

1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

United States Department of Agriculture
Illinois Agricultural Statistics Service



BUREAU ILLINOIS

Land in farms

Increased slightly from 482,169 acres in 1992 to 483,993 acres in 1997.

Average size of farms

Increased 11 percent from 379 acres in 1992 to 419 acres in 1997.

Full time farms

Decreased 14 percent from 846 farms in 1992 to 729 farms in 1997.

Market value of agricultural products sold

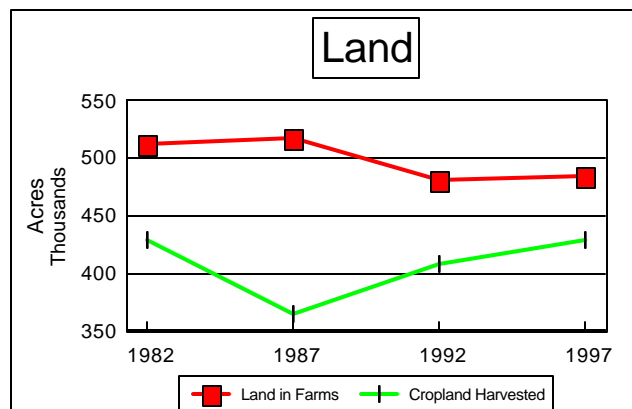
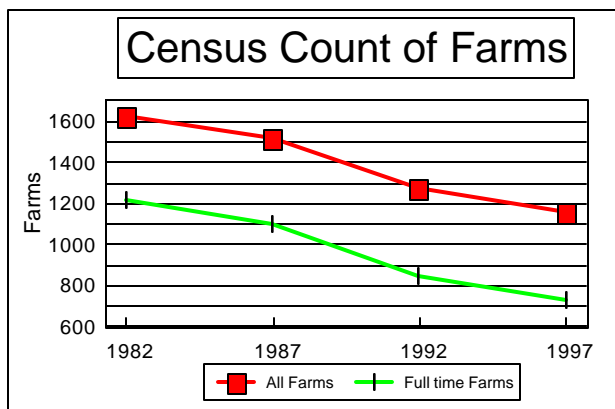
Increased 18 percent to \$198,887,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 82 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 18 percent of the market value.

Market value of agricultural products sold, average per farm

Increased 30 percent from \$132,962 in 1992 to \$172,197 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	198,887	4	102	137	3,076
Value of crops including nursery	163,441	6	102	61	3,070
Value of livestock and poultry	35,446	16	102	758	3,069
TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)					
Corn for grain	80,708	6	102	10	2,582
Soybeans	50,292	8	102	17	2,136
Nursery and greenhouse crops	(D)	2	100	62	2,790
Hogs and pigs	21,487	12	102	159	2,976
Cattle and calves	12,383	11	102	733	3,063
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)					
Hogs and pigs sold	171,831	17	102	204	2,976
Cattle and calves sold	17,907	13	102	1,094	3,063
Sheep and lambs sold	1,057	18	100	788	2,765
Layers, pullets, and pullet chicks sold	(D)	22	71	1,033	2,203
Ducks, geese, and other poultry sold	(D)	36	78	897	2,200
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)					
Hogs and pigs inventory	96,387	15	102	165	3,005
Cattle and calves inventory	19,747	21	102	1,553	3,064
Sheep and lamb inventory	1,472	12	101	700	2,864
Ducks, geese, and other poultry inventory	1,230	24	98	607	2,884
Layers 20 weeks and older inventory	1,165	30	101	1,122	3,002
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA					
Corn for grain-acres	253,082	6	102	7	2,691
Soybeans for beans-acres	167,823	9	102	32	2,144
Hay crops-acres	5,924	53	102	2,156	3,061
Wheat-acres	2,386	69	102	1,363	2,612
Corn for silage-acres	1,152	28	99	968	2,473

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	197	203	-3
\$10,000 or more	958	1,070	-10
Total farm production expenses\$1,000..	136,330	120,299	13
Average per farmdollars..	118,035	94,501	25
Net cash return from agricultural sales			
for the farm unit\$1,000..	57,174	49,273	16
Average per farmdollars..	49,502	38,706	28
Farms by type of organization:			
Individual or family	974	1,057	-8
Partnership or corporation	167	202	-17
Other	14	14	
OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS			
Operators by principal occupation:			
Farming	729	846	-14
Other	426	427	-0
Operators by sex:			
Male	1,114	1,228	-9
Female	41	45	-9
Operators by race:			
White	1,154	1,271	-9
Black and other races	1	2	-50
Average age of operator	52.4	51.0	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.