

1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

United States Department of Agriculture
Illinois Agricultural Statistics Service



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Land in farms

Increased 1 percent from 385,560 acres in 1992 to 389,776 acres in 1997.

Average size of farms

Increased 11 percent from 378 acres in 1992 to 420 acres in 1997.

Full time farms

Decreased 16 percent from 691 farms in 1992 to 579 farms in 1997.

Market value of agricultural products sold

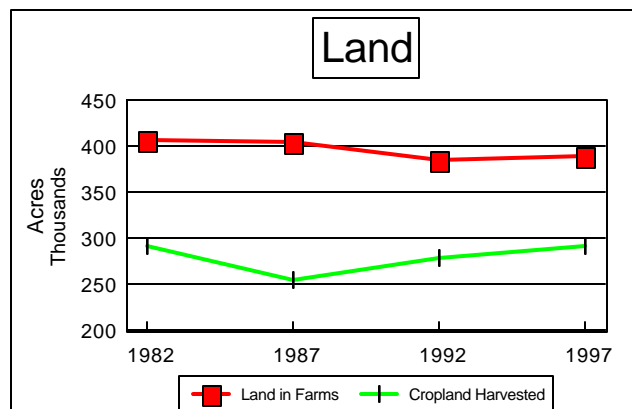
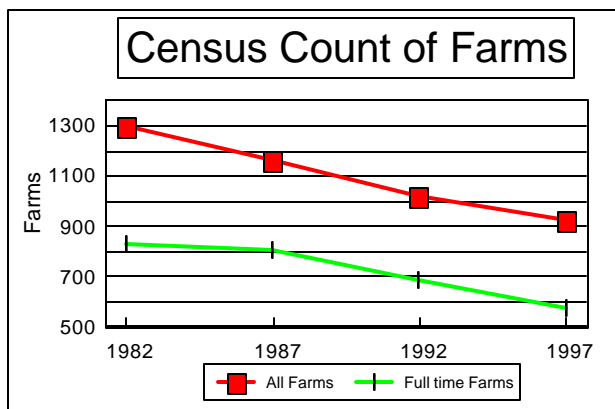
Increased 20 percent to \$130,303,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 70 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 30 percent of the market value.

Market value of agricultural products sold, average per farm

Increased 32 percent from \$106,644 in 1992 to \$140,413 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	130,303	18	102	320	3,076
Value of crops including nursery	90,632	22	102	173	3,070
Value of livestock and poultry	39,671	15	102	680	3,069
TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)					
Corn for grain	49,031	19	102	57	2,582
Soybeans	39,292	17	102	52	2,136
Hogs and pigs	28,683	8	102	107	2,976
Cattle and calves	10,037	15	102	887	3,063
Hay, silage, field seeds, grass seeds	866	19	102	1,079	3,043
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)					
Hogs and pigs sold	247,907	9	102	131	2,976
Cattle and calves sold	17,640	15	102	1,110	3,063
Sheep and lambs sold	1,053	19	100	791	2,765
All goats sold	116	12	88	814	2,686
Horses and ponies sold	103	19	102	890	3,015
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)					
Hogs and pigs inventory	134,584	6	102	102	3,005
Cattle and calves inventory	29,362	11	102	1,157	3,064
Layers 20 weeks and older inventory	1,275	26	101	1,080	3,002
Sheep and lamb inventory	1,174	19	101	837	2,864
Horse and pony inventory	436	49	102	1,776	3,066
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA					
Corn for grain-acres	150,683	20	102	81	2,691
Soybeans for beans-acres	126,522	25	102	109	2,144
Hay crops-acres	13,987	12	102	1,364	3,061
Wheat-acres	2,423	68	102	1,356	2,612
Oats-acres	2,052	9	91	353	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	263	248	6
\$10,000 or more	665	773	-14
Total farm production expenses\$1,000..	82,820	83,798	-1
Average per farmdollars..	89,246	82,074	9
Net cash return from agricultural sales			
for the farm unit\$1,000..	41,103	22,103	86
Average per farmdollars..	44,292	21,648	105
Farms by type of organization:			
Individual or family	777	848	-8
Partnership or corporation	145	166	-13
Other	6	7	-14
OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS			
Operators by principal occupation:			
Farming	579	691	-16
Other	349	330	6
Operators by sex:			
Male	875	968	-10
Female	53	53	
Operators by race:			
White	926	1,020	-9
Black and other races	2	1	100
Average age of operator	54.3	53.4	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.