



Benton County Iowa

Total and Per Farm Overview, 2017 and change since 2012

	2017	% change since 2012
Number of farms	1,148	-6
Land in farms (acres)	420,639	(Z)
Average size of farm (acres)	366	+5
Total (\$)		
Market value of products sold	347,724,000	-9
Government payments	7,127,000	-34
Farm-related income	16,414,000	-36
Total farm production expenses	279,897,000	-4
Net cash farm income	91,368,000	-28
Per farm average (\$)		
Market value of products sold	302,895	-4
Government payments (average per farm receiving)	8,062	-29
Farm-related income	23,448	-31
Total farm production expenses	243,812	+2
Net cash farm income	79,589	-24

1 Percent of state agriculture sales

Share of Sales by Type (%)

Crops	63
Livestock, poultry, and products	37

Land in Farms by Use (%) ^a

Cropland	91
Pastureland	3
Woodland	2
Other	3

Acres irrigated: 191

(Z)% of land in farms

Land Use Practices (% of farms)

No till	32
Reduced till	40
Intensive till	14
Cover crop	13

Farms by Value of Sales

	Number	Percent of Total ^a
Less than \$2,500	300	26
\$2,500 to \$4,999	53	5
\$5,000 to \$9,999	56	5
\$10,000 to \$24,999	67	6
\$25,000 to \$49,999	56	5
\$50,000 to \$99,999	106	9
\$100,000 or more	510	44

Farms by Size

	Number	Percent of Total ^a
1 to 9 acres	132	11
10 to 49 acres	250	22
50 to 179 acres	231	20
180 to 499 acres	243	21
500 to 999 acres	157	14
1,000 + acres	135	12

Market Value of Agricultural Products Sold

	Sales (\$1,000)	Rank in State ^b	Counties Producing Item	Rank in U.S. ^b	Counties Producing Item
Total	347,724	28	99	198	3,077
Crops	218,375	6	99	108	3,073
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, dry peas	215,766	6	99	37	2,916
Tobacco	-	-	-	-	323
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	-	-	647
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, sweet potatoes	178	31	94	1,323	2,821
Fruits, tree nuts, berries	19	70	95	1,739	2,748
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, sod	959	26	89	866	2,601
Cultivated Christmas trees, short rotation woody crops	-	-	53	-	1,384
Other crops and hay	1,453	26	99	1,543	3,040
Livestock, poultry, and products	129,349	40	99	378	3,073
Poultry and eggs	26	75	99	1,477	3,007
Cattle and calves	27,989	47	99	560	3,055
Milk from cows	17,945	14	77	335	1,892
Hogs and pigs	83,051	32	99	74	2,856
Sheep, goats, wool, mohair, milk	261	47	99	624	2,984
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, donkeys	54	56	99	1,766	2,970
Aquaculture	-	-	27	-	1,251
Other animals and animal products	23	45	96	1,279	2,878

Total Producers ^c	1,885	Percent of farms that:	Top Crops in Acres ^d
Sex		Have internet access	81
Male	1,254		
Female	631		
Age		Farm organically	1
<35	200		
35 – 64	1,063		
65 and older	622		
Race		Sell directly to consumers	3
American Indian/Alaska Native	-		
Asian	2		
Black or African American	-		
Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	2		
White	1,881	Hire farm labor	29
More than one race	-		
Other characteristics		Are family farms	98
Hispanic, Latino, Spanish origin	10		
With military service	180		
New and beginning farmers	385		
			Livestock Inventory (Dec 31, 2017)
			Broilers and other meat-type chickens
			781
			Cattle and calves
			36,319
			Goats
			571
			Hogs and pigs
			254,733
			Horses and ponies
			602
			Layers
			1,434
			Pullets
			212
			Sheep and lambs
			1,640
			Turkeys
			-

See 2017 Census of Agriculture, U.S. Summary and State Data, for complete footnotes, explanations, definitions, commodity descriptions, and methodology.

^a May not add to 100% due to rounding. ^b Among counties whose rank can be displayed. ^c Data collected for a maximum of four producers per farm.

^d Crop commodity names may be shortened; see full names at www.nass.usda.gov/go/cropnames.pdf. ^e Position below the line does not indicate rank.

(D) Withheld to avoid disclosing data for individual operations. (NA) Not available. (Z) Less than half of the unit shown. (-) Represents zero.