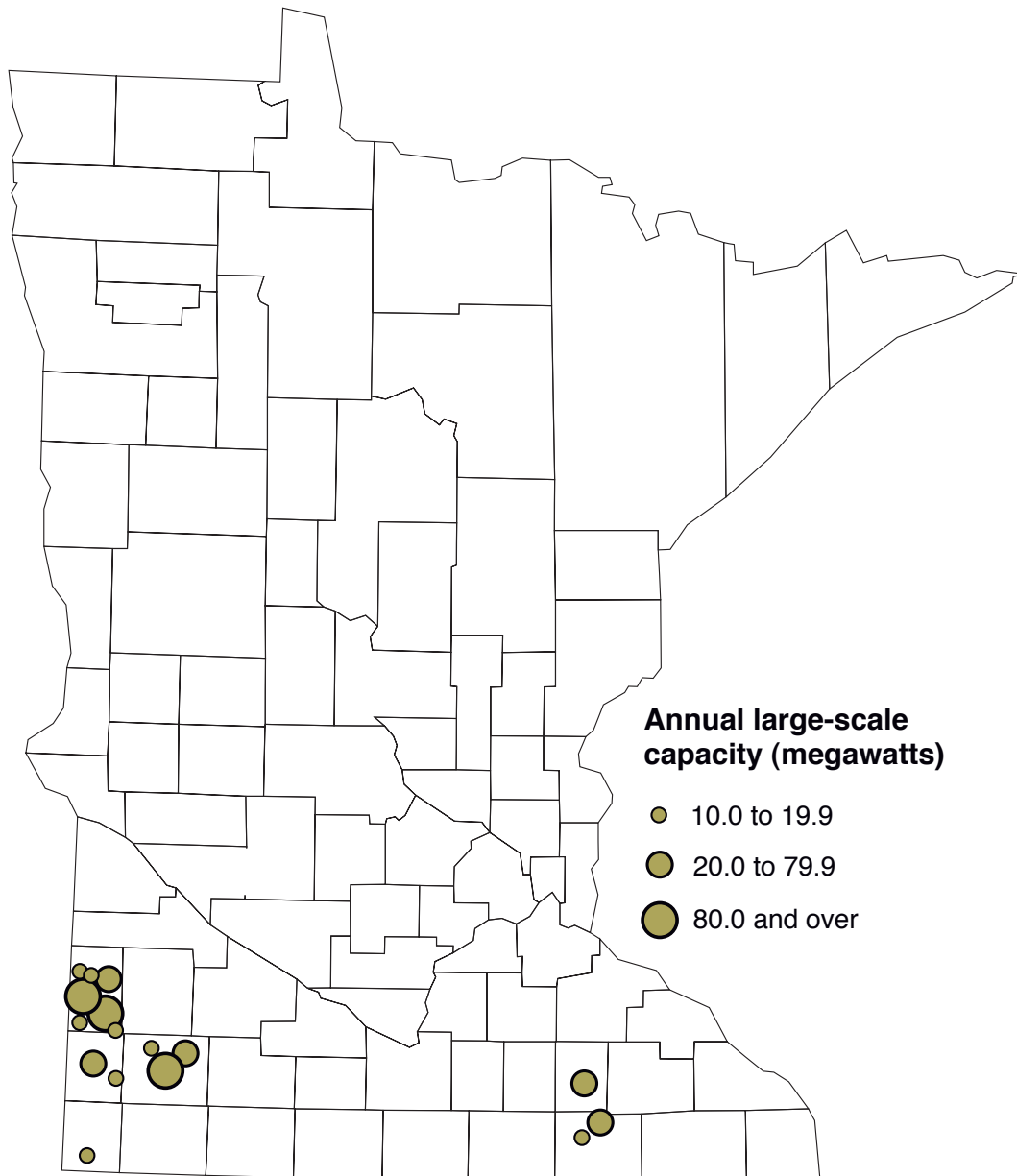


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Minnesota is a national leader in developing wind energy, the fastest growing energy source nationally and globally. The ninth windiest state, Minnesota currently ranks fourth nationwide in installed wind power capacity. Many credit early 1990s projects on southwestern Minnesota's Buffalo Ridge with launching the modern wind industry.

Significant expansion of Minnesota's wind industry is expected in the next several years due to new and upgraded power lines that will bring southwestern Minnesota wind power to the Twin Cities. For more information, see www.commerce.state.mn.us, www.awea.org and www.windustry.org. (Due to the small area within which these windfarms are clustered, this map is representational but does not necessarily mark their precise location.)



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