Executive Summary

In 2016, the Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing and Hunting sector comprised 1.3 percent of all covered public and private employment in Iowa. This sector reported an average annual wage of $38,435 for 2016, which was 14.5 percent lower than the statewide average of $44,925 for all industries.

This sector increased employment by 31.8 percent between 2007 and 2016, adding 4,763 jobs in that time. While many industries lost jobs during the recession, employment in this sector grew every year in the last decade.

Animal production, the largest subsector within this industry, employed 11,256 workers, or 57.0 percent of all sector employment. Crop production employed 4,972 workers in 2016, a substantial portion of sector employment in an industry that has become more reliant on machinery than labor. However, this sector still employs a large number of seasonal workers.

The employment in the Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing and Hunting sector does not include self-employed farmers and operations that have less than 10 workers or that have a payroll of less than $20,000 per quarter.
What is Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing, and Hunting?

This sector comprises establishments primarily engaged in growing crops, raising animals, harvesting timber, and harvesting fish and other animals from a farm, ranch, or their natural habitats.

The sector distinguishes two basic activities: agricultural production and agricultural support activities. Agricultural production includes establishments performing the complete farm or ranch operation, such as farm owner-operators, tenant farm operators, and sharecroppers. Agricultural support activities include establishments that perform one or more activities associated with farm operation, such as soil preparation, planting, harvesting, and management, on a contract or fee basis.

Source: www.bls.gov/cen/bsa_naics/bsa_naics_app.htm

2016 Industry Breakout by Employment in Iowa
Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing & Hunting NAICS Industry Coding

Source: Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages (QCEW), Iowa Workforce Development

2007-2016 Employment in Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing & Hunting in Iowa

Source: Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages (QCEW), Iowa Workforce Development

https://www.iowaworkforcedevelopment.gov/labor-market-information-division
In 2016, there were 2,513 Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing, and Hunting locations across Iowa. Animal production has the most establishments in Iowa with 1,025 followed closely by Crop production with 1,014 locations across the state. Support activities for agriculture and forestry is third with 453 establishments.

The employers listed to the left are classified in the subsector that reflects their primary industry, although each company may be engaged in other economic activities.

Examples of Major Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing, & Hunting Employers

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Source: www.iowaworkforcedevelopment.gov/employer-database

2016 Covered Employment in Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing, & Hunting by County

Sector Statewide:
Employment - 19,762
Average Annual Wage - $38,435

Label Key:
First line is the county name followed by average employment and finally, average wage.

Source: Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages (QCEW), Iowa Workforce Development
2016 Average Annual Wage for Covered Employment in Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing, & Hunting

State Comparisons by Private Ownership

North Dakota $42,492
South Dakota $38,172
Nebraska $37,993
Iowa $38,432
Kansas $38,977
Minnesota $36,634
Wisconsin $33,784
Michigan $31,161

United States Average: $33,287

Source: Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages (QCEW), Iowa Workforce Development

Industry Distribution by Age and Gender 2nd Qtr. 2016

Source: Local Employment Dynamics, Iowa Workforce Development and U.S. Census Bureau
https://lehd.ces.census.gov/