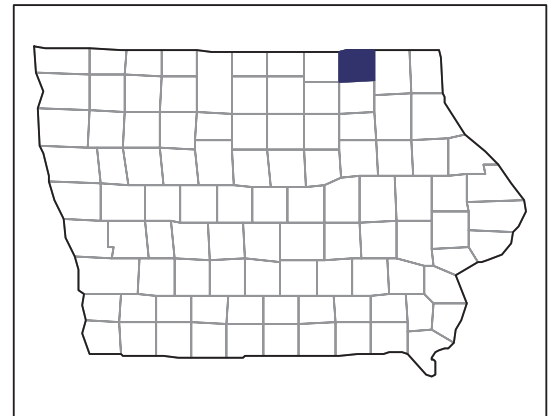


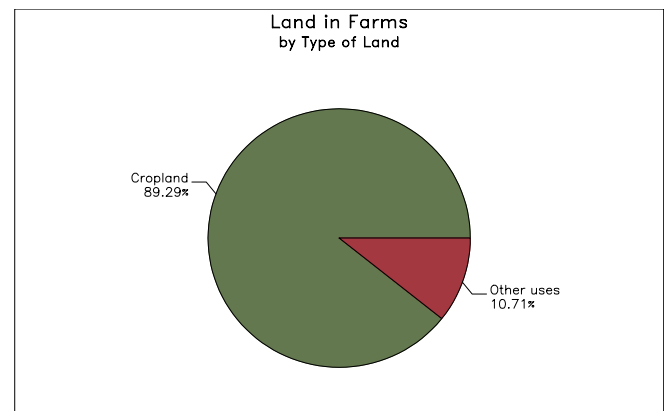
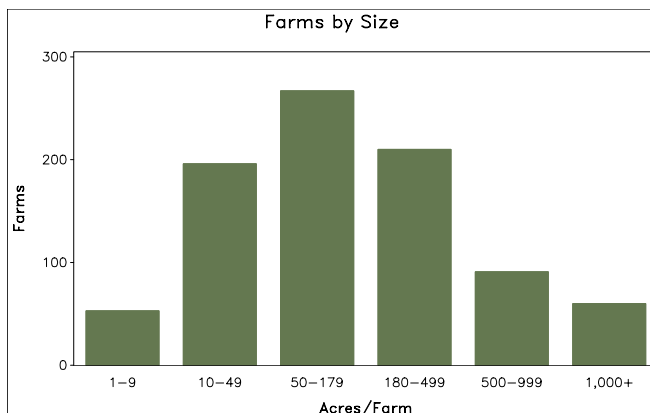
2007 CENSUS OF AGRICULTURE

County Profile

Howard County Iowa



	2007	2002	% change
Number of Farms	877	891	- 2
Land in Farms	278,635 acres	269,400 acres	+ 3
Average Size of Farm	318 acres	302 acres	+ 5
Market Value of Products Sold	\$174,425,000	\$105,236,000	+ 66
Crop Sales \$91,778,000 (53 percent)			
Livestock Sales \$82,647,000 (47 percent)			
Average Per Farm	\$198,889	\$118,110	+ 68
Government Payments	\$8,426,000	\$5,613,000	+ 50
Average Per Farm Receiving Payments	\$11,280	\$7,951	+ 42



2007 CENSUS OF AGRICULTURE

County Profile

Howard County – Iowa

Ranked items among the 99 state counties and 3,079 U.S. counties, 2007

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	174,425	56	99	419	3,076
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	91,778	63	99	429	3,072
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	82,647	43	99	490	3,069
VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	86,419	65	99	292	2,933
Tobacco	-	-	-	-	437
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	-	-	626
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	282	15	96	1,344	2,796
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	7	80	92	2,316	2,659
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	(D)	7	95	(D)	2,703
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	-	-	69	-	1,710
Other crops and hay	(D)	(D)	99	(D)	3,054
Poultry and eggs	47	70	99	1,696	3,020
Cattle and calves	20,895	48	99	645	3,054
Milk and other dairy products from cows	11,544	16	94	427	2,493
Hogs and pigs	49,763	32	99	86	2,922
Sheep, goats, and their products	260	38	99	496	2,998
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	50	75	99	2,206	3,024
Aquaculture	-	-	29	-	1,498
Other animals and other animal products	89	36	97	1,075	2,875
TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)					
Corn for grain	124,421	63	99	207	2,634
Soybeans for beans	84,717	54	99	263	2,039
Forage - land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	7,935	52	99	1,923	3,060
Corn for silage	4,639	12	99	334	2,263
Oats for grain	2,004	8	99	188	1,957
TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)					
Hogs and pigs	224,101	29	99	70	2,958
Cattle and calves	32,495	44	99	975	3,060
Broilers and other meat-type chickens	(D)	12	90	(D)	2,476
Sheep and lambs	1,544	43	99	627	2,891
Layers	1,143	60	99	1,508	3,024

Other County Highlights

Economic Characteristics	Quantity	Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales:		Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Less than \$1,000	296	Farming	471
\$1,000 to \$2,499	14	Other	406
\$2,500 to \$4,999	20	Principal operators by sex:	
\$5,000 to \$9,999	30	Male	764
\$10,000 to \$19,999	26	Female	113
\$20,000 to \$24,999	14	Average age of principal operator (years)	55.2
\$25,000 to \$39,999	42	All operators by race ² :	
\$40,000 to \$49,999	28	American Indian or Alaska Native	-
\$50,000 to \$99,999	95	Asian	11
\$100,000 to \$249,999	150	Black or African American	-
\$250,000 to \$499,999	84	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	2
\$500,000 or more	78	White	1,252
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	143,646	More than one race	1
Average per farm (\$)	163,793	All operators of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin ²	8
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	47,932		
Average per farm (\$)	54,654		

See "Census of Agriculture, Volume 1, Geographic Area Series" for complete footnotes, explanations, definitions, and methodology.

(D) Cannot be disclosed. (Z) Less than half of the unit shown.

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.