

**Message from the Director
National Agricultural Statistics Service
Upper Midwest Region, Iowa Field Office**

The USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service, Upper Midwest Regional Office is pleased to collaborate with the Iowa Farm Bureau to provide you with 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 that in the 2015 ranking of states, Iowa ranked first in:

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

Iowa is ranked second in:

- Corn Export Value
- Soybean Export Value
- Red Meat Production
- Cash Receipts from Marketings
- Farm Production Expenditures
- Cash Rent per Acre for Cropland
- Feeds and Fodder Export Values
- Total Value of Agricultural Exports

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 Upper Midwest Regional 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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