



Buena Vista County Iowa

Total and Per Farm Overview, 2017 and change since 2012

| | 2017 | % change since 2012 |
|---|-------------|---------------------|
| Number of farms | 802 | -7 |
| Land in farms (acres) | 356,640 | -1 |
| Average size of farm (acres) | 445 | +6 |
| Total | (\$) | |
| Market value of products sold | 537,231,000 | -7 |
| Government payments | 6,426,000 | -26 |
| Farm-related income | 15,067,000 | -31 |
| Total farm production expenses | 406,368,000 | +5 |
| Net cash farm income | 152,356,000 | -31 |
| Per farm average | (\$) | |
| Market value of products sold | 669,864 | (Z) |
| Government payments (average per farm receiving) | 9,492 | -22 |
| Farm-related income | 26,762 | -28 |
| Total farm production expenses | 506,693 | +12 |
| Net cash farm income | 189,971 | -26 |

2 Percent of state agriculture sales

Share of Sales by Type (%)

| | |
|----------------------------------|----|
| Crops | 33 |
| Livestock, poultry, and products | 67 |

Land in Farms by Use (%) ^a

| | |
|-------------|----|
| Cropland | 94 |
| Pastureland | 3 |
| Woodland | 1 |
| Other | 3 |

Acres irrigated: (D)

(D)% of land in farms

Land Use Practices (% of farms)

| | |
|----------------|----|
| No till | 22 |
| Reduced till | 46 |
| Intensive till | 26 |
| Cover crop | 9 |

Farms by Value of Sales

| | Number | Percent of Total ^a |
|----------------------|--------|-------------------------------|
| Less than \$2,500 | 148 | 18 |
| \$2,500 to \$4,999 | 16 | 2 |
| \$5,000 to \$9,999 | 13 | 2 |
| \$10,000 to \$24,999 | 30 | 4 |
| \$25,000 to \$49,999 | 55 | 7 |
| \$50,000 to \$99,999 | 79 | 10 |
| \$100,000 or more | 461 | 57 |

Farms by Size

| | Number | Percent of Total ^a |
|------------------|--------|-------------------------------|
| 1 to 9 acres | 66 | 8 |
| 10 to 49 acres | 134 | 17 |
| 50 to 179 acres | 158 | 20 |
| 180 to 499 acres | 185 | 23 |
| 500 to 999 acres | 157 | 20 |
| 1,000 + acres | 102 | 13 |

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 | 537,231 | 8 | 99 | 88 | 3,077 |
| Crops | 176,995 | 27 | 99 | 202 | 3,073 |
| Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, dry peas | 176,017 | 28 | 99 | 99 | 2,916 |
| Tobacco | - | - | - | - | 323 |
| Cotton and cottonseed | - | - | - | - | 647 |
| Vegetables, melons, potatoes, sweet potatoes | (D) | 76 | 94 | (D) | 2,821 |
| Fruits, tree nuts, berries | (D) | (D) | 95 | (D) | 2,748 |
| Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, sod | 163 | 55 | 89 | 1,315 | 2,601 |
| Cultivated Christmas trees, short rotation woody crops | - | - | 53 | - | 1,384 |
| Other crops and hay | 778 | 60 | 99 | 2,093 | 3,040 |
| Livestock, poultry, and products | 360,236 | 7 | 99 | 77 | 3,073 |
| Poultry and eggs | 185,473 | 1 | 99 | 55 | 3,007 |
| Cattle and calves | 39,012 | 34 | 99 | 388 | 3,055 |
| Milk from cows | (D) | (D) | 77 | (D) | 1,892 |
| Hogs and pigs | 134,009 | 17 | 99 | 31 | 2,856 |
| Sheep, goats, wool, mohair, milk | (D) | (D) | 99 | (D) | 2,984 |
| Horses, ponies, mules, burros, donkeys | 28 | 70 | 99 | 2,049 | 2,970 |
| Aquaculture | - | - | 27 | - | 1,251 |
| Other animals and animal products | 97 | 25 | 96 | 756 | 2,878 |

Total Producers ^c

1,326

Sex

| | |
|--------|-----|
| Male | 930 |
| Female | 396 |

Age

| | |
|--------------|-----|
| <35 | 128 |
| 35 – 64 | 719 |
| 65 and older | 479 |

Race

| | |
|----------------------------------|-------|
| American Indian/Alaska Native | - |
| Asian | - |
| Black or African American | - |
| Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander | - |
| White | 1,325 |
| More than one race | 1 |

Other characteristics

| | |
|----------------------------------|-----|
| Hispanic, Latino, Spanish origin | 12 |
| With military service | 81 |
| New and beginning farmers | 263 |

Percent of farms that:

Have internet access **82**

Farm organically **(Z)**

Sell directly to consumers **2**

Hire farm labor **41**

Are family farms **95**

Top Crops in Acres ^d

| | |
|------------------------------|---------|
| Corn for grain | 172,343 |
| Soybeans for beans | 143,345 |
| Forage (hay/haylage), all | 4,759 |
| Corn for silage or greenchop | 2,538 |
| Popcorn | 668 |

Livestock Inventory (Dec 31, 2017)

| | |
|---------------------------------------|-----------|
| Broilers and other meat-type chickens | (D) |
| Cattle and calves | 25,285 |
| Goats | 199 |
| Hogs and pigs | 348,357 |
| Horses and ponies | 179 |
| Layers | (D) |
| Pullets | (D) |
| Sheep and lambs | 2,746 |
| Turkeys | 1,015,932 |

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.