



Howard County Iowa

Total and Per Farm Overview, 2022 and change since 2017

	2022	% change since 2017
Number of farms	869	-1
Land in farms (acres)	296,769	-1
Average size of farm (acres)	342	0
Total	(\$)	
Market value of products sold	586,466,000	+106
Government payments	7,467,000	+11
Farm-related income	18,294,000	+17
Total farm production expenses	433,186,000	+84
Net cash farm income	179,041,000	+148
Per farm average	(\$)	
Market value of products sold	674,874	+108
Government payments ^a	13,101	+30
Farm-related income ^a	34,582	+24
Total farm production expenses	498,488	+86
Net cash farm income	206,031	+151

1 Percent of state agriculture sales

Share of Sales by Type (%)

Crops	45
Livestock, poultry, and products	55

Land in Farms by Use (acres)

Cropland	265,610
Pastureland	5,798
Woodland	11,569
Other	13,792

Acres irrigated: 2,262

1% of land in farms

Land Use Practices (% of farms)

No till	20
Reduced till	33
Intensive till	20
Cover crop	14

Farms by Value of Sales

	Number	Percent of Total ^b
Less than \$2,500	298	34
\$2,500 to \$4,999	30	3
\$5,000 to \$9,999	23	3
\$10,000 to \$24,999	31	4
\$25,000 to \$49,999	48	6
\$50,000 to \$99,999	56	6
\$100,000 or more	383	44

Farms by Size

	Number	Percent of Total ^b
1 to 9 acres	62	7
10 to 49 acres	197	23
50 to 179 acres	281	32
180 to 499 acres	190	22
500 to 999 acres	78	9
1,000+ acres	61	7

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	586,466	22	99	145	3,078
Crops	266,736	40	99	221	3,074
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, dry peas	253,616	43	99	156	2,917
Tobacco	-	-	-	-	267
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	-	-	647
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, sweet potatoes	470	17	98	1,133	2,831
Fruits, tree nuts, berries	(D)	(D)	96	(D)	2,711
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, sod	(D)	4	90	(D)	2,660
Cultivated Christmas trees, short rotation woody crops	-	-	51	-	1,274
Other crops and hay	1,324	52	99	1,819	3,035
Livestock, poultry, and products	319,730	20	99	169	3,076
Poultry and eggs	9,032	43	99	620	3,027
Cattle and calves	50,358	28	99	324	3,047
Milk from cows	19,191	19	66	357	1,770
Hogs and pigs	240,131	14	99	23	2,814
Sheep, goats, wool, mohair, milk	708	16	99	268	2,967
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, donkeys	(D)	(D)	96	(D)	2,907
Aquaculture	-	-	20	-	1,190
Other animals and animal products	(D)	(D)	99	(D)	2,909

Producers ^d	1,496	Percent of farms that:	Top Crops in Acres ^e
Sex		Have internet access	Corn for grain 137,990
Male	1,003	76	Soybeans for beans 84,966
Female	493		Forage (hay/haylage), all 7,158
Age		Farm organically	Corn for silage/greenchop 3,356
<35	140	1	Dry edible beans (D)
35 – 64	777		
65 and older	579		
Race		Sell directly to consumers	Livestock Inventory (Dec 31, 2022)
American Indian/Alaska Native	1	1	Broilers and other meat-type chickens 195
Asian	-		Cattle and calves 33,433
Black or African American	-	Hire farm labor	Goats 988
Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	-	28	Hogs and pigs 531,959
White	1,495		Horses and ponies 460
More than one race	-	Are family farms	Layers 103,673
Other characteristics		91	Pullets 112,171
Hispanic, Latino, Spanish origin	1		Sheep and lambs 1,364
With military service	125		Turkeys 91
New and beginning farmers	349		

^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.