

## Majority of Dane County farmers are 45 or older

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### QUESTIONS?

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In 2007, there were more farmers age 65 and older in Dane County than farmers under the age of 45.

Almost one in four farmers in the county was 65 or older. That compares to 16.6 percent under 45.

Only 3.2 percent of farmers in the county were less than 35 years old. The average age of farmers in Dane County was 56.1, slightly lower than the state average of 57.1.

### June Dairy Month

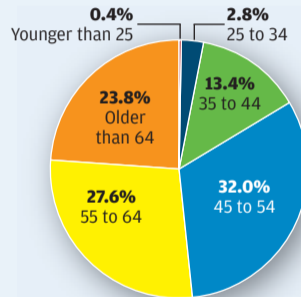
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Dane County farmers

The U.S. Department of Agriculture's 2007 Census of Agriculture includes detailed demographic data on farmers at the state, county, region and watershed level.

Specific data on the age and gender of farmers, the number of years they have farmed their current farm, and the number of days they worked off the farm is available at [www.agcensus.usda.gov](http://www.agcensus.usda.gov).

## Age of Dane County farmers

Percentage of county farm owners by age, based on age of the principal operator of the farm:



Source: USDA 2007 Census of Agriculture

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