

# 2002 Census of Agriculture County Profile

## Shelby, Iowa

### Number of farms

868 farms in 2002, 963 farms in 1997, down 10 percent.

### Land in farms

348,104 acres in 2002, 351,506 acres in 1997, down 1 percent.

### Average size of farm

401 acres in 2002, 365 acres in 1997, up 10 percent.

### Market Value of Production

\$123,917,000 in 2002, \$135,512,000 in 1997, down 9 percent.

Crop sales accounted for \$74,251,000 of the total value in 2002.

Livestock sales accounted for \$49,666,000 of the total value in 2002.

### Market Value of Production, average per farm

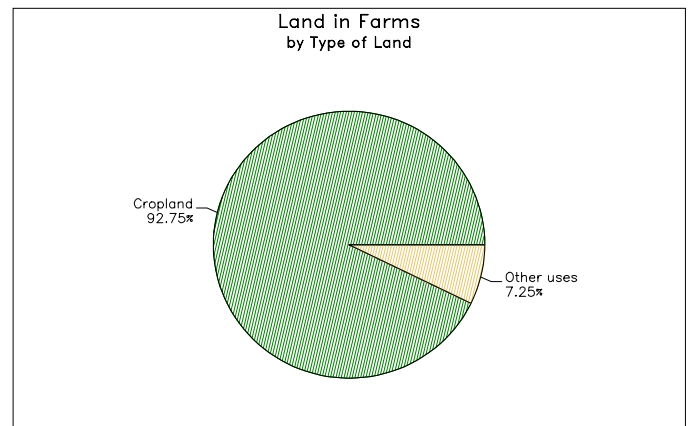
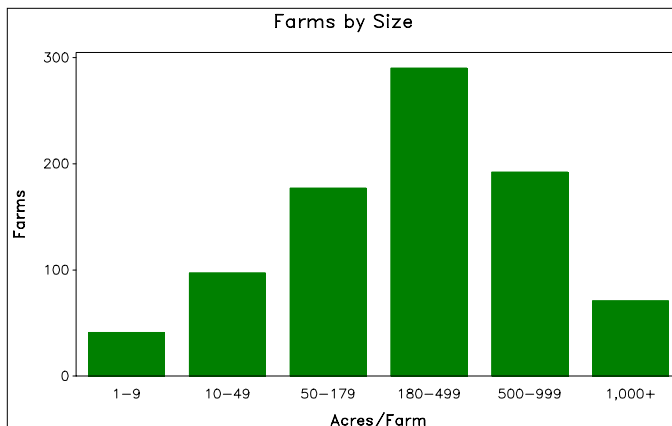
\$142,761 in 2002, \$140,719 in 1997, up 1 percent.

### Government Payments

\$5,470,000 in 2002, \$5,934,000 in 1997, down 8 percent.

### Government Payments, average per farm receiving payments

\$8,780 in 2002, \$8,040 in 1997, up 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 <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	123,917	41	99	353	3,075
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	74,251	36	99	256	3,070
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	49,666	46	99	558	3,070
<b>VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)</b>					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	73,004	35	99	98	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	(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	(D)	(D)	74	(D)	1,774
Other crops and hay	880	60	99	1,372	3,046
Poultry and eggs	12	78	99	1,928	2,918
Cattle and calves	20,330	33	99	511	3,053
Milk and other dairy products from cows	325	80	96	1,837	2,493
Hogs and pigs	28,834	38	99	101	2,919
Sheep, goats, and their products	119	58	99	708	2,997
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	32	91	99	2,581	3,014
Aquaculture	-	-	31	-	1,520
Other animals and other animal products	15	59	94	1,672	2,727
<b>TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)</b>					
Hogs and pigs	136,368	44	99	104	2,926
Cattle and calves	33,647	45	99	954	3,059
Sheep and lambs	2,254	38	99	500	2,867
Horses and ponies	317	91	99	2,583	3,065
Layers 20 weeks old and older	264	88	99	2,324	2,983
<b>TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)</b>					
Corn for grain	150,820	31	99	86	2,592
Soybeans	135,215	27	99	107	2,076
Forage - land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	10,979	52	99	1,678	3,059
Corn for silage	1,573	53	99	874	2,307
Oats	903	55	99	565	2,215

**Other County Highlights**

Economic Characteristics	Quantity	Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales		Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Less than \$1,000	103	Farming	668
\$1,000 to \$2,499	17	Other	200
\$2,500 to \$4,999	18		
\$5,000 to \$9,999	25	Principal operators by sex:	
\$10,000 to \$19,999	52	Male	845
\$20,000 to \$24,999	26	Female	23
\$25,000 to \$39,999	56		
\$40,000 to \$49,999	52	Average age of principal operator (years)	52.6
\$50,000 to \$99,999	160		
\$100,000 to \$249,999	227	All operators <sup>2</sup> by race:	
\$250,000 to \$499,999	95	White	1,168
\$500,000 or more	37	Black or African American	-
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	104,146	American Indian or Alaska Native	-
Average per farm (\$)	120,400	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
		Asian	-
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	27,527	More than one race	-
Average per farm (\$)	31,823	All operators <sup>2</sup> of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin	10

(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.