

Wisconsin Agricultural 2015 Land Prices

Lower milk prices and low grain prices combined to drive Wisconsin agricultural land prices lower again in 2015. The WI Department of Revenue transfer return data confirms that agricultural land values have declined in most of the state.

Ag land values down 3% in 2015.

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The weighted average price of agricultural land sold in Wisconsin in 2015 was \$3,833 per acre. This is a 3% decrease from 2014. The acres sold declined by 5% and the number of sales dropped by 8%. Weaker dairy and crop prices helped to dampen demand. With low commodity prices expected in 2016, producer competition for land will likely soften again in 2016.

Farmland is the most valuable asset on most farmer's balance sheet. However, estimating land values is always difficult. There is nothing more unique than an individual parcel of land. While many thousand homes are sold each year, only a small fraction of the state's agricultural land changes hands on the open market in any given year.

Surveys of farmers, bankers, realtors and appraisers are sometimes used to estimate changes in land values. While easy to conduct, these opinion surveys are subjective and can be hard to interpret. News of high priced sales travels quickly – but these sales are often the exceptions and not reflective of the market.

The Wisconsin Department of Revenue (DOR) collects an alternative source of agricultural land sales data. A transfer return tax is collected when a property is sold, and a transfer return form is collected with the tax payment. Information from these transfer return forms is the source for this paper.

Wisconsin's agricultural land values are low compared to some of our highly productive neighboring states – but a larger portion of our land is not suitable for continuous row crop farming and more of our land is used for forage production, woodlots and pasture. The shorter growing season in northern Wisconsin also limits the potential agricultural value of the land.



Figure 1. State-wide Ag Land Value Trends 2010-2015

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While the state average decreased slightly in 2015, there were wide variations in sale price per acre. 18% of the sales were less than \$2000/acre and only 17% of sales had prices above \$6,000/acre. While the high priced sales make good headlines, there were very few sales above \$10,000/acre.



Figure 2. 2015 Distribution of weighted average \$/acre – statewide

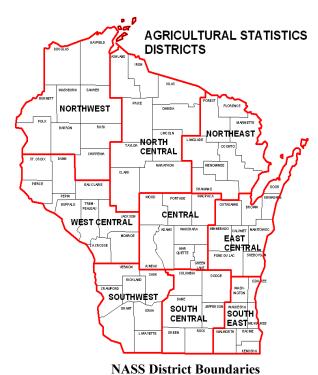
Another way to emphasize the large range in the prices paid for bare land is illustrated in Appendix II. It reports the minimum and maximum sales price/acre for each county and NASS district between 2010–2015.

Methodology

This report is based upon sales of bare land between non-related parties in Wisconsin townships. All parcels were between 35 acres and 2,000 acres. The land was assessed for agricultural use at the time of the sale. Properties with water frontage or more than 30% in managed forest acreage were excluded. There were no retained property rights. In addition, returns with miscellaneous use note references to forestry or mining were excluded. All sales of partial interests in property were excluded from consideration. Finally, land purchased by municipalities or religious groups was removed from the dataset.

The Department of Revenue's transfer return data is an objective and relatively timely data source for measuring changes in agricultural land values over time. Each year the Wisconsin Agricultural Statistics Service also produces a summary of agricultural land sales – both bare land and improved properties. Because the NASS information has been verified by the state's equalization assessors, more information is available to separate sales that are being diverted from agricultural uses. The confirmed sales are used for property assessment adjustments.

There are a few differences in our approaches. The NASS summary is not limited to parcels 35 acres and above and includes properties in cities and villages. Land markets can change quickly. Using only the transfer return data enables us to make an earlier assessment of the direction of land values. The NASS reports (which typically are updated in late summer) are another good alternative with more information about tillable land and land diverted from agriculture. The link to obtain the most current land summary is: http://www.nass.usda.gov/Statistics_by_State/Wisconsin/Publications/Land_Sales/.



Between 2010 and 2015, nearly eight thousand bare agricultural land transfer returns were used to compute weighted average sale prices per acre.

All reported sale prices are weighted averages. Weighted averages reduce the influence of sales with unusually high or low sale prices. Weighted averages are computed by summing the dollars paid for all sales and the total acres sold in the county or NASS unit and then dividing the totals. For example, if four 100-acre tracts sold for \$2000/acre and a 5th sold for \$4000, but was only 50 acres - the weighted average would be (400*\$2,000) + (50*\$4,000)) /450 or \$2,222/acre as opposed to the simple average of \$2,400.

Location is an important determinant of value. In addition to the state-wide averages, land prices are reported using National Agricultural Statistics Service districts. The adjacent map displays the borders of the various National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) districts.

Table 1. Weighted Average Wisconsin Bare Ag Land Sales 2010-2015

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	2010			2011			2012		
NASS District	Sales	Acres	Wt \$/Ac	Sales	Acres	Wt \$/Ac	Sales	Acres	Wt \$/Ac
1 NW District	102	7,040	\$1,746	120	8,490	\$1,974	169	15,482	\$1,941
2 NC District	119	8,169	\$1,858	111	7,738	\$1,973	167	14,354	\$1,920
3 NE District	65	5,154	\$2,549	68	4,263	\$2,525	88	6,548	\$2,661
4 WC District	220	16,415	\$2,854	299	22,979	\$3,243	324	25,421	\$3,131
5 C District	128	10,567	\$2,847	125	8,936	\$2,470	158	11,379	\$3,245
6 EC District	156	10,499	\$3,960	186	13,830	\$4,569	267	18,215	\$5,151
7 SW District	195	17,194	\$3,215	175	14,763	\$3,236	277	22,606	\$3,875
8 SC District	187	18,356	\$4,442	199	16,363	\$4,931	235	17,448	\$5,348
9 SE District	48	3,942	\$5,200	48	3,636	\$5,640	65	5,205	\$5,194
Grand Total	1220	97,336	\$3,251	1331	100,998	\$3,481	1750	136,658	\$3,610
	2013			2014			2015		
NASS District	Sales	Acres	Wt \$/Ac	Sales	Acres	Wt \$/Ac	Sales	Acres	Wt \$/Ac
1 NW District	139	11,001	\$2,434	110	9,594	\$2,386	118	10,752	\$2,423
2 NC District	138	9,585	\$2,353	138	9,788	\$2,672	115	7,232	\$2,602
3 NE District	57	3,728	\$2,946	86	6,044	\$2,900	71	4,727	\$2,832
4 WC District	252	19,483	\$3,561	199	16,686	\$3,648	218	17,543	\$3,226
5 C District	145	11,103	\$2,858	136	10,867	\$3,045	129	9,554	\$3,260
6 EC District	164	12,350	\$5,367	152	10,810	\$6,068	141	9,416	\$7,036
7 SW District	188	14,018	\$3,600	160	12,930	\$3,857	171	15,005	\$3,531
8 SC District	177	13,761	\$5,429	174	13,683	\$5,761	160	12,925	\$5,174
9 SE District	67	5,309	\$6,410	39	3,394	\$5,882	53	3,653	\$5,617
Grand Total	1327	100,338	\$3,856	1194	93,796	\$3,996	1176	90,807	\$3,883

Table 1 reports the number of sales, the number of acres sold and the average price (\$/acre) in each of the nine NASS reporting districts. (Complete county details are included in Appendix I.) In 2015, there were fewer acres transferred in 6 out of the 9 NASS districts. Be aware that even within districts or even counties with mostly homogeneous soil types and topography there are wide variations in the value of individual parcels.

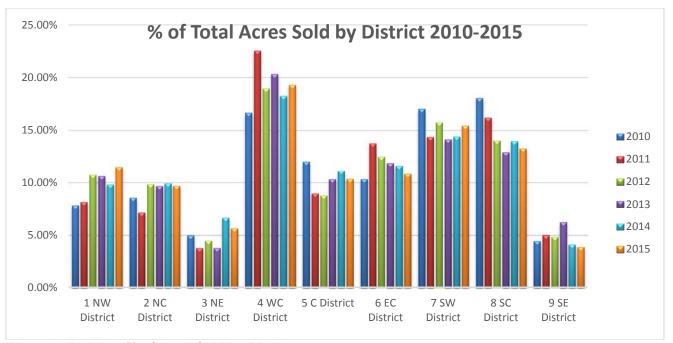


Figure 3. Relative % of Land Sold by District

Figure 3 displays the percentage of total land area sales by NASS District. Southeast and Northeast districts have had the least agricultural land sold over recent years. Southeast WI is influenced by urban pressures of Milwaukee, Racine and Kenosha. The small acreage in Northeast Wisconsin reflects the large amount of forest and recreation land in that district. The three districts with the largest farm land sales have been the West Central, Southwest and South Central. The total acres sold in 2015 declined approximately 3% from 2014 and nearly 35% from the peak in 2012.

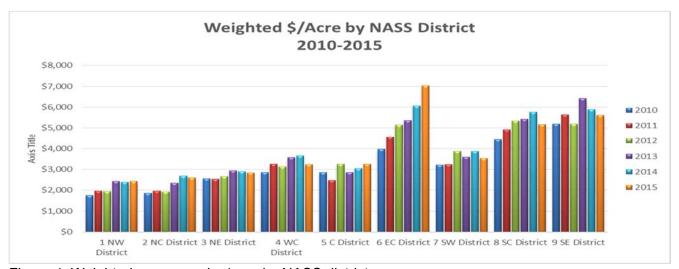


Figure 4. Weighted average price/acre by NASS district.

Figure 4 represents the changes in the weighted average sale price/acre within each of the nine statistical reporting districts over the six-year span. Average land values declined in six of the nine reported areas. The three exceptions were the Northwest, East Central, and Central Districts. The highest average prices paid for ag land were in East Central and Southeastern Wisconsin. There have been very few bare land sales in Southeastern Wisconsin in recent years - which makes it difficult to gauge market value trends. East Central sales saw the largest weighted average price increase in 2015 as a strong dairy industry and land auctions in this case helped to drive up sales prices.

The average price per acre for bare land in the northern districts was nearly unchanged in 2015. East Central Wisconsin continued to see the fastest percentage increase in land values over the past six years. This is also the fastest growing milk production region in the state. The Southwest, South Central and West Central districts experienced declines in average sale prices in 2015. The West Central district sold the most acres and the Northeast district sold the fewest acres.

Land Values vs Rental Rates

State-wide land rental rates are reported annually by NASS. Figure 5 on page six combines the state average land values with reported average rental rates. Even within a county, rental rates are highly variable. Some of the factors which affect rental rates are soil quality, field size, social contracts and demand for nutrient management. The 2015 NASS average rental rate was \$130/acre which is about 3.5% of the state-wide average sale price.

There has been a high demand for additional rented land in recent years and tenants bid up rental rates as a result. The following Wisconsin corn budget for 2016 illustrates the tight profit margins that are likely to exist this year if yields and harvest time prices are typical.

Table 2 is an example of the anticipated input costs associated with producing an acre of corn in 2016. Note that nearly 45% of these costs are inputs and purchased seed, fertilizer and chemicals and another 34% are machinery related expenses like fuel, repairs and depreciation costs which may be hard to estimate for a given year. In the short run these fixed costs can be ignored – but they must be covered in the longer run.

2016 Corn B	udget					
Variable Cos	sts					
<u>Input</u>	<u>Units</u>	Cost	<u>Units</u>		Cost/Acre	
NH3	140	\$670	Ton		\$46.90	
AMS	125	\$356	Ton		\$22.25	
K2O	100	\$400	Ton		\$20.00	
Starter	100	\$573	Ton		\$28.65	
Lime	0.5	\$15	Ton		\$7.50	
Seed	30000	\$250	Bag		\$93.75	
Chemicals		\$35			\$35.00	
Insurance		\$20			\$20.00	
Testing & Sc	outing	\$10			\$10.00	
			S	ubtotal	\$284.05	45.16%
Field Operat	tions					
Nitrogen Ap	plication	\$15			\$15.00	
Spreading F	ertilizer	\$5			\$5.00	
Primary Tilla	age	\$15			\$15.00	
Secondary T	illage	\$15			\$15.00	
Planting		\$25			\$25.00	
Spraying		\$15			\$15.00	
Combining		\$35			\$35.00	
			S	ubtotal	\$125.00	19.87%
Trucking, Dr	ying and Sto	rage Cost	t <u>s</u>			
Trucking		\$30			\$30.00	
Drying		\$30			\$30.00	
Storage		\$30			\$30.00	
			S	ubtotal	\$90.00	14.31%
<u>Rent</u>					\$130.00	20.67%
			Tota	al Costs	\$629.05	100.00%

Table 2. 2016 Wisconsin Corn Budget³

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³ This budget was developed by Mr. Jim Leverich, UWEX On-Farm Research Coordinator.

The returns to labor and management with different yield and corn price assumptions are in table 3. As an example, with these revenue and cost projections (including the state average \$130/acre for rent) an operator would lose \$69 /acre with a yield of 160 bu. and average corn price of \$3.50/bu. In this case renters are not able to cover their full cost of production and must hope for above average yields or improved commodity prices or both. The outlook for 2016 is not encouraging.

Corn			Yield/A	cre	
<u>Price</u>	<u>110</u>	<u>135</u>	<u> 160</u>	<u>185</u>	<u>210</u>
\$3.00	-\$299	-\$224	-\$149	-\$74	\$1
\$3.25	-\$272	-\$190	-\$109	-\$28	\$53
\$3.50	-\$244	-\$157	-\$69	\$18	\$106
\$3.75	-\$217	-\$123	-\$29	\$65	\$158
\$4.00	-\$189	-\$89	\$11	\$111	\$211

Table 3. Projected net revenue per acre with various yield and price assumptions

In recent years NASS rental rates have averaged between 2.4 and 3.4% of the average state-wide ag land sales prices. Many more acres are rented than sold each year. With narrowing profitability going forward, there has been an increased use of flex lease contracts in the Midwest. Flex leases allow the owner and tenant to share the risks and rewards in good years and bad. (Examples of several types of agricultural leases can be found at http://www.aglease101.org.)

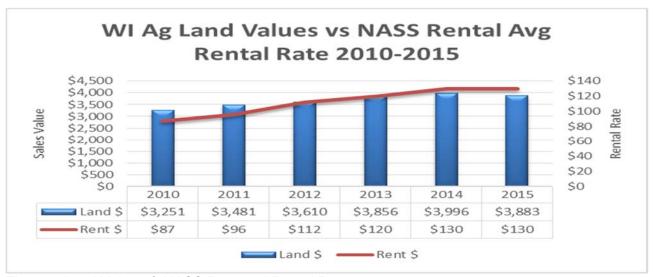


Figure 5 Land Values & NASS Reported Rental Rates

When the average cash rents are combined with land value appreciation, the returns to owning land look better than many other investment alternatives. Rents tend to be "sticky" when commodity prices soften – as we've seen in 2014 and 2015. With lower commodity prices experienced in 2015, competition for rental land – especially poor quality rental acres - will soften in 2016.

Types of Agricultural Land Sellers

Ag land ownership structures are changing rapidly in many parts of Wisconsin. Up until the last decade, most property was bought and sold between individual owners or as tenants in common. Table 4 shows the changing percent of agricultural land which has been bought by corporations, limited liability companies (LLC) and limited liability partnerships (LLP).

		2010		2011		2012		2013		2014		2015	
Selling Entity Type	Ţ	Count	%										
Corporation		71	6%	67	5%	77	4%	49	4%	41	3%	48	4%
Individual		846	69%	922	69%	1223	70%	906	68%	829	69%	792	67%
Limited liability co, trust, other		280	23%	323	24%	425	24%	355	27%	307	26%	324	28%
Partnership		23	2%	19	1%	25	1%	17	1%	17	1%	12	1%
Grand Total		1220	100%	1331	100%	1750	100%	1327	100%	1194	100%	1176	100%

Table 4. WI Percent of Transactions sold by various ownership entities.

Individuals are still the most common sellers although the percentage of acreage sold by LLCs and trusts has increased from 23% to 28% between 2010 and 2015. Land sold by corporations and general partnerships is only a small percentage of the total. As farming operations become larger and real estate ownership interests more dispersed, it is expected that sole proprietorships will become less prevalent.

Implications for Farmers

Rising land values are a mixed blessing for established farmers. The appreciation in land value is only realized when the assets are sold. In most cases the ongoing business is neither directly responsible for nor directly benefited by changes in land values. High land values provide the retirement cushion for "last generation" farm businesses. However, high land prices make it more difficult for new entrants to get started without significant help from family members or other benefactors.

Dairy farming in Southeastern, East Central and South Central Wisconsin is under great pressure from competing land uses. If the trend continues, dairy production will continue to shift away from these parts of Wisconsin.

Dairy farming is a capital intensive business. A typical dairy cow and her replacement consumes approximately 7.5 tons of forage dry matter and 100 bushels of grain each year. Manure management and nutrient balancing are a growing challenge. The typical Wisconsin dairy farm requires 2-3 acres of cropland to grow the forages and grain consumed by each dairy cow. In recent years the demands for agricultural land have made dairy farm acquisition and expansion very difficult.

Wisconsin's farmland use value assessment has greatly reduced the costs of holding agricultural real estate. The real estate taxes for ag land base much lower than they once were. Record low interest rates and changing population demographics have also increased demands for open space. Expanding dairy businesses may need to rely on long term leases or manure trading arrangements to assure compliance with environmental regulations and land use constraints.

Although dairy farming is well suited to the climate, topography and infrastructure of Wisconsin, the continued survival of a viable dairy industry depends upon access to affordable land resources.

Few things are as illiquid as land. Unlike stocks, bonds and commodities, one can only estimate the value of real estate until a willing buyer and seller consummate a sale. At least in recent years, agricultural land has been a much better investment than many other alternatives. However, past performance is not always a good predictor of the future!

Appendix I on the following page contains a more detailed breakdown of real estate sale prices on a county by district basis for 2010 - 2015. The reader is cautioned that limited numbers of sales in each county can cause wide variations from year to year, and the weighted average prices reported may not truly represent the local market. These figures should not substitute for an independent appraisal by a qualified professional. For this reason Appendix II reports the maximum and minimum sales price per acre during this same period.

	2010			2011			2012			2013			2014			2015		
WI NASS Districts	Salac	Acros	Wt \$/Acro	Salar	Acros	Wt \$/Acro	Salar	Acros	Wt	Salar	Acros	Wt \$/Acro	Salar	Acros	Wt \$/Acro	Sales	Acros	W \$/Acr
■1 NW Districts	Sales 102	Acres 7,040	\$/Acre \$1,746	Sales 120	Acres 8,490	\$/Acre \$1,974	Sales 169	Acres 15,482	\$/Acre \$1,941	Sales 139	Acres 11,001	\$/Acre \$2,434	Sales 110	Acres 9,594	\$/Acre \$2,386		Acres 10,752	\$/ACI \$2,42
Barron	13	924	\$2,155	16	1,015	\$2,084	27	1,817	\$2,598	22	1,702	\$4,137	19	2,158	\$3,127	30	2,693	\$4,07
Bayfield	8	384	\$1,074	11	776	\$1,315	10	1,131	\$999	14	1,230	\$1,376	8	577	\$1,306	9	1,254	\$74
Burnett	8 29	446 2.229	\$1,721	7 32	537	\$1,830	8	1,643	\$1,019	7	556	\$2,278	4	390	\$2,481	2	100	\$2,76
Chippewa Douglas	29	351	\$2,028 \$912	32 8	2,798 377	\$2,140 \$1,090	47 5	3,762 1,159	\$2,476 \$855	38 3	2,534 200	\$2,374 \$1,095	24 6	2,482 330	\$2,609 \$933	24 17	2,298 1,256	\$2,47 \$83
Polk	19	1,062	\$1,930	30	2,008	\$2,488	40	2,987	\$2,726	27	2,029	\$2,759	28	1,738	\$2,975	17	1,076	\$2,98
Rusk	11	786	\$1,092	9	550	\$1,193	16	1,190	\$1,333	23	2,302	\$1,853	13	1,067	\$1,445	13	1,287	\$1,90
Sawyer	2	134	\$1,119	2	82	\$1,346	4	230	\$1,926	2	100	\$1,320	5	558	\$772	1	193	\$1,99
Washburn	10	724	\$1,684	5	347	\$1,389	12	1,563	\$1,311	3	348	\$1,572	3	294	\$1,703	5	595	\$1,84
■2 NC District Ashland	119	8,169 118	\$1,858 \$1,356	111	7,738 297	\$1,973 \$1,234	167	14,354 80	\$1,920 \$873	138 10	9,585 697	\$2,353 \$1,388	138	9,788 398	\$2,672 \$1,036	115	7,232 490	\$2,60 \$91
Clark	38	2,686	\$1,723	41	2,864	\$1,893	52	4,522	\$2,049	33	2,241	\$2,690	42	2,920	\$3,047	28	1,924	\$3,23
Iron	2	205	\$1,488	1	60	\$754	1	408	\$500	1	109	\$853	NA	NA	NA	2	85	\$78
Lincoln	6	416	\$1,185	4	249	\$1,889	5	202	\$1,472	3	213	\$1,587	4	204	\$2,071	3	164	\$1,86
Marathon	44	2,936	\$2,250	42	2,863	\$2,446	62	3,886	\$2,719	60 5	3,874	\$2,957	53	3,140	\$3,300	44	2,779	\$2,97
Oneida Price	1 4	40 332	\$1,704 \$1,949	1 6	112 314	\$1,655 \$1,034	10 6	2,489 561	\$1,209 \$865	4	324 360	\$1,792 \$1,006	1 4	41 281	\$1,415 \$994	3 6	353 227	\$1,32 \$1,13
Taylor	21	1,398	\$1,565	13	979	\$1,484	28	2,167	\$1,665	22	1,767	\$1,546	23	1,445	\$1,924	19	1,174	\$2,00
Vilas	1	38	\$2,105	NA	NA	NA	1	39	\$1,462	NA	NA	NA	4	1,359	\$2,167	1	36	\$12,36
■3 NE District	65	5,154	\$2,549	68	4,263	\$2,525	88	6,548	\$2,661	57	3,728	\$2,946	86	6,044	\$2,900	71	4,727	\$2,83
Florence	NA	NA 117	NA ¢1.095	NA	NA	NA	1	40	\$1,505	3	122	\$1,525	2	80	\$1,825	1	55 112	\$1,54
Forest Langlade	2 6	117 1,073	\$1,085 \$1,746	NA 7	NA 549	NA \$1.852	3 16	804 1,263	\$743 \$1,929	2 6	179 423	\$1,359 \$1,921	3 12	194 1,285	\$1,588 \$1,777	2 11	113 1,001	\$84 \$1.78
Marinette	4	271	\$1,746	9	549 597	\$2,228	14	901	\$2,710	4	191	\$3,166	12	1,056	\$2,289	16	1,110	\$1,89
Oconto	14	1,250	\$2,769	24	1,427	\$2,468	18	1,209	\$2,915	19	1,289	\$3,639	27	1,603	\$3,178	17	1,008	\$3,18
Shawano	39	2,443	\$2,921	28	1,690	\$2,897	36	2,331	\$3,587	23	1,524	\$2,918	30	1,826	\$3,986	24	1,440	\$4,24
■4 WC District		16,415	\$2,854	299	22,979	\$3,243	324	25,421	\$3,131	252	19,483	\$3,561		16,686	\$3,648		17,543	\$3,22
Buffalo Dunn	26 27	2,207 2,382	\$3,013 \$2,293	26 32	1,902 2,614	\$3,378 \$3,128	32 37	2,927 2,731	\$3,336 \$2,806	30 31	2,312 2,127	\$3,802 \$2,785	28 18	2,281 1,475	\$4,079 \$2,658	16 34	1,820 2,834	\$3,52 \$2,87
Eau Claire	6	326	\$3,205	19	1,269	\$3,045	28	3,512	\$2,300	16	1,359	\$2,783	20	1,407	\$2,877	18	1,336	\$3,28
Jackson	21	1,740	\$2,906	28	1,814	\$2,632	35	2,952	\$3,011	21	1,840	\$3,280	12	967	\$4,073	21	1,308	\$3,14
La Crosse	15	1,164	\$3,379	17	1,386	\$2,747	18	1,189	\$4,266	15	1,173	\$4,129	5	463	\$4,116	17	1,137	\$3,85
Monroe	20	1,294	\$2,574	41	3,165	\$2,952	30	2,044	\$2,417	24	1,647	\$2,772	23	2,284	\$3,328	29	1,824	\$2,96
Pepin Pierce	10 30	631 2,430	\$2,766 \$2,719	9 29	504 2,125	\$3,522 \$3,721	13 44	784 3,018	\$3,058 \$3,614	7 21	802 1,173	\$4,147 \$3,844	17 19	1,598 1,992	\$3,022 \$4,482	12 16	766 1,216	\$3,51 \$3,91
St. Croix	35	2,142	\$3,679	49	4,348	\$3,966	61	4,107	\$3,889	56	4,258	\$4,195	33	2,283	\$4,007	28	2,596	\$3,37
Trempealeau	30	2,099	\$2,450	49	3,852	\$2,907	26	2,157	\$3,043	31	2,792	\$3,395	24	1,936	\$3,742	27	2,706	\$2,77
■5 C District		10,567	\$2,847	125	8,936	\$2,470	158	11,379	\$3,245	145	11,103	\$2,858		10,867	\$3,045	129	9,554	\$3,26
Adams	20 20	1,984 1,289	\$3,287	11 8	922 511	\$2,775	14 10	1,083	\$2,891	18 4	1,575 235	\$2,736	17 10	1,296 600	\$3,767	17 11	1,885 622	\$3,94
Green Lake Juneau	12	963	\$3,805 \$2,469	15	1,180	\$3,103 \$2,190	22	734 1,862	\$4,906 \$2,362	25	2,120	\$6,123 \$2,380	15	1,640	\$2,430 \$2,760	17	1,450	\$5,09 \$3,06
Marquette	10	662	\$2,245	10	889	\$2,483	6	234	\$2,409	12	1,035	\$3,003	11	746	\$2,598	15	757	\$3,25
Portage	20	2,136	\$2,406	23	1,746	\$2,412	20	1,315	\$3,843	24	1,722	\$2,619	26	2,485	\$3,292	19	1,254	\$2,64
Waupaca	15	863	\$2,706	23	1,424	\$2,550	47	3,266	\$3,735	28	1,577	\$3,433	25	1,378	\$3,333	16	1,360	\$3,30
Waushara Wood	12 19	1,527 1,143	\$2,831 \$2,624	11 24	877 1,387	\$2,577 \$2,184	20 19	1,539 1,346	\$3,056 \$2,435	20 14	1,810 1,029	\$2,872 \$2,629	21 11	1,789 933	\$2,771 \$2,741	19 15	1,378 848	\$2,53 \$2,73
■6 EC District	-	1,143 10,499	\$3,960	186	1,387 13,830	\$4,569	267	1,346 18,215	\$2,433 \$5,151	164	1,029 12,350	\$2,629 \$5,367		10.810	\$6,068	141	9,416	\$2,73 \$7,03
Brown	14	684	\$5,797	17	1,086	\$5,740	28	1,772	\$6,645	24	2,152	\$7,472	15	1,429	\$7,745	17	1,056	\$10,09
Calumet	13	702	\$4,463	14	1,125	\$5,633	17	998	\$6,489	13	760	\$6,617	13	857	\$8,170	12	1,111	\$8,64
Door	7	405	\$3,486	13	913	\$3,326	15	1,055	\$3,361	12	793	\$4,110	8	413	\$3,234	20	947	\$3,91
Fond du Lac	25 17	1,899 959	\$4,112 \$3,555	43 9	3,735 625	\$4,460	53 22	3,814	\$5,312	27 8	2,111 489	\$4,822 \$3,875	20 10	1,600 653	\$5,813 \$5,563	20 13	1,539 932	\$6,28 \$4,98
Kewaunee Manitowoc	27	1,611	\$4,016	29	2,026	\$4,217 \$4,654	25	1,394 1,528	\$4,153 \$5,395	24	2,461	\$4,751	12	622	\$5,461	21	1,744	\$8,22
Outagamie	21	1,978	\$3,427	26	2,020	\$4,097	53	4,037	\$5,269	15	1,026	\$7,044	25	1,984	\$7,666	13	644	\$7,85
Sheboygan	15	1,151	\$3,528	17	818	\$4,942	39	2,464	\$5,123	22	1,148	\$4,879	27	1,824	\$5,410	14	738	\$5,62
Winnebago	17	1,110	\$4,094	18	1,482	\$4,413	15	1,153	\$3,338	19	1,410	\$3,776	22	1,428	\$3,352	11	705	\$6,26
■7 SW District Crawford	195 16	17,194 1,550	\$3,215 \$2,116	175 14	14,763 1,115	\$3,236 \$2,023	277 23	22,606 1,621	\$3,875 \$2,510	188 15	14,018 1,158	\$3,600 \$2,303	160 17	12,930 1,100	\$3,857 \$2,564	171 16	15,005 1,544	\$3,53 \$2,76
Grant	38	3,036	\$3,769	31	3,066	\$3,437	43	4,359	\$3,650	37	3,681	\$4,642	20	1,843	\$4,370	33	3,346	\$3,41
Iowa	32	2,800	\$3,156	25	2,207	\$3,730	41	3,475	\$3,905	23	1,776	\$3,437	25	1,979	\$4,348	23	1,858	\$3,88
Lafayette	28	3,115	\$4,037	33	2,936	\$3,778	59	5,426	\$5,826	18	1,192	\$5,052	22	1,987	\$5,290	15	1,409	\$5,11
Richland	26	2,013	\$2,490	25	2,203	\$2,381	31	2,163	\$2,752	28	1,457	\$2,280	22	1,481	\$2,634	23	1,836	\$2,50
Sauk Vernon	23 32	1,457 3,223	\$2,987 \$3,034	25 22	1,389 1,847	\$3,182 \$3,245	42 38	2,714 2,848	\$3,275 \$2,670	43 24	2,634 2,120	\$2,868 \$3,637	36 18	3,146 1,394	\$3,624 \$3,288	28 33	2,288 2,724	\$4,17 \$3,19
■8 SC District		18,356	\$4,442	199	16,363	\$4,931	235	17,448	\$5,348	177	13,761	\$5,429		13,683	\$5,761		12,925	\$5,17
Columbia	28	1,860	\$3,747	29	2,412	\$4,092	44	2,563	\$5,325	26	1,447	\$4,517	39	2,227	\$4,361	32	2,415	\$4,36
Dane	48	5,899	\$5,018	43	3,227	\$5,892	49	3,492	\$6,715	27	2,373	\$8,113	31	,	\$8,130	32	2,152	\$7,21
Dodge	37	3,013	\$4,245	48	3,296	\$4,397	52	4,131	\$5,161	23	1,800	\$5,755	34	2,834	\$5,651	19	1,314	\$5,45
Green Jefferson	22 12	2,141 814	\$3,792 \$3,721	20 18	2,218 1,456	\$4,291 \$4,351	36 23	3,329 1,389	\$4,483 \$5,142	49 27	4,336 1,621	\$4,552 \$4,546	20 17	2,017 1,158	\$4,476 \$5,578	27 18	2,121 1,412	\$5,11 \$4,06
Rock	40	4,629	\$4,543	41	3,754	\$5,715	31	2,544	\$5,047	25	2,184	\$5,248	33	3,130	\$5,999	32	3,511	\$4,85
■9 SE District	48	3,942	\$5,200	48	3,636	\$5,640	65	5,205	\$5,194	67	5,309	\$6,410	39	3,394	\$5,882	53	3,653	\$5,61
Kenosha	8	754	\$6,330	8	641	\$5,436	12	1,090	\$4,485	6	589	\$4,260	7	489	\$5,613	8	493	\$6,41
Ozaukee	8	475	\$4,619	8	501	\$5,322	9	867	\$5,098	10	785	\$5,507	4	218	\$5,885	8	606	\$5,79
Racine	8	692	\$3,873	8	819	\$5,665	10	625	\$4,720		594	\$6,004	3	319	\$5,840	5	364	\$5,68
Walworth Washington	18 5	1,599 350	\$5,315 \$4,906	16 5	1,224 301	\$5,811 \$4,668	22 9	1,570 673	\$6,012 \$4,996	26 14	2,233 925	\$8,112 \$5,239	14 8	1,509 497	\$5,808 \$5,535	20 11	1,478 642	\$5,61 \$4,21
Washington Waukesha	1	72	\$8,819	3	150	\$8,000	3	380	\$4,996	3	183	\$3,681	3	362	\$5,535	11		\$4,21
Grand Total		97,336			100,998			136,658			100,338	\$3,856			\$3,996			\$3,88

Appendix I. Detailed County Ag Land Sales 2010-2015

	2010			2011			2012			2013			2014			2015		
WI NASS Districts	Sales	Min	Max	Sales	Min	Max	Sales	Min	Max	Sales	Min	Max	Sales	Min	Max	Sales	Min	Max
■1 NW District	102	\$532	\$4,150	120	\$500	\$5,100	169	\$455	\$6,250	139	\$500	\$6,961	110	\$500	\$16,162	118	\$491	\$10,000
Barron Bayfield	13 8	\$1,139 \$738	\$3,694 \$1,366	16 11	\$1,125 \$500	\$3,600 \$2,250	27 10	\$1,463 \$500	\$6,250 \$1,316	22 14	\$1,795 \$813	\$6,961 \$1,892	19 8	\$500 \$1,000	\$5,260 \$2,000	30 9	\$1,778 \$491	\$10,000 \$1,538
Burnett	8	\$1,000	\$2,255	7	\$1,400	\$2,250	8	\$707	\$2,051	7	\$1,769	\$3,409	4	\$1,500	\$3,405	2	\$2,483	\$3,188
Chippewa	29	\$1,000	\$4,150	32	\$500	\$5,100	47	\$1,070	\$5,750	38	\$800	\$5,172	24	\$753	\$16,162	24	\$701	\$6,212
Douglas	2	\$875	\$916	8	\$773	\$1,653	5	\$455	\$997	3	\$1,042	\$1,250	6	\$500	\$1,091	17	\$542	\$1,238
Polk Rusk	19 11	\$532 \$678	\$3,516 \$1,433	30 9	\$1,275 \$900	\$4,189 \$1,890	40 16	\$830 \$600	\$5,895 \$2,304	27 23	\$1,200 \$833	\$4,996 \$2,551	28 13	\$1,667 \$667	\$6,667 \$2,750	17 13	\$1,410 \$950	\$7,500 \$3,464
Sawyer	2	\$926	\$1,250	2	\$1,200	\$1,500	4	\$1,725	\$2,000	2	\$500	\$1,867	5	\$595	\$2,000	1	\$1,995	\$1,995
Washburn	10	\$1,000	\$3,750	5	\$821	\$1,821	12	\$811	\$2,403	3	\$1,523	\$1,750	3	\$1,488	\$1,850	5	\$1,392	\$2,176
■ 2 NC District	119	\$550	\$3,886	111	\$500	\$6,184	167	\$474	\$7,875	138	\$500	\$13,872	138	\$714	\$7,051	115	\$600	\$12,361
Ashland Clark	2 38	\$1,346 \$550	\$1,375 \$2,940	3 41	\$500 \$600	\$1,546 \$6,184	2 52	\$497 \$474	\$1,250 \$5,000	10 33	\$1,000 \$500	\$2,632 \$5,385	7 42	\$727 \$780	\$1,811 \$5,825	9 28	\$625 \$800	\$1,184 \$7,043
Iron	2	\$1,090	\$2,940	1	\$754	\$6,184	1	\$500	\$5,000	1	\$853	\$5,385	NA	\$780 NA	\$5,825 NA	28	\$625	\$1,000
Lincoln	6	\$746	\$2,000	4	\$1,000	\$2,500	5	\$900	\$2,000	3	\$585	\$2,616	4	\$1,500	\$2,627	3	\$1,588	\$2,500
Marathon	44	\$1,144	\$3,886	42	\$921	\$5,432	62	\$1,219	\$7,875	60	\$875	\$13,872	53	\$987	\$7,051	44	\$600	\$6,184
Oneida	1	\$1,704	\$1,704	1	\$1,655	\$1,655	10	\$755	\$2,381	5	\$1,301	\$2,026	1	\$1,415	\$1,415	3	\$1,222	\$1,625
Price Taylor	4 21	\$1,350 \$650	\$2,500 \$2,500	6 13	\$700 \$1,000	\$1,351 \$2,583	6 28	\$563 \$526	\$1,264 \$2,975	4 22	\$638 \$713	\$1,575 \$3,500	4 23	\$857 \$714	\$1,320 \$4,000	6 19	\$975 \$768	\$1,371 \$4,350
Vilas	1	\$2,105	\$2,105	NA.	91,000 NA	92,383 NA	1	\$1,462	\$1,462	NA	NA NA	93,500 NA	4	\$1,748	\$3,400	1	\$12,361	\$12,361
■3 NE District	65	\$1,000	\$4,210	68	\$500	\$5,000	88	\$500	\$8,611	57	\$500	\$7,170	86	\$481	\$7,561	71	\$500	\$7,500
Florence	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	1	\$1,505	\$1,505	3	\$1,190	\$1,700	2	\$1,675	\$1,975	1	\$1,547	\$1,547
Forest	2	\$1,000	\$1,270	NA	NA	NA	3	\$700	\$1,191	2	\$923	\$1,696	3	\$1,553	\$1,597	2	\$638	\$959
Langlade Marinette	6 4	\$1,292 \$1,616	\$3,006 \$2,174	7	\$1,250 \$1,667	\$2,275	16	\$500 \$1.250	\$2,597	6	\$1,250	\$4,040	12	\$481 \$1.277	\$3,455 \$4.287	11 16	\$500 \$737	\$3,500 \$6,500
Marinette Oconto	14	\$1,616 \$1,623	\$2,174 \$3,797	9 24	\$1,667 \$500	\$3,346 \$3,827	14 18	\$1,250 \$1,580	\$5,263 \$4,000	4 19	\$2,250 \$744	\$4,000 \$7,170	12 27	\$1,277 \$750	\$4,287 \$4,918	16 17	\$737 \$1,000	\$5,130
Shawano	39	\$1,155	\$4,210	28	\$1,532	\$5,000	36	\$909	\$8,611	23	\$500	\$6,273	30	\$1,125	\$7,561	24	\$2,031	\$7,500
■4 WC District	220	\$654	\$9,815	299	\$500	\$16,599	324	\$573	\$10,079	252	\$530	\$9,821	199	\$685	\$11,963	218	\$996	\$11,956
Buffalo	26	\$1,750	\$4,674	26	\$1,835	\$6,875	32	\$1,250	\$5,417	30	\$1,840	\$6,218	28	\$800	\$8,800	16	\$1,169	\$6,731
Dunn	27	\$654	\$4,061	32	\$570	\$6,125	37	\$794	\$5,000	31	\$1,000	\$5,756	18	\$1,874	\$5,277	34	\$1,316	\$7,000
Eau Claire Jackson	6 21	\$1,979 \$1,550	\$4,762 \$9,815	19 28	\$1,140 \$652	\$5,500 \$7,000	28 35	\$901 \$766	\$10,000 \$10,000	16 21	\$553 \$1,216	\$4,960 \$8,167	20 12	\$814 \$685	\$6,032 \$11,111	18 21	\$1,401 \$1,229	\$5,800 \$9,250
La Crosse	15	\$1,330	\$8,857	17	\$1,852	\$3,796	18	\$1,000	\$10,000	15	\$530	\$9,821	5	\$3,250	\$6,345	17	\$1,592	\$11,429
Monroe	20	\$1,186	\$3,540	41	\$500	\$4,965	30	\$573	\$5,069	24	\$625	\$5,056	23	\$1,007	\$11,963	29	\$1,216	\$11,956
Pepin	10	\$735	\$3,441	9	\$2,400	\$4,440	13	\$1,200	\$5,800	7	\$2,000	\$5,660	17	\$988	\$4,706	12	\$1,500	\$5,650
Pierce	30	\$988	\$4,167	29	\$1,829	\$5,800	44	\$1,700	\$9,000	21	\$750	\$8,253	19	\$1,111	\$10,000	16	\$2,214	\$6,200
St. Croix Trempealeau	35 30	\$1,250 \$969	\$7,000 \$4,243	49 49	\$1,300 \$888	\$16,599 \$5,742	61 26	\$649 \$1,732	\$9,512 \$5,500	56 31	\$1,596 \$1,394	\$8,562 \$9,000	33 24	\$2,125 \$1,620	\$11,730 \$8,095	28 27	\$996 \$1,065	\$6,204 \$7,718
■5 C District	128	\$625	\$9,906	125	\$474	\$6,075	158	\$800	\$14,688	145	\$571	\$9,180	136	\$613	\$6,000	129	\$690	\$9,933
Adams	20	\$952	\$5,500	11	\$1,750	\$5,001	14	\$1,963	\$4,838	18	\$1,194	\$4,392	17	\$645	\$6,000	17	\$1,700	\$5,567
Green Lake	20	\$1,020	\$5,374	8	\$700	\$5,331	10	\$1,291	\$8,504	4	\$2,439	\$9,180	10	\$893	\$5,571	11	\$2,000	\$9,933
Juneau	12	\$1,314	\$3,319	15	\$999	\$3,205	22	\$903	\$3,742	25	\$900	\$4,068	15	\$1,338	\$4,742	17	\$1,039	\$4,950
Marquette Portage	10 20	\$1,136 \$625	\$4,500 \$4,243	10 23	\$1,050 \$1,500	\$3,385 \$4,857	6 20	\$1,375 \$1,006	\$3,000 \$14,688	12 24	\$2,197 \$1,561	\$4,413 \$4,273	11 26	\$863 \$613	\$4,500 \$4,836	15 19	\$1,163 \$690	\$5,000 \$4,500
Waupaca	15	\$1,285	\$4,962	23	\$668	\$3,700	47	\$800	\$6,114	28	\$571	\$5,924	25	\$1,495	\$5,584	16	\$811	\$5,474
Waushara	12	\$1,146	\$3,904	11	\$474	\$6,075	20	\$1,308	\$4,445	20	\$1,000	\$3,947	21	\$1,359	\$4,697	19	\$1,000	\$5,754
Wood	19	\$700	\$9,906	24	\$533	\$3,200	19	\$899	\$5,278	14	\$1,727	\$5,233	11	\$1,667	\$3,231	15	\$1,200	\$3,954
■ 6 EC District	156	\$450	\$13,998	186	\$637	\$9,966	267	\$620	\$13,846	164	\$820	\$17,130	152	\$495	\$12,889	141	\$911	\$17,190
Brown Calumet	14 13	\$3,750 \$1,750	\$8,621 \$5,228	17 14	\$3,848 \$2,000	\$8,543 \$7,497	28 17	\$1,538 \$3,038	\$12,189 \$8,250	24 13	\$820 \$3,947	\$17,130 \$10,786	15 13	\$2,500 \$2,744	\$12,191 \$11,840	17 12	\$3,333 \$5,002	\$16,919 \$12,531
Door	7	\$2,241	\$5,863	13	\$1,167	\$4,500	15	\$2,034	\$5,064	12	\$2,000	\$5,000	8	\$1,000	\$7,000	20	\$2,090	\$6,430
Fond du Lac	25	\$1,600	\$10,000	43	\$1,295	\$8,000	53	\$1,240	\$8,500	27	\$900	\$9,376	20	\$2,246	\$11,534	20	\$911	\$9,945
Kewaunee	17	\$1,056	\$4,494	9	\$3,227	\$5,508	22	\$1,429	\$6,857	8	\$2,000	\$5,592	10	\$3,730	\$7,075	13	\$1,505	\$6,764
Manitowoc	27	\$750	\$6,653	29	\$2,332	\$6,946	25	\$2,388	\$7,573	24	\$994	\$9,768	12	\$2,324	\$8,446	21	\$2,899	\$13,948
Outagamie Sheboygan	21 15	\$450 \$1,928	\$13,998 \$4,991	26 17	\$1,000 \$3,267	\$9,966 \$6,678	53 39	\$620 \$2,125	\$13,434 \$13,846	15 22	\$2,237 \$1,857	\$10,474 \$16,271	25 27	\$2,539 \$1,024	\$12,889 \$7,799	13 14	\$3,625 \$2,976	\$17,190 \$15,239
Winnebago	17	\$1,928	\$8,537	18	\$637	\$6,585	15	\$2,125	\$5,584	19	\$1,857	\$7,468	22	\$1,024	\$6,574	11	\$3,989	\$15,239
■7 SW District	195	\$500	\$8,125	175	\$773	\$16,631	277	\$625	\$14,979	188	\$686	\$11,050	160	\$1,053	\$11,738	171	\$1,081	\$10,900
Crawford	16	\$500	\$3,190	14	\$1,300	\$3,026	23	\$1,200	\$6,382	15	\$1,175	\$3,140	17	\$1,119	\$4,000	16	\$1,081	\$3,842
Grant	38	\$750	\$8,125	31	\$1,200	\$10,000	43	\$625	\$10,000	37	\$1,160	\$11,050	20	\$1,510	\$11,738	33	\$1,500	\$10,900
lowa Lafavette	32	\$1,887	\$6,500 \$7,500	25	\$1,011	\$16,631	41 50	\$813	\$13,049	23	\$2,034	\$5,321	25	\$2,158	\$9,833	23	\$1,600	\$8,500
Lafayette Richland	28 26	\$2,381 \$1,134	\$7,500 \$3,923	33 25	\$1,571 \$773	\$10,091 \$3,785	59 31	\$1,000 \$1,250	\$14,979 \$5,526	18 28	\$1,579 \$686	\$10,000 \$4,286	22 22	\$1,053 \$1,111	\$8,000 \$5,046	15 23	\$2,800 \$1,714	\$10,766 \$4,146
Sauk	23	\$661	\$4,583	25	\$1,138	\$7,778	42	\$1,000	\$5,510	43	\$769	\$5,049	36	\$1,093	\$9,000	28	\$1,250	\$7,714
Vernon	32	\$1,513	\$4,444	22	\$875	\$5,004	38	\$729	\$6,020	24	\$795	\$6,909	18	\$1,807	\$6,000	33	\$2,075	\$7,000
■8 SC District	187	\$724	\$11,845	199	\$680	\$12,632	235	\$564	\$17,912	177	\$545	\$17,214	174	\$652	\$17,507	160	\$731	\$16,250
Columbia	28	\$1,794	\$9,688	29	\$680	\$7,500	44	\$1,547	\$12,075	26	\$545	\$9,013	39	\$914	\$9,941	32	\$800	\$16,250
Dane Dodge	48 37	\$1,484 \$1,140	\$11,845 \$7,000	43 48	\$1,498 \$1,111	\$12,632 \$11,806	49 52	\$564 \$1,190	\$16,253 \$10,720	27 23	\$875 \$2,627	\$17,214 \$8,900	31 34	\$1,324 \$2,513	\$16,500 \$12,000	32 19	\$1,250 \$1,166	\$16,064 \$7,881
Green	22	\$2,407	\$5,485	20	\$1,111	\$5,596	36	\$1,190	\$7,159	49	\$592	\$8,824	20	\$2,513	\$8,529	27	\$1,166	\$9,974
Jefferson	12	\$750	\$6,182	18	\$1,647	\$8,823	23	\$1,878	\$10,833	27	\$648	\$7,927	17	\$1,971	\$11,760	18	\$783	\$7,619
Rock	40	\$724	\$10,825	41	\$1,978	\$11,529	31	\$653	\$17,912	25	\$938	\$9,768	33	\$652	\$17,507	32	\$731	\$10,350
■9 SE District	48	\$1,818	\$9,320	48	\$909	\$13,333	65	\$700	\$10,000	67	\$1,071	\$12,342	39	\$2,000	\$12,278	53	\$1,571	\$11,304
Kenosha	8	\$3,862	\$9,320	8	\$909	\$10,959	12	\$2,500	\$9,037	6	\$1,071	\$6,848	7	\$2,329	\$10,821	8	\$4,274	\$8,929
Ozaukee	8	\$3,266 \$1,818	\$6,667 \$4,565	8 8	\$4,126 \$3,731	\$10,500 \$6,866	9 10	\$3,000 \$1,154	\$5,808 \$7,716	10 8	\$4,208 \$4,286	\$8,571 \$7,526	4	\$5,598 \$5,021	\$6,250 \$7,714	8 5	\$2,994 \$4,076	\$7,500 \$6,964
Racine			\$8,455	16	\$4,167	\$8,596	22	\$700	\$9,615	26	\$5,060	\$12,342	14	\$2,950	\$8,750	20	\$1,631	\$11,304
Racine Walworth	18	\$2,740																
	18 5	\$2,237	\$8,659	5	\$3,641	\$6,389	9	\$1,136	\$10,000	14	\$1,642	\$9,651	8	\$2,000	\$12,278	11	\$1,571	\$8,000
Walworth						\$6,389 \$13,333 \$16,631	9 3 1750	\$1,136 \$4,808	\$10,000 \$5,688 \$17,912	14 3	\$1,642 \$1,415	\$9,651 \$7,097	8	\$2,000 \$5,887	\$12,278 \$10,616 \$17,507	11 1		\$8,000 \$11,071 \$17,19 0

Appendix II – Minimum & Maximum \$/Acre