



# O'Brien County Iowa

## Total and Per Farm Overview, 2017 and change since 2012

	2017	% change since 2012
Number of farms	876	-1
Land in farms (acres)	314,245	+3
Average size of farm (acres)	359	+4
<b>Total (\$)</b>		
Market value of products sold	501,153,000	-6
Government payments	6,056,000	+2
Farm-related income	14,273,000	+4
Total farm production expenses	405,480,000	+12
Net cash farm income	116,003,000	-39
<b>Per farm average (\$)</b>		
Market value of products sold	572,093	-5
Government payments (average per farm receiving)	8,493	+4
Farm-related income	22,549	-3
Total farm production expenses	462,876	+13
Net cash farm income	132,423	-39

**2** Percent of state agriculture sales

### Share of Sales by Type (%)

Crops	35
Livestock, poultry, and products	65

### Land in Farms by Use (%) <sup>a</sup>

Cropland	94
Pastureland	3
Woodland	1
Other	3

**Acres irrigated: 775**

(Z)% of land in farms

### Land Use Practices (% of farms)

No till	21
Reduced till	43
Intensive till	34
Cover crop	5

## Farms by Value of Sales

	Number	Percent of Total <sup>a</sup>
Less than \$2,500	115	13
\$2,500 to \$4,999	10	1
\$5,000 to \$9,999	19	2
\$10,000 to \$24,999	20	2
\$25,000 to \$49,999	46	5
\$50,000 to \$99,999	90	10
\$100,000 or more	576	66

## Farms by Size

	Number	Percent of Total <sup>a</sup>
1 to 9 acres	92	11
10 to 49 acres	111	13
50 to 179 acres	183	21
180 to 499 acres	273	31
500 to 999 acres	153	17
1,000 + acres	64	7

**Market Value of Agricultural Products Sold**

	Sales (\$1,000)	Rank in State <sup>b</sup>	Counties Producing Item	Rank in U.S. <sup>b</sup>	Counties Producing Item
<b>Total</b>	<b>501,153</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>99</b>	<b>99</b>	<b>3,077</b>
<b>Crops</b>	<b>177,787</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>99</b>	<b>199</b>	<b>3,073</b>
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, dry peas	176,675	26	99	95	2,916
Tobacco	-	-	-	-	323
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	-	-	647
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, sweet potatoes	(D)	(D)	94	(D)	2,821
Fruits, tree nuts, berries	(D)	(D)	95	(D)	2,748
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, sod	-	-	89	-	2,601
Cultivated Christmas trees, short rotation woody crops	-	-	53	-	1,384
Other crops and hay	857	52	99	2,008	3,040
<b>Livestock, poultry, and products</b>	<b>323,366</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>99</b>	<b>90</b>	<b>3,073</b>
Poultry and eggs	15,274	25	99	475	3,007
Cattle and calves	79,798	15	99	169	3,055
Milk from cows	35,367	7	77	219	1,892
Hogs and pigs	191,775	10	99	20	2,856
Sheep, goats, wool, mohair, milk	1,009	11	99	166	2,984
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, donkeys	102	36	99	1,427	2,970
Aquaculture	-	-	27	-	1,251
Other animals and animal products	40	36	96	1,066	2,878

**Total Producers <sup>c</sup>**

**1,444**

**Sex**

Male	996
Female	448

**Age**

<35	171
35 – 64	825
65 and older	448

**Race**

American Indian/Alaska Native	-
Asian	1
Black or African American	-
Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	-
White	1,443
More than one race	-

**Other characteristics**

Hispanic, Latino, Spanish origin	2
With military service	128
New and beginning farmers	285

**Percent of farms that:**

Have internet access **84**

Farm organically **1**

Sell directly to consumers **1**

Hire farm labor **41**

Are family farms **95**

**Top Crops in Acres <sup>d</sup>**

Corn for grain	147,463
Soybeans for beans	130,146
Corn for silage or greenchop	4,456
Forage (hay/haylage), all	4,174
Oats for grain	534

**Livestock Inventory (Dec 31, 2017)**

Broilers and other meat-type chickens	(D)
Cattle and calves	67,319
Goats	279
Hogs and pigs	504,353
Horses and ponies	245
Layers	(D)
Pullets	-
Sheep and lambs	4,168
Turkeys	(D)

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

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

<sup>d</sup> Crop commodity names may be shortened; see full names at [www.nass.usda.gov/go/cropnames.pdf](http://www.nass.usda.gov/go/cropnames.pdf). <sup>e</sup> 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.