

Just the facts

Agriculture's Contributions in Iowa

PALO ALTO COUNTY

Palo Alto County Farm Statistics (USDA):

General

- Number of farms in Palo Alto County: **850 farms.**
- Total farm land in Palo Alto County: **350,000 acres.**
- Average size of a Palo Alto County farm: **412 acres.**

Crops

- In 2009:
 - Market value of Palo Alto County crops grown: **\$154.6 million.**
 - **9.6%** of all jobs in Palo Alto County came from crop production.
- In 2010:
 - **179,000** acres of corn were harvested with an average yield of **174.0** bushel per acre for Palo Alto County.
 - **123,500** acres of soybeans were harvested with an average yield of **48.6** bushel per acre for Palo Alto County.

Livestock (2009)

- **13.9%** of all jobs in Palo Alto County came from livestock production.
- Market value of Palo Alto County livestock sold: **\$211.0 million.**
 - 545,000 head of hogs in Palo Alto County in 2008.
 - 3,000 head of cattle in Palo Alto County in 2010.
 - 1,228,974 head of hogs sold in 2007
 - 17,245 cattle and calves sold
 - 11,501 cattle sold for slaughter

Palo Alto County Economic Overview (2009):

- Total Palo Alto County employment: **6,287 jobs.**
- Percent employed in Palo Alto County agriculture: **23.5%.**
- Total agriculture Palo Alto County employment: **1,481 jobs.**
- Palo Alto County wages generated by agriculture: **\$69.6 million.**
- Palo Alto County agriculture alone generates over **\$365.7 million** in total sales.
- Combined, Palo Alto County agriculture and agricultural-related industries generated over **\$559.2 million** in total sales and supported **1,947 jobs.**

CSIF Mission

To advocate and help implement on-farm best management practices that assist Iowa's farm families in raising livestock responsibly and successfully.

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