

1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

United States Department of Agriculture
Iowa Agricultural Statistics Service



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Land in farms

Increased 1 percent from 333,115 acres in 1992 to 336,863 acres in 1997.

Average size of farms

Increased 6 percent from 279 acres in 1992 to 297 acres in 1997.

Full time farms

Decreased 12 percent from 817 farms in 1992 to 723 farms in 1997.

Market value of agricultural products sold

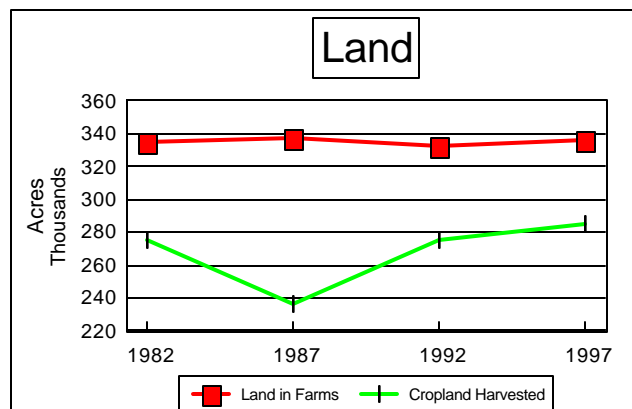
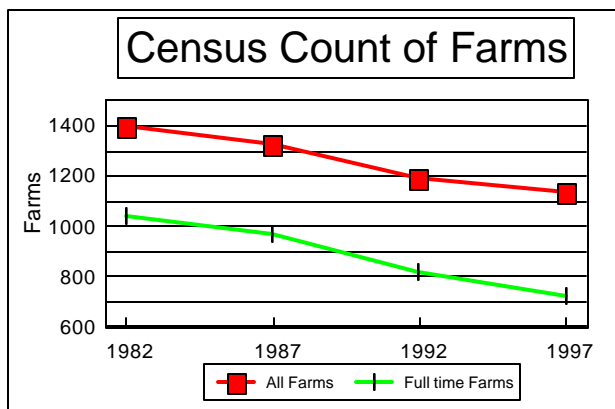
Increased 18 percent to \$137,169,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 58 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 42 percent of the market value.

Market value of agricultural products sold, average per farm

Increased 24 percent from \$97,701 in 1992 to \$120,747 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	137,169	34	99	294	3,076
Value of crops including nursery	79,095	31	99	243	3,070
Value of livestock and poultry	58,074	34	99	412	3,069
TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)					
Corn for grain	44,469	23	99	80	2,582
Hogs and pigs	38,498	22	99	66	2,976
Soybeans	33,115	37	99	97	2,136
Cattle and calves	12,181	55	99	746	3,063
Dairy products	5,996	15	97	558	2,563
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)					
Hogs and pigs sold	396,208	22	99	65	2,976
Broilers and other meat-type chickens sold	118,225	11	97	613	1,882
Layers, pullets, and pullet chicks sold	(D)	32	81	553	2,203
Cattle and calves sold	18,844	66	99	1,046	3,063
Sheep and lambs sold	1,206	78	99	714	2,765
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)					
Hogs and pigs inventory	191,642	23	99	53	3,005
Layers 20 weeks and older inventory	(D)	35	99	485	3,002
Broiler inventory	39,013	7	97	574	2,620
Cattle and calves inventory	28,189	60	99	1,197	3,064
Pullets 13 to less than 20 weeks inventory	9,239	21	90	388	2,549
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA					
Corn for grain-acres	156,792	21	99	69	2,691
Soybeans for beans-acres	112,669	40	99	149	2,144
Hay crops-acres	11,177	54	99	1,596	3,061
Oats-acres	3,731	12	99	175	2,332
Corn for silage-acres	3,228	19	99	459	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	213	179	19
\$10,000 or more	923	1,014	-9
Total farm production expenses\$1,000..	99,416	93,014	7
Average per farmdollars..	87,591	77,901	12
Net cash return from agricultural sales			
for the farm unit\$1,000..	31,748	24,528	29
Average per farmdollars..	27,971	20,542	36
Farms by type of organization:			
Individual or family	976	1,022	-5
Partnership or corporation	155	165	-6
Other	5	6	-17
OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS			
Operators by principal occupation:			
Farming	723	817	-12
Other	413	376	10
Operators by sex:			
Male	1,083	1,135	-5
Female	53	58	-9
Operators by race:			
White	1,136	1,192	-5
Black and other races	-	1	-100
Average age of operator	50.0	47.8	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.