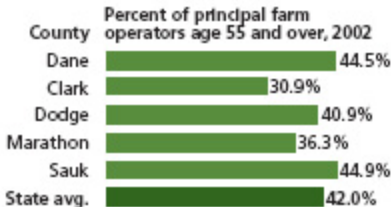


ECONOMIC SNAPSHOT

Principal farm operators approaching retirement age

In 2002, Dane and Sauk counties had a higher percentage of principal farm operators age 55 and over, compared to other top agriculture-producing counties in the state. As these farm operators approach retirement, many farmers could be presented the opportunity to sell their land, potentially for uses other than agriculture.

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