



Howard County Iowa

Total and Per Farm Overview, 2017 and change since 2012

	2017	% change since 2012
Number of farms	879	(Z)
Land in farms (acres)	299,175	(Z)
Average size of farm (acres)	340	(Z)
Total (\$)		
Market value of products sold	284,994,000	-12
Government payments	6,702,000	-33
Farm-related income	15,699,000	-43
Total farm production expenses	235,227,000	-4
Net cash farm income	72,168,000	-37
Per farm average (\$)		
Market value of products sold	324,225	-11
Government payments (average per farm receiving)	10,109	-26
Farm-related income	27,934	-40
Total farm production expenses	267,607	-4
Net cash farm income	82,102	-36

1 Percent of state agriculture sales

Share of Sales by Type (%)

Crops	52
Livestock, poultry, and products	48

Land in Farms by Use (%) ^a

Cropland	91
Pastureland	2
Woodland	3
Other	4

Acres irrigated: 506

(Z)% of land in farms

Land Use Practices (% of farms)

No till	18
Reduced till	36
Intensive till	17
Cover crop	11

Farms by Value of Sales

	Number	Percent of Total ^a
Less than \$2,500	290	33
\$2,500 to \$4,999	28	3
\$5,000 to \$9,999	50	6
\$10,000 to \$24,999	45	5
\$25,000 to \$49,999	52	6
\$50,000 to \$99,999	69	8
\$100,000 or more	345	39

Farms by Size

	Number	Percent of Total ^a
1 to 9 acres	117	13
10 to 49 acres	169	19
50 to 179 acres	252	29
180 to 499 acres	176	20
500 to 999 acres	97	11
1,000 + acres	68	8

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	284,994	42	99	278	3,077
Crops	148,404	47	99	305	3,073
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, dry peas	139,508	49	99	212	2,916
Tobacco	-	-	-	-	323
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	-	-	647
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, sweet potatoes	(D)	23	94	(D)	2,821
Fruits, tree nuts, berries	17	73	95	1,749	2,748
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, sod	(D)	4	89	(D)	2,601
Cultivated Christmas trees, short rotation woody crops	-	-	53	-	1,384
Other crops and hay	557	71	99	2,279	3,040
Livestock, poultry, and products	136,590	35	99	343	3,073
Poultry and eggs	1,119	50	99	730	3,007
Cattle and calves	41,279	30	99	361	3,055
Milk from cows	12,976	18	77	400	1,892
Hogs and pigs	80,275	33	99	75	2,856
Sheep, goats, wool, mohair, milk	523	25	99	328	2,984
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, donkeys	(D)	(D)	99	(D)	2,970
Aquaculture	-	-	27	-	1,251
Other animals and animal products	(D)	(D)	96	(D)	2,878

Total Producers ^c

1,448

Sex

Male 955
Female 493

Age

<35 180
35 – 64 800
65 and older 468

Race

American Indian/Alaska Native 1
Asian -
Black or African American -
Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander -
White 1,446
More than one race 1

Other characteristics

Hispanic, Latino, Spanish origin 7
With military service 123
New and beginning farmers 335

Percent of farms that:

Have internet access **74**

Farm organically **3**

Sell directly to consumers **3**

Hire farm labor **25**

Are family farms **95**

Top Crops in Acres ^d

Corn for grain 136,872
Soybeans for beans 103,104
Forage (hay/haylage), all 7,743
Corn for silage or greenchop 3,375
Oats for grain 752

Livestock Inventory (Dec 31, 2017)

Broilers and other meat-type chickens (D)
Cattle and calves 32,940
Goats 694
Hogs and pigs 319,079
Horses and ponies 619
Layers 6,777
Pullets 1,412
Sheep and lambs 640
Turkeys 53

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.