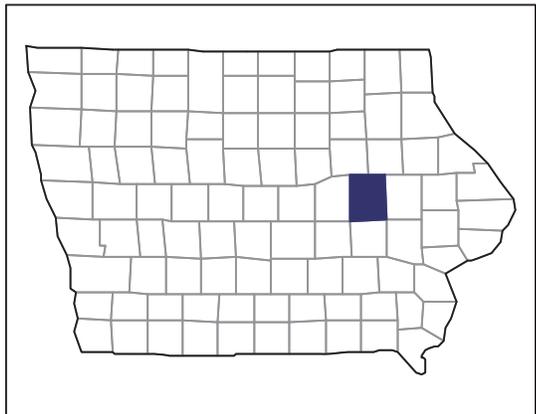


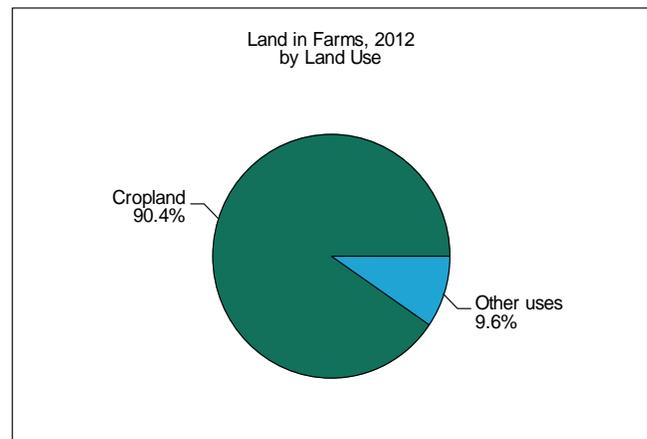
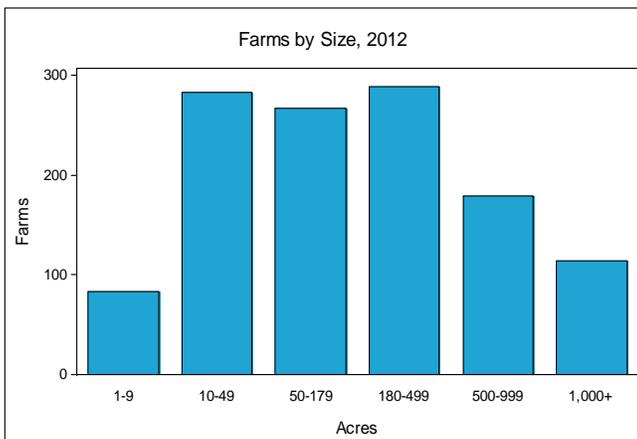
2012 CENSUS OF AGRICULTURE

COUNTY PROFILE



Benton County Iowa

	2012	2007	% change
Number of Farms	1,215	1,251	- 3
Land in Farms	422,127 acres	400,934 acres	+ 5
Average Size of Farm	347 acres	320 acres	+ 8
Market Value of Products Sold	\$381,421,000	\$263,121,000	+ 45
Crop Sales \$275,384,000 (72 percent)			
Livestock Sales \$106,037,000 (28 percent)			
Average Per Farm	\$313,927	\$210,329	+ 49
Government Payments	\$10,826,000	\$9,472,000	+ 14
Average Per Farm Receiving Payments	\$11,420	\$9,223	+ 24





Benton 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	381,421	28	99	185	3,077
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	275,384	7	99	97	3,072
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	106,037	45	99	432	3,076
VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	273,156	8	99	40	2,926
Tobacco	-	-	-	-	436
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	-	-	635
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	(D)	(D)	97	(D)	2,802
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	(D)	(D)	89	(D)	2,724
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	760	26	93	1,177	2,678
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	(D)	38	62	(D)	1,530
Other crops and hay	(D)	(D)	99	(D)	3,049
Poultry and eggs	(D)	(D)	99	(D)	3,013
Cattle and calves	42,372	27	99	341	3,056
Milk from cows	(D)	14	80	(D)	2,038
Hogs and pigs	40,032	51	99	150	2,827
Sheep, goats, wool, mohair, and milk	328	36	99	515	2,988
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	137	38	99	1,571	3,011
Aquaculture	-	-	29	-	1,366
Other animals and other animal products	55	38	98	1,388	2,924
TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)					
Corn for grain	196,881	16	99	50	2,638
Soybeans for beans	153,047	5	99	53	2,162
Forage-land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	9,979	37	99	1,625	3,057
Corn for silage	3,800	29	99	482	2,237
Oats for grain	430	45	98	581	1,825
TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)					
Layers	(D)	23	99	(D)	3,040
Hogs and pigs	140,678	49	99	123	2,889
Cattle and calves	39,849	30	99	694	3,063
Sheep and lambs	1,474	38	99	619	2,897
Horses and ponies	734	31	99	1,607	3,072

Other County Highlights, 2012

Economic Characteristics	Quantity	Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales:		Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Less than \$1,000	253	Farming	660
\$1,000 to \$2,499	54	Other	555
\$2,500 to \$4,999	44		
\$5,000 to \$9,999	49	Principal operators by sex:	
\$10,000 to \$19,999	54	Male	1,099
\$20,000 to \$24,999	19	Female	116
\$25,000 to \$39,999	51		
\$40,000 to \$49,999	19	Average age of principal operator (years)	57.4
\$50,000 to \$99,999	101		
\$100,000 to \$249,999	166	All operators by race ² :	
\$250,000 to \$499,999	157	American Indian or Alaska Native	2
\$500,000 or more	248	Asian	2
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	291,122	Black or African American	-
Average per farm (\$)	239,607	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	2
		White	1,732
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	126,865	More than one race	4
Average per farm (\$)	104,415	All operators of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin ²	5

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.