

# 1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

United States Department of Agriculture  
Illinois Agricultural Statistics Service



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### Land in farms

Decreased slightly from 390,149 acres in 1992 to 389,958 acres in 1997.

### Average size of farms

Increased 9 percent from 437 acres in 1992 to 476 acres in 1997.

### Full time farms

Decreased 13 percent from 608 farms in 1992 to 532 farms in 1997.

### Market value of agricultural products sold

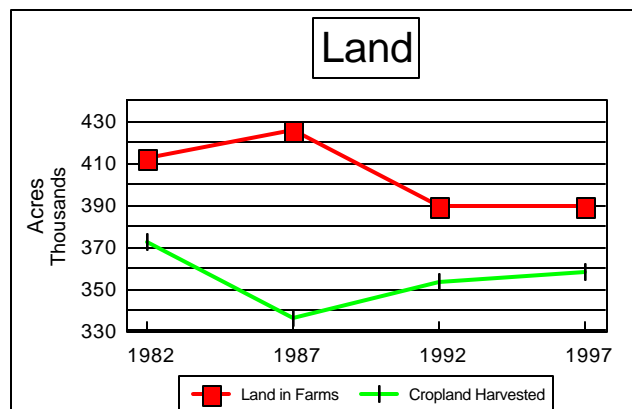
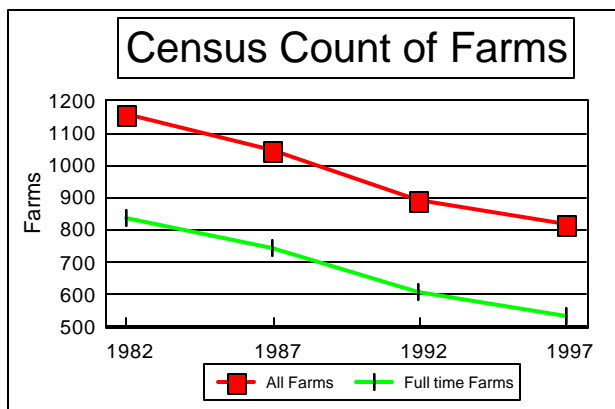
Increased 4 percent to \$123,058,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 94 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 6 percent of the market value.

### Market value of agricultural products sold, average per farm

Increased 13 percent from \$132,518 in 1992 to \$150,070 in 1997.



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### Ranked Items Within State and U.S., 1997

Item	Quantity	State		U.S.	
		Rank	Universe*	Rank	Universe*
<b>MARKET VALUE OF AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS SOLD (\$1,000)</b>					
Total value of agricultural products sold	123,058	23	102	352	3,076
Value of crops including nursery	115,281	10	102	106	3,070
Value of livestock and poultry	7,777	71	102	2,060	3,069
<b>TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)</b>					
Corn for grain	66,450	10	102	17	2,582
Soybeans	46,610	9	102	22	2,136
Hogs and pigs	6,204	53	102	460	2,976
Cattle and calves	1,424	80	102	2,368	3,063
Wheat	1,227	40	102	833	2,578
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)</b>					
Hogs and pigs sold	55,547	53	102	490	2,976
Ducks, geese, and other poultry sold	(D)	20	78	431	2,200
Cattle and calves sold	2,766	86	102	2,516	3,063
Broilers and other meat-type chickens sold	(D)	7	51	871	1,882
Sheep and lambs sold	589	32	100	1,143	2,765
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)</b>					
Hogs and pigs inventory	38,070	42	102	385	3,005
Cattle and calves inventory	5,885	76	102	2,492	3,064
Ducks, geese, and other poultry inventory	1,127	25	98	643	2,884
Sheep and lamb inventory	706	37	101	1,182	2,864
Layers 20 weeks and older inventory	644	40	101	1,478	3,002
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA</b>					
Corn for grain-acres	177,431	15	102	39	2,691
Soybeans for beans-acres	171,484	8	102	27	2,144
Wheat-acres	6,319	42	102	953	2,612
Hay crops-acres	4,320	74	102	2,384	3,061
Popcorn-acres	672	14	62	115	534

Some counties do not have five commodities in a group.

### Other County Summary Highlights

Item	1997	1992	Percent Change
<b>Farms by value of sales:</b>			
Less than \$10,000 .....	199	212	-6
\$10,000 or more .....	621	680	-9
Total farm production expenses .....\$1,000..	67,707	68,270	-1
Average per farm .....dollars..	82,569	76,536	8
<b>Net cash return from agricultural sales</b>			
for the farm unit .....\$1,000..	49,096	49,629	-1
Average per farm .....dollars..	59,873	55,638	8
<b>Farms by type of organization:</b>			
Individual or family .....	661	736	-10
Partnership or corporation .....	149	153	-3
Other .....	10	3	233
<b>OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS</b>			
<b>Operators by principal occupation:</b>			
Farming .....	532	608	-13
Other .....	288	284	1
<b>Operators by sex:</b>			
Male .....	774	845	-8
Female .....	46	47	-2
<b>Operators by race:</b>			
White .....	817	889	-8
Black and other races .....	3	3	
Average age of operator .....	52.8	51.1	3

(D) Cannot be disclosed. See "Census of Agriculture Volume 1 Geographic Area Series" for complete footnotes.

\* Universe is number of counties in state or U.S. with item.