



Polk County Iowa

Total and Per Farm Overview, 2017 and change since 2012

	2017	% change since 2012
Number of farms	755	-2
Land in farms (acres)	193,780	-2
Average size of farm (acres)	257	(Z)
Total (\$)		
Market value of products sold	110,888,000	-28
Government payments	2,098,000	-56
Farm-related income	8,052,000	-15
Total farm production expenses	94,523,000	-7
Net cash farm income	26,514,000	-60
Per farm average (\$)		
Market value of products sold	146,872	-26
Government payments (average per farm receiving)	8,424	-15
Farm-related income	20,488	-9
Total farm production expenses	125,197	-5
Net cash farm income	35,118	-59

(Z) Percent of state agriculture sales

Share of Sales by Type (%)

Crops	88
Livestock, poultry, and products	12

Land in Farms by Use (%) ^a

Cropland	90
Pastureland	4
Woodland	3
Other	3

Acres irrigated: 752

(Z)% of land in farms

Land Use Practices (% of farms)

No till	27
Reduced till	25
Intensive till	17
Cover crop	9

Farms by Value of Sales

	Number	Percent of Total ^a
Less than \$2,500	209	28
\$2,500 to \$4,999	81	11
\$5,000 to \$9,999	90	12
\$10,000 to \$24,999	96	13
\$25,000 to \$49,999	58	8
\$50,000 to \$99,999	47	6
\$100,000 or more	174	23

Farms by Size

	Number	Percent of Total ^a
1 to 9 acres	135	18
10 to 49 acres	292	39
50 to 179 acres	133	18
180 to 499 acres	80	11
500 to 999 acres	46	6
1,000 + acres	69	9

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	110,888	85	99	1,055	3,077
Crops	97,742	76	99	580	3,073
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, dry peas	88,661	78	99	445	2,916
Tobacco	-	-	-	-	323
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	-	-	647
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, sweet potatoes	830	6	94	802	2,821
Fruits, tree nuts, berries	232	16	95	950	2,748
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, sod	7,351	6	89	306	2,601
Cultivated Christmas trees, short rotation woody crops	52	4	53	376	1,384
Other crops and hay	615	66	99	2,222	3,040
Livestock, poultry, and products	13,147	97	99	1,950	3,073
Poultry and eggs	155	62	99	938	3,007
Cattle and calves	8,950	89	99	1,326	3,055
Milk from cows	-	-	77	-	1,892
Hogs and pigs	(D)	96	99	(D)	2,856
Sheep, goats, wool, mohair, milk	193	53	99	802	2,984
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, donkeys	544	3	99	388	2,970
Aquaculture	-	-	27	-	1,251
Other animals and animal products	(D)	(D)	96	(D)	2,878

Total Producers ^c	1,329	Percent of farms that:	Top Crops in Acres ^d
Sex		Have internet access	Corn for grain 84,022
Male	815	84	Soybeans for beans 72,965
Female	514		Forage (hay/haylage), all 5,808
Age		Farm organically	Vegetables harvested, all 405
<35	94	(Z)	Sod harvested (D)
35 – 64	775		
65 and older	460		
Race		Sell directly to consumers	Livestock Inventory (Dec 31, 2017)
American Indian/Alaska Native	-	10	Broilers and other meat-type chickens 3,910
Asian	10		Cattle and calves 8,572
Black or African American	26		Goats 594
Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	-	Hire farm labor	Hogs and pigs (D)
White	1,292	27	Horses and ponies 1,905
More than one race	1		Layers 2,350
Other characteristics		Are family farms	Pullets 559
Hispanic, Latino, Spanish origin	9	93	Sheep and lambs 710
With military service	116		Turkeys 822
New and beginning farmers	315		

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.