

2002 Census of Agriculture County Profile

O'Brien, Iowa

Number of farms

993 farms in 2002, 1,011 farms in 1997, down 2 percent.

Land in farms

362,365 acres in 2002, 367,936 acres in 1997, down 2 percent.

Average size of farm

365 acres in 2002, 364 acres in 1997, up slightly.

Market Value of Production

\$204,312,000 in 2002, \$185,038,000 in 1997, up 10 percent.

Crop sales accounted for \$82,644,000 of the total value in 2002.

Livestock sales accounted for \$121,668,000 of the total value in 2002.

Market Value of Production, average per farm

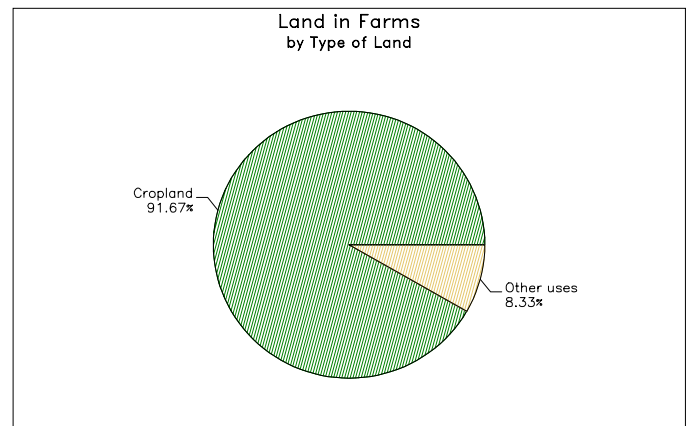
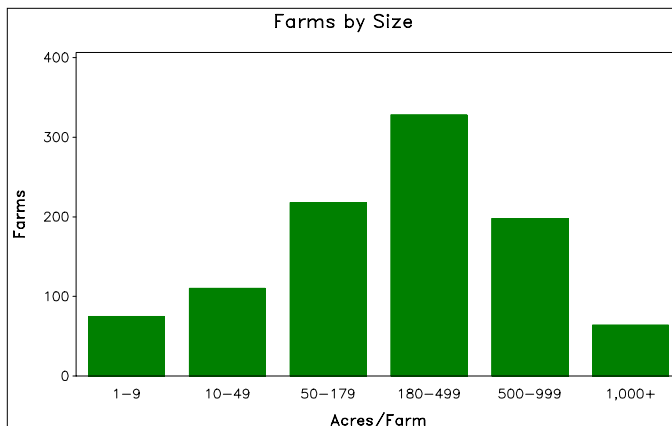
\$205,752 in 2002, \$183,025 in 1997, up 12 percent.

Government Payments

\$5,705,000 in 2002, \$5,587,000 in 1997, up 2 percent.

Government Payments, average per farm receiving payments

\$8,138 in 2002, \$7,154 in 1997, up 14 percent.



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United States Department of Agriculture, Iowa Agricultural Statistics Service**

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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	204,312	10	99	145	3,075
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	82,644	22	99	204	3,070
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	121,668	10	99	152	3,070
VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	81,561	21	99	62	2,871
Tobacco	-	-	1	-	560
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	-	-	656
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	8	85	92	2,510	2,747
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	(D)	(D)	87	(D)	2,638
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	28	81	95	2,395	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	6,978	21	99	543	2,918
Cattle and calves	35,190	14	99	240	3,053
Milk and other dairy products from cows	1,089	46	96	1,321	2,493
Hogs and pigs	77,980	10	99	21	2,919
Sheep, goats, and their products	285	22	99	315	2,997
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	(D)	(D)	99	(D)	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	463,427	21	99	177	2,983
Hogs and pigs	349,955	11	99	24	2,926
Broilers and other meat-type chickens	(D)	4	97	(D)	2,599
Cattle and calves	44,591	23	99	674	3,059
Sheep and lambs	3,840	16	99	284	2,867
TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)					
Soybeans	156,366	8	99	50	2,076
Corn for grain	153,759	28	99	78	2,592
Forage - land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	7,323	70	99	2,030	3,059
Corn for silage	4,362	14	99	413	2,307
Oats	799	64	99	617	2,215

Other County Highlights

Economic Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales	
Less than \$1,000	78
\$1,000 to \$2,499	13
\$2,500 to \$4,999	20
\$5,000 to \$9,999	32
\$10,000 to \$19,999	50
\$20,000 to \$24,999	27
\$25,000 to \$39,999	98
\$40,000 to \$49,999	47
\$50,000 to \$99,999	174
\$100,000 to \$249,999	228
\$250,000 to \$499,999	126
\$500,000 or more	100
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	168,196
Average per farm (\$)	169,552
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	46,090
Average per farm (\$)	46,462

Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Farming	770
Other	223
Principal operators by sex:	
Male	959
Female	34
Average age of principal operator (years)	52.8
All operators ² by race:	
White	1,323
Black or African American	-
American Indian or Alaska Native	3
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
Asian	1
More than one race	1
All operators ² of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin	7

(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.