

# 2002 Census of Agriculture County Profile

## Ringgold, Iowa

### Number of farms

758 farms in 2002, 728 farms in 1997, up 4 percent.

### Land in farms

299,426 acres in 2002, 275,118 acres in 1997, up 9 percent.

### Average size of farm

395 acres in 2002, 378 acres in 1997, up 4 percent.

### Market Value of Production

\$51,519,000 in 2002, \$49,689,000 in 1997, up 4 percent.

Crop sales accounted for \$18,120,000 of the total value in 2002.

Livestock sales accounted for \$33,399,000 of the total value in 2002.

### Market Value of Production, average per farm

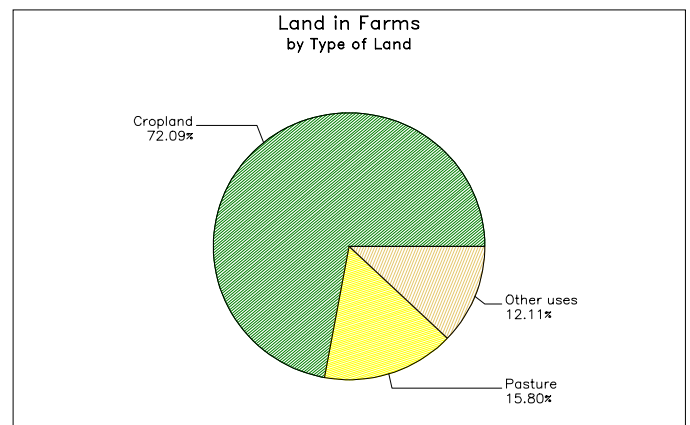
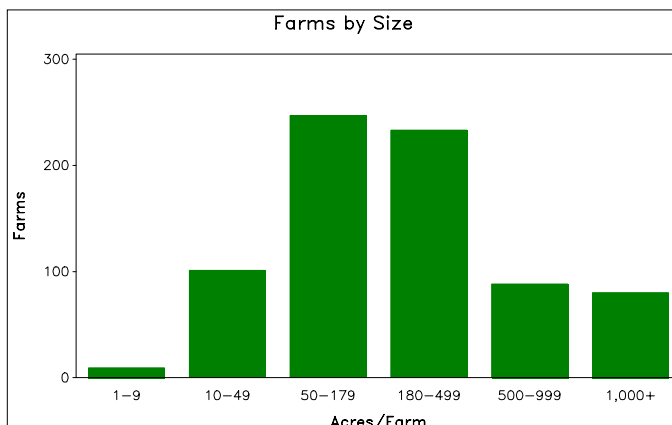
\$67,967 in 2002, \$68,254 in 1997, down slightly.

### Government Payments

\$4,874,000 in 2002, \$4,210,000 in 1997, up 16 percent.

### Government Payments, average per farm receiving payments

\$8,627 in 2002, \$7,246 in 1997, up 19 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	51,519	86	99	1,127	3,075
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	18,120	94	99	1,244	3,070
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	33,399	66	99	856	3,070
<b>VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)</b>					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	16,055	94	99	782	2,871
Tobacco	-	-	1	-	560
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	-	-	656
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	61	51	92	1,954	2,747
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	(D)	(D)	87	(D)	2,638
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	(D)	(D)	95	(D)	2,708
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	-	-	74	-	1,774
Other crops and hay	1,964	12	99	654	3,046
Poultry and eggs	(D)	(D)	99	(D)	2,918
Cattle and calves	14,280	55	99	736	3,053
Milk and other dairy products from cows	356	77	96	1,796	2,493
Hogs and pigs	17,419	57	99	180	2,919
Sheep, goats, and their products	(D)	(D)	99	(D)	2,997
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	79	67	99	1,984	3,014
Aquaculture	(D)	(D)	31	(D)	1,520
Other animals and other animal products	6	73	94	2,020	2,727
<b>TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)</b>					
Hogs and pigs	101,710	53	99	151	2,926
Cattle and calves	51,608	20	99	544	3,059
Layers 20 weeks old and older	1,890	47	99	1,035	2,983
Sheep and lambs	1,031	77	99	954	2,867
Broilers and other meat-type chickens <sup>3</sup>	(D)	(D)	97	(D)	2,599
<b>TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)</b>					
Soybeans	40,722	92	99	617	2,076
Forage - land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	40,481	8	99	472	3,059
Corn for grain	38,833	94	99	584	2,592
Oats	2,128	15	99	231	2,215
Corn for silage	1,193	69	99	1,021	2,307

**Other County Highlights**

Economic Characteristics	Quantity	Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales		Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Less than \$1,000	238	Farming	463
\$1,000 to \$2,499	41	Other	295
\$2,500 to \$4,999	32		
\$5,000 to \$9,999	57	Principal operators by sex:	
\$10,000 to \$19,999	101	Male	658
\$20,000 to \$24,999	41	Female	100
\$25,000 to \$39,999	48		
\$40,000 to \$49,999	22	Average age of principal operator (years)	56.7
\$50,000 to \$99,999	75		
\$100,000 to \$249,999	48	All operators <sup>2</sup> by race:	
\$250,000 to \$499,999	42	White	1,056
\$500,000 or more	13	Black or African American	-
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	45,842	American Indian or Alaska Native	-
Average per farm (\$)	60,239	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
		Asian	-
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	12,441	More than one race	-
Average per farm (\$)	16,349	All operators <sup>2</sup> of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin	6

(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.

<sup>3</sup> Items with a rank that cannot be disclosed are separated by a blank line, position in table does not indicate rank.