

FREEBORN COUNTY (24)

Number of lakes 49
 Lake area, acres 20,852

The lake basins in the county were formed primarily from ice blocks in glacial till or in till and outwash. Two large lake basins in the center of the county, Fountain, 24-18, and Albert Lea, 24-14, were formed from ice blocks which were dropped in a till-filled preglacial valley. Geneva, 24-15, is a remnant of a much larger glacial lake which once extended as far east as Maple Island. Freeborn, 24-44, and Rice, 24-11, are in basins formed by the irregular deposition of glacial till.

Over half of the basins listed in the county are affected by artificial drainage systems.

Fountain, 24-18, was originally formed by construction of a mill dam across the Shell Rock River in 1856; this dam was destroyed in 1881. A new dam was built in the early 1900's by the city and is maintained for recreational purposes.

Lakes classified by area

	Area in acres												Total
	10 to 25	25 to 50	50 to 75	75 to 100	100 to 125	125 to 150	150 to 200	200 to 500	500 to 1000	1000 to 2500	2500 to 5000		
	25	50	75	100	125	150	200	500	1000	2500	5000		
Number listed.....	5	8	4	6	4	1	5	5	4	5	2	49	
Number affected by drainage or dry	3	5	3	3	2	1	3	3	1	2	1	27	

Ident. number	Name	Range	Township	Location Section	Area in Acres	Mean- dered	Remarks
24-1		19	101	15,16	112	...	Affected by ditch.
24-2	Elk.	19	101	21	76	x	1954 Air Photos show bed exposed.
24-3	Mud	19	102	30-33	554	...	Do.
24-4	Newry	19	104	2	29	x	
24-5	Oak	19	104	26	31	x	1954 Air Photos show bed exposed.
24-6		19,20	102	7,18;1,2,10-15	2,634	...	Affected by C.D. 12.
24-7		20	101	NC 34	17	...	
24-8		20	102	C 31,32	91	...	Affected by ditch.
24-9		20	102	SE 31,32	50	...	Do.
24-10		20	102,103	5,6;32	164	...	Affected by C.D. 14.
24-11	Rice	20	103	1,2,9-12,14-16	1,569	x	Affected by J.D. 4.
24-12		20	103	34	187	...	Affected by C.D. 36.
24-13		20	104	7,18	90	...	Affected by J.D. 7.
24-14	Albert Lea	20,21	102	6-8,18,19,30,9,10, 12-16,22-26	2,654	x	Dam at outlet.
24-15	Geneva	20,21	104	17-20,29-31;24,25	1,875	x	Do.
24-16	Grass	21	101	25-27;34-36	1,372	...	Affected by C.D. 10.
24-17	Goose	21	102	3	87	...	
24-18	Fountain	21	102,103	4-9,32	555	...	Recreation Reservoir.
24-19		21	103	3	53	...	Affected by ditch.
24-20		21	104	8	39	...	Affected by C.D. 46.
24-21		21	104	EC 19	20	...	Affected by C.D. 28.
24-22	George	21	104	22,27	120	...	Affected by C.D. 8.
24-23		21	104	NC 23	34	...	Do.
24-24	White	21,22	102	6,7;1,12	178	x	
24-25	Pickerel	21,22	102	18,19,11-14,24	715	x	Dam at outlet.
24-26		21,22	102	30,31;25,26	328	...	Affected by J.D. 9.

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				Section			
24-27	Lower Twin	22	101	2,10,11	480	x	
24-28	Bear	22	101	7,8,16-21	1,560	x	Dam at outlet.
24-29	. . . . .	22	101	15,16	25	...	Affected by C.D. 5.
24-30	State Line	22	101	28,33,34	445 (446)	x	Also in Iowa; dam at outlet.
24-31	Upper Twin	22	101,102	2,26,35,36	677	x	
24-32	Everhart	22	102	23	30	...	
24-33	Church	22	102	23,26	75	...	
24-34	Spring	22	102,103	5,32	65	...	Affected by C.D. 37.
24-35	Gun	22	103	9,10	17	...	Affected by J.D. 5.
24-36	Petersons	22	103	20,21,28,29	170	...	Affected by C.D. 9.
24-37	Sugar	22	103	28,29	64	x	
24-38	Halls	22	103	39	123	...	
24-39	Whitney	22	103	31,32	20	...	Affected by C.D. 37.
24-40	School Section	22	103	36	101	...	
24-41	. . . . .	22	103,104	2,35	45	...	Affected by C.D. 11.
24-42	Mule	22	104	13,14,23,24	383	x	Affected by C.D. 28.
24-43	Morin	22	102,103	3,34	21	...	
24-44	Freeborn	23	103,104	2,3;10,11,13-15,24; 34,35	2,222	x	Dam at outlet.
24-45	Spicer	23	104	11,14	125	x	Level affected by C.D. 35.
24-46	. . . . .	23	104	17,20	28	...	
24-47	George	23	104	26,27,34,35	321	...	Affected by C.D. 1.
24-48	Penny	23	104	30,31	80 (83)	x	Also in Faribault County (22).
24-49	Trenton	23	104,105	2,3;34	133 (184)	x	Also in Waseca County (81).
81-35	. . . . .				8 (66)	...	See Waseca County (81).

