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## did you know....?

Over one-fifth (115) of the nation's 500 largest manufacturers operate more than 260 plants in Iowa.

Iowa's soil produces more wealth each year than all the gold mines in the world.

Iowa has 25 percent of the nation's grade "A" land.

Iowa produces 10 percent of the nation's food supply.

The value of Iowa's manufactured products was \$10 billion in 1966.

The value of Iowa's agriculture products was \$3 billion in 1966.

Iowa ranks first in number of hogs raised.

Iowa ranks first in bushels of corn produced.

Iowa ranks first in number of cattle and calves marketed.

Iowa ranks second in bushels of soybeans grown.

Iowa is the first state to produce a billion-dollar corn crop.

Iowa ranks 5th in value of its agricultural exports (\$330.7 million in 1963).

Iowa ranks 18th in value of its manufactured exports (\$239.6 million in 1963).

In 1850 just over 5 percent of Iowa's population lived in urban areas; today more than 50 percent of its people live in urban areas.

In 1788 Julien Dubuque became the first permanent settler in the land that was to become Iowa.

Iowa became a state in 1846; it was the 29th state to join the Union.

Iowa's elevation ranges from 500 feet above sea level in the southeast to 1,600 in the northwest.

Iowa has 90 state parks.

Iowa State University's College of Engineering has the largest enrollment of any engineering school west of the Mississippi.

Iowa ranked third in 1961-62 among states in the number of doctorate degrees conferred per 1 million population.

The University of Iowa is America's 24th largest university.

Industries from A to Z, and these are just a sampling . . . Amana, Bendix, Collins Radio, Du Pont, Firestone, Fisher Governor, General Electric, International Paper, John Deere, Link-Belt, Massey-Ferguson, Maytag, National Gypsum, Oliver, Proctor & Gamble, Quaker Oats, Rockwell Standard, Sinclair, Sylvania, Union Carbide, U. S. Gypsum, Weyerhaeuser, Zenith.

Iowa is the only state bordered on two sides by navigable rivers — the Mississippi and the Missouri.

Iowa's people have the highest functional literacy rate in the nation.

Fort Atkinson was the only fort ever built to protect one Indian tribe from another.

Iowa has the largest cereal plant, single brand home laundry equipment industry, popcorn processing plant, honey producer, aluminum plate rolling mill, cellophane producing plant, producer of electronic resistors . . . many others, too.

Iowa is Indian for "This Is the Place" or "The Beautiful Land."

The nation's largest legitimate theater is located in Des Moines.

Iowa ranked second in 1966 in cash receipts from marketing of farm products (\$3.4 billion).

U. S. Census Bureau predicts Iowa's population will be 3,162,000 in 1985.

Iowa ranked first in 1965 in commercial cattle slaughtered with 3.9 million head. Iowa ranked first in 1965 in hog slaughter with 15.4 million head.

Iowa's non-farm employment reached an all-time high of 771,600 in

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