

# 2002 Census of Agriculture County Profile

## Decatur, Iowa

### Number of farms

788 farms in 2002, 803 farms in 1997, down 2 percent.

### Land in farms

277,928 acres in 2002, 276,770 acres in 1997, up slightly.

### Average size of farm

353 acres in 2002, 345 acres in 1997, up 2 percent.

### Market Value of Production

\$41,980,000 in 2002, \$55,021,000 in 1997, down 24 percent.

Crop sales accounted for \$14,418,000 of the total value in 2002.

Livestock sales accounted for \$27,563,000 of the total value in 2002.

### Market Value of Production, average per farm

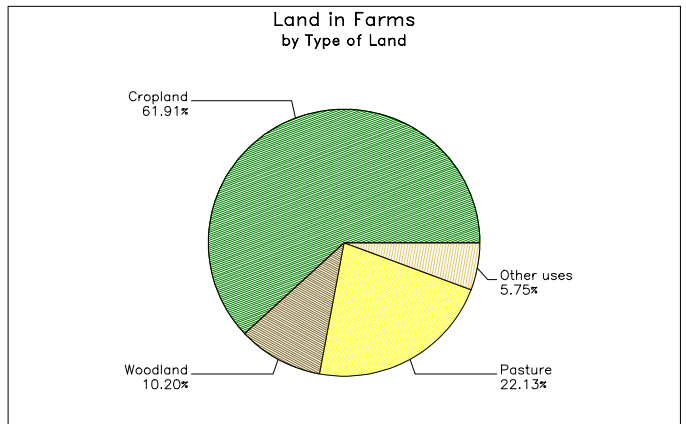
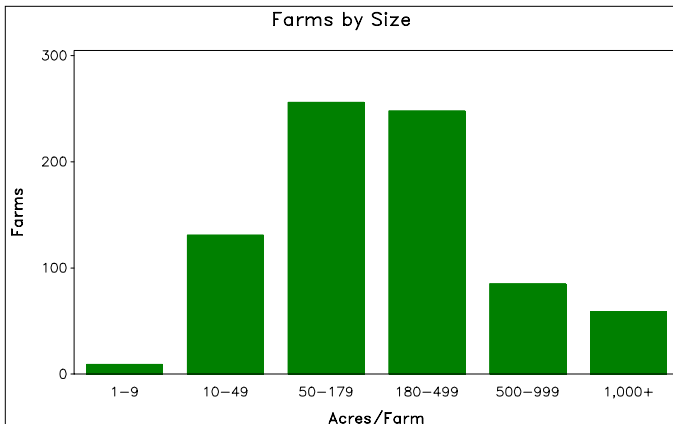
\$53,275 in 2002, \$68,519 in 1997, down 22 percent.

### Government Payments

\$4,078,000 in 2002, \$3,375,000 in 1997, up 21 percent.

### Government Payments, average per farm receiving payments

\$7,524 in 2002, \$6,392 in 1997, up 18 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	41,980	94	99	1,369	3,075
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	14,418	96	99	1,411	3,070
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	27,563	78	99	1,005	3,070
<b>VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)</b>					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	12,788	96	99	898	2,871
Tobacco	-	-	1	-	560
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	-	-	656
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	65	47	92	1,936	2,747
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	14	58	87	2,080	2,638
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	59	69	95	2,223	2,708
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	-	-	74	-	1,774
Other crops and hay	1,492	22	99	876	3,046
Poultry and eggs	57	65	99	1,434	2,918
Cattle and calves	17,664	39	99	594	3,053
Milk and other dairy products from cows	1,071	48	96	1,336	2,493
Hogs and pigs	8,427	79	99	334	2,919
Sheep, goats, and their products	66	77	99	1,081	2,997
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	188	22	99	1,160	3,014
Aquaculture	-	-	31	-	1,520
Other animals and other animal products	90	25	94	908	2,727
<b>TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)</b>					
Cattle and calves	48,838	21	99	591	3,059
Hogs and pigs	36,344	84	99	359	2,926
Quail	(D)	5	55	(D)	1,412
Horses and ponies	1,210	12	99	1,024	3,065
Sheep and lambs	937	80	99	1,028	2,867
<b>TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)</b>					
Forage - land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	36,336	10	99	566	3,059
Soybeans	33,101	94	99	694	2,076
Corn for grain	26,741	96	99	702	2,592
Corn for silage	1,342	62	99	955	2,307
Oats	393	90	99	971	2,215

**Other County Highlights**

Economic Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales	
Less than \$1,000	266
\$1,000 to \$2,499	30
\$2,500 to \$4,999	56
\$5,000 to \$9,999	84
\$10,000 to \$19,999	93
\$20,000 to \$24,999	35
\$25,000 to \$39,999	48
\$40,000 to \$49,999	28
\$50,000 to \$99,999	61
\$100,000 to \$249,999	52
\$250,000 to \$499,999	23
\$500,000 or more	12
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	42,556
Average per farm (\$)	53,937
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	9,663
Average per farm (\$)	12,247

Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Farming	427
Other	361
Principal operators by sex:	
Male	698
Female	90
Average age of principal operator (years)	56.8
All operators <sup>2</sup> by race:	
White	1,105
Black or African American	-
American Indian or Alaska Native	2
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
Asian	5
More than one race	1
All operators <sup>2</sup> of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin	6

(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.