

# 2002 Census of Agriculture County Profile

## Clay, Iowa

### Number of farms

691 farms in 2002, 705 farms in 1997, down 2 percent.

### Land in farms

311,695 acres in 2002, 294,529 acres in 1997, up 6 percent.

### Average size of farm

451 acres in 2002, 418 acres in 1997, up 8 percent.

### Market Value of Production

\$157,068,000 in 2002, \$123,032,000 in 1997, up 28 percent.

Crop sales accounted for \$63,760,000 of the total value in 2002.

Livestock sales accounted for \$93,308,000 of the total value in 2002.

### Market Value of Production, average per farm

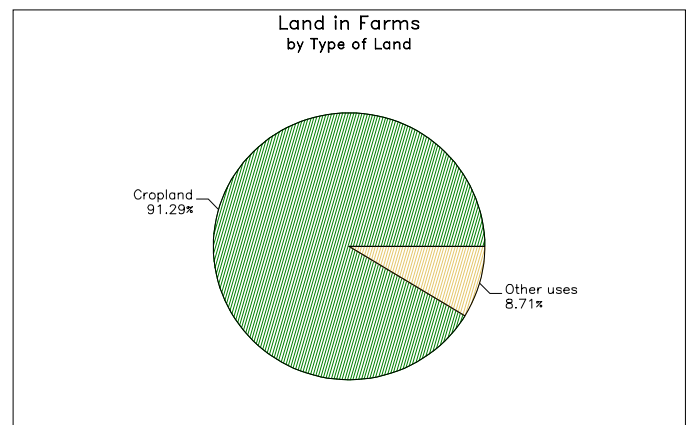
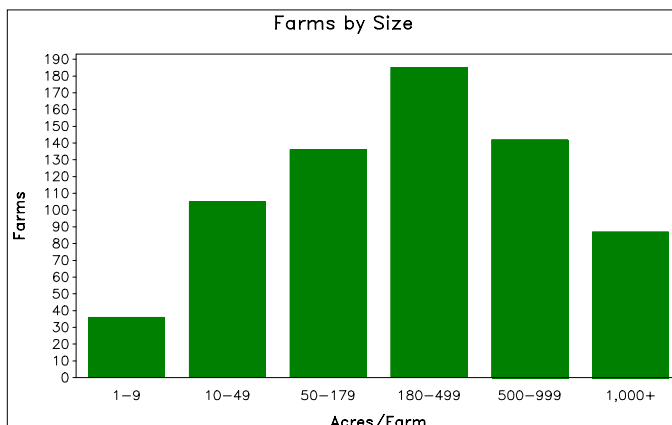
\$227,306 in 2002, \$174,513 in 1997, up 30 percent.

### Government Payments

\$4,485,000 in 2002, \$4,929,000 in 1997, down 9 percent.

### Government Payments, average per farm receiving payments

\$8,916 in 2002, \$8,725 in 1997, up 2 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	157,068	21	99	229	3,075
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	63,760	46	99	340	3,070
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	93,308	20	99	231	3,070
<b>VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)</b>					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	62,591	45	99	150	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	-	-	74	-	1,774
Other crops and hay	(D)	(D)	99	(D)	3,046
Poultry and eggs	25,409	5	99	260	2,918
Cattle and calves	11,743	66	99	874	3,053
Milk and other dairy products from cows	(D)	(D)	96	(D)	2,493
Hogs and pigs	55,478	15	99	34	2,919
Sheep, goats, and their products	(D)	(D)	99	(D)	2,997
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	73	70	99	2,057	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	194,532	23	99	60	2,926
Cattle and calves	18,738	75	99	1,528	3,059
Sheep and lambs	4,459	12	99	245	2,867
Horses and ponies	469	71	99	2,228	3,065
Layers 20 weeks old and older <sup>3</sup>	(D)	(D)	99	(D)	2,983
<b>TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)</b>					
Corn for grain	133,323	39	99	119	2,592
Soybeans	127,467	32	99	129	2,076
Forage - land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	7,519	68	99	2,009	3,059
Corn for silage	2,908	25	99	580	2,307
Oats	456	87	99	891	2,215

**Other County Highlights**

Economic Characteristics	Quantity	Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales		Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Less than \$1,000	107	Farming	557
\$1,000 to \$2,499	28	Other	134
\$2,500 to \$4,999	18	Principal operators by sex:	
\$5,000 to \$9,999	31	Male	636
\$10,000 to \$19,999	28	Female	55
\$20,000 to \$24,999	17	Average age of principal operator (years)	56.7
\$25,000 to \$39,999	56	All operators <sup>2</sup> by race:	
\$40,000 to \$49,999	28	White	944
\$50,000 to \$99,999	113	Black or African American	-
\$100,000 to \$249,999	141	American Indian or Alaska Native	-
\$250,000 to \$499,999	61	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
\$500,000 or more	63	Asian	-
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	129,245	More than one race	2
Average per farm (\$)	187,041	All operators <sup>2</sup> of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin	3
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	34,410		
Average per farm (\$)	49,798		

(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.

<sup>3</sup> Items with a rank that cannot be disclosed are separated by a blank line, position in table does not indicate rank.