

# 2002 Census of Agriculture County Profile

## Union, Iowa

### Number of farms

698 farms in 2002, 726 farms in 1997, down 4 percent.

### Land in farms

238,034 acres in 2002, 236,211 acres in 1997, up 1 percent.

### Average size of farm

341 acres in 2002, 325 acres in 1997, up 5 percent.

### Market Value of Production

\$62,890,000 in 2002, \$40,088,000 in 1997, up 57 percent.

Crop sales accounted for \$23,118,000 of the total value in 2002.

Livestock sales accounted for \$39,772,000 of the total value in 2002.

### Market Value of Production, average per farm

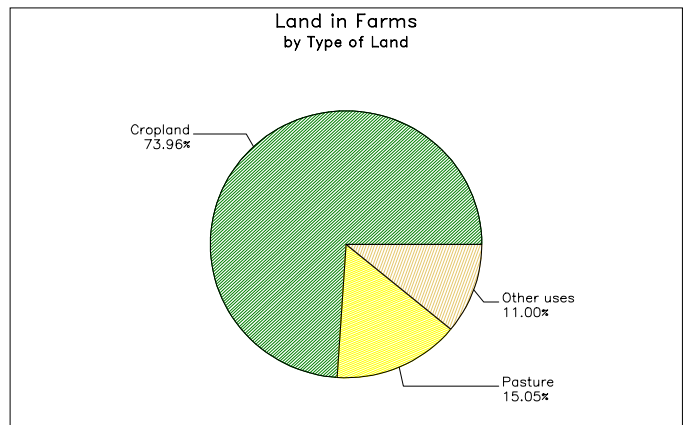
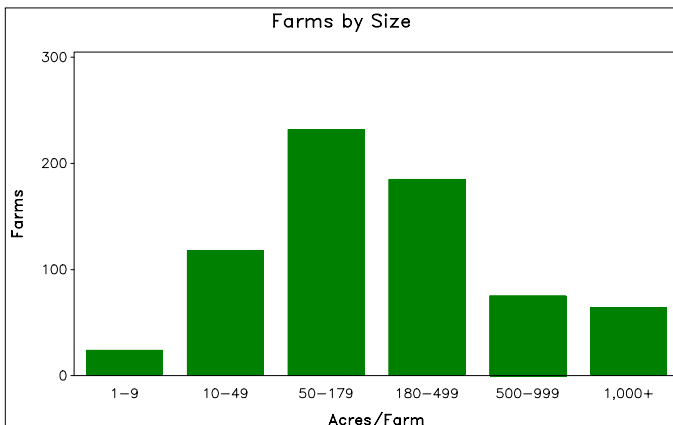
\$90,100 in 2002, \$55,218 in 1997, up 63 percent.

### Government Payments

\$3,563,000 in 2002, \$3,330,000 in 1997, up 7 percent.

### Government Payments, average per farm receiving payments

\$7,256 in 2002, \$6,247 in 1997, up 16 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	62,890	82	99	910	3,075
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	23,118	91	99	1,064	3,070
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	39,772	60	99	726	3,070
<b>VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)</b>					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	21,602	91	99	647	2,871
Tobacco	-	-	1	-	560
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	-	-	656
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	-	-	92	-	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	(D)	(D)	99	(D)	3,046
Poultry and eggs	(D)	(D)	99	(D)	2,918
Cattle and calves	14,834	51	99	708	3,053
Milk and other dairy products from cows	(D)	(D)	96	(D)	2,493
Hogs and pigs	22,296	48	99	135	2,919
Sheep, goats, and their products	1,011	3	99	96	2,997
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	145	38	99	1,421	3,014
Aquaculture	-	-	31	-	1,520
Other animals and other animal products	(D)	(D)	94	(D)	2,727
<b>TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)</b>					
Hogs and pigs	87,635	59	99	180	2,926
Cattle and calves	43,761	26	99	687	3,059
Sheep and lambs	2,559	31	99	433	2,867
Horses and ponies	906	34	99	1,426	3,065
Broilers and other meat-type chickens <sup>3</sup>	(D)	(D)	97	(D)	2,599
<b>TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)</b>					
Corn for grain	46,420	91	99	528	2,592
Soybeans	43,067	90	99	606	2,076
Forage - land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	27,612	18	99	807	3,059
Oats	1,556	28	99	341	2,215
Corn for silage	845	80	99	1,182	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	186	Farming	439
\$1,000 to \$2,499	41	Other	259
\$2,500 to \$4,999	39		
\$5,000 to \$9,999	52	Principal operators by sex:	
\$10,000 to \$19,999	78	Male	634
\$20,000 to \$24,999	30	Female	64
\$25,000 to \$39,999	49		
\$40,000 to \$49,999	22	Average age of principal operator (years)	55.2
\$50,000 to \$99,999	71		
\$100,000 to \$249,999	74	All operators <sup>2</sup> by race:	
\$250,000 to \$499,999	33	White	954
\$500,000 or more	23	Black or African American	-
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	62,655	American Indian or Alaska Native	-
Average per farm (\$)	89,635	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
		Asian	-
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	10,319	More than one race	-
Average per farm (\$)	14,763	All operators <sup>2</sup> of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin	1

(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.