

Message from the Director
National Agricultural Statistics Service
Iowa Field Office

The USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service, Iowa Field Office is pleased to collaborate with the Iowa Farm Bureau to provide you the thirty-first edition of *Iowa Agricultural Statistics**, a statistical profile of Iowa's agriculture.

Enclosed you will find many interesting statistics about Iowa's vibrant and dynamic agricultural industry. I would like to highlight the fact that in the 2006 ranking of states, Iowa ranked very well.

Iowa is ranked number one in:

- Production of corn
- Production of soybeans
- Capacity of total grain storage
- Capacity of on-farm grain storage
- Harvested acreage of principal crops
- Field and miscellaneous crops value
- Hogs & Pigs inventory
- Value of hogs on farms
- Commercial hog slaughter
- Egg production

Iowa is ranked number two in:

- Capacity of commercial grain storage facilities
- Principal crops total value
- Pig crop inventory
- Red meat production

Only with the support of the entire agricultural industry is the publication and dissemination of agricultural statistics possible. I want to thank the Iowa farmers who completed the questionnaires on inventories and production, the buyers and processors who graciously provided data on their inventories and purchases, as well as all those who supplied analyses that made the *Iowa Agricultural Statistics* possible. It is only with your assistance that NASS is able to complete its mission of providing timely, accurate, and useful statistics in service to U.S. agriculture.

If you have any question or comments concerning this publication, please feel free to contact me. Thank you for your support and interest in Iowa and U.S. agriculture.