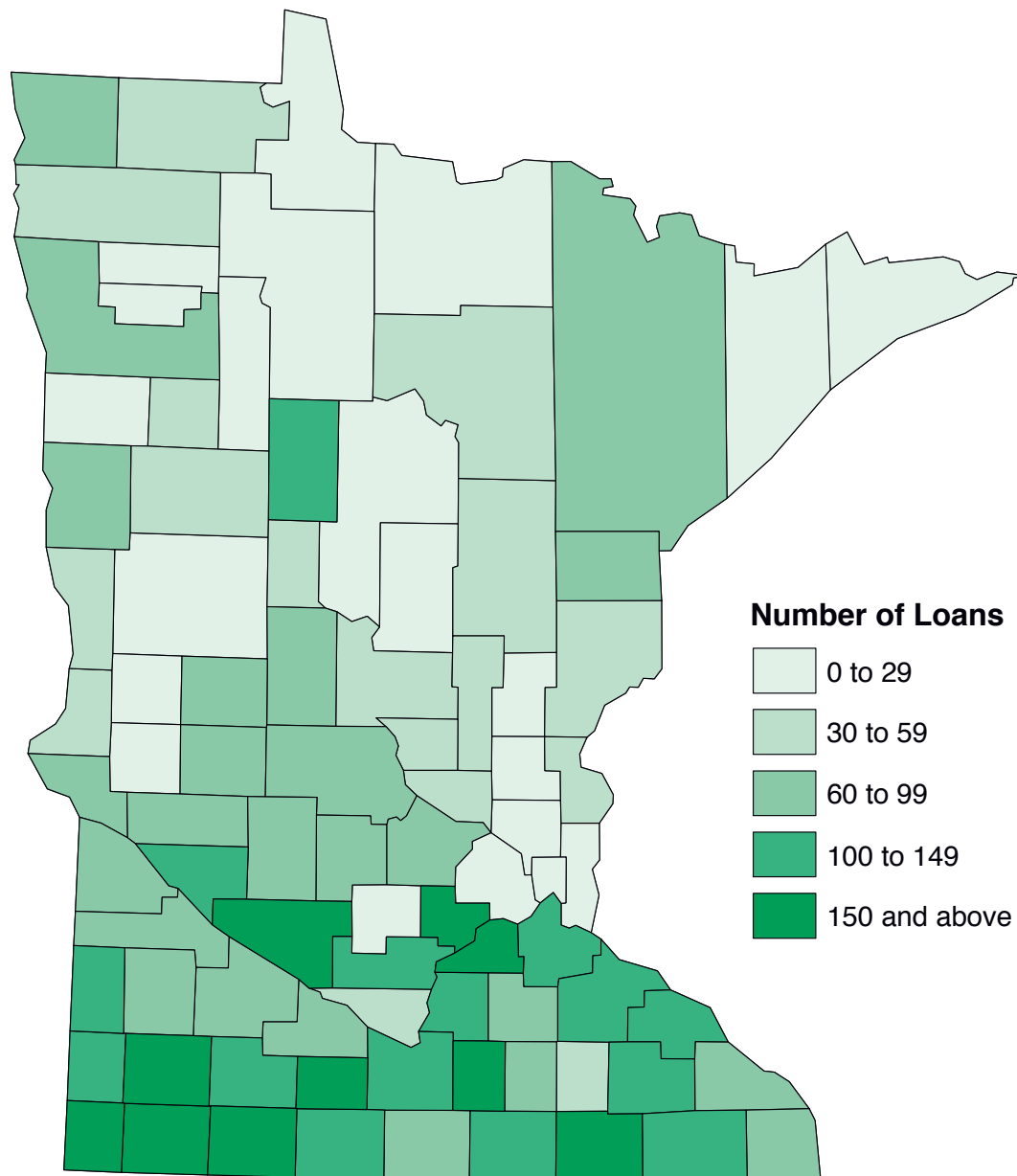


## Agricultural Best Management Practices, 1995–2005

Minnesota’s Agricultural Best Management Practices Loan program was created to help local governments implement the agricultural components of their local comprehensive water plans. With funds from the program, local governments provide low-interest loans to farmers, agriculture supply businesses and rural landowners to implement best management practices that are a priority in the local water plan. As loans are repaid, the money is used to fund new loans.

Best practices include feedlot and manure management upgrades, structural erosion control, conservation tillage, septic system upgrades and other agricultural water quality practices. These “working lands” practices play a critical role in achieving water quality goals. Since 1995, the program has received \$51 million from state and federal sources and provided almost \$82 million in financing to over 6,600 projects throughout the state. For more information, see [www.mda.state.mn.us/agbmp/moreinfo.html](http://www.mda.state.mn.us/agbmp/moreinfo.html)



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