Union County
Iowa

Total and Per Farm Overview, 2017 and change since 2012

	2017	% change since 2012
Number of farms	627	-3
Land in farms (acres)	246,058	+15
Average size of farm (acres)	392	+19
Total	($)	
Market value of products sold	129,248,000	+9
Government payments	6,028,000	+42
Farm-related income	8,570,000	-23
Total farm production expenses	114,147,000	+11
Net cash farm income	29,699,000	-3
Per farm average	($)	
Market value of products sold	206,137	+13
Government payments (average per farm receiving)	14,386	+55
Farm-related income	24,557	-18
Total farm production expenses	182,052	+14
Net cash farm income	47,367	+1

(Z) Percent of state agriculture sales

Share of Sales by Type (%)

Crops	42
Livestock, poultry, and products	58

Land in Farms by Use (%) [a]

Cropland	72
Pastureland	19
Woodland	4
Other	6

Acres irrigated: (D)

(D)% of land in farms

Land Use Practices (% of farms)

No till	32
Reduced till	19
Intensive till	6
Cover crop	9

Farms by Value of Sales

	Number	Percent of Total [a]
Less than $2,500	216	34
$2,500 to $4,999	21	3
$5,000 to $9,999	38	6
$10,000 to $24,999	74	12
$25,000 to $49,999	61	10
$50,000 to $99,999	43	7
$100,000 or more	174	28

Farms by Size

	Number	Percent of Total [a]
1 to 9 acres	70	11
10 to 49 acres	127	20
50 to 179 acres	165	26
180 to 499 acres	134	21
500 to 999 acres	63	10
1,000 + acres	68	11

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	**129,248**	**79**	**99**	**910**	**3,077**
Crops	**54,219**	**90**	**99**	**1,043**	**3,073**
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, dry peas	52,967	90	99	736	2,916
Tobacco	-	-	-	-	323
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	-	-	647
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, sweet potatoes	-	-	94	-	2,821
Fruits, tree nuts, berries	(D)	74	95	(D)	2,748
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, sod	(D)	86	89	(D)	2,601
Cultivated Christmas trees, short rotation woody crops	-	-	53	-	1,384
Other crops and hay	1,230	33	99	1,681	3,040
Livestock, poultry, and products	**75,029**	**67**	**99**	**684**	**3,073**
Poultry and eggs	9,189	34	99	564	3,007
Cattle and calves	25,379	54	99	625	3,055
Milk from cows	-	-	77	-	1,892
Hogs and pigs	39,951	55	99	147	2,856
Sheep, goats, wool, mohair, milk	(D)	50	99	(D)	2,984
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, donkeys	263	16	99	797	2,970
Aquaculture	-	-	27	-	1,251
Other animals and animal products	(D)	62	96	(D)	2,878

Total Producers [c]	**1,029**

Sex
Male	665
Female	364

Age
<35	100
35 – 64	564
65 and older	365

Race
American Indian/Alaska Native	-
Asian	-
Black or African American	1
Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	-
White	1,025
More than one race	3

Other characteristics
Hispanic, Latino, Spanish origin	7
With military service	98
New and beginning farmers	214

Percent of farms that:

Have internet access	**81**
Farm organically	**2**
Sell directly to consumers	**1**
Hire farm labor	**25**
Are family farms	**97**

Top Crops in Acres [d]

Soybeans for beans	62,786
Corn for grain	61,576
Forage (hay/haylage), all	21,153
Corn for silage or greenchop	1,219
Oats for grain	265

Livestock Inventory (Dec 31, 2017)

Broilers and other meat-type chickens	364,273
Cattle and calves	40,362
Goats	158
Hogs and pigs	169,793
Horses and ponies	623
Layers	112,724
Pullets	(D)
Sheep and lambs	668
Turkeys	-

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.