

# 2002 Census of Agriculture County Profile

## Delaware, Iowa

### Number of farms

1,253 farms in 2002, 1,318 farms in 1997, down 5 percent.

### Land in farms

345,238 acres in 2002, 328,742 acres in 1997, up 5 percent.

### Average size of farm

276 acres in 2002, 249 acres in 1997, up 11 percent.

### Market Value of Production

\$190,284,000 in 2002, \$193,499,000 in 1997, down 2 percent.

Crop sales accounted for \$62,961,000 of the total value in 2002.

Livestock sales accounted for \$127,323,000 of the total value in 2002.

### Market Value of Production, average per farm

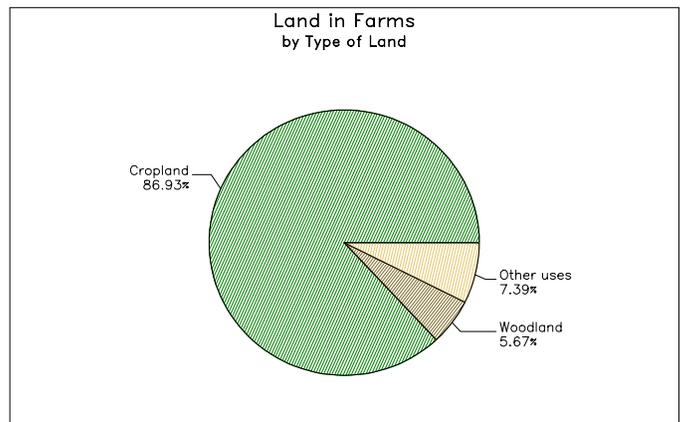
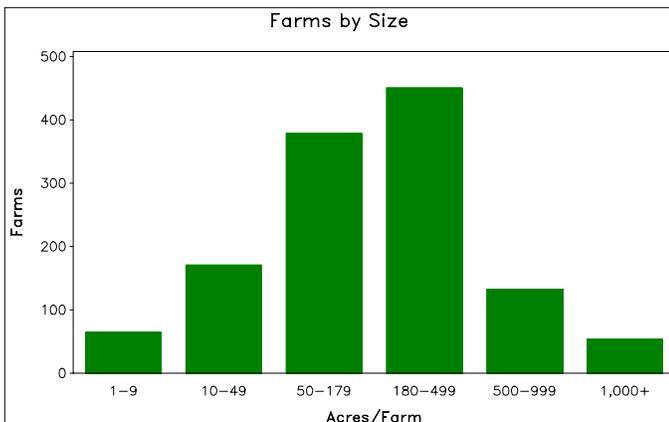
\$151,863 in 2002, \$146,812 in 1997, up 3 percent.

### Government Payments

\$8,283,000 in 2002, \$7,349,000 in 1997, up 13 percent.

### Government Payments, average per farm receiving payments

\$9,013 in 2002, \$7,276 in 1997, up 24 percent.



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

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	190,284	12	99	164	3,075
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	62,961	48	99	346	3,070
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	127,323	9	99	139	3,070
<b>VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)</b>					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	60,990	48	99	159	2,871
Tobacco	-	-	1	-	560
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	-	-	656
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	34	68	92	2,172	2,747
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	-	-	87	-	2,638
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	(D)	(D)	95	(D)	2,708
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	(D)	(D)	74	(D)	1,774
Other crops and hay	1,812	16	99	721	3,046
Poultry and eggs	4	93	99	2,269	2,918
Cattle and calves	45,730	7	99	171	3,053
Milk and other dairy products from cows	30,198	5	96	151	2,493
Hogs and pigs	50,730	16	99	43	2,919
Sheep, goats, and their products	142	49	99	603	2,997
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	(D)	(D)	99	(D)	3,014
Aquaculture	(D)	(D)	31	(D)	1,520
Other animals and other animal products	(D)	(D)	94	(D)	2,727
<b>TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)</b>					
Hogs and pigs	294,519	15	99	31	2,926
Cattle and calves	75,243	7	99	262	3,059
Sheep and lambs	1,102	72	99	904	2,867
Layers 20 weeks old and older	1,079	54	99	1,343	2,983
All Goats	537	6	98	955	2,971
<b>TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)</b>					
Corn for grain	154,494	27	99	74	2,592
Soybeans	81,634	70	99	362	2,076
Forage - land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	26,485	19	99	841	3,059
Corn for silage	7,802	6	99	215	2,307
Oats	3,880	7	99	111	2,215

**Other County Highlights**

Economic Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales	
Less than \$1,000	191
\$1,000 to \$2,499	31
\$2,500 to \$4,999	37
\$5,000 to \$9,999	43
\$10,000 to \$19,999	54
\$20,000 to \$24,999	32
\$25,000 to \$39,999	87
\$40,000 to \$49,999	40
\$50,000 to \$99,999	208
\$100,000 to \$249,999	300
\$250,000 to \$499,999	163
\$500,000 or more	67
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	168,230
Average per farm (\$)	134,477
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	40,641
Average per farm (\$)	32,487

Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Farming	948
Other	305
Principal operators by sex:	
Male	1,196
Female	57
Average age of principal operator (years)	50.9
All operators <sup>2</sup> by race:	
White	1,865
Black or African American	-
American Indian or Alaska Native	-
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
Asian	-
More than one race	1
All operators <sup>2</sup> of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin	6

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

<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.