

2002 Census of Agriculture County Profile

Howard, Iowa

Number of farms

891 farms in 2002, 915 farms in 1997, down 3 percent.

Land in farms

269,400 acres in 2002, 277,767 acres in 1997, down 3 percent.

Average size of farm

302 acres in 2002, 304 acres in 1997, down 1 percent.

Market Value of Production

\$105,236,000 in 2002, \$96,288,000 in 1997, up 9 percent.

Crop sales accounted for \$54,703,000 of the total value in 2002.

Livestock sales accounted for \$50,533,000 of the total value in 2002.

Market Value of Production, average per farm

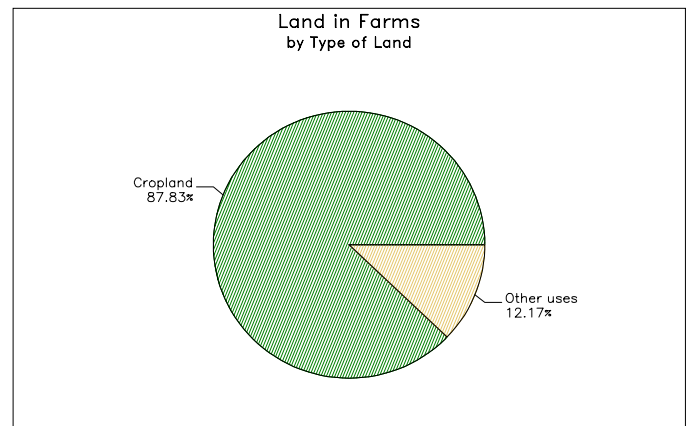
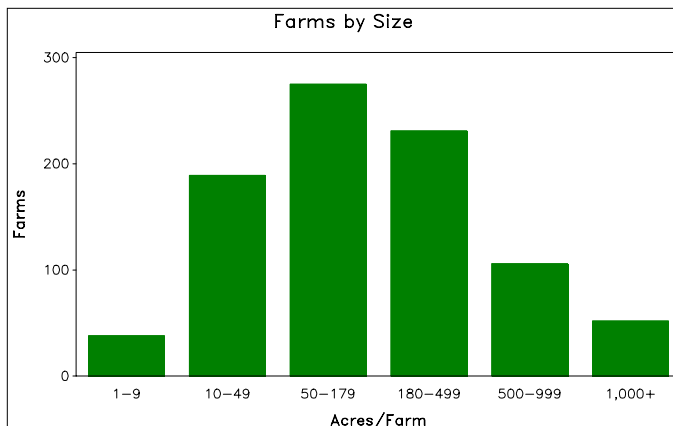
\$118,110 in 2002, \$105,232 in 1997, up 12 percent.

Government Payments

\$5,613,000 in 2002, \$5,411,000 in 1997, up 4 percent.

Government Payments, average per farm receiving payments

\$7,951 in 2002, \$7,557 in 1997, up 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	105,236	61	99	470	3,075
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	54,703	60	99	426	3,070
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	50,533	44	99	540	3,070
VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	51,756	61	99	221	2,871
Tobacco	-	-	1	-	560
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	-	-	656
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	33	70	92	2,185	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	(D)	(D)	99	(D)	3,046
Poultry and eggs	109	64	99	1,290	2,918
Cattle and calves	15,255	48	99	688	3,053
Milk and other dairy products from cows	6,756	16	96	504	2,493
Hogs and pigs	28,006	40	99	107	2,919
Sheep, goats, and their products	355	16	99	253	2,997
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	51	80	99	2,341	3,014
Aquaculture	-	-	31	-	1,520
Other animals and other animal products	(Z)	90	94	2,628	2,727
TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)					
Hogs and pigs	136,774	43	99	103	2,926
Cattle and calves	31,766	49	99	1,008	3,059
Broilers and other meat-type chickens	15,257	13	97	634	2,599
Sheep and lambs	2,126	44	99	531	2,867
All Goats	1,411	1	98	295	2,971
TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)					
Corn for grain	100,485	71	99	211	2,592
Soybeans	93,866	61	99	287	2,076
Forage - land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	12,916	46	99	1,511	3,059
Corn for silage	3,092	22	99	552	2,307
Oats	2,551	13	99	193	2,215

Other County Highlights

Economic Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales	
Less than \$1,000	260
\$1,000 to \$2,499	16
\$2,500 to \$4,999	26
\$5,000 to \$9,999	28
\$10,000 to \$19,999	57
\$20,000 to \$24,999	33
\$25,000 to \$39,999	68
\$40,000 to \$49,999	38
\$50,000 to \$99,999	128
\$100,000 to \$249,999	137
\$250,000 to \$499,999	60
\$500,000 or more	40
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	88,428
Average per farm (\$)	99,246
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	22,604
Average per farm (\$)	25,370

Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Farming	608
Other	283
Principal operators by sex:	
Male	826
Female	65
Average age of principal operator (years)	54.2
All operators ² by race:	
White	1,244
Black or African American	2
American Indian or Alaska Native	-
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
Asian	6
More than one race	2
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.