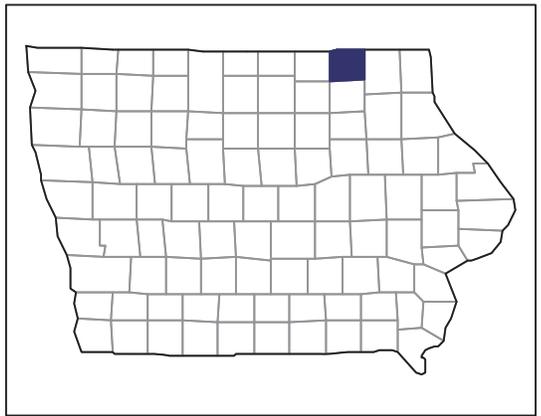


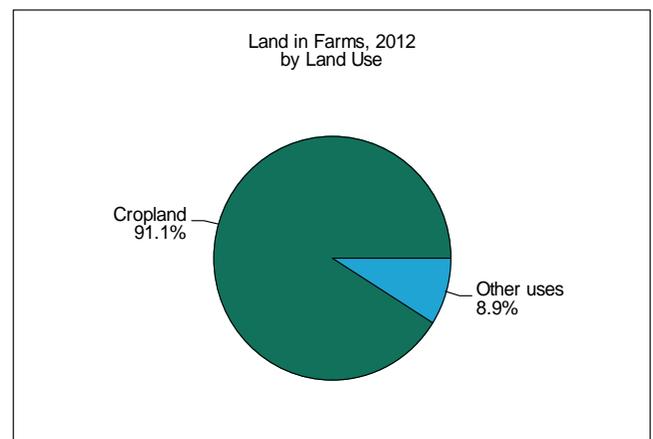
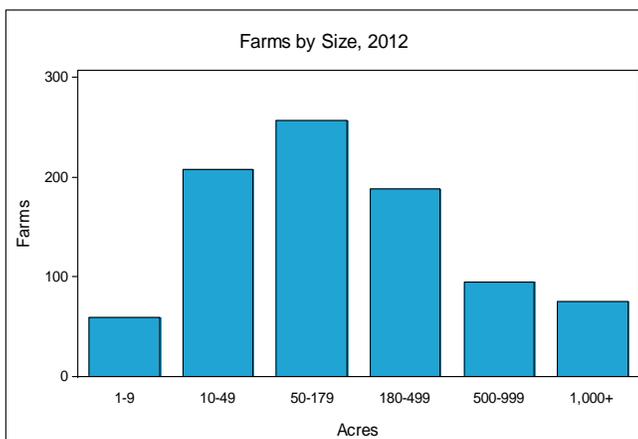
2012 CENSUS OF AGRICULTURE

COUNTY PROFILE



Howard County Iowa

	2012	2007	% change
Number of Farms	883	877	+ 1
Land in Farms	299,927 acres	278,635 acres	+ 8
Average Size of Farm	340 acres	318 acres	+ 7
Market Value of Products Sold	\$322,346,000	\$174,425,000	+ 85
Crop Sales \$184,571,000 (57 percent)			
Livestock Sales \$137,775,000 (43 percent)			
Average Per Farm	\$365,058	\$198,889	+ 84
Government Payments	\$9,932,000	\$8,426,000	+ 18
Average Per Farm Receiving Payments	\$13,737	\$11,280	+ 22





Howard County – Iowa

Ranked items among the 99 state counties and 3,079 U.S. counties, 2012

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	322,346	41	99	248	3,077
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	184,571	46	99	260	3,072
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	137,775	36	99	309	3,076
VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	177,975	46	99	182	2,926
Tobacco	-	-	-	-	436
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	-	-	635
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	810	6	97	919	2,802
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	10	58	89	2,358	2,724
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	5,238	5	93	423	2,678
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	-	-	62	-	1,530
Other crops and hay	537	67	99	2,376	3,049
Poultry and eggs	129	64	99	1,330	3,013
Cattle and calves	39,615	32	99	384	3,056
Milk from cows	11,002	19	80	473	2,038
Hogs and pigs	86,222	27	99	57	2,827
Sheep, goats, wool, mohair, and milk	616	18	99	275	2,988
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	47	81	99	2,300	3,011
Aquaculture	-	-	29	-	1,366
Other animals and other animal products	144	22	98	908	2,924
TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)					
Corn for grain	140,533	52	99	166	2,638
Soybeans for beans	97,758	45	99	249	2,162
Forage-land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	7,118	50	99	1,939	3,057
Corn for silage	6,301	15	99	302	2,237
Oats for grain	1,014	13	98	291	1,825
TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)					
Hogs and pigs	197,113	37	99	86	2,889
Cattle and calves	36,107	32	99	779	3,063
Layers	2,944	44	99	1,053	3,040
Sheep and lambs	1,278	43	99	706	2,897
Goats, all	926	16	99	624	2,996

Other County Highlights, 2012

Economic Characteristics	Quantity	Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales:		Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Less than \$1,000	258	Farming	454
\$1,000 to \$2,499	24	Other	429
\$2,500 to \$4,999	16	Principal operators by sex:	
\$5,000 to \$9,999	31	Male	793
\$10,000 to \$19,999	23	Female	90
\$20,000 to \$24,999	15	Average age of principal operator (years)	56.5
\$25,000 to \$39,999	14	All operators by race ² :	
\$40,000 to \$49,999	28	American Indian or Alaska Native	2
\$50,000 to \$99,999	112	Asian	1
\$100,000 to \$249,999	106	Black or African American	-
\$250,000 to \$499,999	116	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
\$500,000 or more	140	White	1,305
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	246,056	More than one race	2
Average per farm (\$)	278,659	All operators of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin ²	5
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	113,878		
Average per farm (\$)	128,967		

See "Census of Agriculture, Volume 1, Geographic Area Series" for complete footnotes, explanations, definitions, and methodology.

- Represents zero.

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.