

2002 Census of Agriculture County Profile

Palo Alto, Iowa

Number of farms

783 farms in 2002, 831 farms in 1997, down 6 percent.

Land in farms

326,884 acres in 2002, 338,921 acres in 1997, down 4 percent.

Average size of farm

417 acres in 2002, 408 acres in 1997, up 2 percent.

Market Value of Production

\$191,107,000 in 2002, \$158,615,000 in 1997, up 20 percent.

Crop sales accounted for \$75,078,000 of the total value in 2002.

Livestock sales accounted for \$116,029,000 of the total value in 2002.

Market Value of Production, average per farm

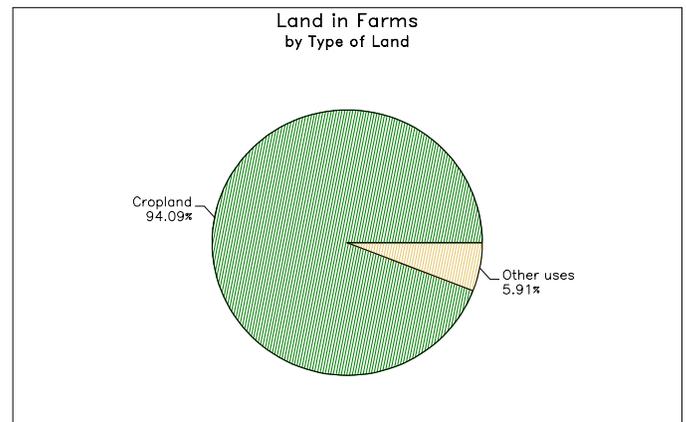
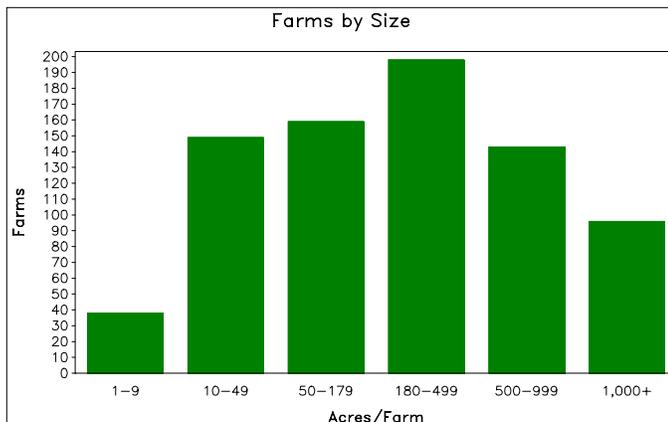
\$244,070 in 2002, \$190,873 in 1997, up 28 percent.

Government Payments

\$5,135,000 in 2002, \$6,192,000 in 1997, down 17 percent.

Government Payments, average per farm receiving payments

\$8,573 in 2002, \$9,026 in 1997, down 5 percent.



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Ranked items among the 99 state counties and 3,078 U.S. counties, 2002

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	191,107	11	99	159	3,075
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	75,078	34	99	249	3,070
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	116,029	12	99	167	3,070
VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	73,789	34	99	94	2,871
Tobacco	-	-	1	-	560
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	-	-	656
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	791	5	92	839	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	6	46	74	1,333	1,774
Other crops and hay	(D)	(D)	99	(D)	3,046
Poultry and eggs	13,131	11	99	390	2,918
Cattle and calves	16,287	44	99	648	3,053
Milk and other dairy products from cows	641	63	96	1,545	2,493
Hogs and pigs	85,814	8	99	18	2,919
Sheep, goats, and their products	136	54	99	625	2,997
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	(D)	(D)	99	(D)	3,014
Aquaculture	-	-	31	-	1,520
Other animals and other animal products	(D)	(D)	94	(D)	2,727
TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)					
Layers 20 weeks old and older	1,631,815	8	99	56	2,983
Hogs and pigs	378,515	10	99	22	2,926
Cattle and calves	18,015	77	99	1,558	3,059
Sheep and lambs	1,828	52	99	603	2,867
Broilers and other meat-type chickens	(D)	32	97	(D)	2,599
TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)					
Corn for grain	151,397	30	99	84	2,592
Soybeans	136,241	26	99	105	2,076
Forage - land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	3,487	91	99	2,521	3,059
Corn for silage	1,894	43	99	785	2,307
Oats	647	73	99	698	2,215

Other County Highlights

Economic Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales	
Less than \$1,000	152
\$1,000 to \$2,499	13
\$2,500 to \$4,999	14
\$5,000 to \$9,999	25
\$10,000 to \$19,999	40
\$20,000 to \$24,999	25
\$25,000 to \$39,999	50
\$40,000 to \$49,999	30
\$50,000 to \$99,999	114
\$100,000 to \$249,999	162
\$250,000 to \$499,999	85
\$500,000 or more	73
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	162,167
Average per farm (\$)	207,907
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	37,200
Average per farm (\$)	47,693

Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Farming	627
Other	156
Principal operators by sex:	
Male	693
Female	90
Average age of principal operator (years)	54.6
All operators ² by race:	
White	1,044
Black or African American	-
American Indian or Alaska Native	-
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
Asian	-
More than one race	-
All operators ² of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin	5

(D) Cannot be disclosed. (Z) Less than half of the unit shown. See "Census of Agriculture, Volume 1, Geographic Area Series" for complete footnotes.

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.