

TOPOGRAPHIC RELIEF OF IOWA 2001



This computer-generated map of Iowa's terrain is based on a grid of land surface elevations artificially illuminated from the northwest. Note the numerous rivers, their directions of flow, the array of broad floodplains, and the range in density of the drainage network. Contrast areas of sharper, steepened terrain with spacious, level landscapes. Variations in topographic relief and stream dissection are a result of differences in underlying geologic materials.

