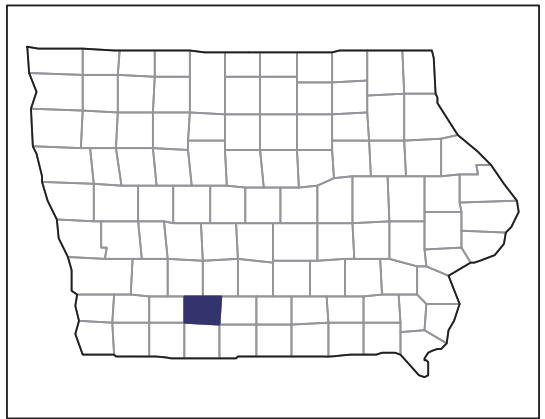


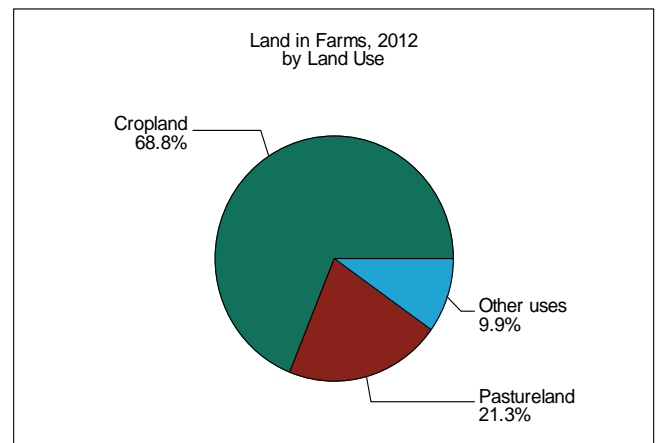
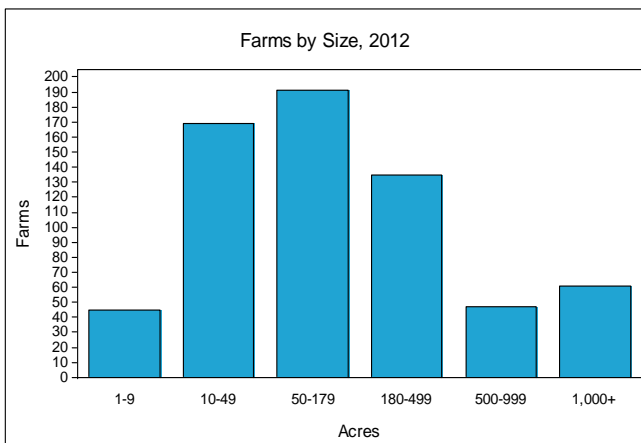
# 2012 CENSUS OF AGRICULTURE

## COUNTY PROFILE



### Union County Iowa

	2012	2007	% change
<b>Number of Farms</b>	648	681	- 5
<b>Land in Farms</b>	214,412 acres	214,618 acres	0
<b>Average Size of Farm</b>	331 acres	315 acres	+ 5
<b>Market Value of Products Sold</b>	\$118,155,000	\$94,029,000	+ 26
Crop Sales \$54,591,000 (46 percent)			
Livestock Sales \$63,564,000 (54 percent)			
Average Per Farm	\$182,338	\$138,075	+ 32
<b>Government Payments</b>	\$4,243,000	\$4,414,000	- 4
Average Per Farm Receiving Payments	\$9,265	\$8,234	+ 13





## Union County – Iowa

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

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	118,155	87	99	1,006	3,077
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	54,591	91	99	1,095	3,072
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	63,564	67	99	754	3,076
<b>VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)</b>					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	(D)	91	99	(D)	2,926
Tobacco	-	-	-	-	436
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	-	-	635
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	20	77	97	2,451	2,802
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	(D)	(D)	89	(D)	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	1,157	30	99	1,806	3,049
Poultry and eggs	(D)	46	99	(D)	3,013
Cattle and calves	(D)	47	99	(D)	3,056
Milk from cows	-	-	80	-	2,038
Hogs and pigs	33,564	62	99	183	2,827
Sheep, goats, wool, mohair, and milk	173	60	99	902	2,988
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	66	69	99	2,119	3,011
Aquaculture	(D)	25	29	(D)	1,366
Other animals and other animal products	9	76	98	2,266	2,924
<b>TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)</b>					
Soybeans for beans	54,549	83	99	561	2,162
Corn for grain	50,884	91	99	612	2,638
Forage-land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	19,735	13	99	985	3,057
Corn for silage	1,624	67	99	887	2,237
Oats for grain	483	36	98	545	1,825
<b>TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)</b>					
Broilers and other meat-type chickens	(D)	4	98	(D)	2,723
Hogs and pigs	105,023	58	99	161	2,889
Cattle and calves	40,319	29	99	683	3,063
Layers	(D)	36	99	(D)	3,040
Sheep and lambs	720	79	99	1,147	2,897

### Other County Highlights, 2012

Economic Characteristics	Quantity	Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales:		Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Less than \$1,000	180	Farming	287
\$1,000 to \$2,499	36	Other	361
\$2,500 to \$4,999	55		
\$5,000 to \$9,999	50	Principal operators by sex:	
\$10,000 to \$19,999	48	Male	580
\$20,000 to \$24,999	15	Female	68
\$25,000 to \$39,999	27		
\$40,000 to \$49,999	19	Average age of principal operator (years)	57.6
\$50,000 to \$99,999	58		
\$100,000 to \$249,999	67	All operators by race <sup>2</sup> :	
\$250,000 to \$499,999	30	American Indian or Alaska Native	-
\$500,000 or more	63	Asian	2
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	103,110	Black or African American	-
Average per farm (\$)	159,121	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	1
		White	941
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	30,472	More than one race	-
Average per farm (\$)	47,024	All operators of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin <sup>2</sup>	8

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.

<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.