

1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

United States Department of Agriculture
Illinois Agricultural Statistics Service



MASON ILLINOIS

Land in farms

Increased 3 percent from 282,222 acres in 1992 to 291,579 acres in 1997.

Average size of farms

Increased 4 percent from 577 acres in 1992 to 600 acres in 1997.

Full time farms

Decreased 3 percent from 355 farms in 1992 to 345 farms in 1997.

Market value of agricultural products sold

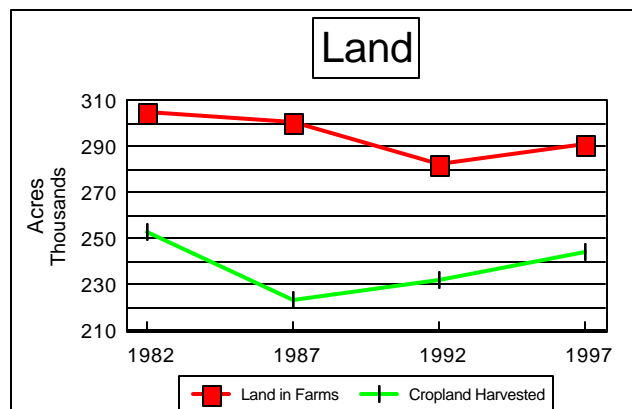
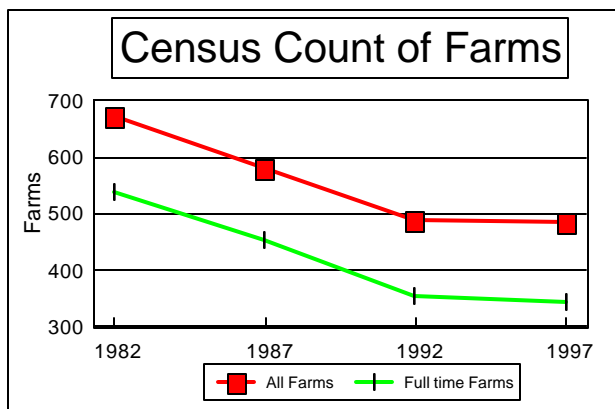
Increased 16 percent to \$84,384,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 91 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 9 percent of the market value.

Market value of agricultural products sold, average per farm

Increased 16 percent from \$149,070 in 1992 to \$173,629 in 1997.



1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

United States Department of Agriculture, Illinois Agricultural Statistics Service

MASON

ILLINOIS

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	84,384	44	102	657	3,076
Value of crops including nursery	76,692	35	102	262	3,070
Value of livestock and poultry	7,691	72	102	2,066	3,069
TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)					
Corn for grain	38,554	36	102	123	2,582
Soybeans	24,950	45	102	195	2,136
Hogs and pigs	6,488	52	102	448	2,976
All other grains: rye, drybeans, etc	6,120	1	80	119	1,971
Vegetables, sweet corn, and melons	4,267	4	99	213	2,739
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)					
Hogs and pigs sold	67,041	44	102	433	2,976
Cattle and calves sold	2,460	88	102	2,570	3,063
Sheep and lambs sold	111	84	100	1,973	2,765
Horses and ponies sold	24	81	102	2,340	3,015
Mules, burros, and donkeys sold	(D)	16	38	704	1,580
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)					
Hogs and pigs inventory	43,401	37	102	345	3,005
Cattle and calves inventory	4,630	86	102	2,615	3,064
Horse and pony inventory	255	75	102	2,377	3,066
Sheep and lamb inventory	162	78	101	1,958	2,864
Layers 20 weeks and older inventory	126	87	101	2,541	3,002
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA					
Corn for grain-acres	113,102	40	102	175	2,691
Soybeans for beans-acres	93,505	50	102	238	2,144
Popcorn-acres	17,120	1	62	1	534
Wheat-acres	10,825	32	102	742	2,612
Land used for vegetables-acres	6,846	1	99	101	2,741

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	117	80	46
\$10,000 or more	369	409	-10
Total farm production expenses\$1,000..	51,603	49,484	4
Average per farmdollars..	106,178	101,193	5
Net cash return from agricultural sales			
for the farm unit\$1,000..	31,159	23,323	34
Average per farmdollars..	64,114	47,696	34
Farms by type of organization:			
Individual or family	409	429	-5
Partnership or corporation	70	55	27
Other	7	5	40
OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS			
Operators by principal occupation:			
Farming	345	355	-3
Other	141	134	5
Operators by sex:			
Male	466	474	-2
Female	20	15	33
Operators by race:			
White	486	489	-1
Black and other races			
Average age of operator	53.8	51.5	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.