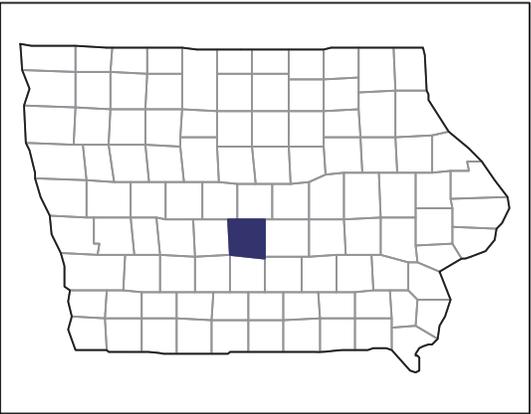


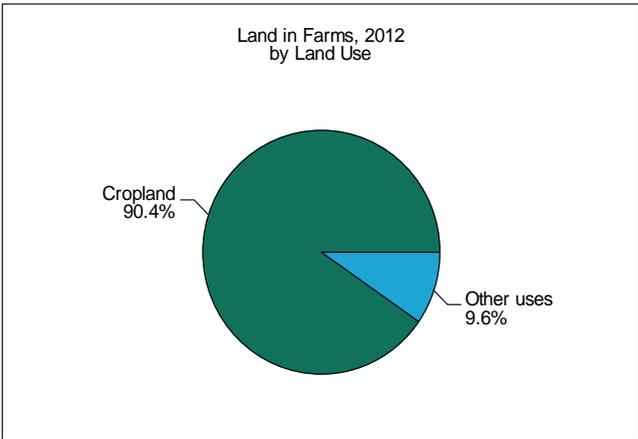
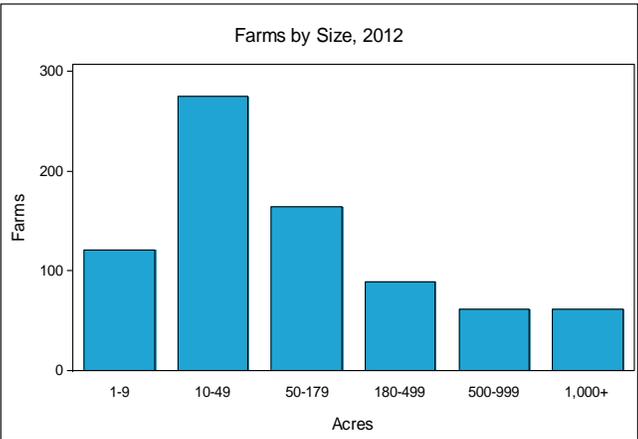
2012 CENSUS OF AGRICULTURE

COUNTY PROFILE



Polk County Iowa

| | 2012 | 2007 | % change |
|--|---------------|---------------|----------|
| Number of Farms | 773 | 738 | + 5 |
| Land in Farms | 197,535 acres | 249,427 acres | - 21 |
| Average Size of Farm | 256 acres | 338 acres | - 24 |
| Market Value of Products Sold | | | |
| | \$153,926,000 | \$122,713,000 | + 25 |
| Crop Sales \$142,113,000 (92 percent) | | | |
| Livestock Sales \$11,813,000 (8 percent) | | | |
| Average Per Farm | \$199,128 | \$166,278 | + 20 |
| Government Payments | | | |
| | \$4,768,000 | \$5,404,000 | - 12 |
| Average Per Farm Receiving Payments | \$9,954 | \$10,983 | - 9 |





Polk 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 | 153,926 | 79 | 99 | 770 | 3,077 |
| Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse | 142,113 | 66 | 99 | 424 | 3,072 |
| Value of livestock, poultry, and their products | 11,813 | 98 | 99 | 1,995 | 3,076 |
| VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000) | | | | | |
| Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas | 133,052 | 69 | 99 | 326 | 2,926 |
| Tobacco | - | - | - | - | 436 |
| Cotton and cottonseed | - | - | - | - | 635 |
| Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes | 1,258 | 4 | 97 | 762 | 2,802 |
| Fruits, tree nuts, and berries | 91 | 11 | 89 | 1,476 | 2,724 |
| Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod | 7,094 | 3 | 93 | 337 | 2,678 |
| Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops | 25 | 10 | 62 | 672 | 1,530 |
| Other crops and hay | 592 | 62 | 99 | 2,314 | 3,049 |
| Poultry and eggs | 30 | 73 | 99 | 1,847 | 3,013 |
| Cattle and calves | 7,765 | 93 | 99 | 1,511 | 3,056 |
| Milk from cows | - | - | 80 | - | 2,038 |
| Hogs and pigs | 3,067 | 95 | 99 | 666 | 2,827 |
| Sheep, goats, wool, mohair, and milk | 166 | 64 | 99 | 941 | 2,988 |
| Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys | 734 | 1 | 99 | 357 | 3,011 |
| Aquaculture | - | - | 29 | - | 1,366 |
| Other animals and other animal products | 51 | 41 | 98 | 1,417 | 2,924 |
| TOP CROP ITEMS (acres) | | | | | |
| Corn for grain | 95,101 | 75 | 99 | 311 | 2,638 |
| Soybeans for beans | 68,233 | 74 | 99 | 461 | 2,162 |
| Forage-land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop | 5,074 | 63 | 99 | 2,200 | 3,057 |
| Sod harvested | 756 | 1 | 16 | 111 | 690 |
| Vegetables harvested, all | 556 | 4 | 97 | 659 | 2,801 |
| TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number) | | | | | |
| Cattle and calves | 6,633 | 94 | 99 | 2,238 | 3,063 |
| Hogs and pigs | 5,475 | 96 | 99 | 745 | 2,889 |
| Layers | 1,418 | 58 | 99 | 1,584 | 3,040 |
| Horses and ponies | 1,297 | 6 | 99 | 867 | 3,072 |
| Sheep and lambs | 784 | 75 | 99 | 1,076 | 2,897 |

Other County Highlights, 2012

| Economic Characteristics | Quantity | Operator Characteristics | Quantity |
|---|----------|---|----------|
| Farms by value of sales: | | Principal operators by primary occupation: | |
| Less than \$1,000 | 181 | Farming | 398 |
| \$1,000 to \$2,499 | 45 | Other | 375 |
| \$2,500 to \$4,999 | 64 | Principal operators by sex: | |
| \$5,000 to \$9,999 | 62 | Male | 656 |
| \$10,000 to \$19,999 | 76 | Female | 117 |
| \$20,000 to \$24,999 | 24 | Average age of principal operator (years) | 59.6 |
| \$25,000 to \$39,999 | 39 | All operators by race ² : | |
| \$40,000 to \$49,999 | 21 | American Indian or Alaska Native | - |
| \$50,000 to \$99,999 | 52 | Asian | 19 |
| \$100,000 to \$249,999 | 61 | Black or African American | 2 |
| \$250,000 to \$499,999 | 47 | Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander | - |
| \$500,000 or more | 101 | White | 1,135 |
| Total farm production expenses (\$1,000) | 102,157 | More than one race | 1 |
| Average per farm (\$) | 132,156 | All operators of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin ² | 8 |
| Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000) | 66,059 | | |
| Average per farm (\$) | 85,458 | | |

See "Census of Agriculture, Volume 1, Geographic Area Series" for complete footnotes, explanations, definitions, and methodology.

- Represents zero.

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.