

# 2002 Census of Agriculture County Profile

## Benton, Iowa

### Number of farms

1,186 farms in 2002, 1,286 farms in 1997, down 8 percent.

### Land in farms

400,654 acres in 2002, 435,037 acres in 1997, down 8 percent.

### Average size of farm

338 acres in 2002, 338 acres in 1997, unchanged.

### Market Value of Production

\$147,953,000 in 2002, \$161,581,000 in 1997, down 8 percent.

Crop sales accounted for \$95,301,000 of the total value in 2002.

Livestock sales accounted for \$52,653,000 of the total value in 2002.

### Market Value of Production, average per farm

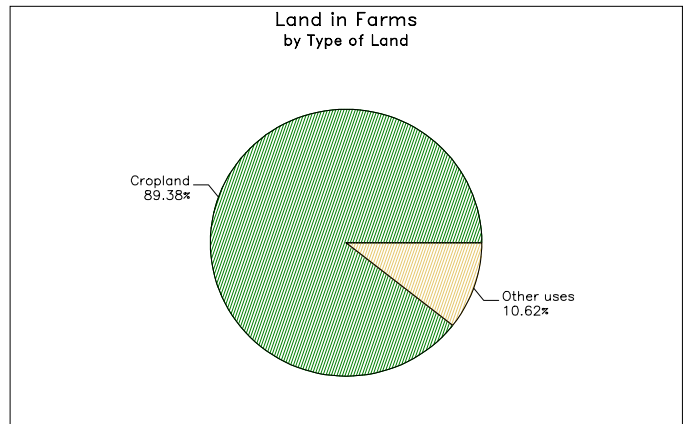
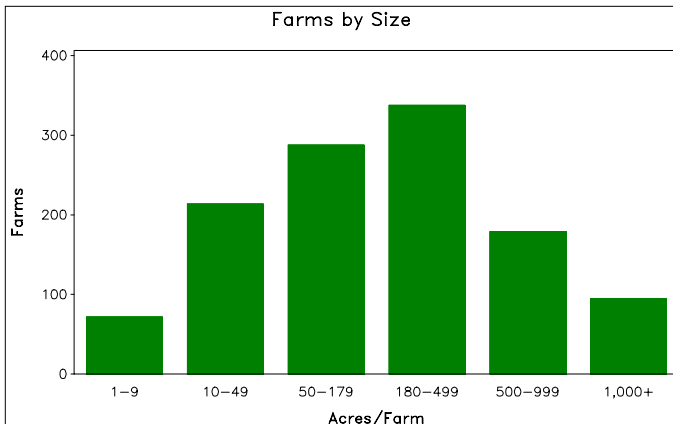
\$124,750 in 2002, \$125,646 in 1997, down 1 percent.

### Government Payments

\$7,104,000 in 2002, \$7,977,000 in 1997, down 11 percent.

### Government Payments, average per farm receiving payments

\$8,621 in 2002, \$8,540 in 1997, up 1 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	147,953	28	99	254	3,075
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	95,301	7	99	142	3,070
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	52,653	42	99	522	3,070
<b>VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)</b>					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	93,000	7	99	32	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	1,069	20	95	1,064	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	(D)	(D)	99	(D)	2,918
Cattle and calves	19,943	34	99	519	3,053
Milk and other dairy products from cows	(D)	(D)	96	(D)	2,493
Hogs and pigs	16,635	59	99	186	2,919
Sheep, goats, and their products	268	23	99	329	2,997
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	107	55	99	1,711	3,014
Aquaculture	-	-	31	-	1,520
Other animals and other animal products	6	72	94	2,000	2,727
<b>TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)</b>					
Layers 20 weeks old and older	(D)	23	99	(D)	2,983
Hogs and pigs	88,299	58	99	177	2,926
Cattle and calves	36,452	36	99	865	3,059
Sheep and lambs	4,602	11	99	239	2,867
Broilers and other meat-type chickens	1,245	21	97	836	2,599
<b>TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)</b>					
Corn for grain	161,461	15	99	57	2,592
Soybeans	152,406	11	99	60	2,076
Forage - land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	14,304	43	99	1,415	3,059
Corn for silage	3,174	21	99	543	2,307
Oats	1,586	25	99	331	2,215

**Other County Highlights**

Economic Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales	
Less than \$1,000	216
\$1,000 to \$2,499	46
\$2,500 to \$4,999	46
\$5,000 to \$9,999	48
\$10,000 to \$19,999	82
\$20,000 to \$24,999	45
\$25,000 to \$39,999	80
\$40,000 to \$49,999	61
\$50,000 to \$99,999	160
\$100,000 to \$249,999	232
\$250,000 to \$499,999	125
\$500,000 or more	45
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	114,012
Average per farm (\$)	95,647
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	44,991
Average per farm (\$)	37,744

Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Farming	807
Other	379
Principal operators by sex:	
Male	1,108
Female	78
Average age of principal operator (years)	53.6
All operators <sup>2</sup> by race:	
White	1,598
Black or African American	-
American Indian or Alaska Native	-
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
Asian	1
More than one race	2
All operators <sup>2</sup> of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin	5

(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.