

1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

United States Department of Agriculture
Illinois Agricultural Statistics Service



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Land in farms

Increased 3 percent from 69,354 acres in 1992 to 71,280 acres in 1997.

Average size of farms

Increased 6 percent from 406 acres in 1992 to 429 acres in 1997.

Full time farms

Decreased 6 percent from 90 farms in 1992 to 85 farms in 1997.

Market value of agricultural products sold

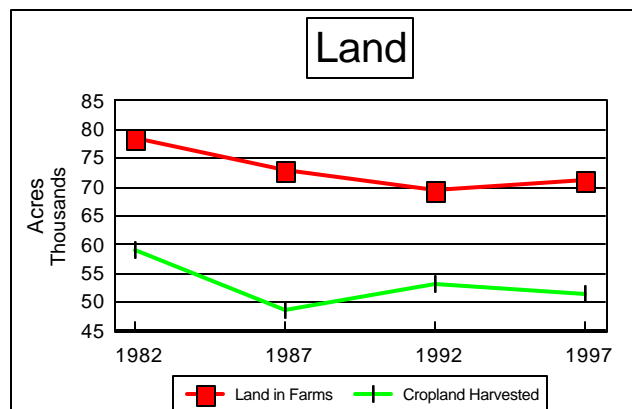
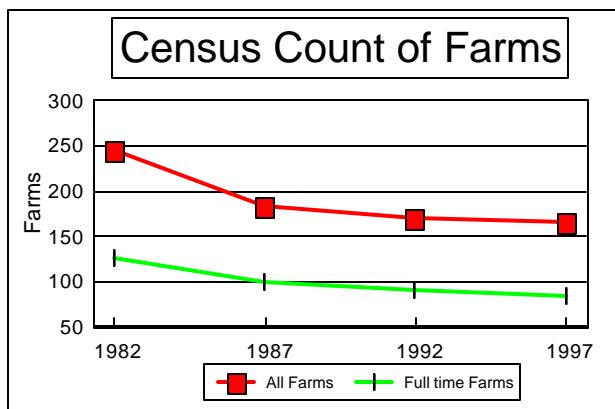
Decreased 3 percent to \$13,213,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 96 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 4 percent of the market value.

Market value of agricultural products sold, average per farm

Decreased slightly from \$79,957 in 1992 to \$79,596 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	13,213	98	102	2,368	3,076
Value of crops including nursery	12,664	98	102	1,612	3,070
Value of livestock and poultry	549	102	102	2,948	3,069
TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)					
Soybeans	8,008	90	102	614	2,136
Corn for grain	3,008	95	102	970	2,582
Wheat	744	52	102	1,048	2,578
Other crops: potatoes, peanuts, etc	(D)	3	51	601	2,237
Cattle and calves	423	99	102	2,802	3,063
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)					
Cattle and calves sold	1,382	98	102	2,753	3,063
Hogs and pigs sold	327	101	102	2,231	2,976
Rabbits and their pelts sold	(D)	49	58	1,321	1,593
Horses and ponies sold	(D)	99	102	2,819	3,015
Ducks, geese, and other poultry sold	(D)	74	78	2,046	2,200
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)					
Cattle and calves inventory	3,357	94	102	2,709	3,064
Hogs and pigs inventory	261	101	102	2,151	3,005
Horse and pony inventory	64	102	102	2,942	3,066
Ducks, geese, and other poultry inventory	62	80	98	2,220	2,884
Layers 20 weeks and older inventory	(D)	100	101	2,933	3,002
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA					
Soybeans for beans-acres	37,395	88	102	612	2,144
Corn for grain-acres	9,493	97	102	1,102	2,691
Wheat-acres	4,703	49	102	1,093	2,612
Hay crops-acres	2,990	87	102	2,568	3,061
Sorghum for grain-acres	922	23	68	528	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	86	70	23
\$10,000 or more	80	101	-21
Total farm production expenses\$1,000..	9,134	8,140	12
Average per farmdollars..	55,356	47,603	16
Net cash return from agricultural sales			
for the farm unit\$1,000..	5,693	4,591	24
Average per farmdollars..	34,504	26,848	29
Farms by type of organization:			
Individual or family	145	145	
Partnership or corporation	20	25	-20
Other	1	1	
OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS			
Operators by principal occupation:			
Farming	85	90	-6
Other	81	81	
Operators by sex:			
Male	157	162	-3
Female	9	9	
Operators by race:			
White	165	170	-3
Black and other races	1	1	
Average age of operator	54.9	54.3	1

(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.