

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 latest edition of the *Iowa Agricultural Statistics**. This statistical profile of Iowa's agriculture not only includes state level information but also includes information for every Iowa county.

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 2012 ranking of states, Iowa ranked number one in:

- Corn for Grain Production
- Corn Export Value
- Soybean Production
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- Egg Production
- Hogs and Pigs Inventory & Value
- Pork Export Value
- Pig Crop
- Sows Farrowed
- Commercial Hog Slaughter
- Capacity of On-Farm Storage
- Capacity of Total Storage
- Harvested Acreage of Principal Crops
- Feeds and Fodder Export Value
- Field and Misc. Crop Value

Iowa is ranked number two in:

- Total Value of all Crops
- Total Value of Agricultural Exports
- Red Meat Production
- Cash Receipts from Marketings
- Farm Production Expenditures
- Net Farm Income
- Cash Rent for Cropland
- Capacity of Commercial Grain Facilities

Publication and dissemination of these and other agricultural statistics is only possible with the support of the entire agricultural industry. I want to thank the Iowa farmers who completed their 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.

Thank you for your support and interest in Iowa agriculture. The Iowa Field Office staff is dedicated to meeting the agricultural data needs of all users. Please contact us anytime with your questions, comments, and requests for information.



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