Family-owned farms on the rise in Dane County

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ane County farms are truly a family affair. The U.S. Department of Agriculture's 2007 Census of Agriculture reveals that the vast majority of the farms and farmland in Dane County are family owned.

Non-family corporations own only 0.4 percent of the farms and 0.5 percent of the farmland. Cooperatives, estates, trusts and institutions own 1.1 percent of farms. The remaining 98.5 percent is

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Week 3: Dane County farm owners owned by families, individuals or partnerships (family and non-family).

According to the USDA's census, the number of familyowned farms in Dane County increased by 14.4 percent (369

farms) between 2002 and 2007.

The following chart displays Dane County farms by type of ownership. Similar data for any county in the U.S. is available free online at: *www.agcensus. usda.gov.*

Who owns Dane County farms

