

## *Iowa Ag History Collections—Northeast*

This resource includes information from historical societies and organizations from Northeast Iowa that have reported research or museum collections related to Iowa's agricultural history. In addition to contact, accessibility information, and onsite materials, our partners shared their organizations specific regional focuses, time periods with strength, and other thematic intersections. This is not a comprehensive list of all Iowa history organizations throughout the state, but rather a list of those who have chosen to share information at this time. All partners have been listed alphabetically.

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**Fayette Community Library**  
*104 W State St, Fayette, IA 52142*  
<https://www.fayettelibrary.lib.ia.us/>  
Open Regular Hours

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**Regional Focus:** Northeast Iowa

**Time Period Focus:** 1890–present, but not complete

**Thematic Intersections:** Immigration History

**Types of Archival Materials:** Trade Literature, Farm Organization Records, Oral Histories, Institutional Histories/Scrapbooks

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**Grout Museum District**

*503 South Street, Waterloo, IA 50701*

<https://www.groutmuseumdistrict.org/>

Open Regular Hours, Appointments Required for Collections in Storage

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**Regional Focus:** Waterloo/Cedar Falls area (the so-called "Cedar Valley"), Black Hawk County. Oral history collection represents the entire state.

**Time Period Focus:** Prehistoric, 1845–1985, strongest late 19th Century

**Thematic Intersections:** Political History, Cultural History, Immigration History, Indigenous History, Gender History, Religious History, Labor History

**Types of Archival Materials:** Trade Literature, Farm Organization Records, Farm Periodicals, Posters, Broad­sides, or other Paper Signage, Personal/Family Collections, Oral Histories, Atlases and Soil Maps, Deeds, Cookbooks, Farm Directories, Institutional Histories/Scrapbooks

**Types of Artifacts:** Machinery/Implements and Equipment, Tools

The Museum also includes information relating to Henry Wallace and Pioneer Hybrids

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**Iowa's Dairy Center**

*1527 Highway 150, Calmar, IA 52132*

<https://iowadairycenter.com/>

Open Regular Hours

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**Regional Focus:** Statewide, Some Midwest-wide

**Time Period Focus:** late 1800s–present

**Thematic Intersections:** none specified

**Types of Archival Materials:** Trade Literature, Farm Organization Records, Farm Periodicals, Posters, Broad­sides, or other Paper Signage, Personal/Family Collections, Farm Directories

**Types of Artifacts:** Machinery/Implements and Equipment, Tools, Dairy Equipment

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**Loras College/Center for Dubuque History**

*1450 Alta Vista, Dubuque, IA 52001*

<https://library.loras.edu/cdh>

Appointments preferred but not required

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**Regional Focus:** Dubuque and Surrounding Area

**Time Period Focus:** 1830s–present

**Thematic Intersections:** Religious History

**Types of Archival Materials:** Personal/Family Collections, Atlases and Soil Maps, Farm Directories, Institutional Histories/Scrapbooks

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**Mount Mercy University, Busse Library**

*1330 Elmhurst Drive NE, Cedar Rapids, IA 52402*

<https://www.mtmercy.edu/academics/academic-support/busse-library/index>

Appointments welcomed, not necessary

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**Regional Focus:** Linn County

**Time Period Focus:** early 1800s–present

**Thematic Intersections:** none specified

**Types of Archival Materials:** general Iowa reference; some Linn County history directories

The majority of Iowa history resources are in storage. Pleaes contact for more information.

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**National Czech & Slovak Museum & Library**  
*1400 Inspiration Place SW, Cedar Rapids, IA 52404*  
<https://ncsml.org/>  
Open Regular Hours

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**Regional Focus:** none specified

**Time Period Focus:** late 1800s–mid-1900s

**Thematic Intersections:** Immigration History

**Types of Archival Materials:** Farm Periodicals, Personal/Family Collections, Oral Histories, Cookbooks, Farm Directories, Books

The library and archival collections have books and periodicals that document farm life, agricultural practices, and animal husbandry from a Czech immigrant perspective

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**University of Northern Iowa — Special Collections & University Archives**  
*Rod Library, University of Northern Iowa, 1227 West 27th Street, Cedar Falls, IA 50614-3675*  
<https://scua.library.uni.edu/>  
Open Regular Hours or By Appointment

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**Regional Focus:** Statewide

**Time Period Focus:** 1920s–1970s

**Thematic Intersections:** Political History, Cultural History

**Types of Archival Materials:** Trade Literature, Farm Organization Records, Personal/Family Collections, Deeds

Materials are available to the public by appointment, walk-in hours, or digitally upon request. <https://scua.library.uni.edu/location-and-hours>. Our strongest collections supporting agriculture research are [the Farm Crisis collection](#), [the Hearst Family Papers](#), and [the Miller Family papers](#).

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**Vesterheim the National Norwegian-American Museum and Folk Art School**

*520 W. Water St. Decorah, IA 52101*

<https://vesterheim.org/>

Appointment Required for Research

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**Regional Focus:** Winneshiek County, State and Region wide

**Time Period Focus:** 1700s–1980s, Strongest mid–late 1800s–early 1900s

**Thematic Intersections:** Cultural History, Immigration History

**Types of Archival Materials:** Personal/Family Collections

**Types of Artifacts:** Machinery/Implements and Equipment, Tools, Buildings, Structures, and Other Objects on the Landscape

Vesterheim's collection includes objects, library materials, and archives materials related to Norwegian and Norwegian-American culture and history.

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