a separate report. Additional information regarding Veterans in production agriculture is also in the early stages of development. As a result, this report primarily includes information on Socially Disadvantaged and Limited Resource farmers. **In Minnesota the often-used term for this cohort is “Emerging Farmers.”**



