

# 2002 Census of Agriculture County Profile

## Dickinson, Iowa

### Number of farms

492 farms in 2002, 551 farms in 1997, down 11 percent.

### Land in farms

203,174 acres in 2002, 210,180 acres in 1997, down 3 percent.

### Average size of farm

413 acres in 2002, 381 acres in 1997, up 8 percent.

### Market Value of Production

\$76,409,000 in 2002, \$74,662,000 in 1997, up 2 percent.

Crop sales accounted for \$42,919,000 of the total value in 2002.

Livestock sales accounted for \$33,489,000 of the total value in 2002.

### Market Value of Production, average per farm

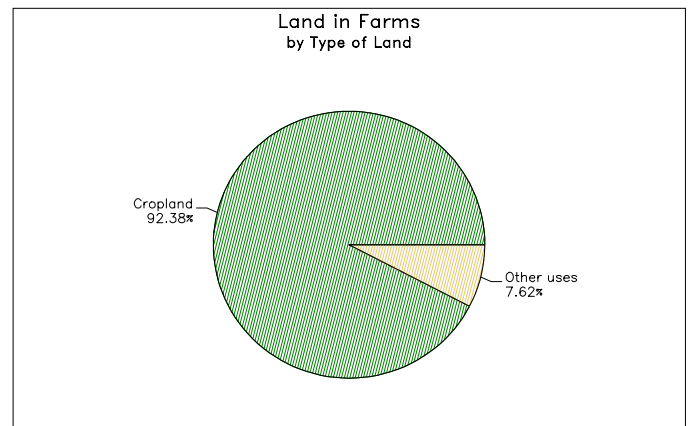
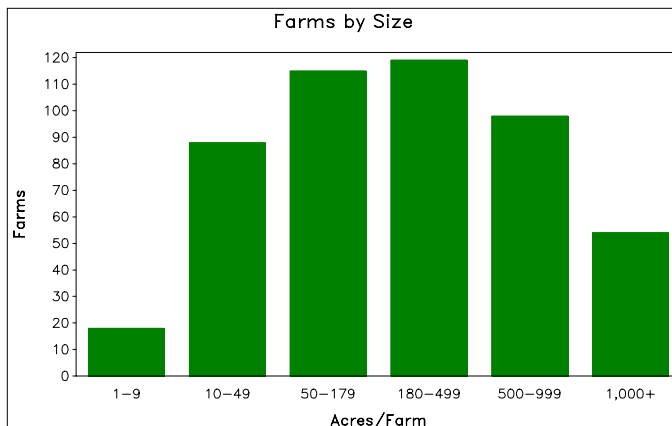
\$155,302 in 2002, \$135,503 in 1997, up 15 percent.

### Government Payments

\$2,824,000 in 2002, \$3,724,000 in 1997, down 24 percent.

### Government Payments, average per farm receiving payments

\$7,824 in 2002, \$8,406 in 1997, down 7 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	76,409	73	99	729	3,075
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	42,919	74	99	571	3,070
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	33,489	65	99	855	3,070
<b>VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)</b>					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	42,011	73	99	323	2,871
Tobacco	-	-	1	-	560
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	-	-	656
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	-	-	92	-	2,747
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	-	-	87	-	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	576	76	99	1,776	3,046
Poultry and eggs	4	92	99	2,248	2,918
Cattle and calves	25,123	24	99	382	3,053
Milk and other dairy products from cows	(D)	(D)	96	(D)	2,493
Hogs and pigs	6,936	86	99	393	2,919
Sheep, goats, and their products	587	7	99	159	2,997
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	22	93	99	2,728	3,014
Aquaculture	(D)	(D)	31	(D)	1,520
Other animals and other animal products	-	-	94	-	2,727
<b>TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)</b>					
Hogs and pigs	34,735	86	99	370	2,926
Cattle and calves	25,108	60	99	1,236	3,059
Sheep and lambs	4,243	14	99	262	2,867
Pheasants	(D)	14	55	(D)	1,541
Quail	(D)	18	55	(D)	1,412
<b>TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)</b>					
Corn for grain	86,181	75	99	267	2,592
Soybeans	84,595	68	99	343	2,076
Forage - land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	5,571	79	99	2,229	3,059
Corn for silage	3,349	19	99	519	2,307
Oats	469	86	99	872	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	91	Farming	358
\$1,000 to \$2,499	17	Other	134
\$2,500 to \$4,999	14		
\$5,000 to \$9,999	18	Principal operators by sex:	
\$10,000 to \$19,999	38	Male	461
\$20,000 to \$24,999	10	Female	31
\$25,000 to \$39,999	30		
\$40,000 to \$49,999	21	Average age of principal operator (years)	54.2
\$50,000 to \$99,999	61		
\$100,000 to \$249,999	109	All operators <sup>2</sup> by race:	
\$250,000 to \$499,999	57	White	668
\$500,000 or more	26	Black or African American	-
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	56,034	American Indian or Alaska Native	-
Average per farm (\$)	114,122	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
		Asian	-
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	27,500	More than one race	-
Average per farm (\$)	56,007	All operators <sup>2</sup> of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin	3

(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.