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Known predominantly as an agricultural state, Iowa has about 221,968 farms containing 34,359,000 acres. Much of the farm income of the state comes from the production of timothy seed, red clover seed, sweet clover seed, alfalfa seed and the various corn hybrid seeds. Honey is also rapidly forging to the front as a cash crop. The U.S. Department of Agriculture shows that the average cash income per farm in the United States in 1942 was \$2,685. The average Iowa cash income per farm was \$6,025. Total farm income for 1942 was \$1,285,320, while the average farm income for a period from 1934 to 1940 was \$544,802,000.

Livestock is the basis of a large part of the farmer's business in Iowa. Over a period of ten years from 1931 to 1940, the average income from this source for the Iowa farmer is \$45,469,180 annually. This is the rate of return from cattle and calves, hogs, sheep and lambs. For the same period, the average return from poultry and eggs was \$5,371,740 each year. Vegetables for this period produced an average of \$400,890.

One-fifth of the state's population is supported by manufacturing. In value of manufactured products, Iowa ranks sixteenth among all the states, and fifth among those west of the Mississippi. Much of the manufacturing is closely related to agriculture. Meat packing is a leading industry.