

2002 Census of Agriculture County Profile

Pocahontas, Iowa

Number of farms

730 farms in 2002, 810 farms in 1997, down 10 percent.

Land in farms

354,398 acres in 2002, 370,293 acres in 1997, down 4 percent.

Average size of farm

485 acres in 2002, 457 acres in 1997, up 6 percent.

Market Value of Production

\$142,119,000 in 2002, \$143,079,000 in 1997, down 1 percent.

Crop sales accounted for \$86,978,000 of the total value in 2002.

Livestock sales accounted for \$55,141,000 of the total value in 2002.

Market Value of Production, average per farm

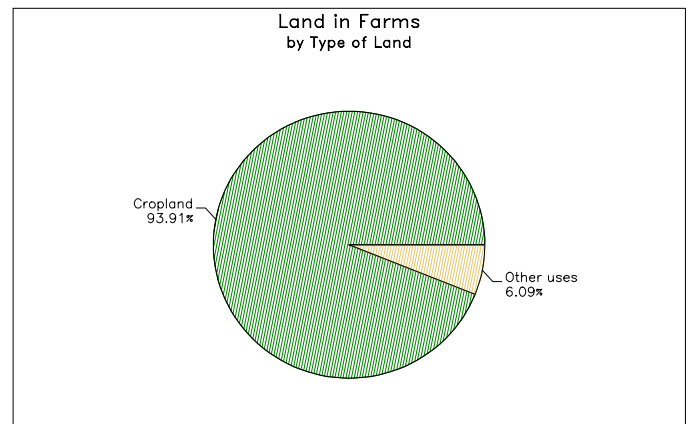
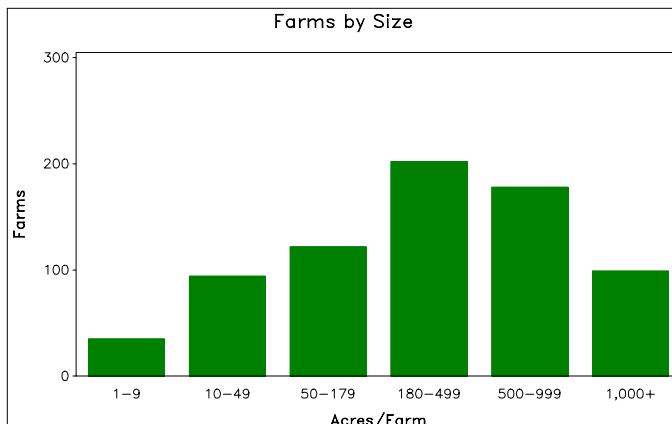
\$194,684 in 2002, \$176,641 in 1997, up 10 percent.

Government Payments

\$4,661,000 in 2002, \$6,152,000 in 1997, down 24 percent.

Government Payments, average per farm receiving payments

\$8,106 in 2002, \$8,865 in 1997, down 9 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	142,119	30	99	276	3,075
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	86,978	16	99	171	3,070
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	55,141	40	99	495	3,070
VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	86,621	15	99	47	2,871
Tobacco	-	-	1	-	560
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	-	-	656
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	-	-	92	-	2,747
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	-	-	87	-	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	322	91	99	2,259	3,046
Poultry and eggs	(D)	(D)	99	(D)	2,918
Cattle and calves	11,273	71	99	905	3,053
Milk and other dairy products from cows	(D)	(D)	96	(D)	2,493
Hogs and pigs	37,720	28	99	74	2,919
Sheep, goats, and their products	106	64	99	773	2,997
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	50	81	99	2,350	3,014
Aquaculture	-	-	31	-	1,520
Other animals and other animal products	(Z)	88	94	2,543	2,727
TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)					
Layers 20 weeks old and older	(D)	27	99	(D)	2,983
Hogs and pigs	163,166	31	99	82	2,926
Cattle and calves	16,817	81	99	1,627	3,059
Sheep and lambs	1,192	68	99	855	2,867
Horses and ponies	416	74	99	2,333	3,065
TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)					
Corn for grain	163,952	12	99	52	2,592
Soybeans	157,490	7	99	48	2,076
Forage - land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	2,768	95	99	2,625	3,059
Corn for silage	657	89	99	1,298	2,307
Oats	515	83	99	819	2,215

Other County Highlights

Economic Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales	
Less than \$1,000	82
\$1,000 to \$2,499	14
\$2,500 to \$4,999	18
\$5,000 to \$9,999	14
\$10,000 to \$19,999	27
\$20,000 to \$24,999	18
\$25,000 to \$39,999	60
\$40,000 to \$49,999	34
\$50,000 to \$99,999	105
\$100,000 to \$249,999	189
\$250,000 to \$499,999	120
\$500,000 or more	49
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	108,021
Average per farm (\$)	148,177
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	40,303
Average per farm (\$)	55,285

Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Farming	592
Other	138
Principal operators by sex:	
Male	707
Female	23
Average age of principal operator (years)	54.4
All operators ² by race:	
White	995
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	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.