

# MASTER GARDENER

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## 2018 REPORT



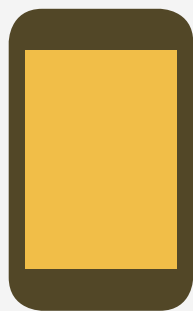




**1,952 Active MG Volunteers**  
**113,392 Volunteer Hours**  
**\$2.7 Million Value of Volunteer Hours**



**299 New MG Trainees at 24 Locations**  
**90,000 Pounds of Produce Donated**  
**25,041 Continuing Education Hours**



**255,675 Contacts Reached**  
**49,478 Yearly Media Reach**  
**81 Counties reporting**



# HIGHLIGHTS

Master Gardener volunteers in Linn County built partnerships to increase pollinator habitat by 2,000 acres. They provided seeds and education; 132 new pollinator gardens were created. They will receive the International Search for Excellence Award in 2019.

Over 5 years, Woodbury County Master Gardeners donated 90 thousand pounds of produce to nearby food pantries. Four volunteers were recognized with the 2018 ISU Extension and Outreach Exceptional Volunteer Service Award for their donation gardening project.

The Master Gardener Training was offered as a flipped classroom experience in 10 locations. Trainees watched MG training videos at home before participating in hands-on workshops and field trips.



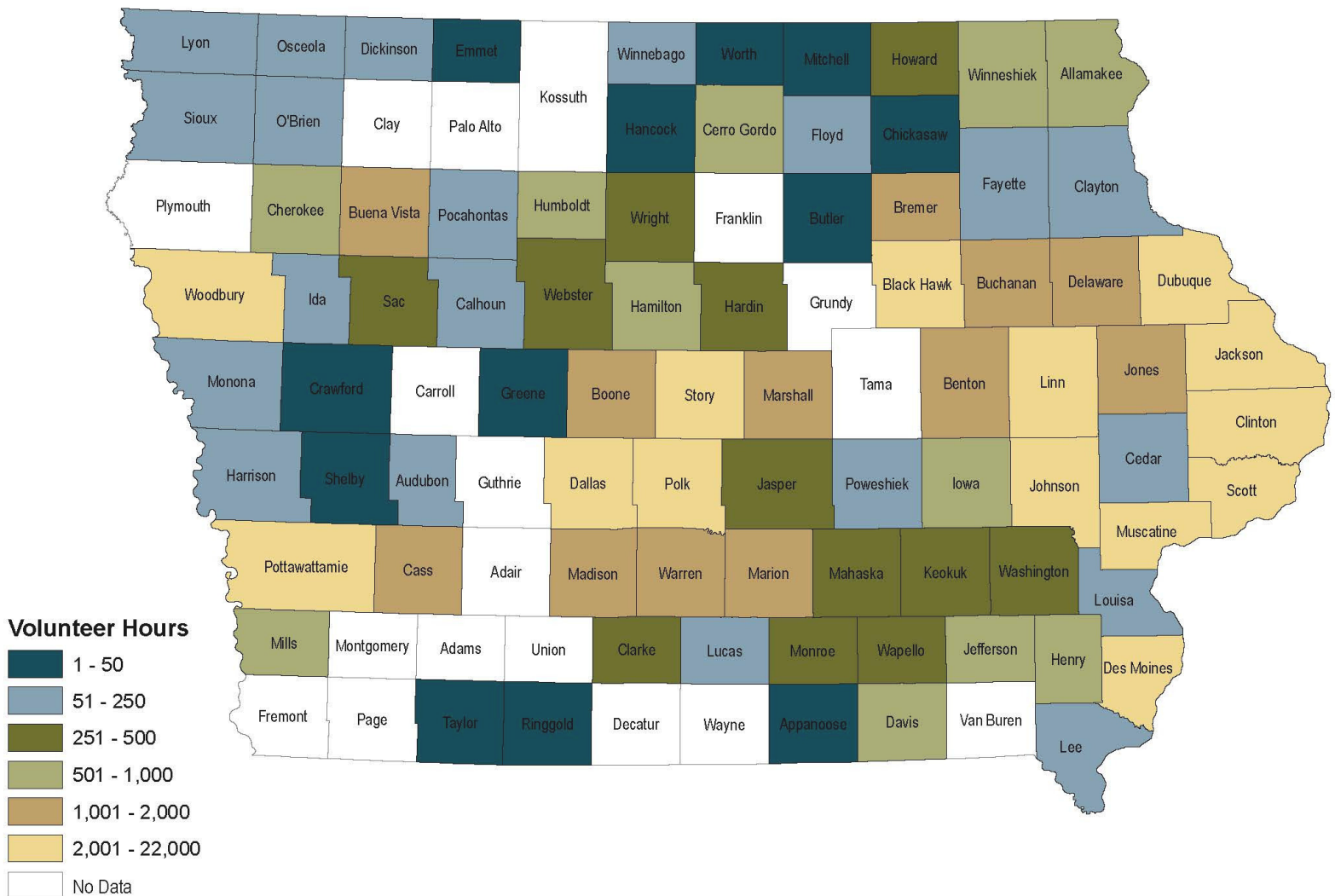
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In 40 years, the Iowa Master Gardener program has trained over 14,300 participants .





# MG VOLUNTEER HOURS BY COUNTY



## TOP 5 COUNTIES

## AVERAGE HOURS PER VOLUNTEER

# Linn 103 hours

## Boone 100 hours

## Harrison 98 hours

## Jackson 90 hours

## Black Hawk 79 hours

## TOTAL VOLUNTEER HOURS

## Polk 19.227 hours

## Linn 15,028 hours

## Johnson 6,651 hours

## Black Hawk 6,067 hours

**Scott 5,697 hours**