



# Butler County Iowa

## Total and Per Farm Overview, 2017 and change since 2012

	2017	% change since 2012
Number of farms	1,074	-2
Land in farms (acres)	359,246	-1
Average size of farm (acres)	334	+1
<b>Total</b>	<b>(\$)</b>	
Market value of products sold	291,478,000	-19
Government payments	11,840,000	+27
Farm-related income	21,505,000	-46
Total farm production expenses	256,557,000	-19
Net cash farm income	68,265,000	-25
<b>Per farm average</b>	<b>(\$)</b>	
Market value of products sold	271,395	-17
Government payments (average per farm receiving)	13,703	+31
Farm-related income	32,485	-45
Total farm production expenses	238,880	-17
Net cash farm income	63,562	-24

**1** Percent of state agriculture sales

### Share of Sales by Type (%)

Crops	63
Livestock, poultry, and products	37

### Land in Farms by Use (%) <sup>a</sup>

Cropland	93
Pastureland	2
Woodland	3
Other	3

**Acres irrigated: 1,638**

(Z)% of land in farms

### Land Use Practices (% of farms)

No till	26
Reduced till	32
Intensive till	15
Cover crop	10

## Farms by Value of Sales

	Number	Percent of Total <sup>a</sup>
Less than \$2,500	424	39
\$2,500 to \$4,999	29	3
\$5,000 to \$9,999	58	5
\$10,000 to \$24,999	51	5
\$25,000 to \$49,999	47	4
\$50,000 to \$99,999	94	9
\$100,000 or more	371	35

## Farms by Size

	Number	Percent of Total <sup>a</sup>
1 to 9 acres	172	16
10 to 49 acres	261	24
50 to 179 acres	232	22
180 to 499 acres	209	19
500 to 999 acres	105	10
1,000 + acres	95	9

**Market Value of Agricultural Products Sold**

	Sales (\$1,000)	Rank in State <sup>b</sup>	Counties Producing Item	Rank in U.S. <sup>b</sup>	Counties Producing Item
<b>Total</b>	<b>291,478</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>99</b>	<b>268</b>	<b>3,077</b>
<b>Crops</b>	<b>182,959</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>99</b>	<b>177</b>	<b>3,073</b>
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, dry peas	182,353	21	99	81	2,916
Tobacco	-	-	-	-	323
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	-	-	647
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, sweet potatoes	69	56	94	1,681	2,821
Fruits, tree nuts, berries	(D)	84	95	1,892	2,748
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, sod	(D)	81	89	(D)	2,601
Cultivated Christmas trees, short rotation woody crops	(D)	44	53	(D)	1,384
Other crops and hay	523	72	99	2,304	3,040
<b>Livestock, poultry, and products</b>	<b>108,519</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>99</b>	<b>466</b>	<b>3,073</b>
Poultry and eggs	(D)	49	99	(D)	3,007
Cattle and calves	20,950	61	99	764	3,055
Milk from cows	6,481	25	77	539	1,892
Hogs and pigs	78,473	36	99	80	2,856
Sheep, goats, wool, mohair, milk	379	34	99	450	2,984
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, donkeys	(D)	(D)	99	(D)	2,970
Aquaculture	-	-	27	-	1,251
Other animals and animal products	671	5	96	237	2,878

**Total Producers <sup>c</sup>**

**1,736**

**Sex**

Male	1,140
Female	596

**Age**

<35	92
35 – 64	940
65 and older	704

**Race**

American Indian/Alaska Native	2
Asian	-
Black or African American	2
Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	1
White	1,725
More than one race	6

**Other characteristics**

Hispanic, Latino, Spanish origin	10
With military service	182
New and beginning farmers	332

**Percent of farms that:**

Have internet access **81**

Farm organically **(Z)**

Sell directly to consumers **2**

Hire farm labor **30**

Are family farms **96**

**Top Crops in Acres <sup>d</sup>**

Corn for grain	175,853
Soybeans for beans	127,873
Forage (hay/haylage), all	5,259
Corn for silage or greenchop	1,149
Oats for grain	398

**Livestock Inventory (Dec 31, 2017)**

Broilers and other meat-type chickens	(D)
Cattle and calves	24,446
Goats	792
Hogs and pigs	285,141
Horses and ponies	610
Layers	2,568
Pullets	552
Sheep and lambs	1,969
Turkeys	76

See 2017 Census of Agriculture, U.S. Summary and State Data, for complete footnotes, explanations, definitions, commodity descriptions, and methodology.

<sup>a</sup> May not add to 100% due to rounding. <sup>b</sup> Among counties whose rank can be displayed. <sup>c</sup> Data collected for a maximum of four producers per farm.

<sup>d</sup> Crop commodity names may be shortened; see full names at [www.nass.usda.gov/go/cropnames.pdf](http://www.nass.usda.gov/go/cropnames.pdf). <sup>e</sup> 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.