Pocahontas County
Iowa

Total and Per Farm Overview, 2017 and change since 2012

	2017	% change since 2012
Number of farms	730	-2
Land in farms (acres)	329,401	-1
Average size of farm (acres)	451	+1
Total	($)	
Market value of products sold	356,010,000	-12
Government payments	5,254,000	-45
Farm-related income	17,363,000	+3
Total farm production expenses	274,862,000	+4
Net cash farm income	103,764,000	-38
Per farm average	($)	
Market value of products sold	487,684	-11
Government payments (average per farm receiving)	8,046	-43
Farm-related income	30,144	+1
Total farm production expenses	376,523	+5
Net cash farm income	142,143	-37

1 Percent of state agriculture sales

Share of Sales by Type (%)

Crops	48
Livestock, poultry, and products	52

Land in Farms by Use (%) [a]

Cropland	97
Pastureland	1
Woodland	(Z)
Other	2

Acres irrigated: 426

(Z)% of land in farms

Land Use Practices (% of farms)

No till	9
Reduced till	35
Intensive till	40
Cover crop	6

Farms by Value of Sales

	Number	Percent of Total [a]
Less than $2,500	149	20
$2,500 to $4,999	12	2
$5,000 to $9,999	20	3
$10,000 to $24,999	19	3
$25,000 to $49,999	40	5
$50,000 to $99,999	84	12
$100,000 or more	406	56

Farms by Size

	Number	Percent of Total [a]
1 to 9 acres	71	10
10 to 49 acres	113	15
50 to 179 acres	143	20
180 to 499 acres	176	24
500 to 999 acres	123	17
1,000 + acres	104	14

2017 CENSUS OF AGRICULTURE *County Profile*

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	**356,010**	**26**	**99**	**186**	**3,077**
Crops	**171,795**	**33**	**99**	**220**	**3,073**
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, dry peas	171,462	31	99	115	2,916
Tobacco	-	-	-	-	323
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	-	-	647
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, sweet potatoes	(D)	75	94	(D)	2,821
Fruits, tree nuts, berries	(D)	67	95	(D)	2,748
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, sod	62	65	89	1,484	2,601
Cultivated Christmas trees, short rotation woody crops	(D)	47	53	(D)	1,384
Other crops and hay	226	90	99	2,577	3,040
Livestock, poultry, and products	**184,214**	**24**	**99**	**231**	**3,073**
Poultry and eggs	16,809	24	99	459	3,007
Cattle and calves	17,441	69	99	892	3,055
Milk from cows	(D)	(D)	77	(D)	1,892
Hogs and pigs	141,125	16	99	29	2,856
Sheep, goats, wool, mohair, milk	(D)	(D)	99	(D)	2,984
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, donkeys	7	82	99	2,331	2,970
Aquaculture	-	-	27	-	1,251
Other animals and animal products	(D)	30	96	(D)	2,878

Total Producers [c] 1,173

Sex
Male	828
Female	345

Age
<35	115
35 – 64	592
65 and older	466

Race
American Indian/Alaska Native	2
Asian	-
Black or African American	-
Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	-
White	1,170
More than one race	1

Other characteristics
Hispanic, Latino, Spanish origin	13
With military service	89
New and beginning farmers	241

Percent of farms that:

Have internet access	**79**
Farm organically	**(Z)**
Sell directly to consumers	**1**
Hire farm labor	**39**
Are family farms	**96**

Top Crops in Acres [d]

Corn for grain	165,541
Soybeans for beans	140,745
Forage (hay/haylage), all	1,569
Corn for silage or greenchop	835
Dry edible peas	(D)

Livestock Inventory (Dec 31, 2017)

Broilers and other meat-type chickens	21
Cattle and calves	15,838
Goats	(D)
Hogs and pigs	398,820
Horses and ponies	187
Layers	(D)
Pullets	20
Sheep and lambs	261
Turkeys	148,000

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.