

2002 Census of Agriculture County Profile

Polk, Iowa

Number of farms

764 farms in 2002, 886 farms in 1997, down 14 percent.

Land in farms

227,069 acres in 2002, 239,580 acres in 1997, down 5 percent.

Average size of farm

297 acres in 2002, 270 acres in 1997, up 10 percent.

Market Value of Production

\$68,517,000 in 2002, \$74,205,000 in 1997, down 8 percent.

Crop sales accounted for \$59,131,000 of the total value in 2002.

Livestock sales accounted for \$9,386,000 of the total value in 2002.

Market Value of Production, average per farm

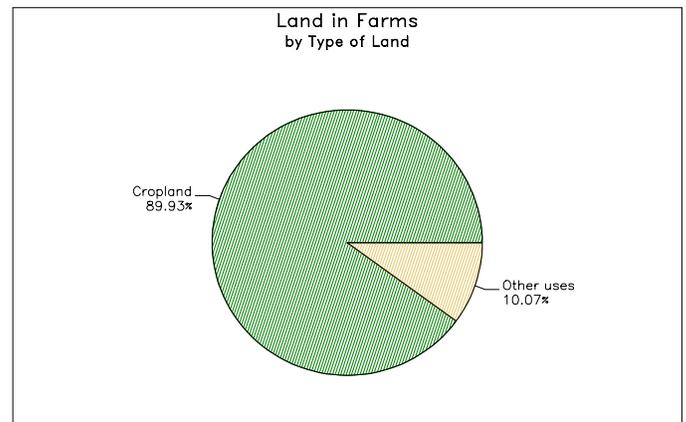
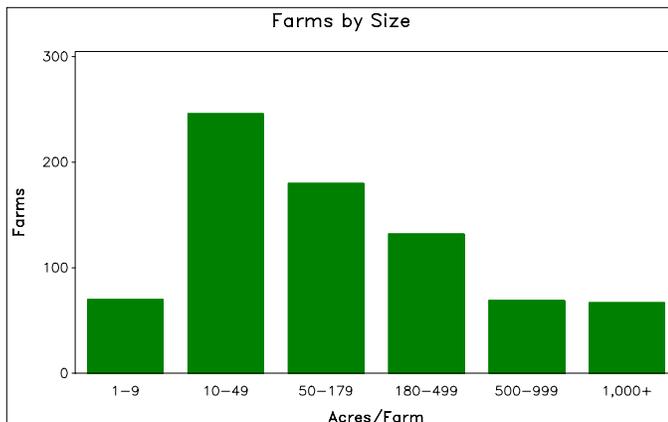
\$89,682 in 2002, \$83,752 in 1997, up 7 percent.

Government Payments

\$3,259,000 in 2002, \$4,156,000 in 1997, down 22 percent.

Government Payments, average per farm receiving payments

\$7,987 in 2002, \$7,711 in 1997, up 4 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	68,517	78	99	830	3,075
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	59,131	52	99	377	3,070
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	9,386	98	99	1,930	3,070
VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	50,954	64	99	229	2,871
Tobacco	-	-	1	-	560
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	-	-	656
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	377	11	92	1,094	2,747
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	99	12	87	1,254	2,638
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	6,505	2	95	381	2,708
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	130	1	74	364	1,774
Other crops and hay	1,067	42	99	1,175	3,046
Poultry and eggs	17	75	99	1,773	2,918
Cattle and calves	4,500	92	99	1,602	3,053
Milk and other dairy products from cows	267	84	96	1,908	2,493
Hogs and pigs	3,863	93	99	546	2,919
Sheep, goats, and their products	228	27	99	390	2,997
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	480	4	99	407	3,014
Aquaculture	-	-	31	-	1,520
Other animals and other animal products	32	43	94	1,325	2,727
TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)					
Hogs and pigs	22,439	93	99	487	2,926
Cattle and calves	10,836	90	99	1,985	3,059
Sheep and lambs	1,931	50	99	573	2,867
Horses and ponies	1,173	15	99	1,063	3,065
Broilers and other meat-type chickens	776	31	97	958	2,599
TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)					
Corn for grain	92,691	73	99	240	2,592
Soybeans	86,310	67	99	332	2,076
Forage - land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	9,034	61	99	1,882	3,059
Sod harvested	(D)	2	17	(D)	740
Corn for silage	487	95	99	1,433	2,307

Other County Highlights

Economic Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales	
Less than \$1,000	172
\$1,000 to \$2,499	60
\$2,500 to \$4,999	74
\$5,000 to \$9,999	57
\$10,000 to \$19,999	65
\$20,000 to \$24,999	15
\$25,000 to \$39,999	52
\$40,000 to \$49,999	24
\$50,000 to \$99,999	88
\$100,000 to \$249,999	77
\$250,000 to \$499,999	40
\$500,000 or more	40
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	52,572
Average per farm (\$)	68,722
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	30,299
Average per farm (\$)	39,607

Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Farming	427
Other	337
Principal operators by sex:	
Male	689
Female	75
Average age of principal operator (years)	56.5
All operators ² by race:	
White	1,100
Black or African American	-
American Indian or Alaska Native	2
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
Asian	-
More than one race	-
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.