



Absentee Landowner Statistics

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- About 48% of Iowa's landowners do not operate any of the land they own. (!)
- In 2007, non residents of Iowa own 21% of the land. (**)
- Absentee landowners owning land in Iowa have enrolled less than 1/3 the amount of land in federal set-aside programs than their owner-operator counterparts. (!)
- In 2007, 60% of the land in Iowa is farmed under landlord-tenant agreements.(**)
 - Females own 53% of leased farmland.
 - Landowners 65 years of age and older own 71% of all leased farmland.
 - Nonresidents own 20% of all leased land.
 - The majority of all leased farmland (58%) is owned by people who do not live on a farm.
- In 2007, the majority (62%) of Iowa's farmland owners did not farm.(**)
- In 2007, over half (55%) of the farmland in Iowa was owned by people over the age of 65, and over a quarter (28%) of the land was owned by people over 75 years old.(**)

(!) USDA, *Agricultural Economics and Land Ownership Survey (AELOS) 1999.*

(**) Duffy, Mike, *Farmland Ownership and Tenure in Iowa 2007, ISU Extension Publication PM 1983, 2008.*