

1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

United States Department of Agriculture
Illinois Agricultural Statistics Service



FORD ILLINOIS

Land in farms

Increased 5 percent from 300,127 acres in 1992 to 314,806 acres in 1997.

Average size of farms

Increased 17 percent from 490 acres in 1992 to 572 acres in 1997.

Full time farms

Decreased 16 percent from 442 farms in 1992 to 372 farms in 1997.

Market value of agricultural products sold

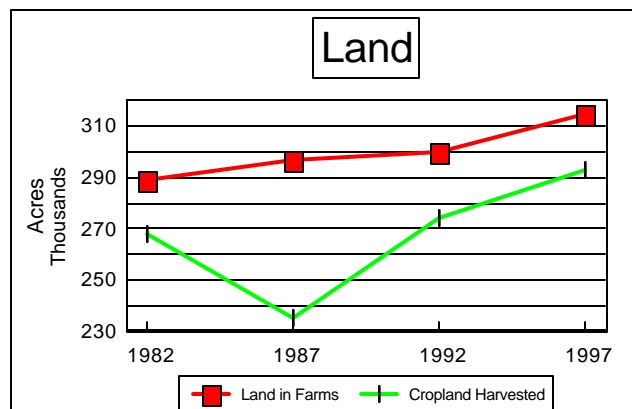
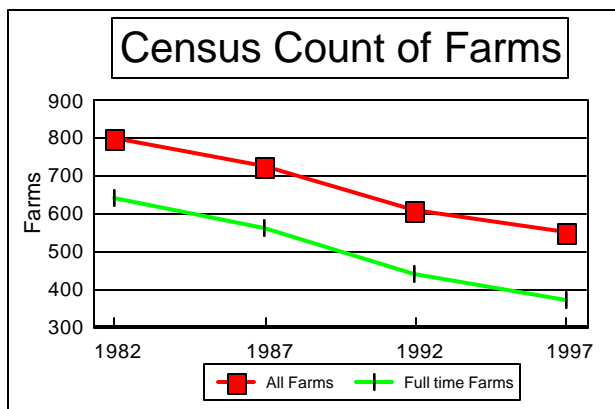
Increased 28 percent to \$100,090,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 90 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 10 percent of the market value.

Market value of agricultural products sold, average per farm

Increased 43 percent from \$127,433 in 1992 to \$181,983 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	100,090	36	102	514	3,076
Value of crops including nursery	89,734	24	102	180	3,070
Value of livestock and poultry	10,357	57	102	1,830	3,069
TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)					
Corn for grain	48,082	21	102	62	2,582
Soybeans	41,037	14	102	40	2,136
Hogs and pigs	7,404	44	102	414	2,976
Cattle and calves	1,915	69	102	2,192	3,063
Poultry & poultry products	554	20	100	1,070	2,901
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)					
Layers, pullets, and pullet chicks sold	(D)	4	71	331	2,203
Hogs and pigs sold	65,427	46	102	445	2,976
Broilers and other meat-type chickens sold	(D)	5	51	695	1,882
Ducks, geese, and other poultry sold	(D)	13	78	337	2,200
Cattle and calves sold	2,808	83	102	2,509	3,063
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)					
Hogs and pigs inventory	40,048	39	102	365	3,005
Cattle and calves inventory	4,191	90	102	2,653	3,064
Layers 20 weeks and older inventory	722	37	101	1,395	3,002
Ducks, geese, and other poultry inventory	478	38	98	1,036	2,884
Sheep and lamb inventory	425	53	101	1,490	2,864
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA					
Soybeans for beans-acres	145,330	14	102	64	2,144
Corn for grain-acres	144,474	25	102	95	2,691
Hay crops-acres	1,816	98	102	2,742	3,061
Wheat-acres	1,495	80	102	1,535	2,612
Oats-acres	688	34	91	821	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	59	70	-16
\$10,000 or more	491	543	-10
Total farm production expenses\$1,000..	55,715	48,812	14
Average per farmdollars..	101,485	79,627	27
Net cash return from agricultural sales			
for the farm unit\$1,000..	41,347	27,543	50
Average per farmdollars..	75,314	44,932	68
Farms by type of organization:			
Individual or family	446	506	-12
Partnership or corporation	101	104	-3
Other	3	3	
OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS			
Operators by principal occupation:			
Farming	372	442	-16
Other	178	171	4
Operators by sex:			
Male	521	588	-11
Female	29	25	16
Operators by race:			
White	550	612	-10
Black and other races	-	1	-100
Average age of operator	53.2	52.2	2

(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.