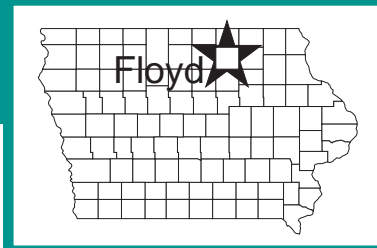


Agricultural Data for Decision Makers



Floyd County

Number of Farms

There were 850 farms counted in Floyd County in 1997. From 1992 to 1997, the number of farms in Floyd County decreased by 4 percent. Over the 28 years from 1969 to 1997, farm numbers in this county declined by 36 percent, faster than the state's decline of 35 percent.

1. Number of farms.

Year	Floyd County	State
1997	850	90,792
1992	882	96,534
1987	985	105,180
1982	1,097	115,413
1978	1,144	121,339
1974	1,196	126,104
1969	1,326	140,354

Average Farm Size

Farms in Floyd County averaged 353 acres in 1997, 10 acres more than the state's average.

2. Average farm size (acres).

Year	Floyd County	State
1997	353	343
1992	326	325
1987	301	301
1982	275	283
1978	265	274
1974	257	262
1969	232	239

Farm Land Use

Floyd County had 300,255 total acres in farmland in 1997, 4 percent more than in 1992.

3. Land in farms (acres), Floyd County.

Year	Total	Crop-land	Wood-land	Other*
1997	300,255	274,299	7,638	18,318
1992	287,586	262,555	6,212	18,819
1987	296,488	272,361	7,192	16,935
1982	301,722	269,426	6,657	25,639

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

Of the acres harvested in Floyd County in 1997, 97 percent were either corn or soybean acres. This was higher than the 93 percent statewide average.

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

Year	Floyd County		State	
	Corn	Soy-beans	Corn	Soy-beans
1997	52	45	50	43
1992	57	39	55	36
1987	50	43	50	39
1982	52	40	53	33
1978	51	39	54	32

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Livestock Profile

Hogs and Pigs

The number of farms selling hogs and pigs in Floyd County decreased 50 percent from 1992 to 1997. Over that same period the number of hogs and pigs sold in the county decreased by 3 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, Floyd County.

Year	Farms selling	Number sold
1997	164	244,712
1992	329	251,937
1987	311	199,066
1982	377	189,183
1978	448	169,273
1974	530	134,341
1969	751	160,711

Fattened Cattle

The number of farms in Floyd County selling fattened cattle decreased 15 percent from 1992 to 1997, while the number of fattened cattle sold decreased 39 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, Floyd County.

Year	Farms selling	Number sold
1997	124	7,398
1992	146	12,177
1987	209	11,326
1982	231	14,400
1978	260	18,016

(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 Floyd County with dairy cows increased 17 percent from 1992 to 1997 and the number of dairy cows reported increased 59 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, Floyd County.

Year	Farms with Cows	Number of Cows
1997	27	963
1992	23	604
1987	52	1,679
1982	82	2,223

Poultry

A small number of farms in Floyd County sold chickens in 1997. One farm reported turkey sales.

8. Farms selling poultry and number of poultry sold, Floyd County.

Year	Layers		Broilers		Turkeys	
	Farms	No. sold	Farms	No. sold	Farms	No. sold
1997	1	*	8	*	1	*
1992	3	61	7	*	2	*
1987	8	2,000	14	51,775	6	106,573
1982	10	966	14	29,029	4	*

Sheep and Lambs

The number of farms in Floyd County selling sheep and lambs decreased by 46 percent and there were 67 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, Floyd County.

Year	Farms Selling	Number Sold
1997	26	784
1992	48	2,411
1987	63	2,104
1982	108	3,124

Farm Operator Profile

Age

10. Percentages of farm operators by age group.

Year	Floyd 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	12.8	22.4	24.2	20.7	19.9	51.3	9.9	23.0	23.7	21.1	22.3	52.4
1992	16.9	23.0	23.2	18.9	17.9	49.8	15.9	23.0	20.5	21.6	19.0	50.3
1987	19.1	19.8	21.1	24.8	15.2	49.2	19.3	20.2	20.7	24.0	15.7	49.3
1982	22.8	21.1	22.1	23.3	10.8	47.4	22.5	19.5	22.6	23.9	11.5	47.6
1978	22.3	20.9	23.3	22.6	10.8	47.0	21.1	19.7	25.0	23.9	10.4	47.5

Farm operators in Floyd County in 1997 included 12.8 percent under the age of 35 and 19.9 percent 65 years of age or older. The average age of farm operators in Floyd County was 51.3 in 1997, which was younger than the statewide average.

Principal Occupation

Of the farm operators in Floyd County in 1997, 70.4 percent claimed farming as their principal occupation, higher than the 62.9 percent state average.

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

Year	Floyd County	State
1997	70.4	62.9
1992	77.8	71.7
1987	80.2	73.5
1982	81.4	80.1
1978	79.9	80.8

Days Worked Off Farm

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

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

Year	Floyd County	State
1997	32.6	33.3
1992	30.1	28.3
1987	28.6	26.5
1982	24.2	24.2
1978	25.4	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, Floyd County had a lower percentage of farms operated by full-owners.

13. Percentages of farms by tenure.

Year	Floyd County			State		
	Full-Owner	Part-Owner	Tenant	Full-Owner	Part-Owner	Tenant
1997	42.4	39.5	18.1	47.3	36.3	16.4
1992	38.9	41.0	20.1	45.1	36.0	18.9
1987	41.0	39.5	19.5	45.9	33.5	20.7
1982	42.3	39.3	18.4	45.9	33.3	20.8
1978	35.2	35.2	21.4	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 Floyd County was higher than the state average in 1997, while the percentage of partnerships was lower.

14. Percentages of farms by type of organization.

Year	Floyd County			State		
	Individual/Family	Part-ner	Other	Individual/Family	Part-ner	Other
1997	83.9	6.5	9.6	83.6	9.1	7.4
1992	82.8	9.0	8.3	84.0	10.4	5.6
1987	85.1	8.0	6.9	84.8	10.5	4.7
1982	84.5	9.8	6.9	84.6	11.4	4.0
1978	87.2	10.1	2.7	85.6	11.8	2.6

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Financial Profile

The sale of corn generated the greatest amount of agricultural revenue in Floyd County in 1997, followed by soybeans.

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

Year	Total sales	Hogs and pigs	Cattle and calves	Dairy products	Corn	Soybeans	Other
1997	113,534	24,578	7,868	1,795	40,510	32,074	6,709
1992	92,274	22,570	12,878	718	30,812	19,632	5,664
1987	78,949	20,139	10,582	1,613	23,833	18,490	4,292

In Floyd County, sale of cattle and calves constituted a smaller percentage of total sales than in the state overall; hogs and pigs made up a smaller percentage of total sales. The sale of corn, soybeans, and hogs and pigs accounted for 86 percent of the dollars from total sales of agricultural products in Floyd County in 1997.

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

Year	Floyd County						State					
	Hogs, pigs	Cattle, calves	Dairy	Corn	Soy-beans	Other	Hogs, pigs	Cattle, calves	Dairy	Corn	Soy-beans	Other
1997	21.6	6.9	1.6	35.7	28.3	5.9	25.4	15.5	3.4	27.0	23.1	5.6
1992	24.5	14.0	0.8	33.4	21.3	6.1	24.8	22.1	4.2	26.6	17.6	4.7
1987	25.5	13.4	2.0	30.2	23.4	5.4	27.9	23.8	4.4	22.0	17.6	4.3

Farms in Floyd County averaged a net cash return of \$29,921 in 1997, \$2,784 less than the state average. Of the farms in Floyd County, 67 percent experienced a net cash gain that year, compared with 66 percent statewide.

17. Average net cash return per farm.

Year	Floyd County			State		
	Net Cash Return	Net Gain	Net Loss	Net Cash Return	Net Gain	Net Loss
1997	\$29,921	\$49,492	\$9,636	\$32,705	\$54,248	\$9,348
1992	22,165	35,267	11,518	22,718	37,419	9,381
1987	18,704	34,861	6,691	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.)