

2002 Census of Agriculture County Profile

Cerro Gordo, Iowa

Number of farms

795 farms in 2002, 880 farms in 1997, down 10 percent.

Land in farms

323,420 acres in 2002, 313,140 acres in 1997, up 3 percent.

Average size of farm

407 acres in 2002, 356 acres in 1997, up 14 percent.

Market Value of Production

\$112,257,000 in 2002, \$123,775,000 in 1997, down 9 percent.

Crop sales accounted for \$83,706,000 of the total value in 2002.

Livestock sales accounted for \$28,551,000 of the total value in 2002.

Market Value of Production, average per farm

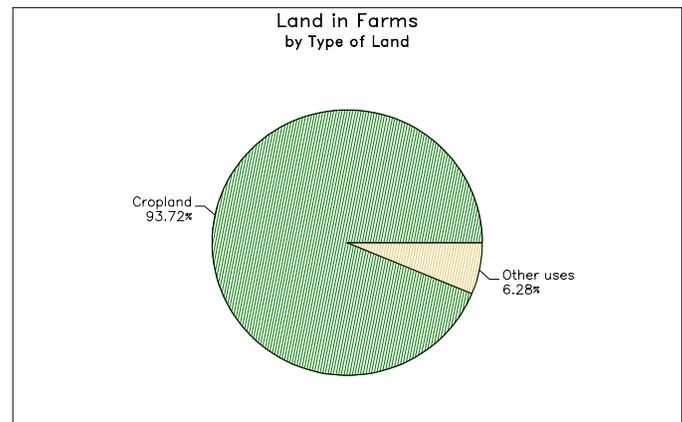
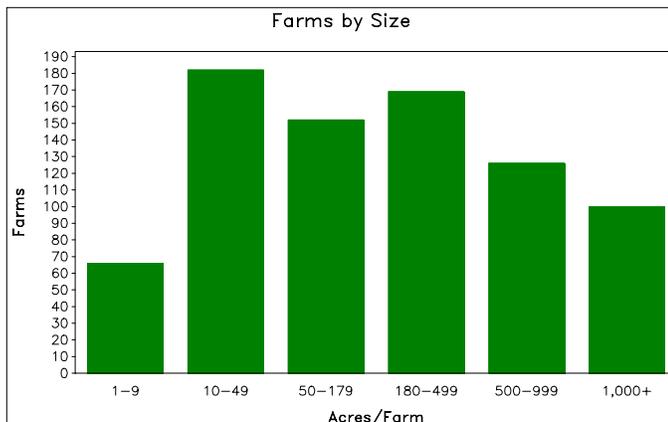
\$141,204 in 2002, \$140,654 in 1997, up slightly.

Government Payments

\$5,483,000 in 2002, \$6,693,000 in 1997, down 18 percent.

Government Payments, average per farm receiving payments

\$9,503 in 2002, \$9,813 in 1997, down 3 percent.



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Ranked items among the 99 state counties and 3,078 U.S. counties, 2002

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	112,257	51	99	418	3,075
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	83,706	20	99	195	3,070
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	28,551	76	99	978	3,070
VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	78,350	29	99	76	2,871
Tobacco	-	-	1	-	560
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	-	-	656
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	1,324	3	92	664	2,747
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	(D)	(D)	87	(D)	2,638
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	(D)	(D)	95	(D)	2,708
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	-	-	74	-	1,774
Other crops and hay	344	89	99	2,200	3,046
Poultry and eggs	(D)	(D)	99	(D)	2,918
Cattle and calves	4,608	90	99	1,583	3,053
Milk and other dairy products from cows	898	52	96	1,416	2,493
Hogs and pigs	22,407	47	99	133	2,919
Sheep, goats, and their products	(D)	(D)	99	(D)	2,997
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	149	34	99	1,395	3,014
Aquaculture	-	-	31	-	1,520
Other animals and other animal products	10	63	94	1,829	2,727
TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)					
Hogs and pigs	144,002	39	99	98	2,926
Layers 20 weeks old and older	(D)	37	99	(D)	2,983
Cattle and calves	10,975	89	99	1,971	3,059
Sheep and lambs	1,137	70	99	884	2,867
Horses and ponies	690	53	99	1,763	3,065
TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)					
Corn for grain	154,939	24	99	71	2,592
Soybeans	130,948	30	99	116	2,076
Forage - land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	3,685	90	99	2,488	3,059
Oats	920	54	99	553	2,215
Corn for silage	739	88	99	1,245	2,307

Other County Highlights

Economic Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales	
Less than \$1,000	171
\$1,000 to \$2,499	31
\$2,500 to \$4,999	31
\$5,000 to \$9,999	28
\$10,000 to \$19,999	48
\$20,000 to \$24,999	21
\$25,000 to \$39,999	36
\$40,000 to \$49,999	22
\$50,000 to \$99,999	126
\$100,000 to \$249,999	131
\$250,000 to \$499,999	111
\$500,000 or more	39
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	87,852
Average per farm (\$)	110,785
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	31,566
Average per farm (\$)	39,806

Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Farming	607
Other	188
Principal operators by sex:	
Male	762
Female	33
Average age of principal operator (years)	53.6
All operators ² by race:	
White	1,065
Black or African American	-
American Indian or Alaska Native	-
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
Asian	-
More than one race	1
All operators ² of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin	4

(D) Cannot be disclosed. (Z) Less than half of the unit shown. See "Census of Agriculture, Volume 1, Geographic Area Series" for complete footnotes.

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.