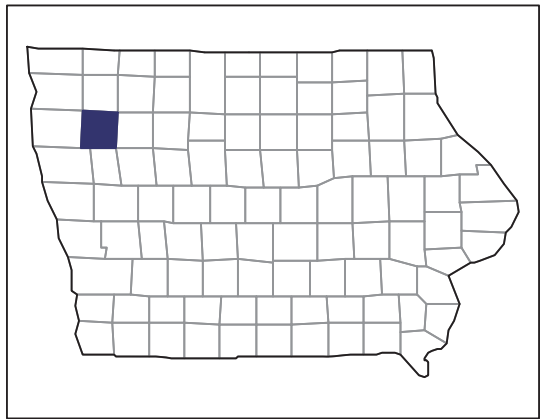


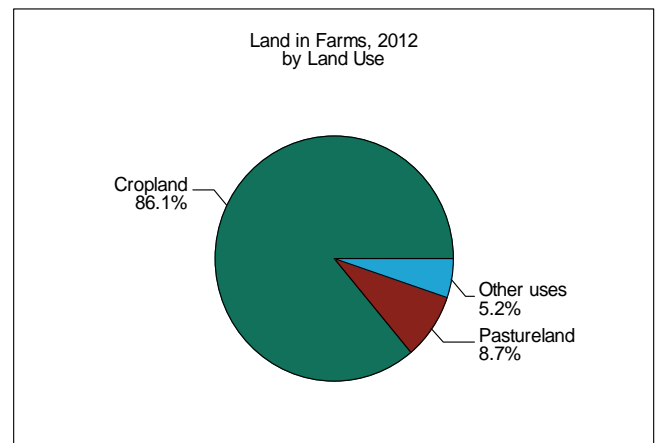
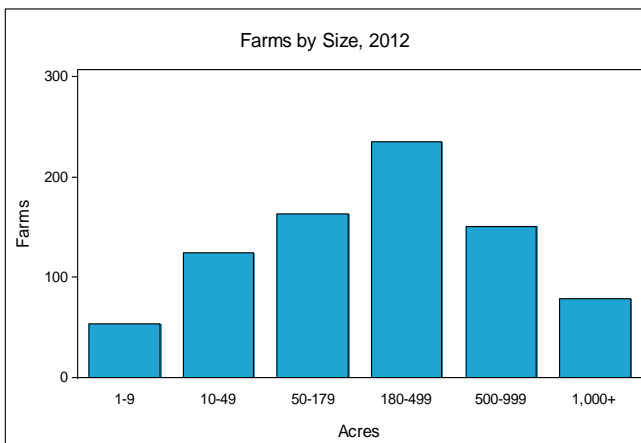
2012 CENSUS OF AGRICULTURE

COUNTY PROFILE



Cherokee County Iowa

	2012	2007	% change
Number of Farms	805	840	- 4
Land in Farms	337,334 acres	314,896 acres	+ 7
Average Size of Farm	419 acres	375 acres	+ 12
Market Value of Products Sold	\$407,477,000	\$266,026,000	+ 53
Crop Sales \$230,038,000 (56 percent)			
Livestock Sales \$177,439,000 (44 percent)			
Average Per Farm	\$506,183	\$316,698	+ 60
Government Payments	\$6,226,000	\$5,758,000	+ 8
Average Per Farm Receiving Payments	\$9,349	\$8,285	+ 13





Cherokee County – Iowa

Ranked items among the 99 state counties and 3,079 U.S. counties, 2012

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	407,477	22	99	163	3,077
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	230,038	29	99	176	3,072
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	177,439	23	99	213	3,076
VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	229,332	28	99	103	2,926
Tobacco	-	-	-	-	436
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	-	-	635
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	6	90	97	2,653	2,802
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	(D)	88	89	2,714	2,724
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	(D)	(D)	93	(D)	2,678
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	-	-	62	-	1,530
Other crops and hay	(D)	(D)	99	(D)	3,049
Poultry and eggs	21,714	16	99	422	3,013
Cattle and calves	70,042	15	99	200	3,056
Milk from cows	(D)	(D)	80	(D)	2,038
Hogs and pigs	81,824	29	99	64	2,827
Sheep, goats, wool, mohair, and milk	570	19	99	291	2,988
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	80	64	99	2,003	3,011
Aquaculture	-	-	29	-	1,366
Other animals and other animal products	(D)	4	98	(D)	2,924
TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)					
Corn for grain	147,795	47	99	147	2,638
Soybeans for beans	128,814	16	99	107	2,162
Forage-land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	4,333	71	99	2,299	3,057
Corn for silage	3,912	27	99	465	2,237
Oats for grain	127	84	98	1,066	1,825
TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)					
Turkeys	324,667	5	87	83	2,416
Hogs and pigs	282,516	24	99	49	2,889
Cattle and calves	56,145	18	99	419	3,063
Sheep and lambs	1,957	22	99	473	2,897
Layers	1,255	62	99	1,680	3,040

Other County Highlights, 2012

Economic Characteristics	Quantity	Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales:		Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Less than \$1,000	83	Farming	515
\$1,000 to \$2,499	10	Other	290
\$2,500 to \$4,999	13	Principal operators by sex:	
\$5,000 to \$9,999	16	Male	768
\$10,000 to \$19,999	35	Female	37
\$20,000 to \$24,999	12	Average age of principal operator (years)	56.2
\$25,000 to \$39,999	35	All operators by race ² :	
\$40,000 to \$49,999	7	American Indian or Alaska Native	1
\$50,000 to \$99,999	71	Asian	-
\$100,000 to \$249,999	131	Black or African American	1
\$250,000 to \$499,999	164	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
\$500,000 or more	228	White	1,117
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	280,749	More than one race	-
Average per farm (\$)	348,756	All operators of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin ²	-
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	148,064		
Average per farm (\$)	183,931		

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

- Represents zero. (D) Withheld to avoid disclosing data for individual operations.

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.