

2002 Census of Agriculture County Profile

Des Moines, Iowa

Number of farms

674 farms in 2002, 697 farms in 1997, down 3 percent.

Land in farms

181,197 acres in 2002, 199,778 acres in 1997, down 9 percent.

Average size of farm

269 acres in 2002, 287 acres in 1997, down 6 percent.

Market Value of Production

\$47,499,000 in 2002, \$71,477,000 in 1997, down 34 percent.

Crop sales accounted for \$37,259,000 of the total value in 2002.

Livestock sales accounted for \$10,240,000 of the total value in 2002.

Market Value of Production, average per farm

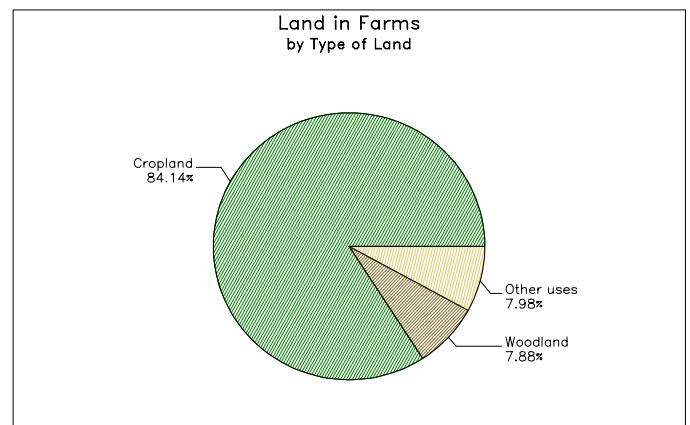
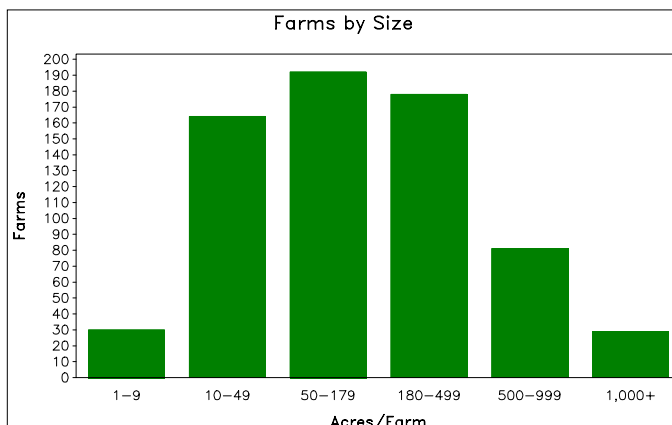
\$70,473 in 2002, \$102,550 in 1997, down 31 percent.

Government Payments

\$3,043,000 in 2002, \$3,485,000 in 1997, down 13 percent.

Government Payments, average per farm receiving payments

\$6,366 in 2002, \$6,688 in 1997, down 5 percent.



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

| Item | Quantity | State Rank | Universe ¹ | U.S. Rank | Universe ¹ |
|---|----------|------------|-----------------------|-----------|-----------------------|
| MARKET VALUE OF AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS SOLD (\$1,000) | | | | | |
| Total value of agricultural products sold | 47,499 | 92 | 99 | 1,232 | 3,075 |
| Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse | 37,259 | 80 | 99 | 700 | 3,070 |
| Value of livestock, poultry, and their products | 10,240 | 97 | 99 | 1,868 | 3,070 |
| VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000) | | | | | |
| Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas | 36,453 | 79 | 99 | 386 | 2,871 |
| Tobacco | - | - | 1 | - | 560 |
| Cotton and cottonseed | - | - | - | - | 656 |
| Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes | 41 | 63 | 92 | 2,121 | 2,747 |
| Fruits, tree nuts, and berries | (D) | (D) | 87 | (D) | 2,638 |
| Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod | 202 | 44 | 95 | 1,812 | 2,708 |
| Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops | (D) | (D) | 74 | (D) | 1,774 |
| Other crops and hay | 481 | 81 | 99 | 1,930 | 3,046 |
| Poultry and eggs | 3 | 97 | 99 | 2,428 | 2,918 |
| Cattle and calves | 2,696 | 98 | 99 | 1,968 | 3,053 |
| Milk and other dairy products from cows | (D) | (D) | 96 | (D) | 2,493 |
| Hogs and pigs | 5,233 | 92 | 99 | 466 | 2,919 |
| Sheep, goats, and their products | 23 | 99 | 99 | 1,795 | 2,997 |
| Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys | 119 | 50 | 99 | 1,617 | 3,014 |
| Aquaculture | (D) | (D) | 31 | (D) | 1,520 |
| Other animals and other animal products | (D) | (D) | 94 | (D) | 2,727 |
| TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number) | | | | | |
| Hogs and pigs | 26,201 | 91 | 99 | 448 | 2,926 |
| Cattle and calves | 10,202 | 92 | 99 | 2,030 | 3,059 |
| Horses and ponies | 503 | 69 | 99 | 2,152 | 3,065 |
| Sheep and lambs | 453 | 98 | 99 | 1,513 | 2,867 |
| Pigeons ³ | (D) | (D) | 46 | (D) | 1,368 |
| TOP CROP ITEMS (acres) | | | | | |
| Corn for grain | 69,285 | 82 | 99 | 359 | 2,592 |
| Soybeans | 62,127 | 82 | 99 | 476 | 2,076 |
| Forage - land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop | 4,787 | 84 | 99 | 2,347 | 3,059 |
| Corn for silage | 518 | 93 | 99 | 1,405 | 2,307 |
| Oats | 282 | 95 | 99 | 1,123 | 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 | 158 | Farming | 381 |
| \$1,000 to \$2,499 | 32 | Other | 293 |
| \$2,500 to \$4,999 | 34 | | |
| \$5,000 to \$9,999 | 42 | Principal operators by sex: | |
| \$10,000 to \$19,999 | 65 | Male | 609 |
| \$20,000 to \$24,999 | 23 | Female | 65 |
| \$25,000 to \$39,999 | 52 | | |
| \$40,000 to \$49,999 | 33 | Average age of principal operator (years) | 55.7 |
| \$50,000 to \$99,999 | 98 | | |
| \$100,000 to \$249,999 | 97 | All operators ² by race: | |
| \$250,000 to \$499,999 | 27 | White | 884 |
| \$500,000 or more | 13 | Black or African American | 2 |
| Total farm production expenses (\$1,000) | 42,782 | American Indian or Alaska Native | - |
| Average per farm (\$) | 63,474 | Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander | - |
| | | Asian | - |
| Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000) | 8,031 | More than one race | - |
| Average per farm (\$) | 11,916 | All operators ² of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin | 4 |

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

¹ Universe is number of counties in state or U.S. with item.

² Data were collected for a maximum of three operators per farm.

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