



Palo Alto County Iowa

Total and Per Farm Overview, 2017 and change since 2012

	2017	% change since 2012
Number of farms	785	-10
Land in farms (acres)	342,027	-5
Average size of farm (acres)	436	+6
Total	(\$)	
Market value of products sold	468,328,000	-6
Government payments	11,659,000	+41
Farm-related income	17,746,000	(Z)
Total farm production expenses	387,788,000	+7
Net cash farm income	109,945,000	-33
Per farm average	(\$)	
Market value of products sold	596,596	+5
Government payments (average per farm receiving)	16,996	+55
Farm-related income	35,071	+18
Total farm production expenses	493,997	+19
Net cash farm income	140,057	-25

2 Percent of state agriculture sales

Share of Sales by Type (%)

Crops	39
Livestock, poultry, and products	61

Land in Farms by Use (%) ^a

Cropland	96
Pastureland	1
Woodland	(Z)
Other	2

Acres irrigated: 6,758

2% of land in farms

Land Use Practices (% of farms)

No till	7
Reduced till	33
Intensive till	34
Cover crop	5

Farms by Value of Sales

	Number	Percent of Total ^a
Less than \$2,500	220	28
\$2,500 to \$4,999	30	4
\$5,000 to \$9,999	20	3
\$10,000 to \$24,999	21	3
\$25,000 to \$49,999	38	5
\$50,000 to \$99,999	59	8
\$100,000 or more	397	51

Farms by Size

	Number	Percent of Total ^a
1 to 9 acres	79	10
10 to 49 acres	148	19
50 to 179 acres	168	21
180 to 499 acres	170	22
500 to 999 acres	113	14
1,000 + acres	107	14

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	468,328	13	99	111	3,077
Crops	182,099	23	99	182	3,073
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, dry peas	181,704	22	99	83	2,916
Tobacco	-	-	-	-	323
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	-	-	647
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, sweet potatoes	(D)	63	94	(D)	2,821
Fruits, tree nuts, berries	(D)	59	95	(D)	2,748
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, sod	-	-	89	-	2,601
Cultivated Christmas trees, short rotation woody crops	-	-	53	-	1,384
Other crops and hay	315	84	99	2,500	3,040
Livestock, poultry, and products	286,229	14	99	113	3,073
Poultry and eggs	(D)	18	99	(D)	3,007
Cattle and calves	(D)	(D)	99	(D)	3,055
Milk from cows	741	47	77	972	1,892
Hogs and pigs	216,611	9	99	19	2,856
Sheep, goats, wool, mohair, milk	359	37	99	478	2,984
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, donkeys	36	66	99	1,954	2,970
Aquaculture	-	-	27	-	1,251
Other animals and animal products	(D)	72	96	(D)	2,878

Total Producers ^c	1,213	Percent of farms that:	Top Crops in Acres ^d
Sex		Have internet access	Corn for grain 183,340
Male	843	81	Soybeans for beans 119,093
Female	370		Corn for silage or greenchop 3,264
Age		Farm organically	Forage (hay/haylage), all 2,687
<35	139	2	Oats for grain 1,103
35 – 64	684		
65 and older	390		
Race		Sell directly to consumers	Livestock Inventory (Dec 31, 2017)
American Indian/Alaska Native	-	1	Broilers and other meat-type chickens 220
Asian	-		Cattle and calves 24,079
Black or African American	-	Hire farm labor	Goats 556
Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	-	34	Hogs and pigs 551,431
White	1,211		Horses and ponies 207
More than one race	2		Layers (D)
Other characteristics		Are family farms	Pullets (D)
Hispanic, Latino, Spanish origin	12	93	Sheep and lambs 1,755
With military service	120		Turkeys (D)
New and beginning farmers	253		

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.