

Lesson 2 Agriculture

A Look at Iowa Agriculture



Climate

- Iowa temperature averages 15 degrees F. in January and 75 degrees F. in July.
 - Iowa's average precipitation is 43.35 inches.
 - Iowa is the 10th windiest state in the nation and has more than 600 wind turbines that generate enough energy for 140,000 average Iowa residential customers.
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Crops

- Iowa ranks 1st in the U.S. in corn and soybean production.
 - Iowa farmers harvested 13.9 million acres of corn.
 - Iowa farmers harvested 8.52 million acres of soybeans.
 - Livestock in Iowa consumes 400 million bushels of Iowa grown corn annually.
 - More than 89% of Iowa crop land is farmed using some kind of conservation practices (contouring, grass waterways, crop residue management)
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Soil

- Iowa has some of the richest and most productive soil in the world.
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General

- Over 90% of Iowa's land is used for agriculture.
 - The average farm in Iowa is 331 acres.
 - There were 92,856 farms in Iowa in 2007.
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Animals

- Iowa leads the nation in hog and egg production.
- Iowa's dairy industry produced an estimated 4.28 billion pounds of milk in 2007.
- The average milk produced per cow was 20,146 pounds.

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