



Palo Alto County Iowa

Total and Per Farm Overview, 2022 and change since 2017

	2022	% change since 2017
Number of farms	842	+7
Land in farms (acres)	360,741	+5
Average size of farm (acres)	428	-2
Total	(\$)	
Market value of products sold	783,389,000	+67
Government payments	11,233,000	-4
Farm-related income	22,052,000	+24
Total farm production expenses	568,551,000	+47
Net cash farm income	248,123,000	+126
Per farm average	(\$)	
Market value of products sold	930,390	+56
Government payments ^a	19,708	+16
Farm-related income ^a	38,484	+10
Total farm production expenses	675,238	+37
Net cash farm income	294,683	+110

2 Percent of state agriculture sales

Share of Sales by Type (%)

Crops	42
Livestock, poultry, and products	58

Land in Farms by Use (acres)

Cropland	348,895
Pastureland	3,723
Woodland	1,204
Other	6,919

Acres irrigated: 9,597

3% of land in farms

Land Use Practices (% of farms)

No till	10
Reduced till	33
Intensive till	31
Cover crop	5

Farms by Value of Sales

	Number	Percent of Total ^b
Less than \$2,500	238	28
\$2,500 to \$4,999	24	3
\$5,000 to \$9,999	16	2
\$10,000 to \$24,999	27	3
\$25,000 to \$49,999	31	4
\$50,000 to \$99,999	55	7
\$100,000 or more	451	54

Farms by Size

	Number	Percent of Total ^b
1 to 9 acres	62	7
10 to 49 acres	145	17
50 to 179 acres	215	26
180 to 499 acres	223	26
500 to 999 acres	107	13
1,000+ acres	90	11

Market Value of Agricultural Products Sold

	Sales (\$1,000)	Rank in State ^c	Counties Producing Item	Rank in U.S. ^c	Counties Producing Item
Total	783,389	9	99	78	3,078
Crops	325,165	20	99	140	3,074
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, dry peas	323,037	19	99	70	2,917
Tobacco	-	-	-	-	267
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	-	-	647
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, sweet potatoes	525	15	98	1,089	2,831
Fruits, tree nuts, berries	(D)	(D)	96	(D)	2,711
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, sod	(D)	67	90	(D)	2,660
Cultivated Christmas trees, short rotation woody crops	-	-	51	-	1,274
Other crops and hay	1,555	45	99	1,678	3,035
Livestock, poultry, and products	458,224	8	99	92	3,076
Poultry and eggs	(D)	26	99	(D)	3,027
Cattle and calves	(D)	35	99	(D)	3,047
Milk from cows	-	-	66	-	1,770
Hogs and pigs	396,146	6	99	10	2,814
Sheep, goats, wool, mohair, milk	(D)	(D)	99	(D)	2,967
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, donkeys	(D)	(D)	96	(D)	2,907
Aquaculture	-	-	20	-	1,190
Other animals and animal products	14	61	99	1,653	2,909

Producers ^d	1,569	Percent of farms that:	Top Crops in Acres ^e
Sex		Have internet access	80
Male	1,091		
Female	478		
Age		Farm organically	2
<35	139		
35 – 64	771		
65 and older	659		
Race		Sell directly to consumers	1
American Indian/Alaska Native	3		
Asian	2		
Black or African American	-		
Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	-	Hire farm labor	27
White	1,564		
More than one race	-		
Other characteristics		Are family farms	92
Hispanic, Latino, Spanish origin	11		
With military service	128		
New and beginning farmers	350		
			Livestock Inventory (Dec 31, 2022)
			Broilers and other meat-type chickens
			463
			Cattle and calves
			24,105
			Goats
			559
			Hogs and pigs
			791,666
			Horses and ponies
			85
			Layers
			(D)
			Pullets
			(D)
			Sheep and lambs
			(D)
			Turkeys
			(D)

^a Average per farm receiving. ^b May not add to 100% due to rounding. ^c Among counties whose rank can be displayed. ^d Data collected for a maximum of four producers per farm. ^e Crop commodity names may be shortened; see full names at www.nass.usda.gov/go/cropnames.pdf. ^f 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.