

# 1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

United States Department of Agriculture  
Illinois Agricultural Statistics Service



## WHITESIDE ILLINOIS

### Land in farms

Decreased 4 percent from 399,312 acres in 1992 to 384,738 acres in 1997.

### Average size of farms

Increased 5 percent from 352 acres in 1992 to 370 acres in 1997.

### Full time farms

Decreased 11 percent from 762 farms in 1992 to 680 farms in 1997.

### Market value of agricultural products sold

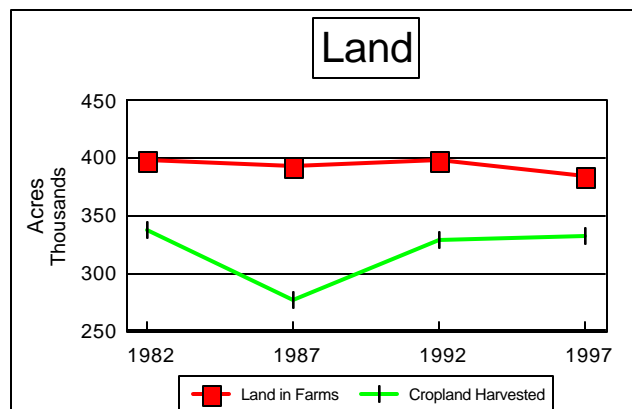
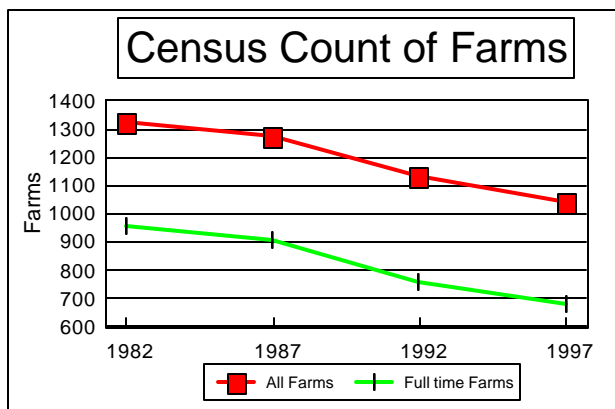
Increased 9 percent to \$156,992,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 64 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 36 percent of the market value.

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

Increased 19 percent from \$126,885 in 1992 to \$151,099 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	156,992	11	102	218	3,076
Value of crops including nursery	101,160	17	102	139	3,070
Value of livestock and poultry	55,832	7	102	439	3,069
<b>TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)</b>					
Corn for grain	62,488	13	102	25	2,582
Soybeans	32,808	30	102	103	2,136
Cattle and calves	30,871	2	102	235	3,063
Hogs and pigs	19,652	14	102	179	2,976
Dairy products	3,174	20	92	843	2,563
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)</b>					
Hogs and pigs sold	167,291	19	102	210	2,976
Layers, pullets, and pullet chicks sold	(D)	7	71	479	2,203
Cattle and calves sold	41,719	2	102	392	3,063
Turkeys sold	(D)	13	45	335	1,353
Ducks, geese, and other poultry sold	(D)	26	78	688	2,200
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)</b>					
Layers 20 weeks and older inventory	(D)	7	101	411	3,002
Hogs and pigs inventory	95,770	16	102	168	3,005
Cattle and calves inventory	39,894	5	102	829	3,064
All turkeys inventory	(D)	16	83	343	2,361
Sheep and lamb inventory	1,303	17	101	774	2,864
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA</b>					
Corn for grain-acres	204,913	11	102	24	2,691
Soybeans for beans-acres	110,118	36	102	161	2,144
Hay crops-acres	10,222	25	102	1,697	3,061
Corn for silage-acres	3,825	7	99	398	2,473
Land used for vegetables-acres	2,845	9	99	224	2,741

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 .....	236	221	7
\$10,000 or more .....	803	912	-12
Total farm production expenses .....\$1,000..	111,451	111,187	0
Average per farm .....dollars..	107,371	98,309	9
<b>Net cash return from agricultural sales</b>			
for the farm unit .....\$1,000..	39,284	31,605	24
Average per farm .....dollars..	37,846	27,945	35
<b>Farms by type of organization:</b>			
Individual or family .....	877	959	-9
Partnership or corporation .....	156	172	-9
Other .....	6	2	200
<b>OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS</b>			
<b>Operators by principal occupation:</b>			
Farming .....	680	762	-11
Other .....	359	371	-3
<b>Operators by sex:</b>			
Male .....	995	1,095	-9
Female .....	44	38	16
<b>Operators by race:</b>			
White .....	1,035	1,132	-9
Black and other races .....	4	1	300
Average age of operator .....	52.8	50.5	5

(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.