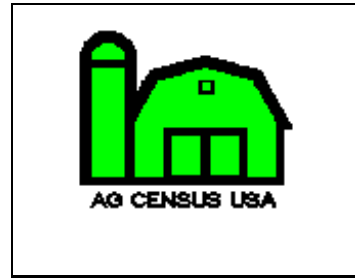


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## STARK ILLINOIS

### Land in farms

Increased 6 percent from 169,622 acres in 1992 to 179,711 acres in 1997.

### Average size of farms

Increased 8 percent from 469 acres in 1992 to 508 acres in 1997.

### Full time farms

Increased slightly from 272 farms in 1992 to 273 farms in 1997.

### Market value of agricultural products sold

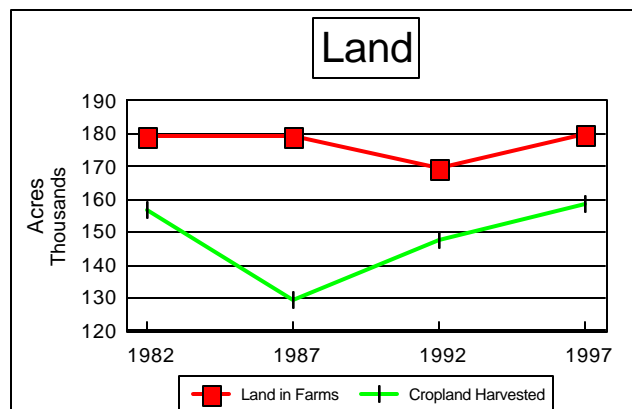
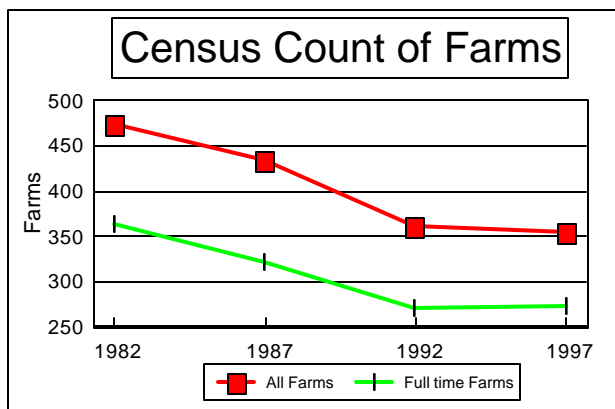
Increased 40 percent to \$65,450,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 85 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 15 percent of the market value.

### Market value of agricultural products sold, average per farm

Increased 44 percent from \$128,828 in 1992 to \$184,888 in 1997.



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### Ranked Items Within State and U.S., 1997

Item	Quantity	State		U.S.	
		Rank	Universe*	Rank	Universe*
<b>MARKET VALUE OF AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS SOLD (\$1,000)</b>					
Total value of agricultural products sold	65,450	58	102	898	3,076
Value of crops including nursery	55,505	50	102	464	3,070
Value of livestock and poultry	9,946	58	102	1,862	3,069
<b>TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)</b>					
Corn for grain	33,148	45	102	157	2,582
Soybeans	21,721	55	102	253	2,136
Hogs and pigs	7,841	42	102	397	2,976
Cattle and calves	1,527	78	102	2,329	3,063
Dairy products	545	54	92	1,705	2,563
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)</b>					
Hogs and pigs sold	74,799	41	102	405	2,976
Cattle and calves sold	2,593	87	102	2,548	3,063
Sheep and lambs sold	226	66	100	1,663	2,765
All goats sold	31	46	88	1,730	2,686
Layers, pullets, and pullet chicks sold	(D)	62	71	1,980	2,203
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)</b>					
Hogs and pigs inventory	32,477	50	102	435	3,005
Cattle and calves inventory	4,810	83	102	2,595	3,064
Sheep and lamb inventory	396	60	101	1,531	2,864
Horse and pony inventory	256	74	102	2,374	3,066
All goat inventory	130	30	100	1,529	2,983
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA</b>					
Corn for grain-acres	89,484	53	102	256	2,691
Soybeans for beans-acres	66,253	68	102	396	2,144
Hay crops-acres	2,945	88	102	2,574	3,061
Oats-acres	442	43	91	1,031	2,332
Wheat-acres	375	98	102	1,982	2,612

Some counties do not have five commodities in a group.

### Other County Summary Highlights

Item	1997	1992	Percent Change
<b>Farms by value of sales:</b>			
Less than \$10,000 .....	60	61	-2
\$10,000 or more .....	294	301	-2
Total farm production expenses .....\$1,000..	37,255	31,492	18
Average per farm .....dollars..	105,240	86,994	21
<b>Net cash return from agricultural sales</b>			
for the farm unit .....\$1,000..	25,570	14,718	74
Average per farm .....dollars..	72,231	40,658	78
<b>Farms by type of organization:</b>			
Individual or family .....	289	297	-3
Partnership or corporation .....	62	65	-5
Other .....	3	-	
<b>OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS</b>			
<b>Operators by principal occupation:</b>			
Farming .....	273	272	0
Other .....	81	90	-10
<b>Operators by sex:</b>			
Male .....	337	348	-3
Female .....	17	14	21
<b>Operators by race:</b>			
White .....	354	362	-2
Black and other races .....			
Average age of operator .....	52.5	50.6	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.