

2002 Census of Agriculture County Profile

Mitchell, Iowa

Number of farms

828 farms in 2002, 871 farms in 1997, down 5 percent.

Land in farms

289,259 acres in 2002, 272,196 acres in 1997, up 6 percent.

Average size of farm

349 acres in 2002, 313 acres in 1997, up 12 percent.

Market Value of Production

\$154,588,000 in 2002, \$162,240,000 in 1997, down 5 percent.

Crop sales accounted for \$62,431,000 of the total value in 2002.

Livestock sales accounted for \$92,156,000 of the total value in 2002.

Market Value of Production, average per farm

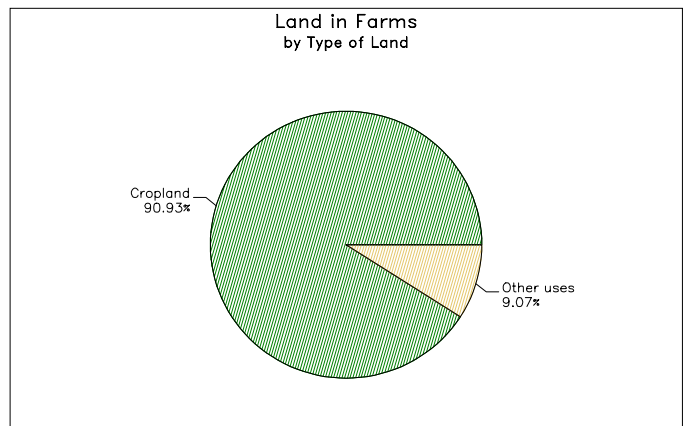
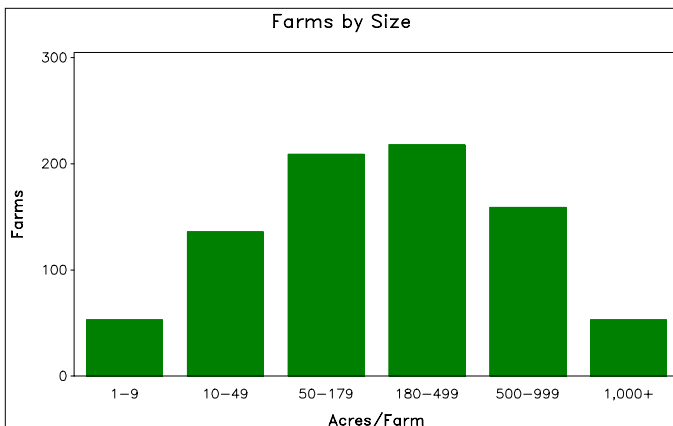
\$186,700 in 2002, \$186,268 in 1997, up slightly.

Government Payments

\$4,379,000 in 2002, \$5,081,000 in 1997, down 14 percent.

Government Payments, average per farm receiving payments

\$7,511 in 2002, \$7,939 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	154,588	23	99	233	3,075
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	62,431	50	99	350	3,070
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	92,156	21	99	239	3,070
VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	61,284	47	99	157	2,871
Tobacco	-	-	1	-	560
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	-	-	656
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	274	16	92	1,223	2,747
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	24	45	87	1,880	2,638
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	222	43	95	1,759	2,708
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	11	33	74	1,140	1,774
Other crops and hay	617	72	99	1,705	3,046
Poultry and eggs	3,308	32	99	707	2,918
Cattle and calves	38,172	11	99	216	3,053
Milk and other dairy products from cows	4,524	22	96	664	2,493
Hogs and pigs	45,947	20	99	53	2,919
Sheep, goats, and their products	107	63	99	769	2,997
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	90	60	99	1,863	3,014
Aquaculture	-	-	31	-	1,520
Other animals and other animal products	8	67	94	1,906	2,727
TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)					
Layers 20 weeks old and older	(D)	24	99	(D)	2,983
Hogs and pigs	238,770	18	99	42	2,926
Cattle and calves	44,408	24	99	679	3,059
Turkeys	(D)	13	88	(D)	2,328
Broilers and other meat-type chickens	6,769	16	97	670	2,599
TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)					
Corn for grain	128,290	43	99	131	2,592
Soybeans	106,807	49	99	220	2,076
Forage - land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	7,557	67	99	2,005	3,059
Corn for silage	4,749	10	99	383	2,307
Oats	2,020	17	99	242	2,215

Other County Highlights

Economic Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales	
Less than \$1,000	142
\$1,000 to \$2,499	34
\$2,500 to \$4,999	19
\$5,000 to \$9,999	28
\$10,000 to \$19,999	50
\$20,000 to \$24,999	27
\$25,000 to \$39,999	53
\$40,000 to \$49,999	29
\$50,000 to \$99,999	86
\$100,000 to \$249,999	182
\$250,000 to \$499,999	101
\$500,000 or more	77
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	134,950
Average per farm (\$)	163,378
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	29,848
Average per farm (\$)	36,136

Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Farming	589
Other	239
Principal operators by sex:	
Male	799
Female	29
Average age of principal operator (years)	51.4
All operators ² by race:	
White	1,141
Black or African American	-
American Indian or Alaska Native	-
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	1
Asian	-
More than one race	1
All operators ² of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin	2

(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.