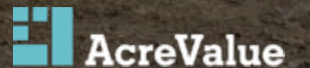




# Who Owns, Rents and Buys Farmland Today

**Speaker: Dr. Wendong Zhang, Iowa State University**

**Moderator: Dr. LeeAnn Moss, AcreValue**

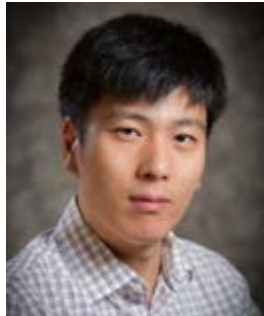


## Our Speakers Today

### Featured Guest:

#### Dr. Wendong Zhang, Iowa State University

- Assistant Professor of Economics
- Leading Researcher of Iowa Land Value & Ownership Surveys
- ISU Center for Agricultural & Rural Development affiliation
- Co-founder of new ISU China Ag center
- Ph.D., Ag Econ, Ohio State



#### Dr. LeeAnn Moss, AcreValue

- Director of Industry Marketing
- Joined Granular in 2017
- Former farm real estate broker, auctioneer and Appraiser
- Ph.D., Ag Econ, University of Illinois



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# Survey sources

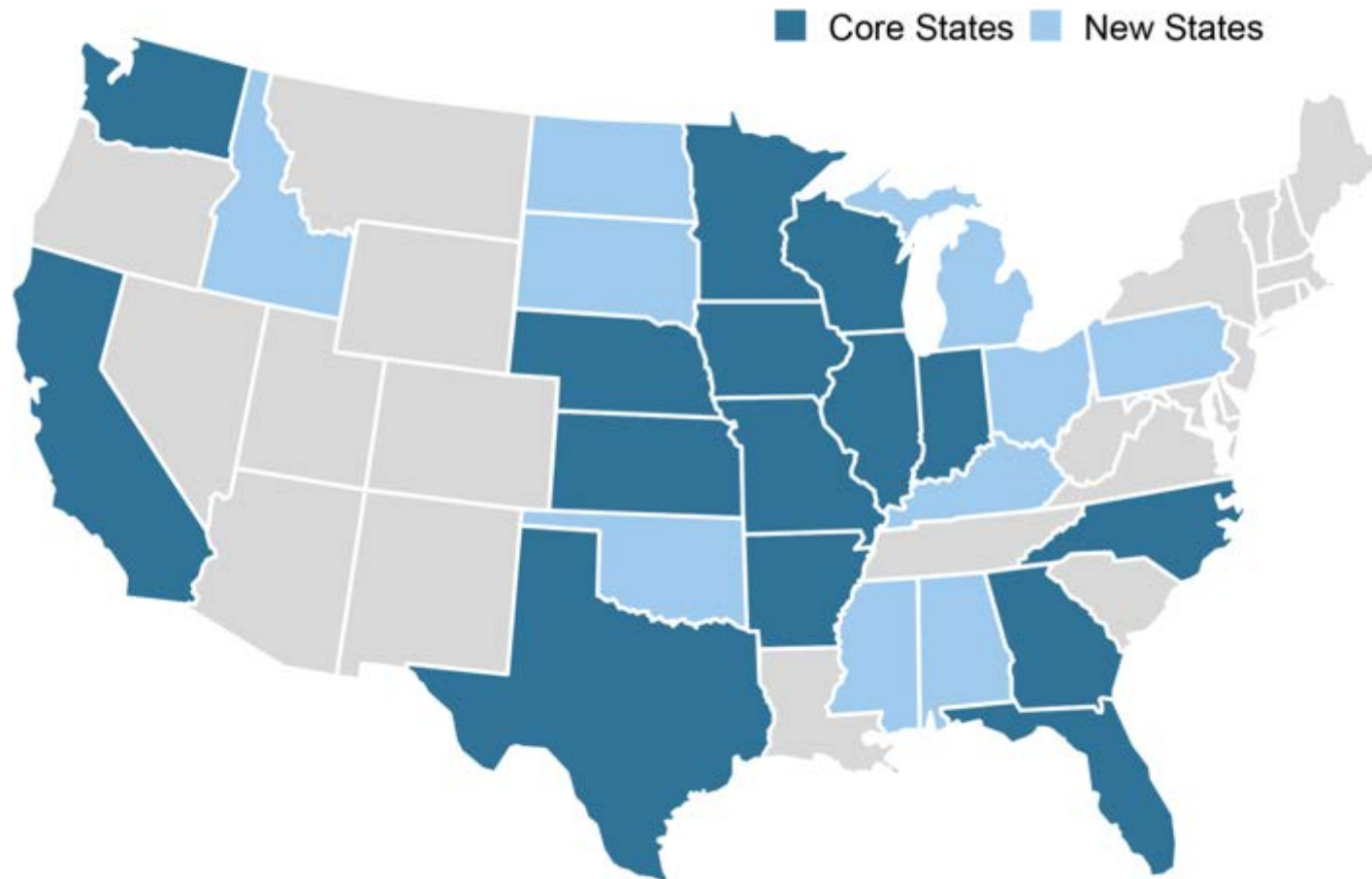
## US-based survey 2014 (USDA)

- Tenure, Ownership and Transition of Ag Land (TOTAL)
- Jointly done with USDA/NASS and ERS
- Only nationally representative data since 1999

## Iowa-based survey 2017 (ISU)

- Iowa State University Farmland Ownership and Tenure Survey
- Statistically representative of all owners and all land
- Conducted every 5 years since 1982

# States the US TOTAL survey covers



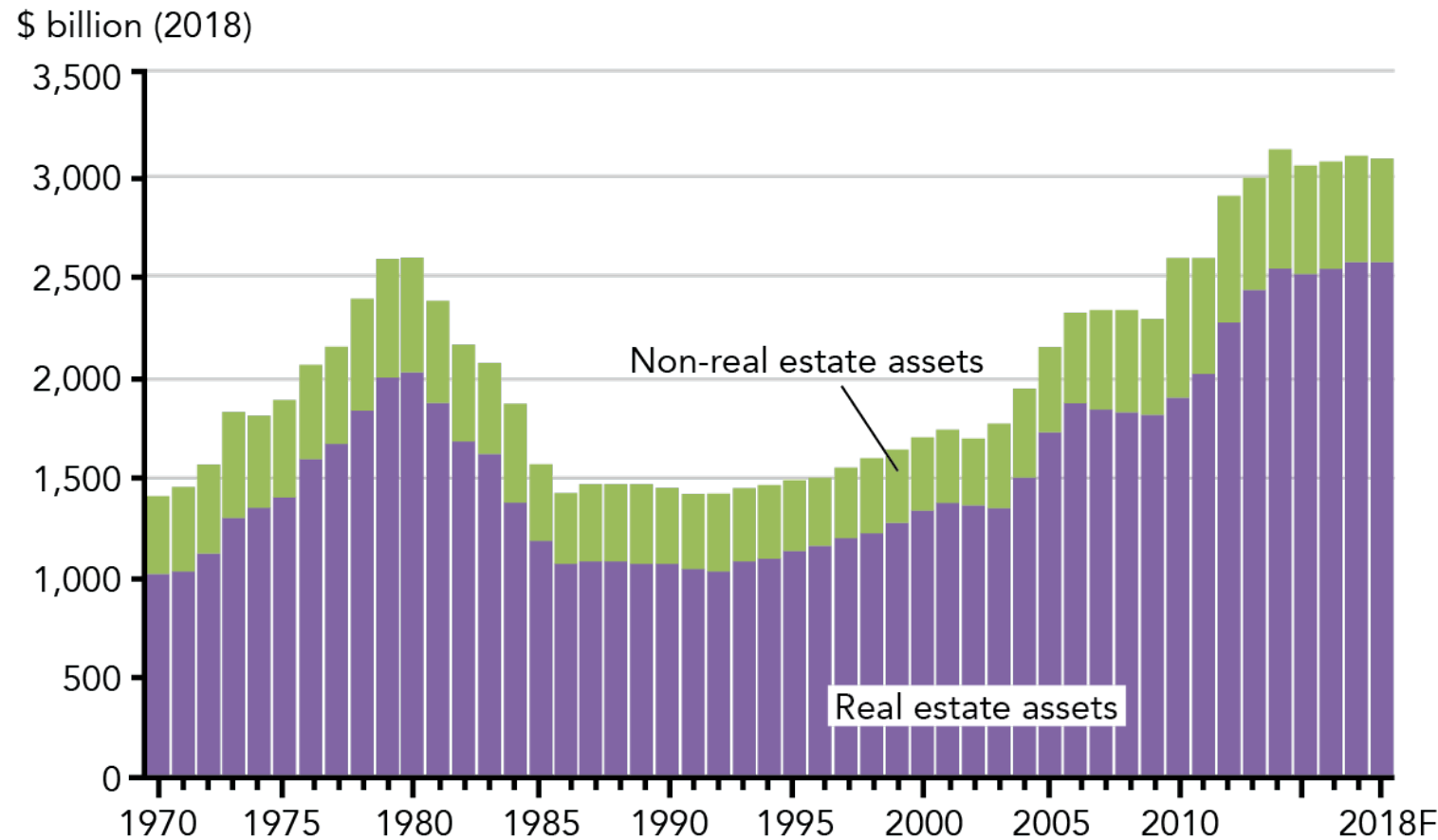


# Trends in Farmland Ownership

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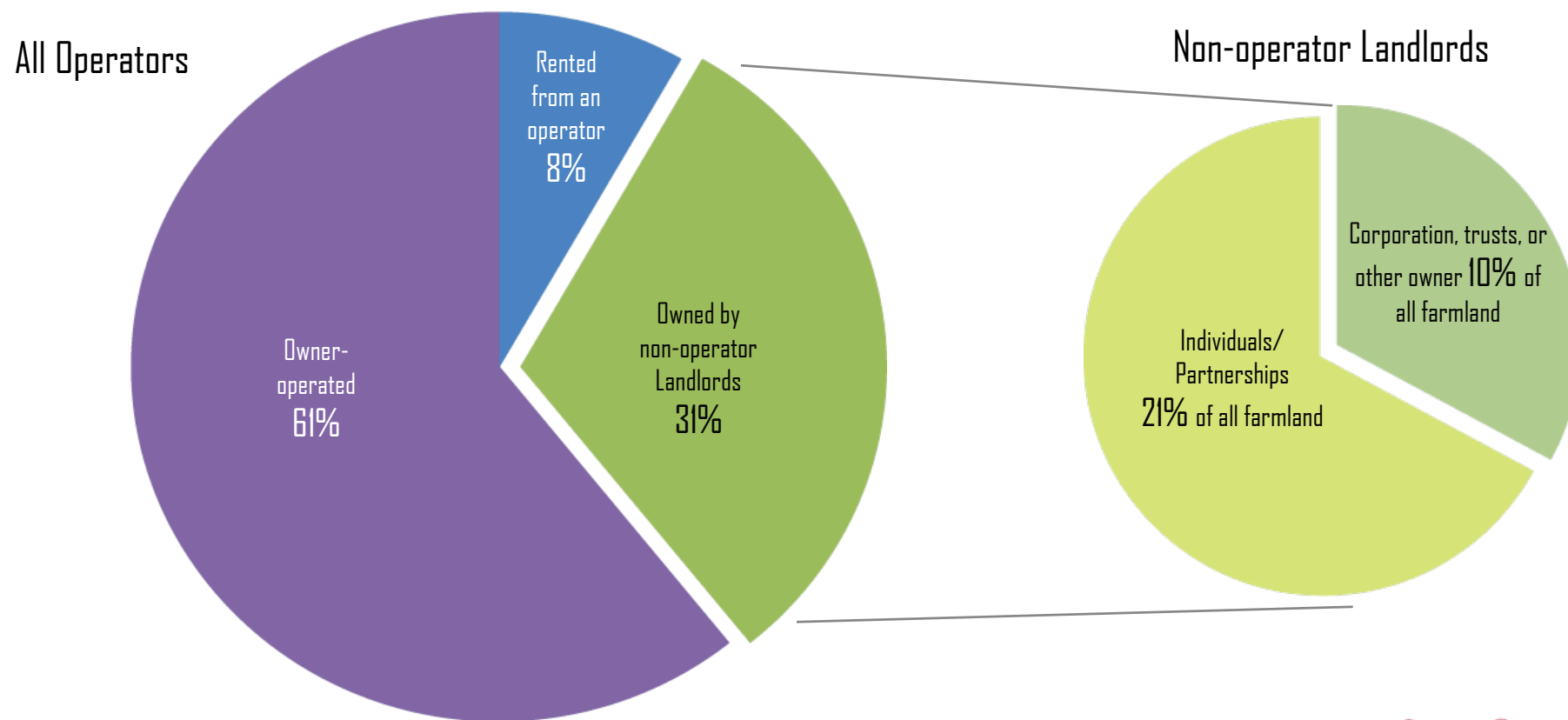
How it's acquired

## US farm assets: Land is > 80%



## 40% of land in farms is rented from others

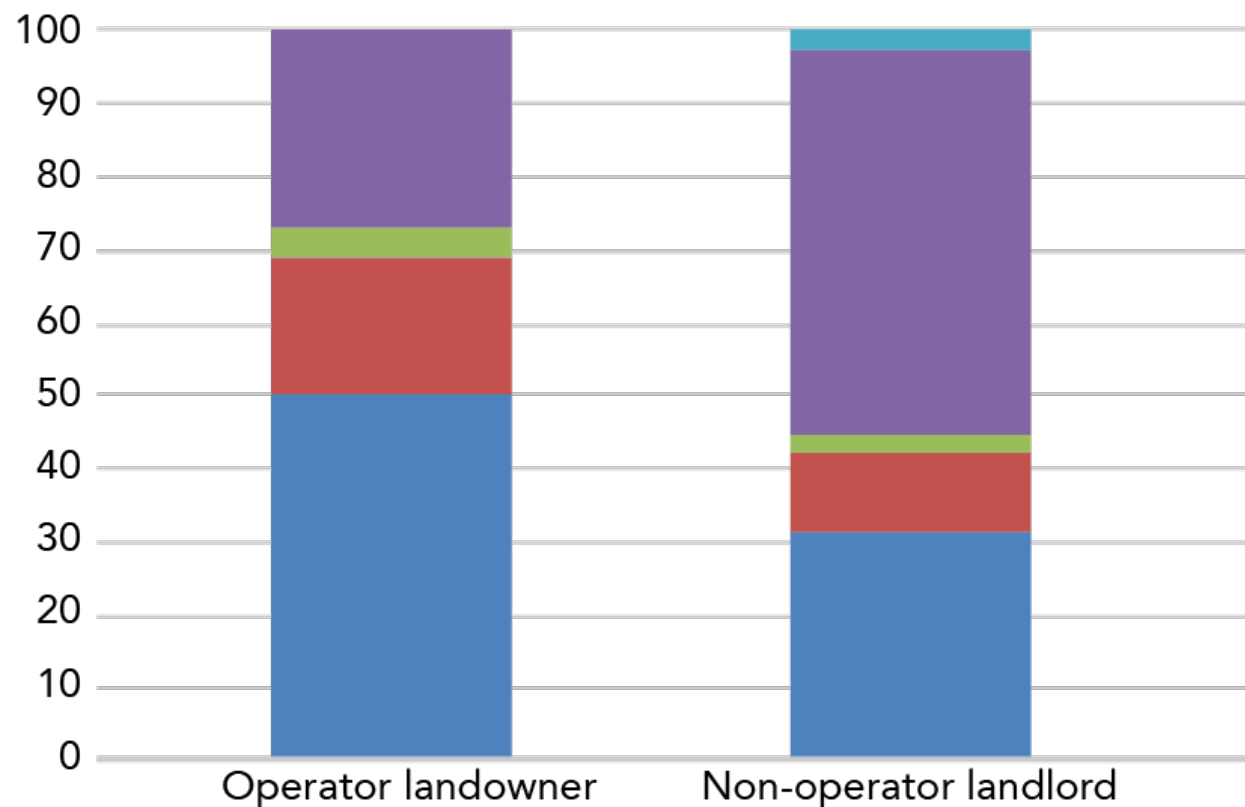
Over time, more land in trusts & corporations





# Non-operators more likely to inherit land

70% of land owned by operator landowners is purchased

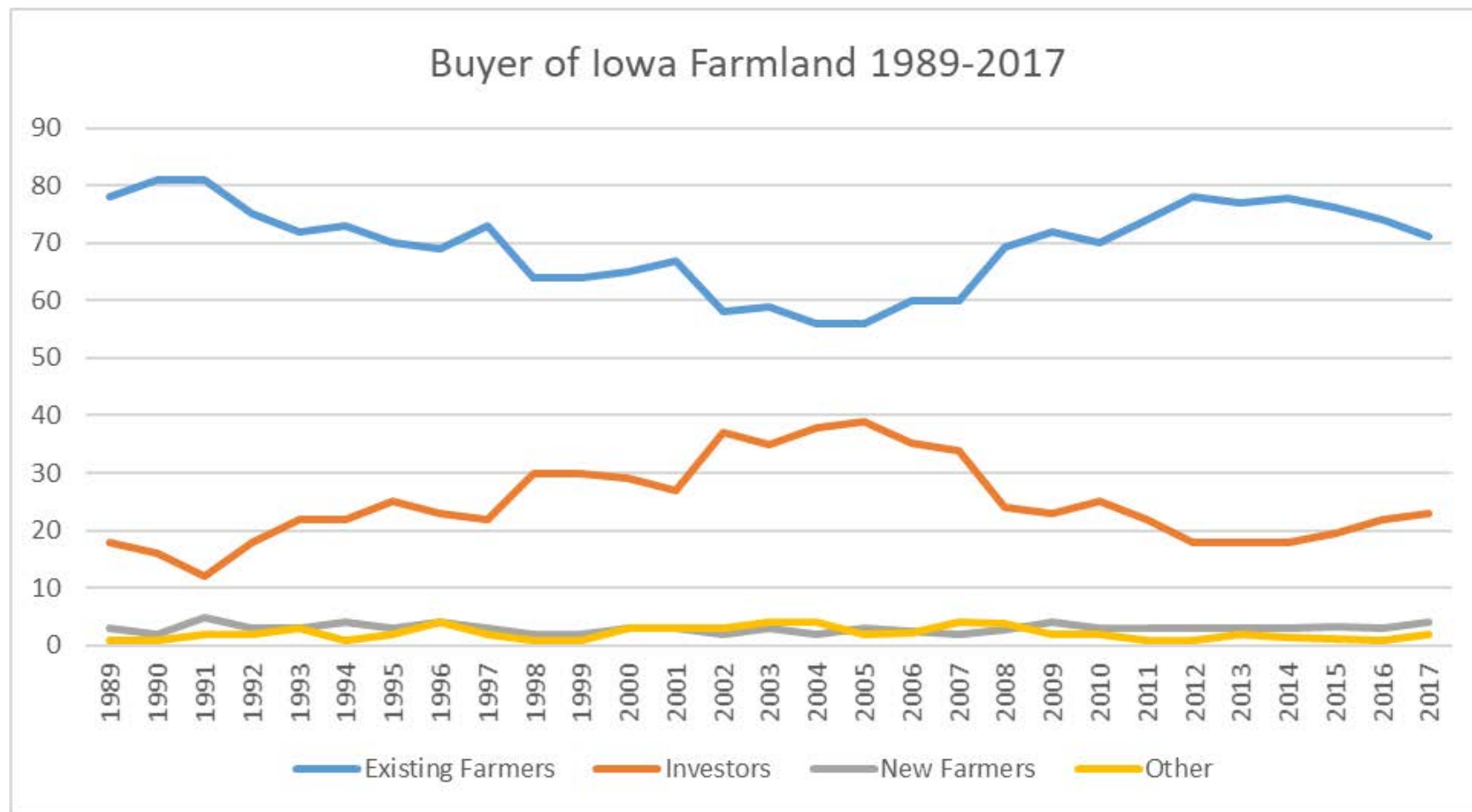


## How Acquired

- Purchased from a non-relative
- Purchased from relative
- Purchased in an auction
- Inherited or gifted
- Other (non-operator landlord survey version only)

# Existing farmers are primary buyers of Iowa farmland

Investor share increased when farm income dropped



## Primary reason for Iowa owners to own land

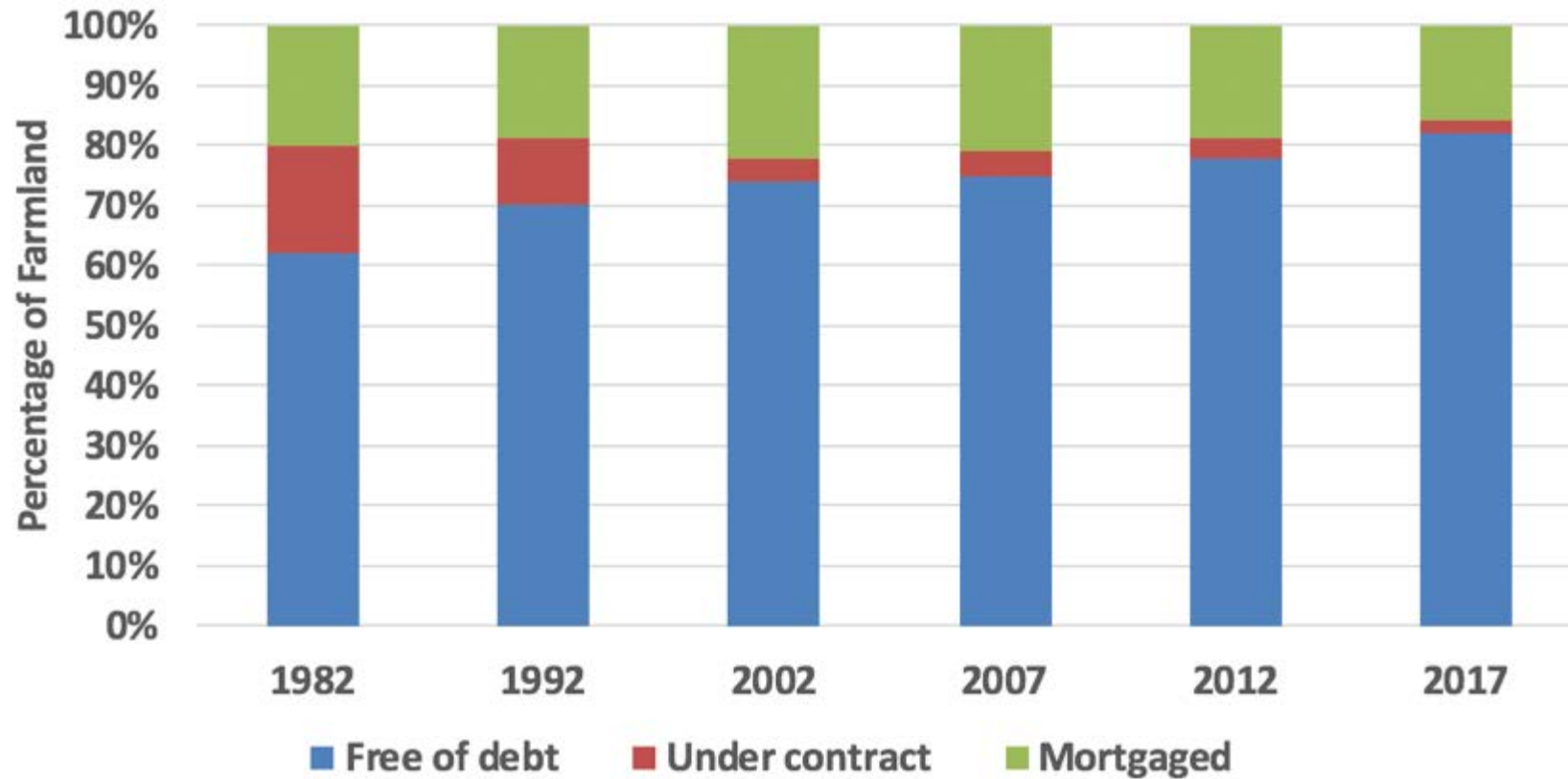
2012		2017				
		All	<35	35-65	65-80	>80
Current income	56%	<b>49%</b>	40%	56%	45%	41%
Long-term investment	19%	<b>19%</b>	44%	15%	22%	19%
<b>Family or sentimental</b>	22%	<b>29%</b>	0%	25%	30%	38%
Home	1%	<b>2%</b>	12%	2%	1%	1%
Recreation	1%	<b>1%</b>	5%	1%	1%	0%
None given	1%	<b>1%</b>	0%	1%	0%	1%

# Farmland ownership is a long-term commitment

Iowa Data

Years Owned	2012	2017
> 50 Years	20%	8%
40-50 Years		12%
30-40 Years	15%	13%
20-30 Years	19%	20%
10-20 Years	21%	24%
< 10 Years	24%	24%

## 82% of Iowa land is owned free of debt





# Trends in Farmland Leasing Relationships

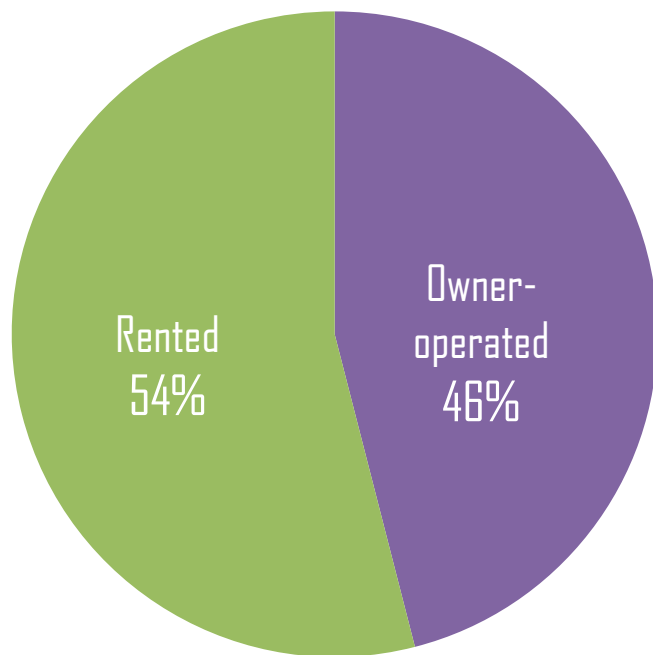
Who are the  
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Who are the tenants

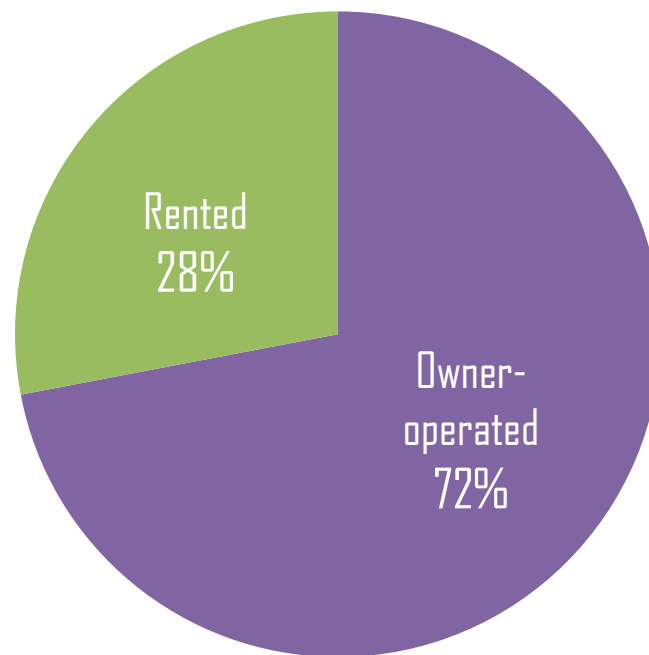
Lease types



## Pastureland more likely to be owner-operated than cropland



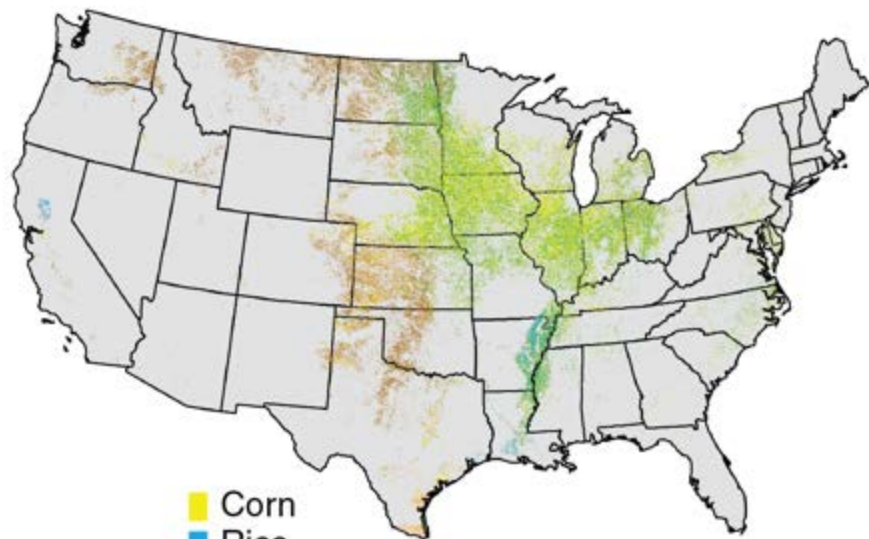
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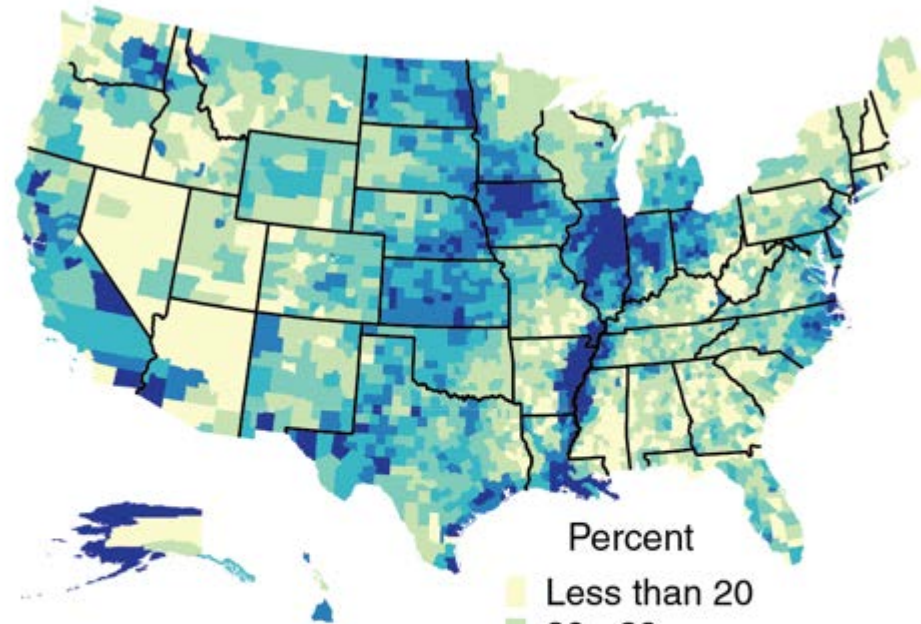
Pastureland

# Most rented farmland concentrated in cash grain production

% rented land is higher in areas with higher quality soils  
regions



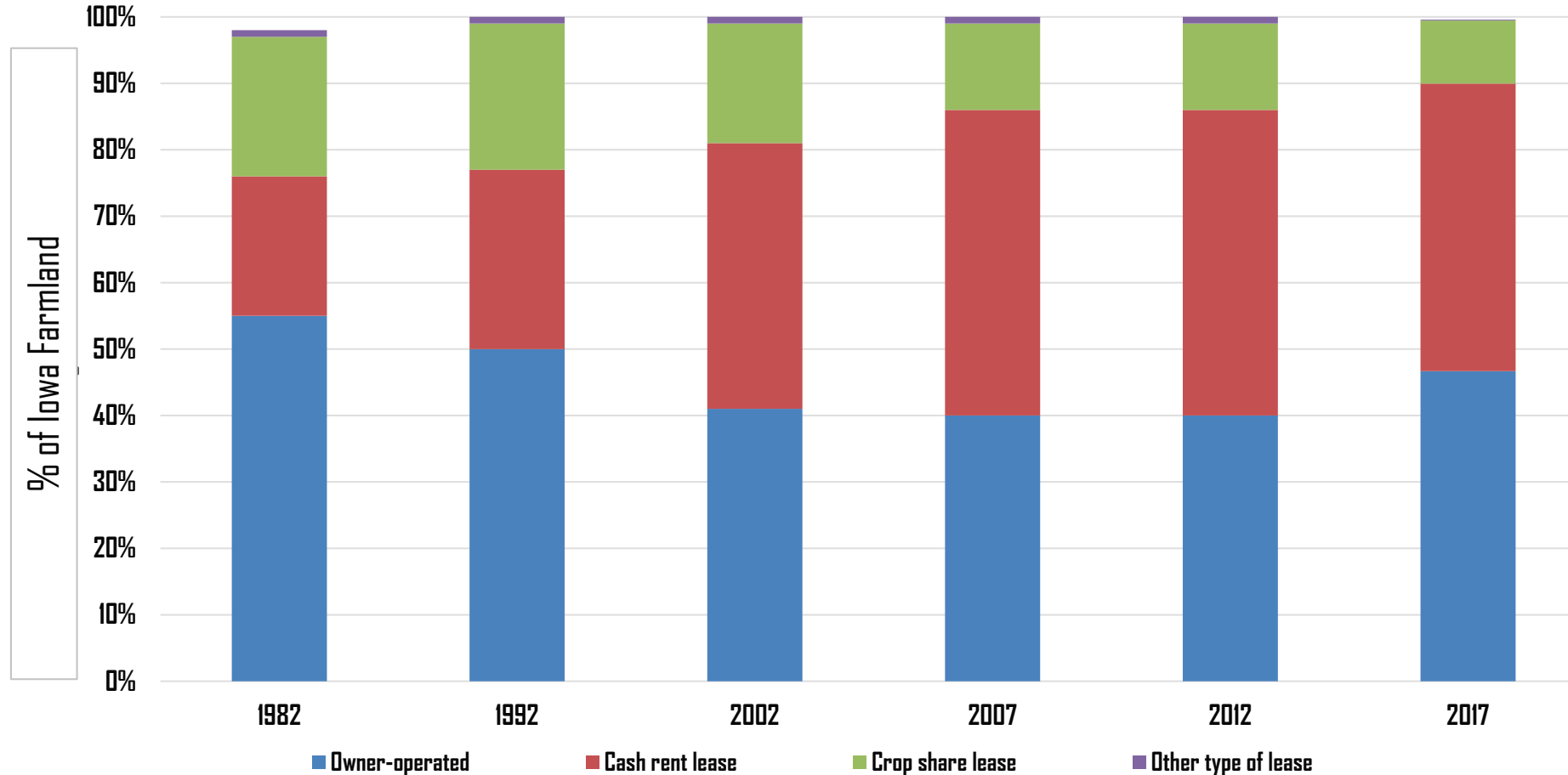
- Corn
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- Soybeans



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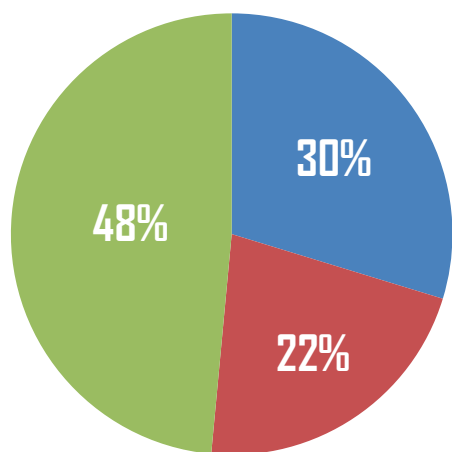
# A shift toward cash rent

Crop share less popular in current low margin times

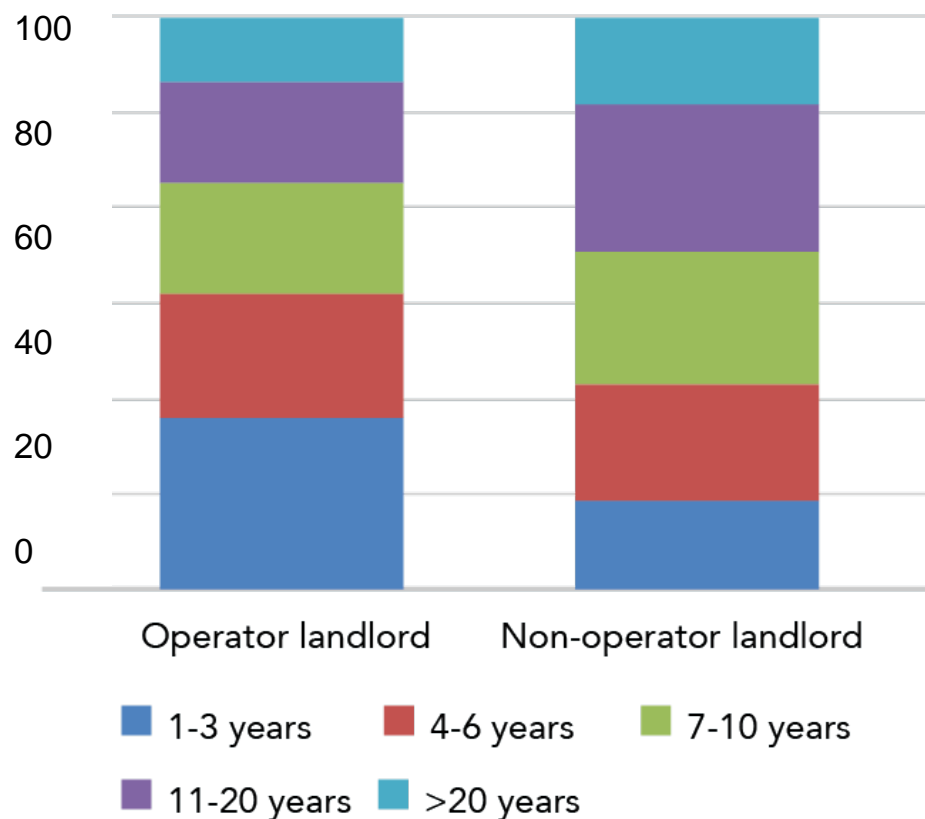


# Tenants: who they are & their leasing relationships

Non-operators offer longer term leases



■ relative  
■ close friend  
■ someone else





# Trends in Landowner Characteristics

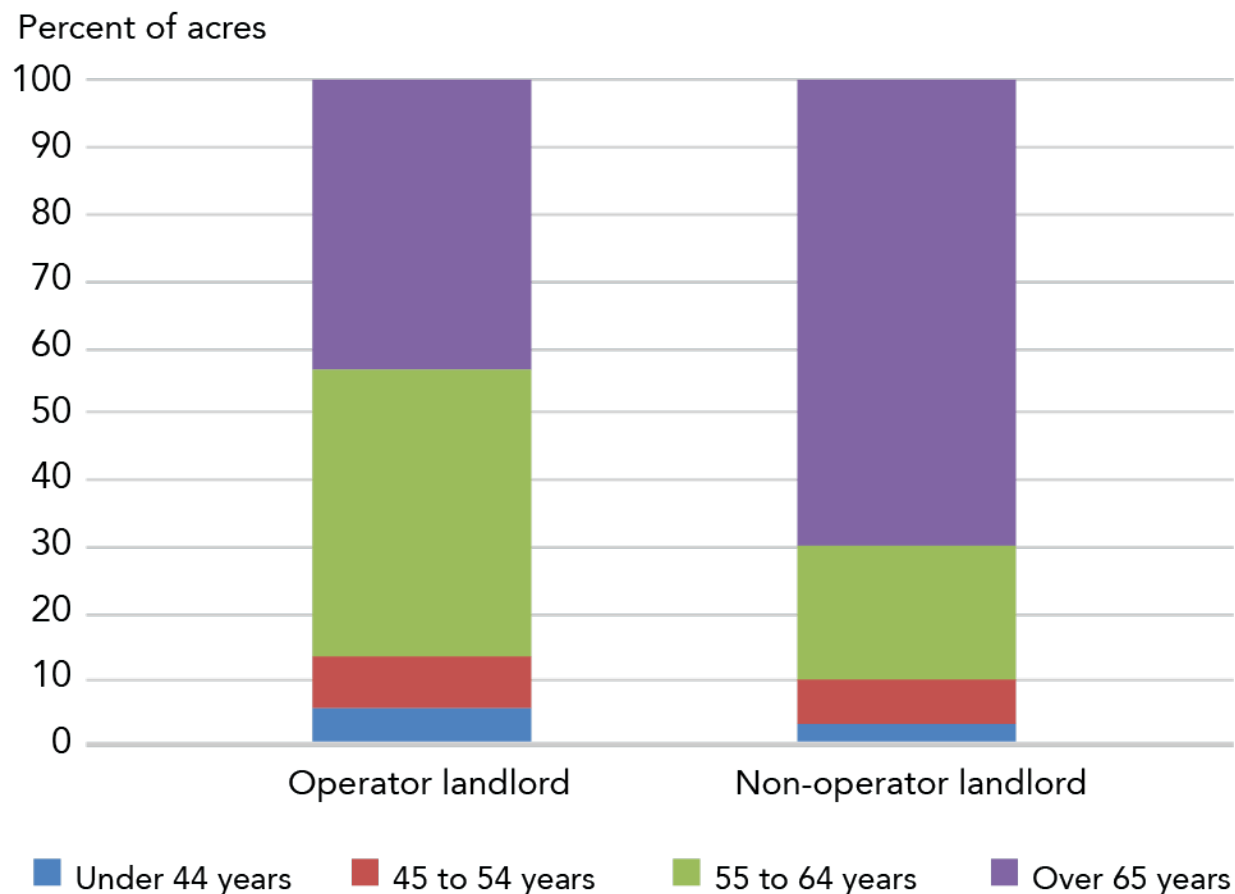
What's changing

What's not

Implications

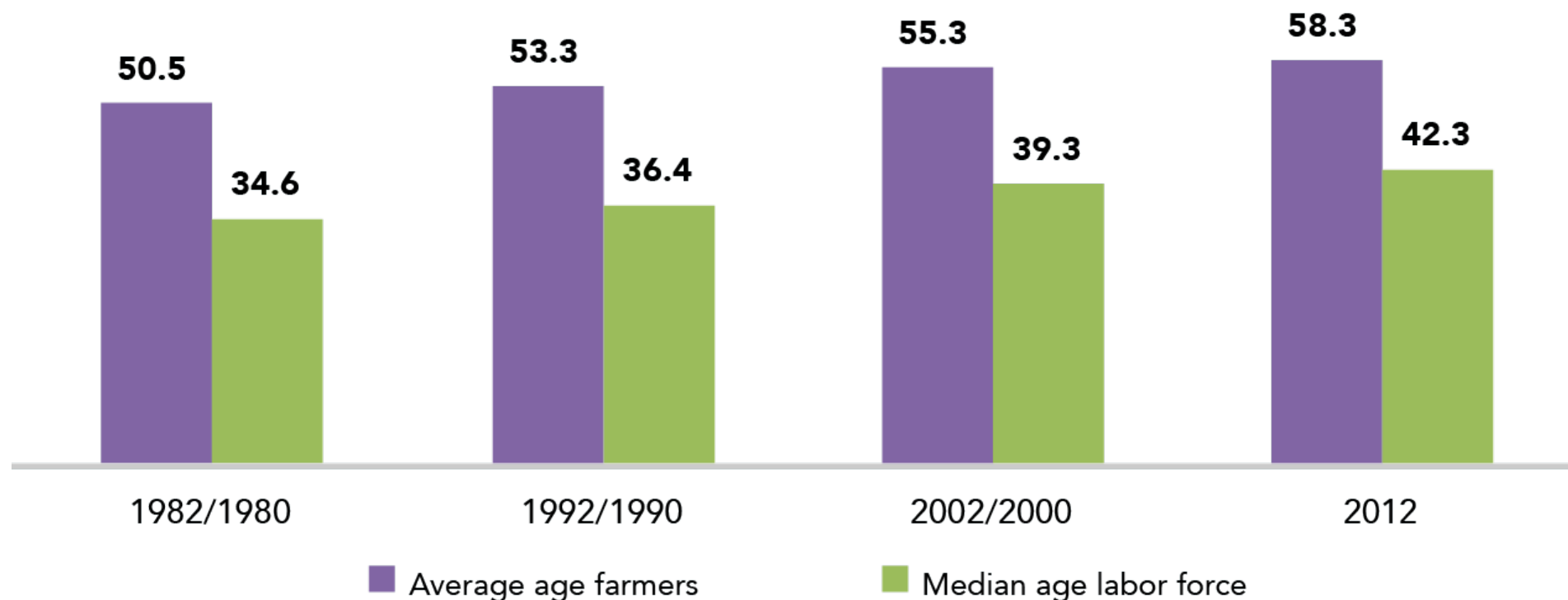
# US land ownership concentrated among older operators & landlords

Concentration > 65 years old greater for non-operator landlords

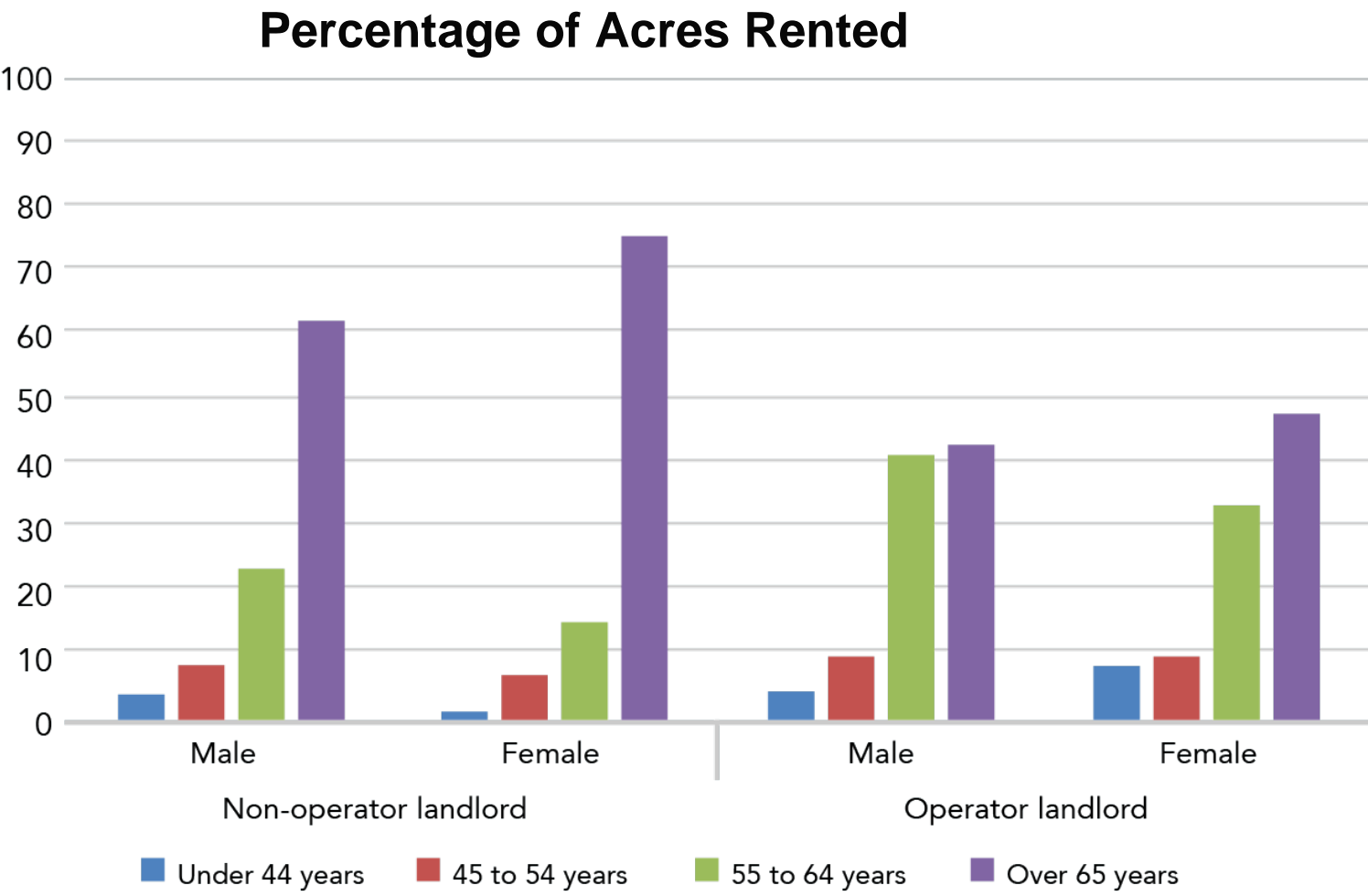




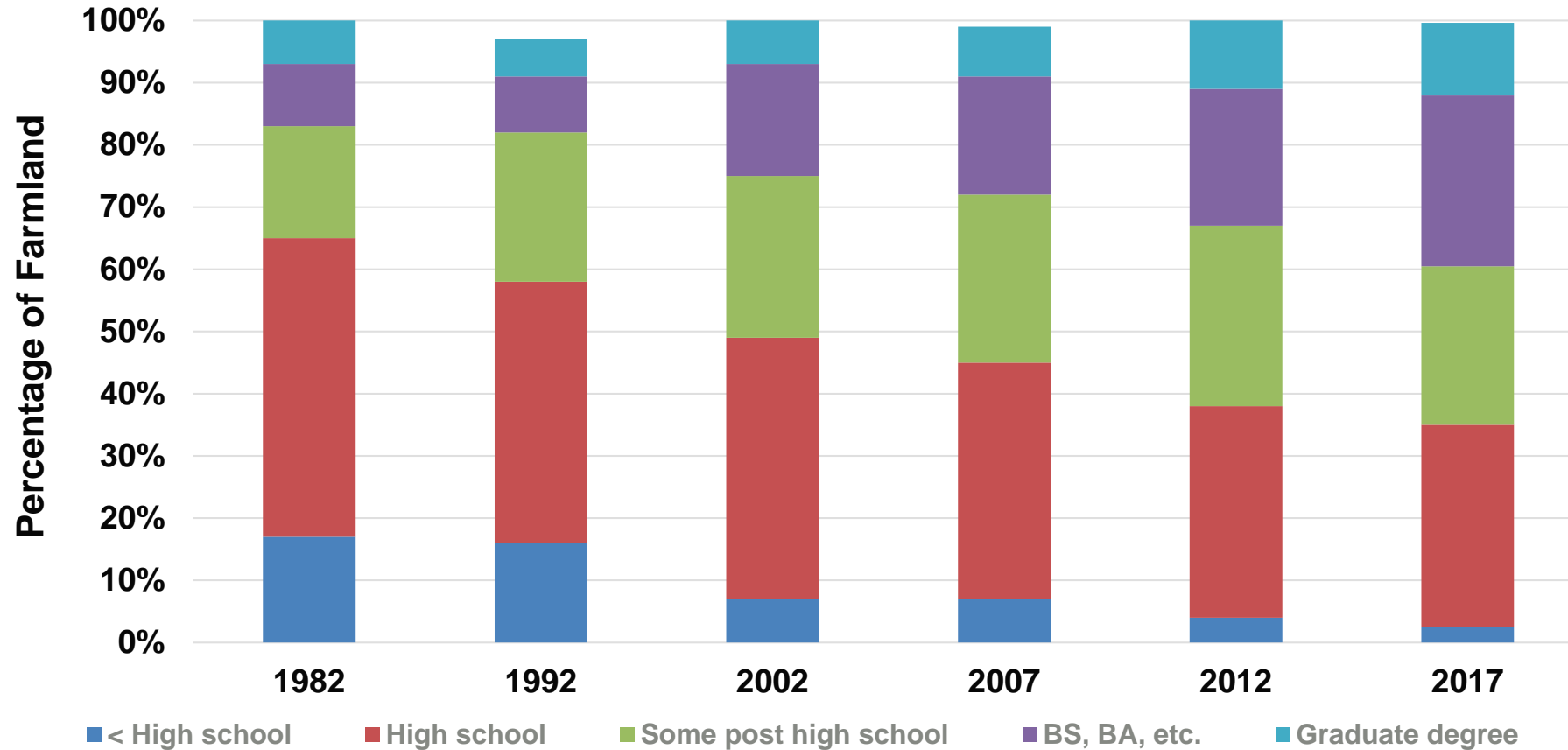
## Average age of both growers & labor force trending older



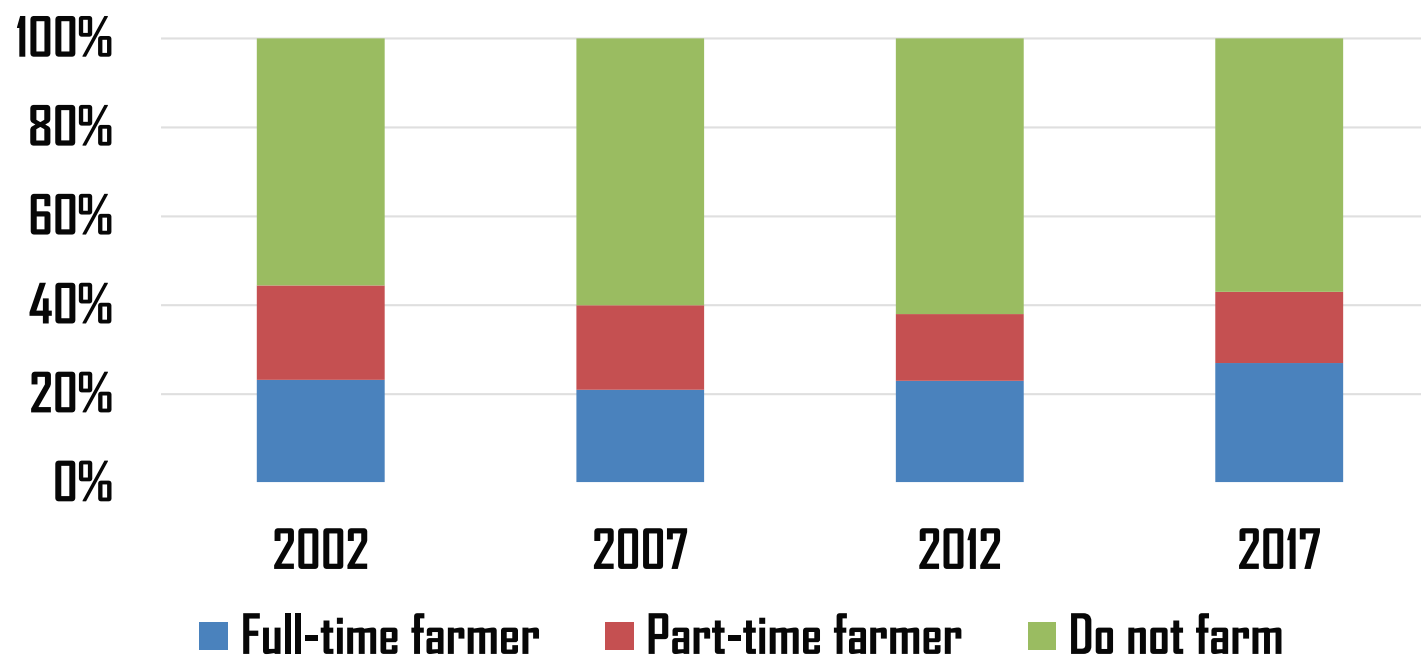
# Half of leased land is owned by women



## Landowners increasingly educated



**57% of Iowa land is owned by those who do not currently farm**  
Of those, 34% are owners with no farming experience

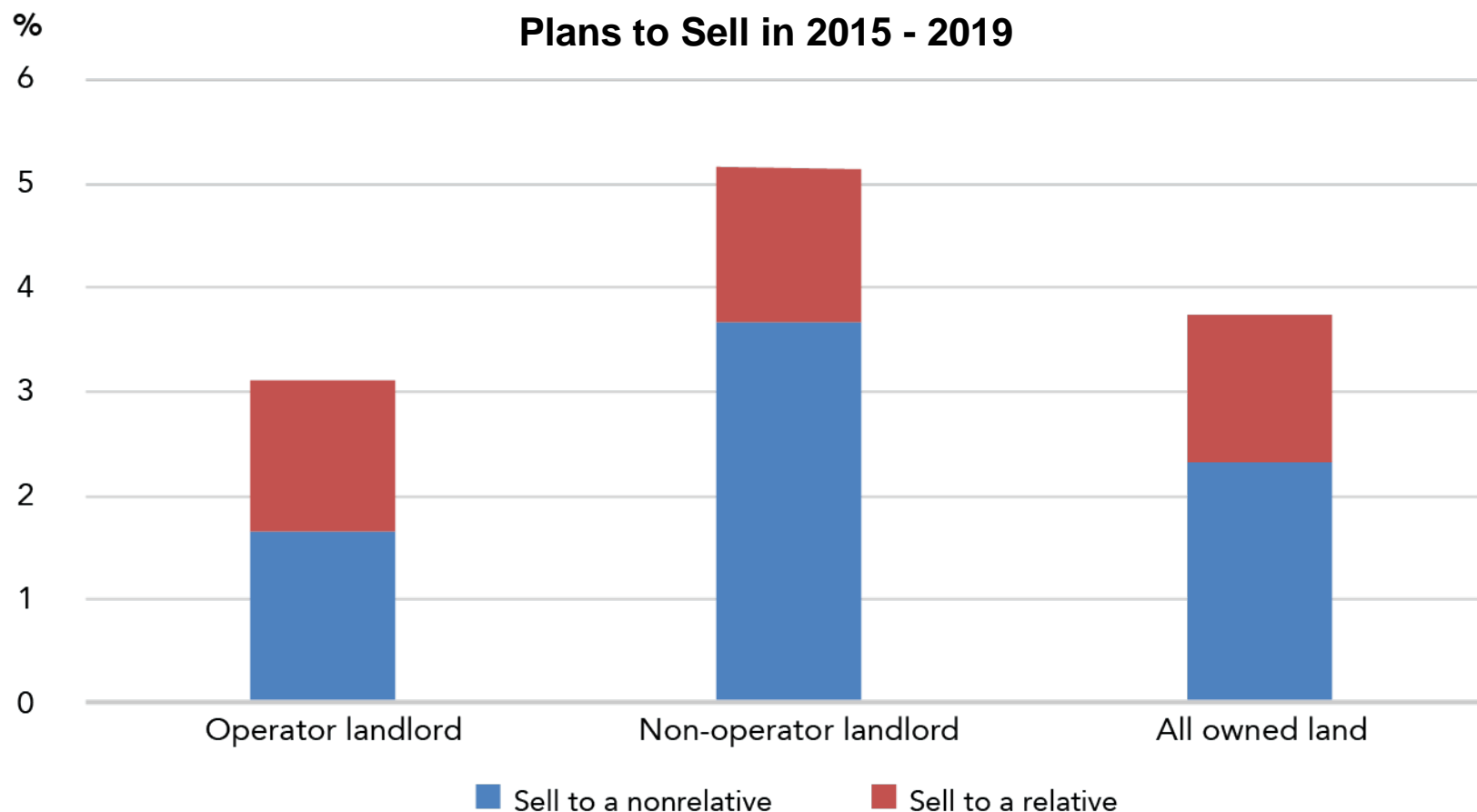




# The Future – What Could Change?

# The land market remains tight

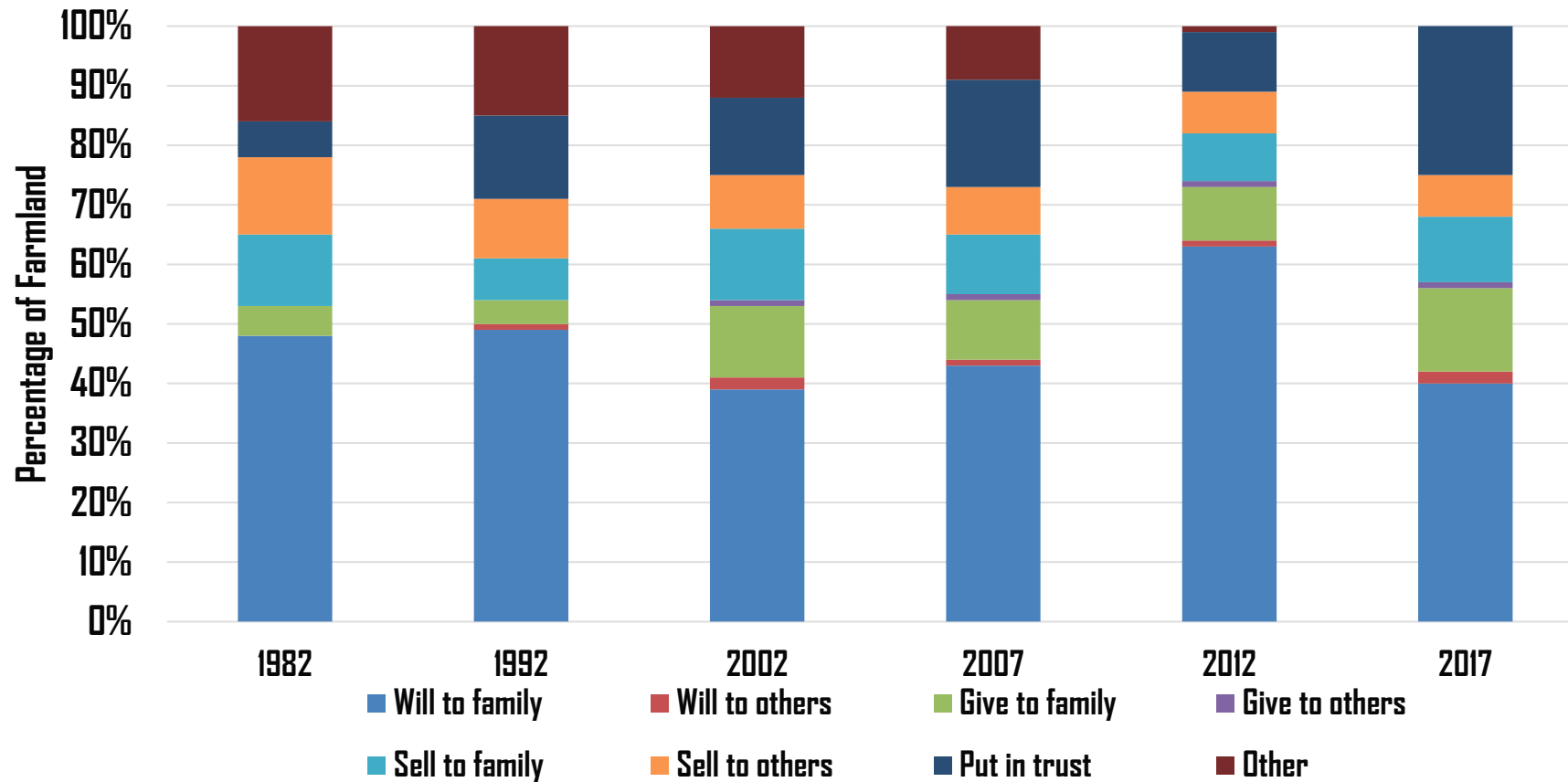
4% of land expected to go on open market in a 5 year period





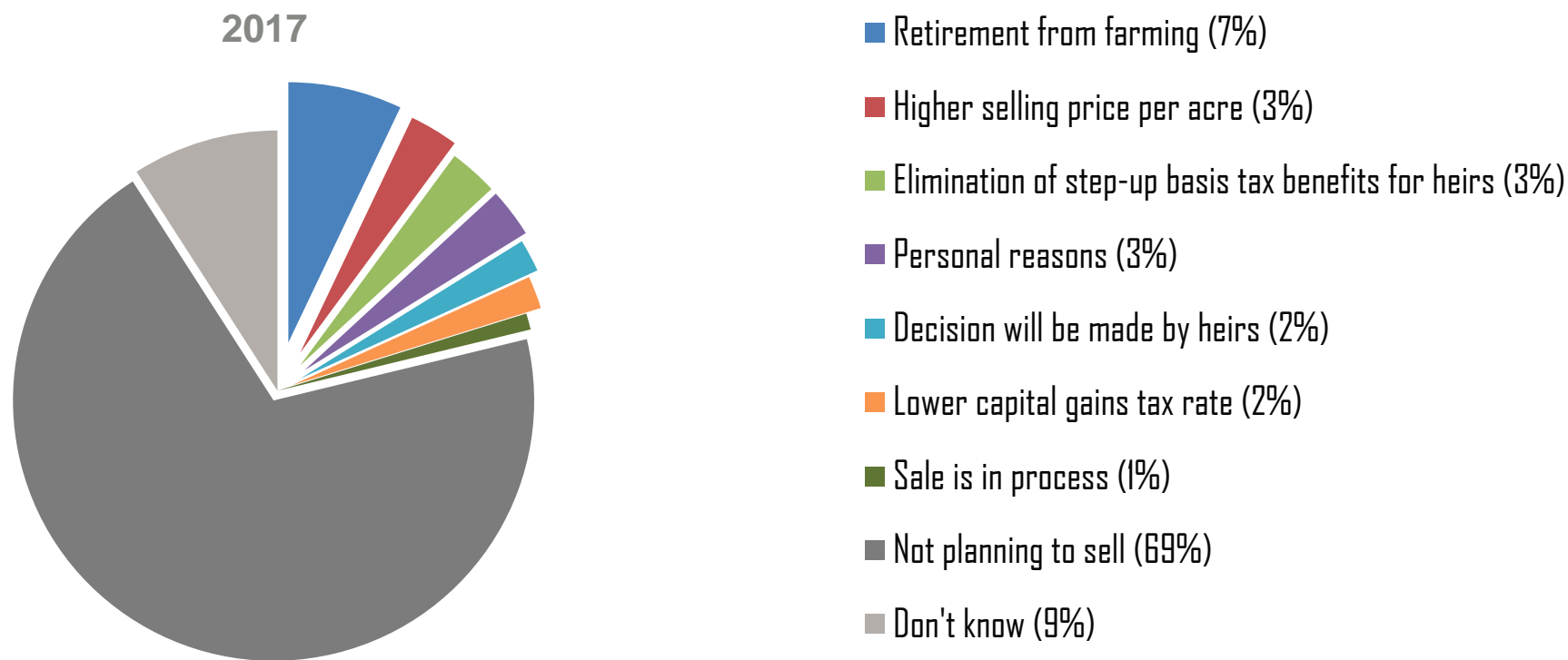
# Landowners: not planning to sell outside family or put land on market

Dominant land transfer methods: will, gift to family, or trusts



## 69% of Iowa land will not be sold: reasons are unknown

Retirement from farming encourages sales



## Summary & Looking Ahead

### Land

Farmland is a long-term investment

Farmland market will remain tight, with land transfers mostly within family

82% of Iowa land is owned debt-free

29% of Iowa land owned primarily for sentimental reasons

### Owners & Ownership

60% of land is owned by owners 65+, a third by 75+

13% of Iowa land owned by women 80+

Ownership shifting to trust and corporations

More land owned by owners with no farming experience

### Trends & Looking Ahead

Cash rent is increasingly popular and dominant

Land values under double downward pressures (interest rate hikes + trade uncertainty)

Lower land prices may present opportunities for investors as return (rent/land price) might increase

Trade disputes will impact younger farmers more, especially those with financial stress



# How to Find Parcel and Ownership Details in AcreValue

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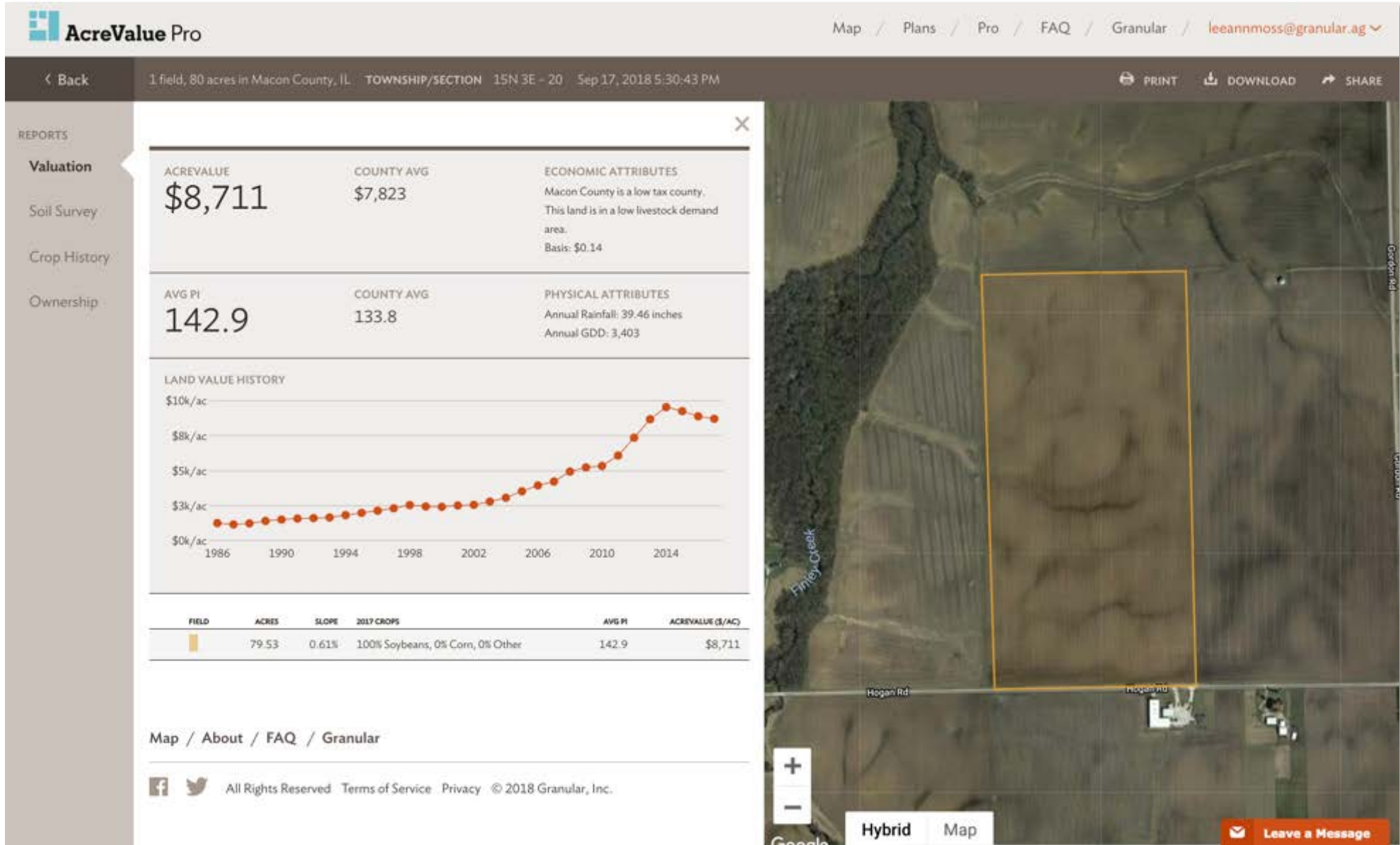
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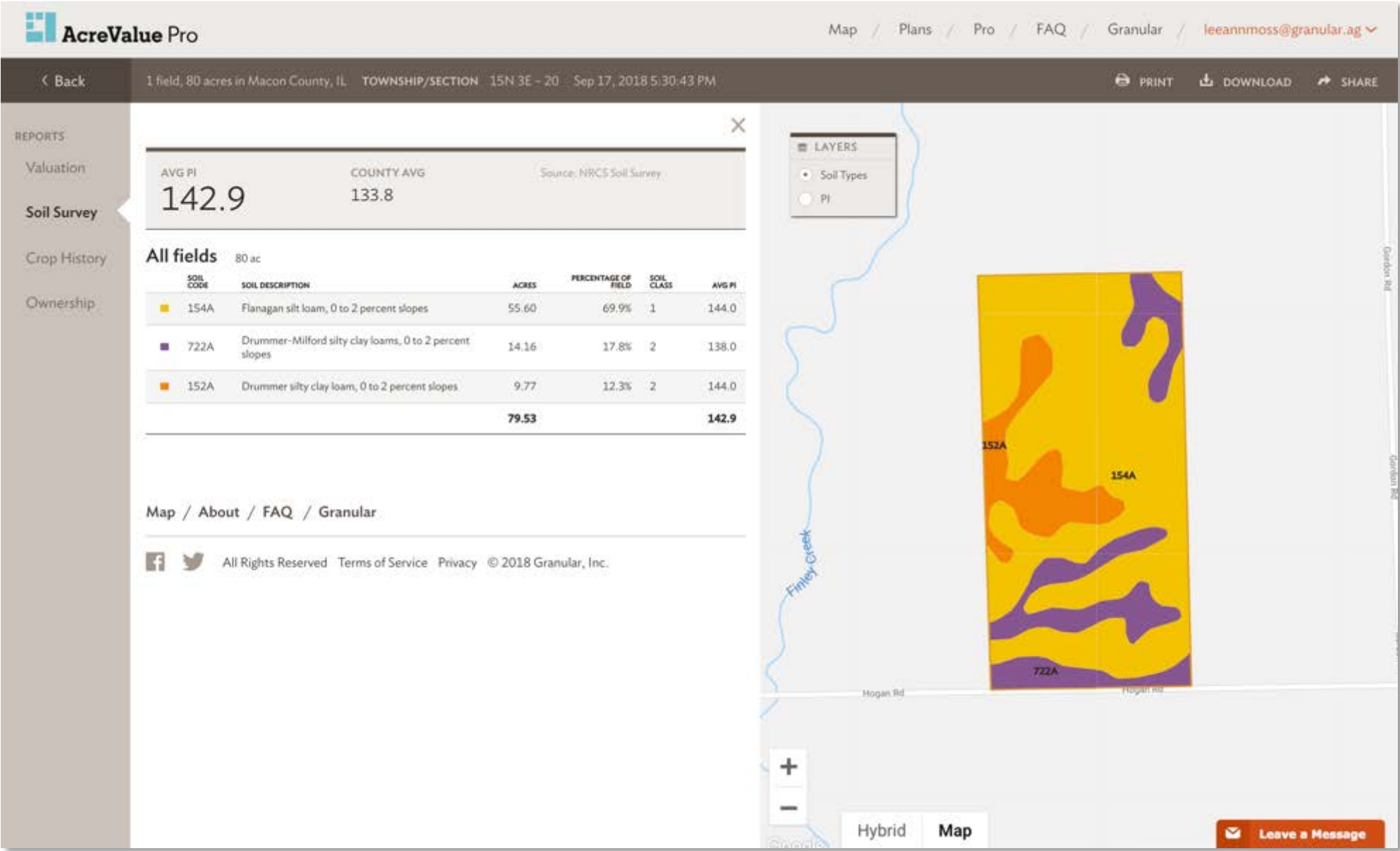
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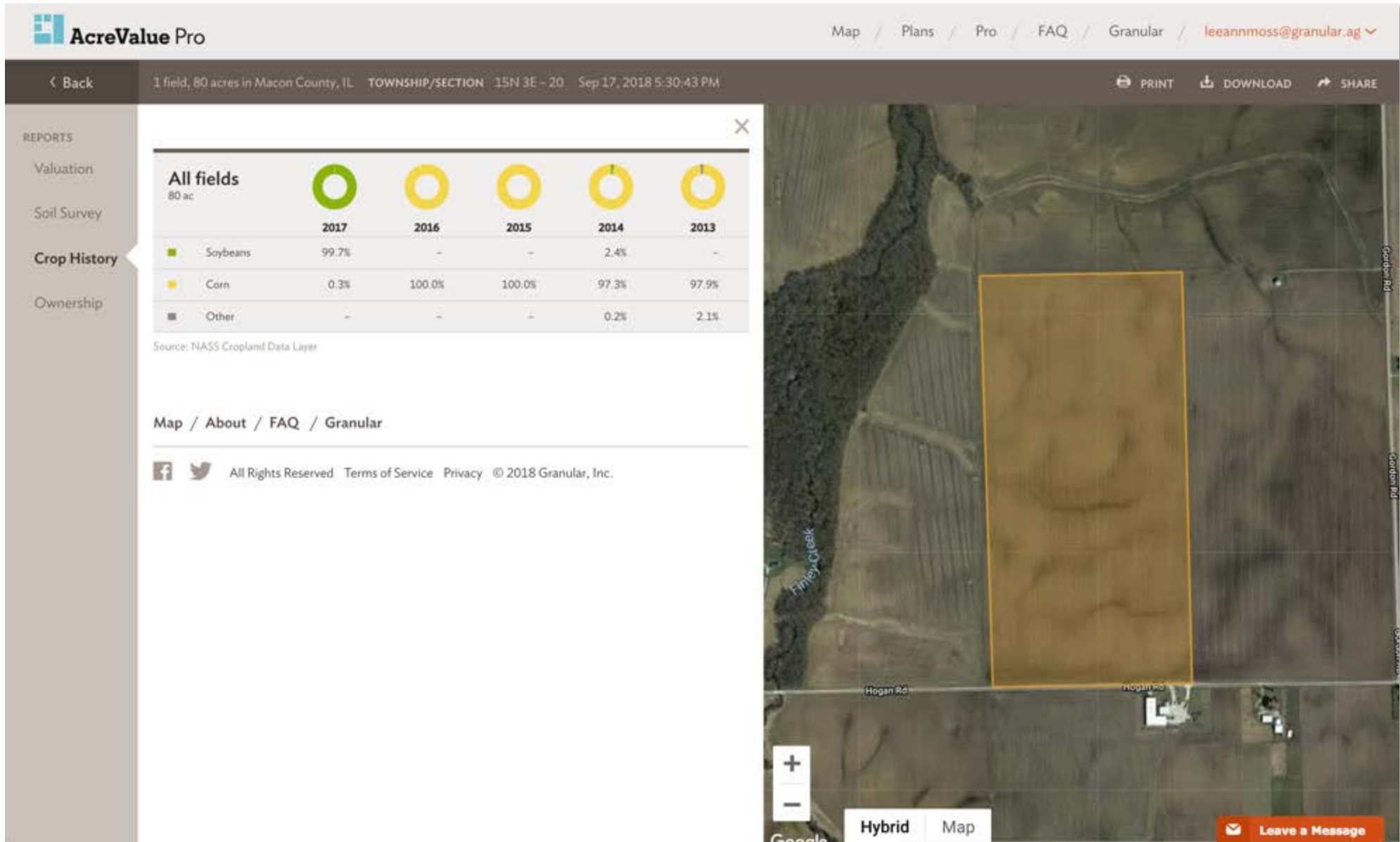
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