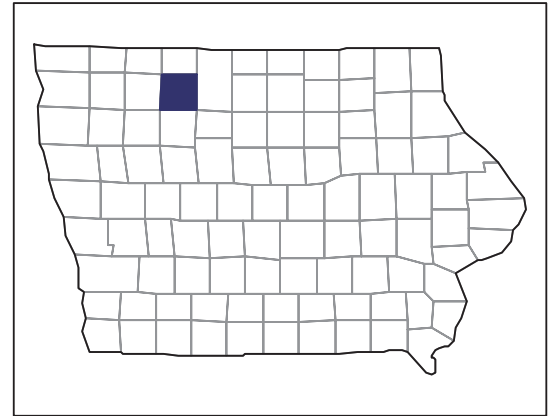


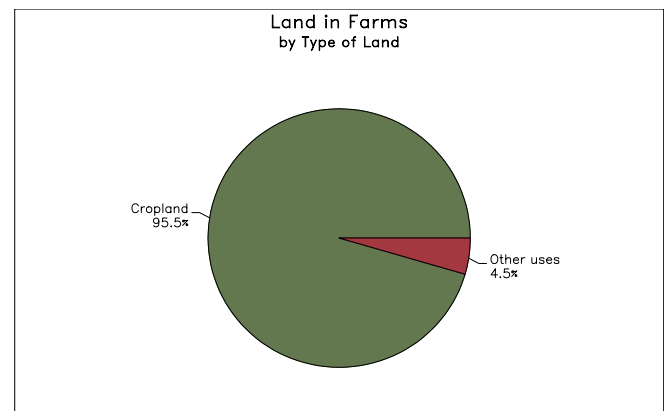
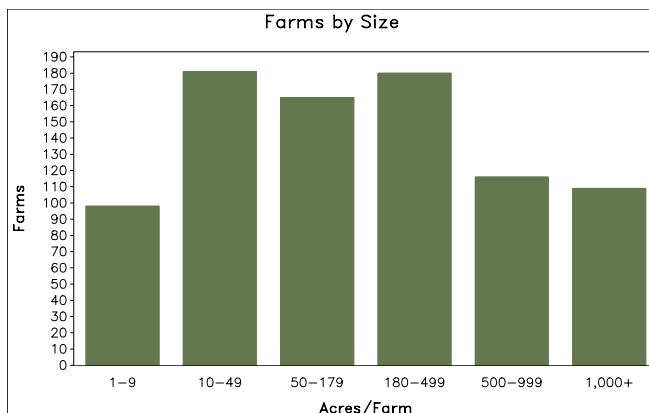
2007 CENSUS OF AGRICULTURE

County Profile

Palo Alto County Iowa



	2007	2002	% change
Number of Farms	849	783	+ 8
Land in Farms	353,332 acres	326,884 acres	+ 8
Average Size of Farm	416 acres	417 acres	0
Market Value of Products Sold	\$329,597,000	\$191,107,000	+ 72
Crop Sales \$150,798,000 (46 percent)			
Livestock Sales \$178,799,000 (54 percent)			
Average Per Farm	\$388,218	\$244,070	+ 59
Government Payments	\$7,565,000	\$5,135,000	+ 47
Average Per Farm Receiving Payments	\$10,537	\$8,573	+ 23



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County Profile

Palo Alto 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	329,597	11	99	133	3,076
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	150,798	17	99	157	3,072
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	178,799	14	99	153	3,069
VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	150,025	17	99	63	2,933
Tobacco	-	-	-	-	437
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	-	-	626
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	(D)	16	96	(D)	2,796
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	-	-	92	-	2,659
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	-	-	95	-	2,703
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	(D)	58	69	(D)	1,710
Other crops and hay	530	73	99	2,106	3,054
Poultry and eggs	(D)	18	99	(D)	3,020
Cattle and calves	(D)	(D)	99	(D)	3,054
Milk and other dairy products from cows	790	62	94	1,439	2,493
Hogs and pigs	141,735	7	99	15	2,922
Sheep, goats, and their products	119	71	99	963	2,998
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	149	27	99	1,364	3,024
Aquaculture	-	-	29	-	1,498
Other animals and other animal products	(D)	(D)	97	(D)	2,875
TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)					
Corn for grain	208,413	14	99	43	2,634
Soybeans for beans	104,860	29	99	146	2,039
Forage - land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	3,145	87	99	2,571	3,060
Corn for silage	2,609	23	99	541	2,263
Oats for grain	574	32	99	602	1,957
TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)					
Layers	(D)	10	99	(D)	3,024
Hogs and pigs	528,486	10	99	18	2,958
Cattle and calves	19,327	74	99	1,453	3,060
Pheasants	1,320	9	51	300	1,544
Broilers and other meat-type chickens	1,287	25	90	839	2,476

Other County Highlights

Economic Characteristics	Quantity	Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales:		Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Less than \$1,000	189	Farming	463
\$1,000 to \$2,499	16	Other	386
\$2,500 to \$4,999	27		
\$5,000 to \$9,999	55	Principal operators by sex:	
\$10,000 to \$19,999	18	Male	755
\$20,000 to \$24,999	26	Female	94
\$25,000 to \$39,999	34		
\$40,000 to \$49,999	27	Average age of principal operator (years)	55.3
\$50,000 to \$99,999	77		
\$100,000 to \$249,999	156	All operators by race ² :	
\$250,000 to \$499,999	89	American Indian or Alaska Native	2
\$500,000 or more	135	Asian	-
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	261,195	Black or African American	-
Average per farm (\$)	307,650	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
		White	1,220
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	86,456	More than one race	-
Average per farm (\$)	101,833	All operators of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin ²	4

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.