

1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

United States Department of Agriculture
Illinois Agricultural Statistics Service



CLAY ILLINOIS

Land in farms

Increased 7 percent from 223,764 acres in 1992 to 238,717 acres in 1997.

Average size of farms

Increased 14 percent from 334 acres in 1992 to 381 acres in 1997.

Full time farms

Decreased 13 percent from 379 farms in 1992 to 330 farms in 1997.

Market value of agricultural products sold

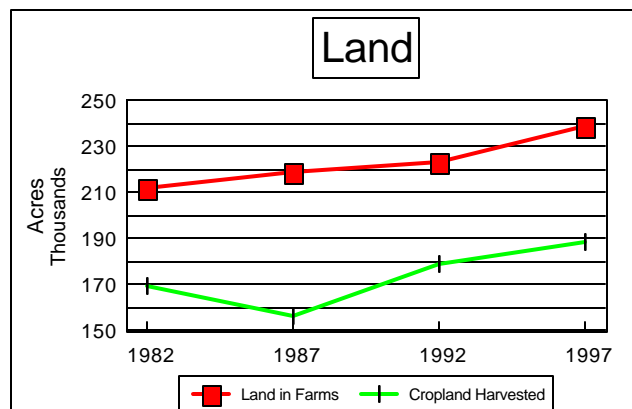
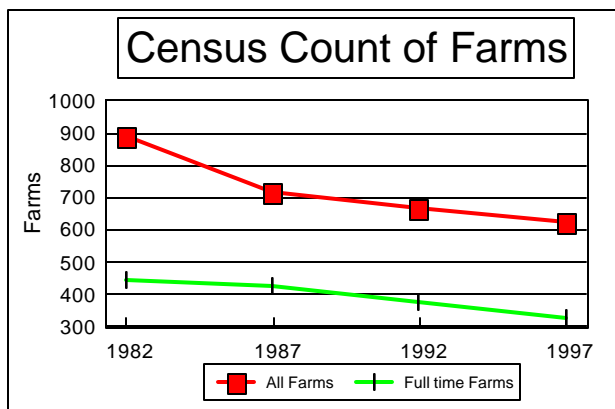
Increased 33 percent to \$49,244,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 87 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 13 percent of the market value.

Market value of agricultural products sold, average per farm

Increased 42 percent from \$55,399 in 1992 to \$78,538 in 1997.



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Ranked Items Within State and U.S., 1997

Item	Quantity	State		U.S.	
		Rank	Universe*	Rank	Universe*
MARKET VALUE OF AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS SOLD (\$1,000)					
Total value of agricultural products sold	49,244	75	102	1,215	3,076
Value of crops including nursery	42,955	62	102	663	3,070
Value of livestock and poultry	6,289	78	102	2,215	3,069
TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)					
Soybeans	22,896	52	102	228	2,136
Corn for grain	15,401	75	102	432	2,582
Hogs and pigs	4,404	66	102	578	2,976
Wheat	3,820	12	102	452	2,578
Cattle and calves	1,667	75	102	2,281	3,063
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)					
Hogs and pigs sold	42,804	63	102	577	2,976
Cattle and calves sold	3,632	70	102	2,374	3,063
Rabbits and their pelts sold	(D)	3	58	171	1,593
Sheep and lambs sold	408	47	100	1,365	2,765
All goats sold	161	5	88	600	2,686
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)					
Hogs and pigs inventory	21,771	65	102	567	3,005
Cattle and calves inventory	7,539	68	102	2,359	3,064
Horse and pony inventory	517	40	102	1,545	3,066
Sheep and lamb inventory	419	54	101	1,499	2,864
Layers 20 weeks and older inventory	368	63	101	1,925	3,002
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA					
Soybeans for beans-acres	97,385	47	102	219	2,144
Corn for grain-acres	65,289	72	102	393	2,691
Wheat-acres	24,917	11	102	469	2,612
Hay crops-acres	6,934	42	102	2,036	3,061
Sorghum for grain-acres	2,574	10	68	375	1,508

Some counties do not have five commodities in a group.

Other County Summary Highlights

Item	1997	1992	Percent Change
Farms by value of sales:			
Less than \$10,000	245	220	11
\$10,000 or more	382	450	-15
Total farm production expenses\$1,000..	31,896	24,746	29
Average per farmdollars..	50,871	36,989	38
Net cash return from agricultural sales			
for the farm unit\$1,000..	14,111	11,878	19
Average per farmdollars..	22,506	17,755	27
Farms by type of organization:			
Individual or family	564	601	-6
Partnership or corporation	61	64	-5
Other	2	5	-60
OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS			
Operators by principal occupation:			
Farming	330	379	-13
Other	297	291	2
Operators by sex:			
Male	599	647	-7
Female	28	23	22
Operators by race:			
White	626	667	-6
Black and other races	1	3	-67
Average age of operator	52.7	50.6	4

(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.