

# 2002 Census of Agriculture County Profile

## Cherokee, Iowa

### Number of farms

837 farms in 2002, 930 farms in 1997, down 10 percent.

### Land in farms

335,410 acres in 2002, 340,606 acres in 1997, down 2 percent.

### Average size of farm

401 acres in 2002, 366 acres in 1997, up 10 percent.

### Market Value of Production

\$154,661,000 in 2002, \$148,555,000 in 1997, up 4 percent.

Crop sales accounted for \$66,407,000 of the total value in 2002.

Livestock sales accounted for \$88,253,000 of the total value in 2002.

### Market Value of Production, average per farm

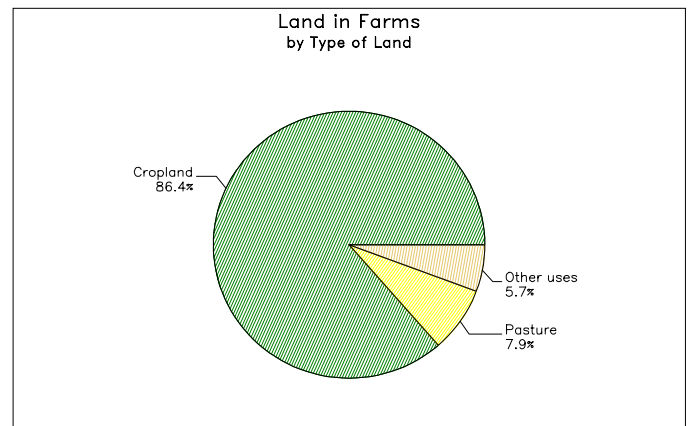
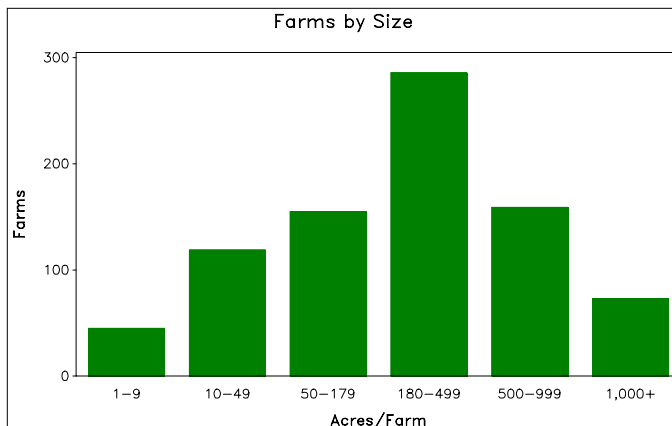
\$184,780 in 2002, \$159,736 in 1997, up 16 percent.

### Government Payments

\$3,888,000 in 2002, \$5,326,000 in 1997, down 27 percent.

### Government Payments, average per farm receiving payments

\$7,213 in 2002, \$7,480 in 1997, down 4 percent.



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**Ranked items among the 99 state counties and 3,078 U.S. counties, 2002**

Item	Quantity	State Rank	Universe <sup>1</sup>	U.S. Rank	Universe <sup>1</sup>
<b>MARKET VALUE OF AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS SOLD (\$1,000)</b>					
Total value of agricultural products sold	154,661	22	99	232	3,075
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	66,407	43	99	315	3,070
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	88,253	22	99	256	3,070
<b>VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)</b>					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	65,382	42	99	137	2,871
Tobacco	-	-	1	-	560
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	-	-	656
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	(D)	(D)	92	(D)	2,747
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	(D)	(D)	87	(D)	2,638
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	(D)	(D)	95	(D)	2,708
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	(D)	(D)	74	(D)	1,774
Other crops and hay	885	59	99	1,367	3,046
Poultry and eggs	(D)	(D)	99	(D)	2,918
Cattle and calves	43,037	10	99	185	3,053
Milk and other dairy products from cows	1,099	45	96	1,313	2,493
Hogs and pigs	42,448	22	99	61	2,919
Sheep, goats, and their products	(D)	(D)	99	(D)	2,997
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	88	61	99	1,877	3,014
Aquaculture	-	-	31	-	1,520
Other animals and other animal products	(D)	(D)	94	(D)	2,727
<b>TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)</b>					
Hogs and pigs	223,059	19	99	46	2,926
Cattle and calves	59,703	12	99	429	3,059
Turkeys	(D)	11	88	(D)	2,328
Mink	(D)	3	7	(D)	117
Sheep and lambs	1,127	71	99	892	2,867
<b>TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)</b>					
Corn for grain	131,673	40	99	122	2,592
Soybeans	126,624	33	99	134	2,076
Forage - land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	9,632	59	99	1,812	3,059
Corn for silage	4,535	12	99	398	2,307
Oats	1,008	51	99	511	2,215

**Other County Highlights**

Economic Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales	
Less than \$1,000	77
\$1,000 to \$2,499	25
\$2,500 to \$4,999	27
\$5,000 to \$9,999	27
\$10,000 to \$19,999	58
\$20,000 to \$24,999	19
\$25,000 to \$39,999	56
\$40,000 to \$49,999	44
\$50,000 to \$99,999	150
\$100,000 to \$249,999	181
\$250,000 to \$499,999	99
\$500,000 or more	74
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	122,479
Average per farm (\$)	146,330
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	33,548
Average per farm (\$)	40,082

Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Farming	639
Other	198
Principal operators by sex:	
Male	797
Female	40
Average age of principal operator (years)	52.9
All operators <sup>2</sup> by race:	
White	1,121
Black or African American	1
American Indian or Alaska Native	1
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
Asian	-
More than one race	-
All operators <sup>2</sup> of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin	5

(D) Cannot be disclosed. (Z) Less than half of the unit shown. See "Census of Agriculture, Volume 1, Geographic Area Series" for complete footnotes.

<sup>1</sup> Universe is number of counties in state or U.S. with item.

<sup>2</sup> Data were collected for a maximum of three operators per farm.