



**THIEF WATERSHED**

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The Thief Watershed is located in Beltrami, Marshall and Pennington Counties in northwest Minnesota.

The Thief Watershed is in the Northern Minnesota Glacial Lake Basins and the Red River Valley of the North. The topography is nearly level. In the Glacial Lake Basins, mineral soils are deep and fine to medium textured and moderately well to well drained. Poorly drained mineral and organic soils are in the lacustrine minerals and wetter depressional areas. In the Red River Valley, soils are deep, somewhat poorly to poorly drained and sandy to clayey.

The major land uses in the Thief Watershed are cropland, pasture, forest land and recreation land. The main crops grown are small grains, soybeans, and forage crops. Wild rice is grown as a specialty crop in Beltrami County. The pasture land is used primarily for beef and dairy production. The major resource concerns include wind erosion, droughtiness on sandy soils, water quantity management, pasture management and water quality. Portions of the Thief Watershed are within the Red Lake Indian Reservation.

Land Use	Total Acres
Cropland	122,000
Pastureland	16,900
Forest land	276,300
Developed	8,500
Water	19,500
Other	160,400
Total	603,600

Total Number of Potential Participants
560

For more information about CSP, visit the local USDA Service Center located in your county. Information is also available on the web at <http://www.mn.nrcs.usda.gov/programs/csp/csp.html>. Producers may contact Gwen Kappes, Watershed Coordinator for the Thief Watershed, or the NRCS District Conservationist located in your county.

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