

1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

United States Department of Agriculture
Illinois Agricultural Statistics Service



MARION ILLINOIS

Land in farms

Decreased 2 percent from 253,916 acres in 1992 to 249,395 acres in 1997.

Average size of farms

Decreased 4 percent from 295 acres in 1992 to 283 acres in 1997.

Full time farms

Decreased 11 percent from 444 farms in 1992 to 397 farms in 1997.

Market value of agricultural products sold

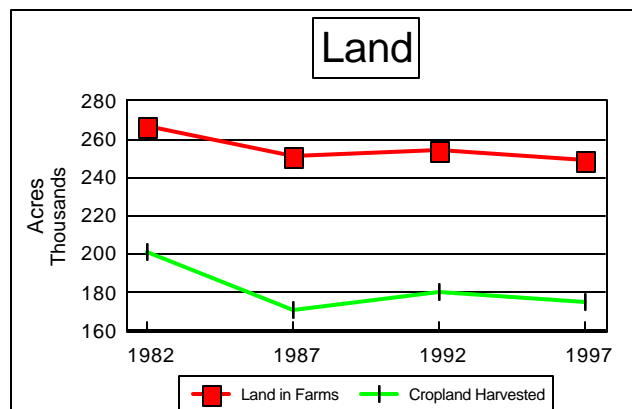
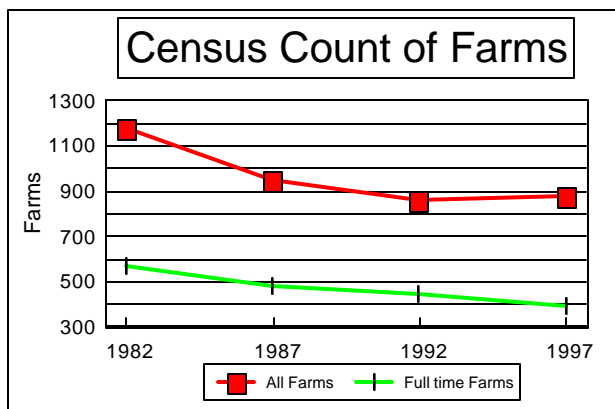
Increased 31 percent to \$55,599,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 65 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 35 percent of the market value.

Market value of agricultural products sold, average per farm

Increased 27 percent from \$49,472 in 1992 to \$63,037 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	55,599	66	102	1,073	3,076
Value of crops including nursery	36,300	73	102	801	3,070
Value of livestock and poultry	19,299	36	102	1,284	3,069
TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)					
Soybeans	19,063	60	102	319	2,136
Corn for grain	10,650	82	102	539	2,582
Poultry & poultry products	(D)	4	100	451	2,901
Hogs and pigs	4,703	61	102	552	2,976
Cattle and calves	4,199	36	102	1,591	3,063
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)					
Layers, pullets, and pullet chicks sold	(D)	5	71	387	2,203
Hogs and pigs sold	40,171	67	102	606	2,976
Cattle and calves sold	9,276	33	102	1,670	3,063
Sheep and lambs sold	203	68	100	1,717	2,765
Horses and ponies sold	172	6	102	443	3,015
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)					
Layers 20 weeks and older inventory	(D)	2	101	130	3,002
Cattle and calves inventory	15,074	36	102	1,800	3,064
Hogs and pigs inventory	13,707	81	102	706	3,005
Horse and pony inventory	663	24	102	1,209	3,066
Sheep and lamb inventory	222	72	101	1,808	2,864
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA					
Soybeans for beans-acres	89,008	52	102	263	2,144
Corn for grain-acres	50,509	79	102	507	2,691
Wheat-acres	23,109	13	102	493	2,612
Hay crops-acres	9,546	29	102	1,760	3,061
Sorghum for grain-acres	9,038	1	68	225	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	436	367	19
\$10,000 or more	446	494	-10
Total farm production expenses\$1,000..	36,683	29,692	24
Average per farmdollars..	41,638	34,446	21
Net cash return from agricultural sales			
for the farm unit\$1,000..	14,372	12,126	19
Average per farmdollars..	16,313	14,067	16
Farms by type of organization:			
Individual or family	798	791	1
Partnership or corporation	77	66	17
Other	7	4	75
OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS			
Operators by principal occupation:			
Farming	397	444	-11
Other	485	417	16
Operators by sex:			
Male	837	814	3
Female	45	47	-4
Operators by race:			
White	879	858	2
Black and other races	3	3	
Average age of operator	55.4	53.6	3

(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.