

# Iowa

Come Be Our Guest



## Flag:

Having three vertical stripes blue, white and red the Iowa flag resembles the flag of France. On the white stripe is a bald eagle carrying a blue streamer in its beak. The state motto "Our Liberties We Prize, and Our Rights We will Maintain" is written on the streamer. The name of the state is emblazoned in red letters. Flag adopted 1921.



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*Nobody is quite sure where the name "Hawkeye" came from, but it is possibly from Fennimore Cooper's "The Last of the Mohicans" - alternatively, it may have been coined as a tribute to the Indian leader, Chief Black Hawk. It seems to have applied to Iowans from around 1840, and The Hawkeye State is first recorded around 1859. A more popular and recent (but also only semi-official) nickname is the **Corn State**, which has appeared on the state licence plates.*

## Economy:

**Agriculture:** Hogs, corn, soybeans, oats, cattle, dairy products.

**Industry:** Food processing, machinery, electric equipment, chemical products, printing and publishing, primary metals.