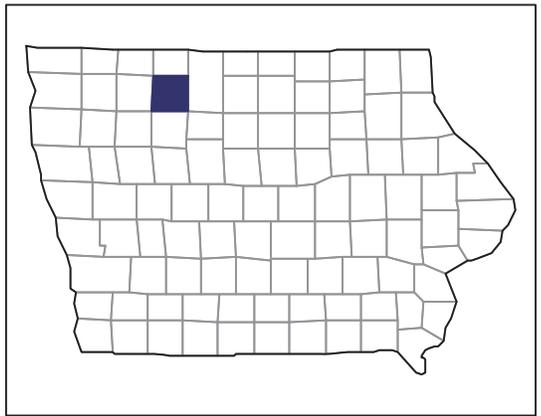


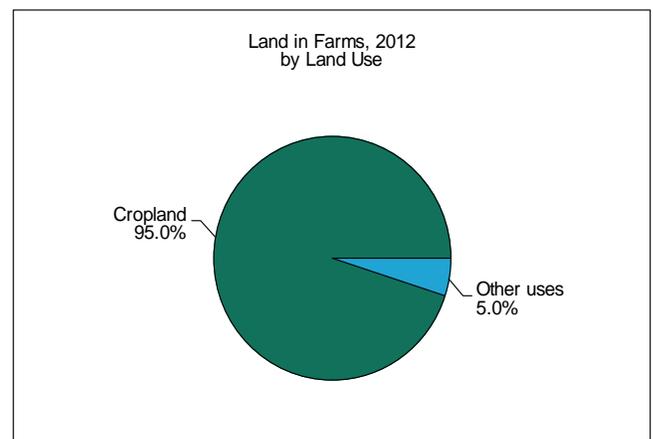
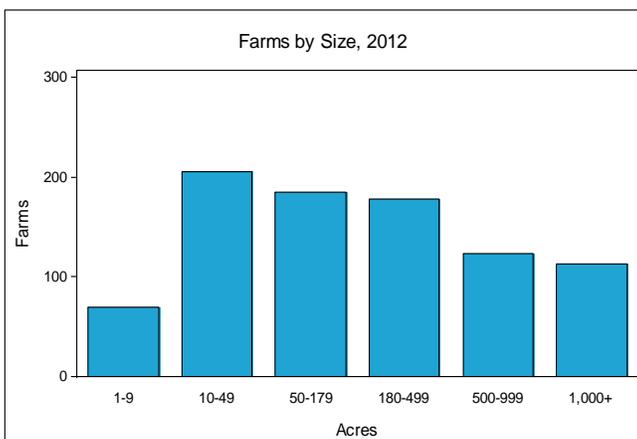
2012 CENSUS OF AGRICULTURE

COUNTY PROFILE



Palo Alto County Iowa

	2012	2007	% change
Number of Farms	874	849	+ 3
Land in Farms	358,769 acres	353,332 acres	+ 2
Average Size of Farm	410 acres	416 acres	- 1
Market Value of Products Sold			
	\$498,644,000	\$329,597,000	+ 51
Crop Sales \$274,409,000 (55 percent)			
Livestock Sales \$224,235,000 (45 percent)			
Average Per Farm	\$570,531	\$388,218	+ 47
Government Payments			
	\$8,245,000	\$7,565,000	+ 9
Average Per Farm Receiving Payments	\$10,935	\$10,537	+ 4





Palo Alto 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	498,644	11	99	110	3,077
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	274,409	8	99	98	3,072
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	224,235	17	99	149	3,076
VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	274,131	7	99	38	2,926
Tobacco	-	-	-	-	436
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	-	-	635
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	65	51	97	2,059	2,802
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	(D)	82	89	2,669	2,724
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	(D)	92	93	2,652	2,678
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	(D)	16	62	(D)	1,530
Other crops and hay	198	92	99	2,769	3,049
Poultry and eggs	(D)	13	99	(D)	3,013
Cattle and calves	(D)	37	99	(D)	3,056
Milk from cows	713	58	80	1,376	2,038
Hogs and pigs	154,486	12	99	20	2,827
Sheep, goats, wool, mohair, and milk	337	34	99	501	2,988
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	33	88	99	2,476	3,011
Aquaculture	-	-	29	-	1,366
Other animals and other animal products	(D)	(D)	98	(D)	2,924
TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)					
Corn for grain	193,263	20	99	59	2,638
Soybeans for beans	123,150	20	99	127	2,162
Corn for silage	3,964	26	99	461	2,237
Forage-land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	2,568	89	99	2,614	3,057
Oats for grain	1,468	10	98	198	1,825
TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)					
Layers	(D)	9	99	(D)	3,040
Hogs and pigs	464,236	12	99	21	2,889
Pullets for laying flock replacement	(D)	18	88	(D)	2,637
Cattle and calves	29,919	46	99	962	3,063
Broilers and other meat-type chickens	550	36	98	1,187	2,723

Other County Highlights, 2012

Economic Characteristics	Quantity	Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales:		Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Less than \$1,000	250	Farming	477
\$1,000 to \$2,499	24	Other	397
\$2,500 to \$4,999	6		
\$5,000 to \$9,999	20	Principal operators by sex:	
\$10,000 to \$19,999	29	Male	792
\$20,000 to \$24,999	5	Female	82
\$25,000 to \$39,999	34		
\$40,000 to \$49,999	7	Average age of principal operator (years)	58.6
\$50,000 to \$99,999	60		
\$100,000 to \$249,999	81	All operators by race ² :	
\$250,000 to \$499,999	117	American Indian or Alaska Native	6
\$500,000 or more	241	Asian	-
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	361,610	Black or African American	-
Average per farm (\$)	413,742	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
		White	1,285
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	163,010	More than one race	-
Average per farm (\$)	186,511	All operators of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin ²	6

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.