

**State Historical Society of Iowa  
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**Regional Focus:** Variety of counties and state-wide, depends on collection location/material type

**Time Period Focus:** Primary Sources pre-1980, State Publications pre-/post-1940s, Photographs pre-1945

**Thematic Intersections:** Political history, Cultural history, Immigration history, Latino/a history, Gender history (limited), Religious history, Labor history

**Types of Archival Materials:** Trade Literature, Farm Organization Records, Farm Periodicals, Posters, Broad sides, or other Paper Signage, Personal/Family Collections, Oral Histories, Atlases and Soil Maps, Deeds, Cookbooks, Farm Directories, Institutional Histories/Scrapbooks (rural churches, schools, etc.)

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### **Iowa City Agricultural Collection Highlights**

This list is not exhaustive and only represents a sample of our agricultural collections, please ask us for more information!

#### **Publications:**

- Iowa Journal of History and Politics
- The Palimpsest
- Iowa Heritage Illustrated
- Wallaces' Farmer Magazine (1895–2014)
- [Farm Crisis: The Human Side](#)
- [Broken Heartland: The Rise of America's Rural Ghetto](#),
- [Voices from the Land](#)

#### **Reports, Records, Maps and Directories:**

- [Annual Report...of the Iowa State Agricultural Society, 1880–1899](#)
  - [Biennial Report: Iowa Book of Agriculture, 1952–1985](#)
  - Plat Maps (1875–2000s)
  - Farm Directories (1875–2000s)
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**Manuscripts, Papers, and Bibliographies:**

- [Iowa History and Culture Annotated Bibliographies](#)
- [The American Farm Crisis: An Annotated Bibliography](#)
- [Elmer G. Powers Papers, 1886-1942](#)
- [Henry Field Papers, 1846-1955](#)
- [Gilbert Haugen Papers, 1882-1940](#)
- Mahaska County Agricultural and Rural Development Committee, 1997–1998

**Oral Histories:** [Iowa Labor Oral History Project](#)

**Photographs:** Statewide Photo Collection can generally be found under “Agriculture” and “Farms & Farming” subject headings