

2002 Census of Agriculture County Profile

Mahaska, Iowa

Number of farms

1,043 farms in 2002, 1,083 farms in 1997, down 4 percent.

Land in farms

328,579 acres in 2002, 334,487 acres in 1997, down 2 percent.

Average size of farm

315 acres in 2002, 309 acres in 1997, up 2 percent.

Market Value of Production

\$132,748,000 in 2002, \$157,351,000 in 1997, down 16 percent.

Crop sales accounted for \$55,802,000 of the total value in 2002.

Livestock sales accounted for \$76,946,000 of the total value in 2002.

Market Value of Production, average per farm

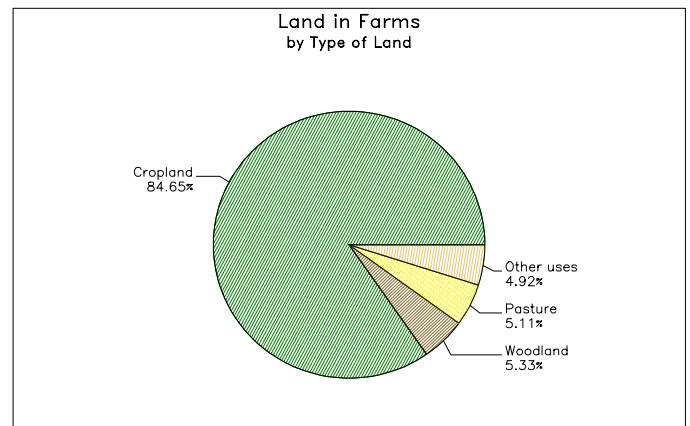
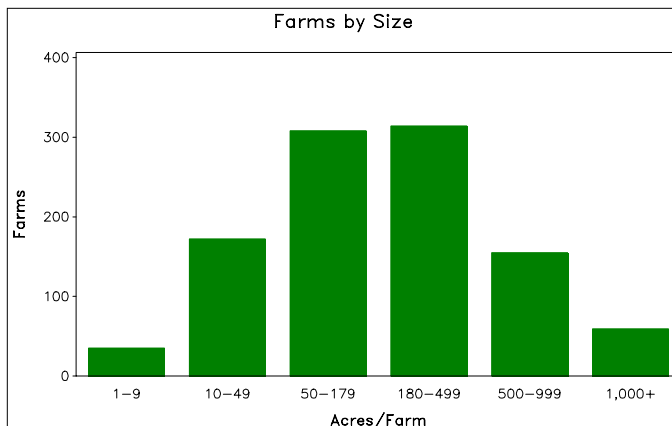
\$127,275 in 2002, \$145,292 in 1997, down 12 percent.

Government Payments

\$6,330,000 in 2002, \$6,375,000 in 1997, down 1 percent.

Government Payments, average per farm receiving payments

\$8,084 in 2002, \$7,553 in 1997, up 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 ¹	U.S. Rank	Universe ¹
MARKET VALUE OF AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS SOLD (\$1,000)					
Total value of agricultural products sold	132,748	38	99	309	3,075
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	55,802	58	99	410	3,070
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	76,946	24	99	305	3,070
VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	54,827	56	99	191	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	-	-	87	-	2,638
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	247	39	95	1,722	2,708
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	(D)	(D)	74	(D)	1,774
Other crops and hay	601	74	99	1,733	3,046
Poultry and eggs	(D)	(D)	99	(D)	2,918
Cattle and calves	29,551	19	99	309	3,053
Milk and other dairy products from cows	(D)	(D)	96	(D)	2,493
Hogs and pigs	39,749	25	99	67	2,919
Sheep, goats, and their products	176	35	99	488	2,997
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	52	79	99	2,329	3,014
Aquaculture	-	-	31	-	1,520
Other animals and other animal products	(D)	(D)	94	(D)	2,727
TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)					
Layers 20 weeks old and older	(D)	17	99	(D)	2,983
Hogs and pigs	207,651	21	99	53	2,926
Cattle and calves	39,209	32	99	795	3,059
Sheep and lambs	2,595	29	99	428	2,867
Quail	(D)	14	55	(D)	1,412
TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)					
Corn for grain	116,121	53	99	166	2,592
Soybeans	100,829	54	99	253	2,076
Forage - land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	12,471	47	99	1,551	3,059
Corn for silage	1,794	45	99	812	2,307
Oats	1,200	42	99	432	2,215

Other County Highlights

Economic Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales	
Less than \$1,000	280
\$1,000 to \$2,499	36
\$2,500 to \$4,999	46
\$5,000 to \$9,999	55
\$10,000 to \$19,999	85
\$20,000 to \$24,999	28
\$25,000 to \$39,999	56
\$40,000 to \$49,999	23
\$50,000 to \$99,999	138
\$100,000 to \$249,999	162
\$250,000 to \$499,999	79
\$500,000 or more	55
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	118,036
Average per farm (\$)	112,953
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	28,186
Average per farm (\$)	26,973

Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Farming	721
Other	322
Principal operators by sex:	
Male	973
Female	70
Average age of principal operator (years)	55.0
All operators ² by race:	
White	1,467
Black or African American	-
American Indian or Alaska Native	-
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
Asian	-
More than one race	-
All operators ² 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.

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.