

1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

United States Department of Agriculture
Illinois Agricultural Statistics Service



LAKE ILLINOIS

Land in farms

Decreased 30 percent from 73,142 acres in 1992 to 50,901 acres in 1997.

Average size of farms

Decreased 22 percent from 195 acres in 1992 to 152 acres in 1997.

Full time farms

Decreased 15 percent from 157 farms in 1992 to 133 farms in 1997.

Market value of agricultural products sold

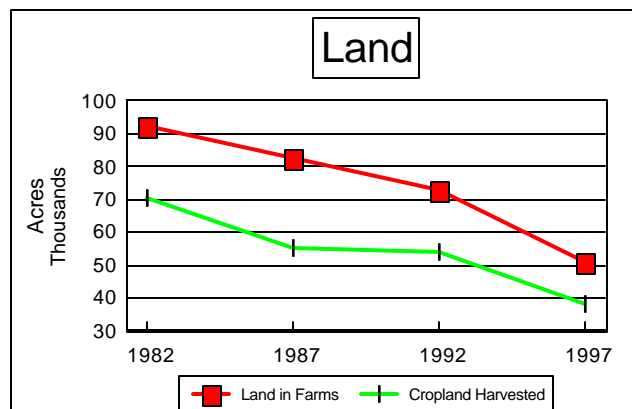
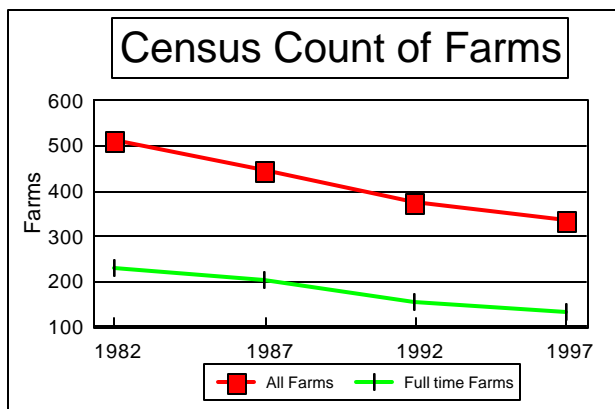
Increased 2 percent to \$32,246,000 in 1997.

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 14 percent from \$84,666 in 1992 to \$96,256 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	32,246	86	102	1,653	3,076
Value of crops including nursery	28,073	84	102	997	3,070
Value of livestock and poultry	4,173	91	102	2,441	3,069
TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)					
Nursery and greenhouse crops	18,517	5	100	117	2,790
Corn for grain	3,804	94	102	902	2,582
Soybeans	3,522	96	102	830	2,136
Horses and ponies	1,132	2	102	88	3,015
Dairy products	937	42	92	1,447	2,563
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)					
Mink and their pelts sold	(D)	1	8	38	191
Hogs and pigs sold	673	99	102	1,942	2,976
Cattle and calves sold	627	100	102	2,902	3,063
Horses and ponies sold	484	1	102	88	3,015
Sheep and lambs sold	354	51	100	1,438	2,765
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)					
Mink inventory	(D)	2	8	51	239
Horse and pony inventory	1,692	2	102	298	3,066
Cattle and calves inventory	1,648	100	102	2,873	3,064
Layers 20 weeks and older inventory	1,264	27	101	1,087	3,002
Broiler inventory	541	6	88	937	2,620
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA					
Soybeans for beans-acres	13,987	97	102	906	2,144
Corn for grain-acres	13,446	94	102	960	2,691
Wheat-acres	4,363	52	102	1,125	2,612
Hay crops-acres	3,913	80	102	2,436	3,061
All nursery-acres	1,487	8	99	194	2,619

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	179	206	-13
\$10,000 or more	156	169	-8
Total farm production expenses\$1,000..	25,200	24,603	2
Average per farmdollars..	74,556	65,784	13
Net cash return from agricultural sales			
for the farm unit\$1,000..	6,973	3,549	96
Average per farmdollars..	20,629	9,490	117
Farms by type of organization:			
Individual or family	224	274	-18
Partnership or corporation	102	94	9
Other	9	7	29
OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS			
Operators by principal occupation:			
Farming	133	157	-15
Other	202	218	-7
Operators by sex:			
Male	280	325	-14
Female	55	50	10
Operators by race:			
White	333	369	-10
Black and other races	2	6	-67
Average age of operator	56.5	54.1	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.