

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 206,271 acres in 1992 to 204,896 acres in 1997.

Average size of farms

Increased 6 percent from 416 acres in 1992 to 443 acres in 1997.

Full time farms

Decreased 12 percent from 331 farms in 1992 to 291 farms in 1997.

Market value of agricultural products sold

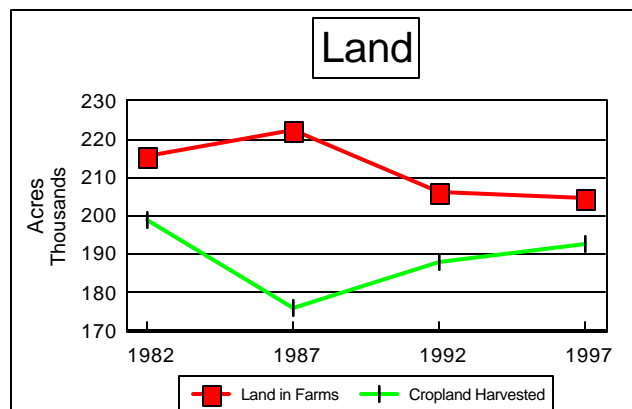
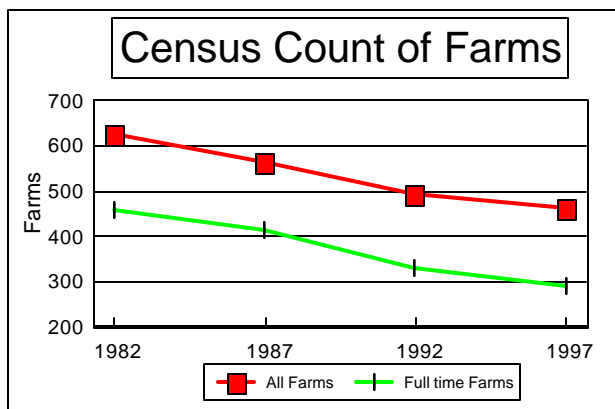
Increased 25 percent to \$68,830,000 in 1997.

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 34 percent from \$110,910 in 1992 to \$148,660 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	68,830	56	102	842	3,076
Value of crops including nursery	64,552	44	102	361	3,070
Value of livestock and poultry	4,278	89	102	2,430	3,069
TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)					
Corn for grain	36,292	40	102	136	2,582
Soybeans	27,697	39	102	156	2,136
Poultry & poultry products	(D)	13	100	841	2,901
Hogs and pigs	1,452	91	102	910	2,976
Cattle and calves	1,015	92	102	2,533	3,063
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)					
Turkeys sold	(D)	7	45	264	1,353
Hogs and pigs sold	16,110	91	102	881	2,976
Cattle and calves sold	1,813	94	102	2,677	3,063
Sheep and lambs sold	131	80	100	1,905	2,765
All goats sold	(D)	80	88	2,353	2,686
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)					
All turkeys inventory	(D)	4	83	153	2,361
Hogs and pigs inventory	6,112	93	102	964	3,005
Cattle and calves inventory	3,134	97	102	2,732	3,064
Layers 20 weeks and older inventory	258	74	101	2,172	3,002
Horse and pony inventory	151	92	102	2,716	3,066
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA					
Corn for grain-acres	96,222	48	102	226	2,691
Soybeans for beans-acres	94,899	48	102	231	2,144
Hay crops-acres	2,176	94	102	2,682	3,061
Wheat-acres	646	91	102	1,804	2,612
Oats-acres	200	53	91	1,391	2,332

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	105	117	-10
\$10,000 or more	358	379	-6
Total farm production expenses\$1,000..	36,645	34,509	6
Average per farmdollars..	79,317	69,574	14
Net cash return from agricultural sales			
for the farm unit\$1,000..	34,362	23,499	46
Average per farmdollars..	74,377	47,378	57
Farms by type of organization:			
Individual or family	402	422	-5
Partnership or corporation	54	70	-23
Other	7	4	75
OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS			
Operators by principal occupation:			
Farming	291	331	-12
Other	172	165	4
Operators by sex:			
Male	421	463	-9
Female	42	33	27
Operators by race:			
White	463	496	-7
Black and other races			
Average age of operator	54.8	52.8	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.