

1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

United States Department of Agriculture
Illinois Agricultural Statistics Service



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Land in farms

Increased 14 percent from 119,370 acres in 1992 to 136,060 acres in 1997.

Average size of farms

Decreased 7 percent from 248 acres in 1992 to 230 acres in 1997.

Full time farms

Decreased 9 percent from 241 farms in 1992 to 219 farms in 1997.

Market value of agricultural products sold

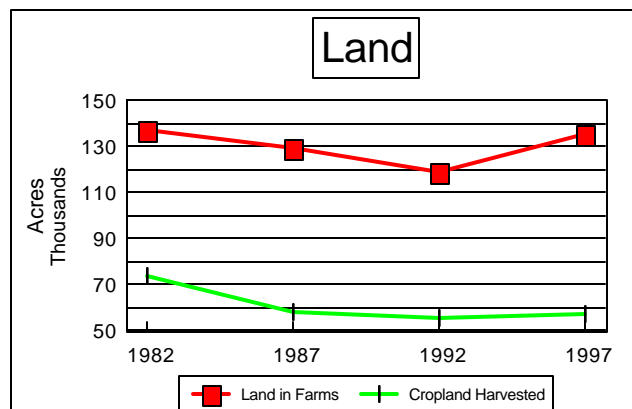
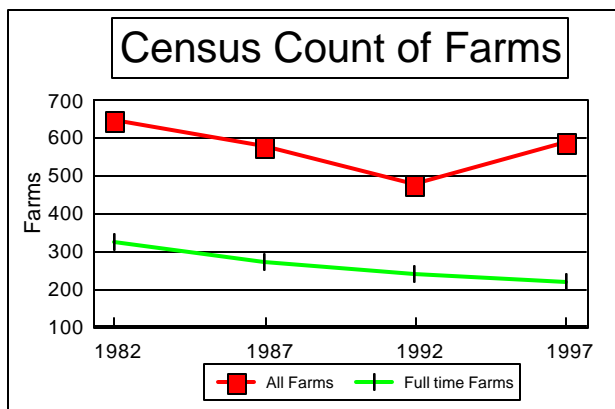
Increased 5 percent to \$20,720,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 78 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 22 percent of the market value.

Market value of agricultural products sold, average per farm

Decreased 14 percent from \$40,864 in 1992 to \$35,059 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	20,720	93	102	2,075	3,076
Value of crops including nursery	16,125	94	102	1,434	3,070
Value of livestock and poultry	4,595	87	102	2,400	3,069
TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)					
Soybeans	5,608	94	102	715	2,136
Fruits, nuts, berries	3,674	1	96	173	2,547
Cattle and calves	2,521	60	102	1,989	3,063
Corn for grain	2,399	98	102	1,052	2,582
Vegetables, sweet corn, and melons	1,900	12	99	372	2,739
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)					
Cattle and calves sold	7,262	43	102	1,864	3,063
Hogs and pigs sold	5,156	96	102	1,224	2,976
Rabbits and their pelts sold	(D)	5	58	242	1,593
Ducks, geese, and other poultry sold	(D)	34	78	876	2,200
Sheep and lambs sold	255	61	100	1,602	2,765
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)					
Cattle and calves inventory	16,497	33	102	1,725	3,064
Hogs and pigs inventory	2,986	96	102	1,193	3,005
Ducks, geese, and other poultry inventory	(D)	28	98	737	2,884
Horse and pony inventory	474	43	102	1,668	3,066
Rabbit inventory	(D)	3	94	218	2,456
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA					
Soybeans for beans-acres	25,459	93	102	727	2,144
Hay crops-acres	18,016	6	102	1,134	3,061
Corn for grain-acres	10,031	96	102	1,088	2,691
Wheat-acres	3,254	62	102	1,245	2,612
Land in orchards-acres	1,348	1	100	282	2,693

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	393	298	32
\$10,000 or more	198	184	8
Total farm production expenses\$1,000..	17,082	15,711	9
Average per farmdollars..	28,952	32,528	-11
Net cash return from agricultural sales			
for the farm unit\$1,000..	5,472	1,640	234
Average per farmdollars..	9,274	3,395	173
Farms by type of organization:			
Individual or family	509	430	18
Partnership or corporation	77	51	51
Other	5	1	400
OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS			
Operators by principal occupation:			
Farming	219	241	-9
Other	372	241	54
Operators by sex:			
Male	552	451	22
Female	39	31	26
Operators by race:			
White	591	481	23
Black and other races	-	1	-100
Average age of operator	55.1	53.9	2

(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.