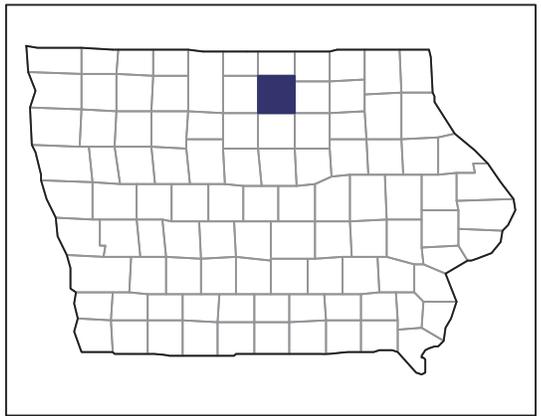


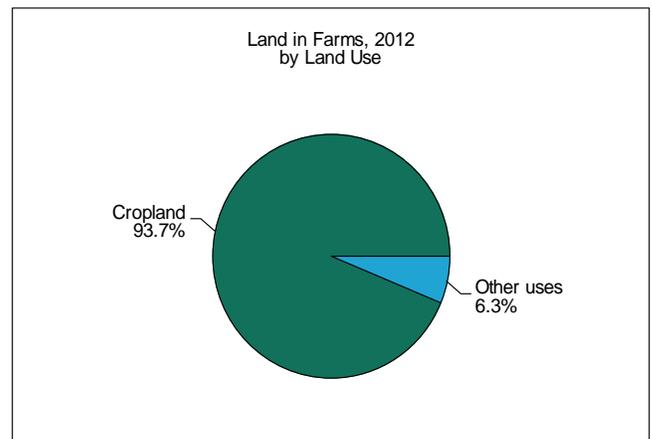
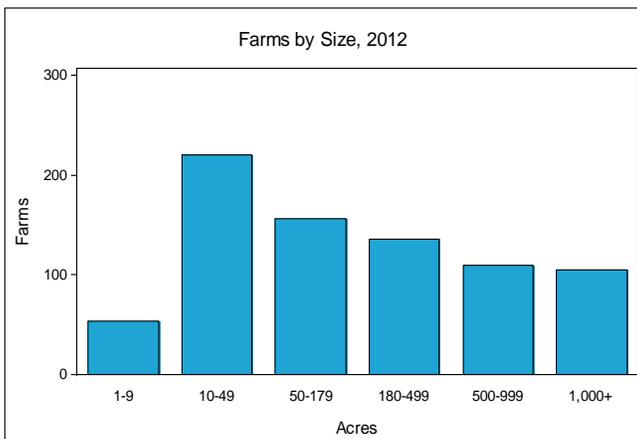
# 2012 CENSUS OF AGRICULTURE

## COUNTY PROFILE



### Cerro Gordo County Iowa

	2012	2007	% change
<b>Number of Farms</b>	780	844	- 8
<b>Land in Farms</b>	326,879 acres	336,732 acres	- 3
<b>Average Size of Farm</b>	419 acres	399 acres	+ 5
<b>Market Value of Products Sold</b>	\$244,989,000	\$182,397,000	+ 34
Crop Sales \$196,940,000 (80 percent)			
Livestock Sales \$48,049,000 (20 percent)			
Average Per Farm	\$314,088	\$216,110	+ 45
<b>Government Payments</b>	\$8,384,000	\$8,714,000	- 4
Average Per Farm Receiving Payments	\$13,059	\$12,378	+ 6





## Cerro Gordo 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	244,989	62	99	398	3,077
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	196,940	40	99	223	3,072
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	48,049	80	99	929	3,076
<b>VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)</b>					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	196,515	38	99	141	2,926
Tobacco	-	-	-	-	436
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	-	-	635
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	29	69	97	2,350	2,802
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	6	69	89	2,487	2,724
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	(D)	(D)	93	(D)	2,678
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	(D)	8	62	(D)	1,530
Other crops and hay	(D)	96	99	(D)	3,049
Poultry and eggs	9	91	99	2,404	3,013
Cattle and calves	10,853	87	99	1,249	3,056
Milk from cows	(D)	(D)	80	(D)	2,038
Hogs and pigs	36,283	59	99	165	2,827
Sheep, goats, wool, mohair, and milk	(D)	(D)	99	(D)	2,988
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	25	92	99	2,596	3,011
Aquaculture	-	-	29	-	1,366
Other animals and other animal products	20	62	98	1,919	2,924
<b>TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)</b>					
Corn for grain	189,004	23	99	65	2,638
Soybeans for beans	99,917	40	99	232	2,162
Forage-land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	2,040	92	99	2,694	3,057
Corn for silage	1,798	64	99	842	2,237
Oats for grain	240	66	98	823	1,825
<b>TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)</b>					
Hogs and pigs	131,340	52	99	132	2,889
Cattle and calves	9,005	91	99	2,007	3,063
Sheep and lambs	764	76	99	1,099	2,897
Layers	638	83	99	2,201	3,040
Horses and ponies	431	67	99	2,203	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	222	Farming	460
\$1,000 to \$2,499	14	Other	320
\$2,500 to \$4,999	43	Principal operators by sex:	
\$5,000 to \$9,999	32	Male	720
\$10,000 to \$19,999	17	Female	60
\$20,000 to \$24,999	15	Average age of principal operator (years)	58.0
\$25,000 to \$39,999	22	All operators by race <sup>2</sup> :	
\$40,000 to \$49,999	23	American Indian or Alaska Native	2
\$50,000 to \$99,999	62	Asian	3
\$100,000 to \$249,999	82	Black or African American	-
\$250,000 to \$499,999	90	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
\$500,000 or more	158	White	1,116
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	192,907	More than one race	-
Average per farm (\$)	247,317	All operators of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin <sup>2</sup>	3
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	91,462		
Average per farm (\$)	117,259		

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.