

# Agricultural Data for Decision Makers



## Allamakee County

### Number of Farms

There were 958 farms counted in Allamakee County in 1997. From 1992 to 1997, the number of farms in Allamakee County decreased by 4 percent. Over the 28 years from 1969 to 1997, farm numbers in this county declined by 33 percent, slower than the state's decline of 35 percent.

#### 1. Number of farms.

Year	Allamakee County	State
1997	958	90,792
1992	1,000	96,534
1987	1,062	105,180
1982	1,134	115,413
1978	1,185	121,339
1974	1,210	126,104
1969	1,439	140,354

### Average Farm Size

Farms in Allamakee County averaged 309 acres in 1997, 34 acres less than the state's average.

#### 2. Average farm size (acres).

Year	Allamakee County	State
1997	309	343
1992	322	325
1987	302	301
1982	310	283
1978	303	274
1974	285	262
1969	249	239

### Farm Land Use

Allamakee County had 295,778 total acres in farmland in 1997, 9 percent less than in 1992.

#### 3. Land in farms (acres), Allamakee County.

Year	Total	Crop-land	Wood-land	Other*
1997	295,778	179,795	79,760	36,223
1992	321,728	198,075	88,031	35,622
1987	321,226	196,344	84,782	40,100
1982	351,756	209,937	95,602	46,217

\* Includes land in house lots, ponds, etc., and non-crop and non-woodland pasture.

Of the acres harvested in Allamakee County in 1997, 59 percent were either corn or soybean acres. This was lower than the 93 percent statewide average.

#### 4. Corn and soybean acres as percentages of total acres harvested.

Year	Allamakee County		State	
	Corn	Soy-beans	Corn	Soy-beans
1997	47	12	50	43
1992	49	3	55	36
1987	44	3	50	39
1982	48	2	53	33
1978	45	2	54	32

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# Livestock Profile

## Hogs and Pigs

The number of farms selling hogs and pigs in Allamakee County decreased 59 percent from 1992 to 1997. Over that same period the number of hogs and pigs sold in the county decreased by 42 percent. Statewide, the number of farms with hog and pig sales decreased 46 percent while the number of hogs and pigs sold increased 2 percent.

### 5. Farms selling hogs and pigs and number of hogs and pigs sold, Allamakee County.

Year	Farms selling	Number sold
1997	147	148,575
1992	356	257,244
1987	426	169,181
1982	484	203,344
1978	650	186,770
1974	759	167,256
1969	1,020	189,145

## Fattened Cattle

The number of farms in Allamakee County selling fattened cattle decreased 27 percent from 1992 to 1997, while the number of fattened cattle sold decreased 46 percent. Statewide, farms selling decreased by 22 percent and cattle sales dropped by 16 percent over those five years.

### 6. Farms selling fattened cattle and number of fattened cattle sold, Allamakee County.

Year	Farms selling	Number sold
1997	125	5,408
1992	172	9,941
1987	213	12,367
1982	216	12,687
1978	213	14,341

(Note: Fattened cattle are defined as cattle fattened on grain or concentrates for 30 days or more and sold for slaughter.)

\* Data suppressed to assure confidentiality.

## Dairy Cows

The number of farms in Allamakee County with dairy cows decreased 28 percent from 1992 to 1997 and the number of dairy cows reported decreased 12 percent. Statewide, the number of farms with dairy cows decreased 28 percent and the number of dairy cows dropped 14 percent.

### 7. Farms with dairy cows and number of dairy cows reported, Allamakee County.

Year	Farms with Cows	Number of Cows
1997	230	15,173
1992	319	17,165
1987	422	20,303
1982	502	21,764

## Poultry

A small number of farms in Allamakee County sold chickens in 1997. No farms reported turkey sales.

### 8. Farms selling poultry and number of poultry sold, Allamakee County.

Year	Layers		Broilers		Turkeys	
	Farms	No. sold	Farms	No. sold	Farms	No. sold
1997	0	0	4	*	0	0
1992	2	*	5	*	3	*
1987	2	*	5	260	0	0
1982	15	11,936	11	11,600	1	*

## Sheep and Lambs

The number of farms in Allamakee County selling sheep and lambs decreased by 53 percent and there were 62 percent fewer head sold in 1997 than in 1992. Statewide, the number of farms with sheep and lamb sales decreased 36 percent and the number of head sold dropped 46 percent.

### 9. Farms selling sheep and lambs and number of sheep and lambs sold, Allamakee County.

Year	Farms Selling	Number Sold
1997	26	614
1992	55	1,613
1987	84	1,777
1982	74	1,662

# Farm Operator Profile

## Age

### 10. Percentages of farm operators by age group.

Year	Allamakee County						State					
	34 or under	35 to 44	45 to 54	55 to 64	65 or over	Average age	34 or under	35 to 44	45 to 54	55 to 64	65 or over	Average age
1997	8.0	24.9	25.9	21.0	20.1	52.0	9.9	23.0	23.7	21.1	22.3	52.4
1992	14.6	24.1	20.9	21.4	19.0	50.4	15.9	23.0	20.5	21.6	19.0	50.3
1987	20.4	22.4	21.0	20.4	15.7	48.5	19.3	20.2	20.7	24.0	15.7	49.3
1982	22.9	20.3	23.8	23.3	9.7	47.0	22.5	19.5	22.6	23.9	11.5	47.6
1978	20.3	21.5	25.4	22.6	10.2	47.4	21.1	19.7	25.0	23.9	10.4	47.5

Farm operators in Allamakee County in 1997 included 8.0 percent under the age of 35 and 20.1 percent 65 years of age or older. The average age of farm operators in Allamakee County was 52.0 in 1997, which was younger than the statewide average.

## Principal Occupation

Of the farm operators in Allamakee County in 1997, 50.4 percent claimed farming as their principal occupation, lower than the 62.9 percent state average.

### 11. Percentages of farm operators claiming farming as their principal occupation.

Year	Allamakee County	State
1997	50.4	62.9
1992	59.1	71.7
1987	59.5	73.5
1982	58.7	80.1
1978	61.8	80.8

## Days Worked Off Farm

The percentage of farm operators working 200 or more days off the farm in 1997 was smaller in Allamakee County than in the state overall.

### 12. Percentages of farm operators working 200 or more days off the farm.

Year	Allamakee County	State
1997	30.6	33.3
1992	21.5	28.3
1987	17.5	26.5
1982	16.6	24.2
1978	14.7	22.2

## Tenure and Type of Organization

Full-owner farms are operations where the operator owns all the land he or she operates. Part-owners are those who rent some of the land they operate. Tenants rent all of the land they operate. Compared to the state, Allamakee County had a higher percentage of farms operated by full-owners.

### 13. Percentages of farms by tenure.

Year	Allamakee County			State		
	Full-Owner	Part-Owner	Tenant	Full-Owner	Part-Owner	Tenant
1997	61.0	28.6	10.4	47.3	36.3	16.4
1992	60.1	30.6	9.3	45.1	36.0	18.9
1987	57.7	28.5	13.7	45.9	33.5	20.7
1982	56.9	29.4	13.8	45.9	33.3	20.8
1978	27.4	27.4	12.5	45.9	32.2	21.9

Individual/family operated farms are the most common type of farm organization throughout the state. The percentage of individual/family operated farms in Allamakee County was higher than the state average in 1997, while the percentage of partnerships was higher also.

### 14. Percentages of farms by type of organization.

Year	Allamakee County			State		
	Individual/Family	Part-ner	Other	Individual/Family	Part-ner	Other
1997	86.1	12.1	1.8	83.6	9.1	7.4
1992	83.8	13.9	2.3	84.0	10.4	5.6
1987	80.6	17.7	1.7	84.8	10.5	4.7
1982	82.5	16.0	1.7	84.6	11.4	4.0
1978	83.5	15.3	1.3	85.6	11.8	2.6

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## Financial Profile

The sale of dairy products generated the greatest amount of agricultural revenue in Allamakee County in 1997, followed by cattle and calves.

### 15. Market value (\$1,000) of agricultural products sold, Allamakee County.

Year	Total sales	Hogs and pigs	Cattle and calves	Dairy products	Corn	Soybeans	Other
1997	80,826	14,854	15,322	28,299	14,022	4,371	3,958
1992	89,509	22,951	22,714	29,412	8,960	878	4,594
1987	77,437	17,951	19,271	29,620	8,118	728	1,749

In Allamakee County, sale of cattle and calves constituted a greater percentage of total sales than in the state overall; hogs and pigs made up a smaller percentage of total sales. The sale of dairy products, cattle and calves, and hogs and pigs accounted for 72 percent of the dollars from total sales of agricultural products in Allamakee County in 1997.

### 16. Percent of total market value by sales of selected agricultural products.

Year	Allamakee County						State					
	Hogs, pigs	Cattle, calves	Dairy	Corn	Soy-beans	Other	Hogs, pigs	Cattle, calves	Dairy	Corn	Soy-beans	Other
1997	18.4	19.0	35.0	17.3	5.4	4.9	25.4	15.5	3.4	27.0	23.1	5.6
1992	25.6	25.4	32.9	10.0	1.0	5.1	24.8	22.1	4.2	26.6	17.6	4.7
1987	23.2	24.9	38.3	10.5	0.9	2.3	27.9	23.8	4.4	22.0	17.6	4.3

Farms in Allamakee County averaged a net cash return of \$19,864 in 1997, \$12,841 less than the state average. Of the farms in Allamakee County, 60 percent experienced a net cash gain that year, compared with 66 percent statewide.

### 17. Average net cash return per farm.

Year	Allamakee County			State		
	Net Cash Return	Net Gain	Net Loss	Net Cash Return	Net Gain	Net Loss
1997	\$19,864	\$39,439	\$9,831	\$32,705	\$54,248	\$9,348
1992	18,531	34,137	11,317	22,718	37,419	9,381
1987	20,199	29,309	6,623	20,412	31,660	7,521

(Note: Net cash return is derived by subtracting total operating expenditures from the gross market value of agricultural products sold. Net cash return is that of the farm unit rather than the net farm income of the operator since sales and expenses of the partners, landlords, and contractors are included.)