

1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

United States Department of Agriculture
Iowa Agricultural Statistics Service



BUENA VISTA IOWA

Land in farms

Increased 4 percent from 341,923 acres in 1992 to 356,751 acres in 1997.

Average size of farms

Increased 17 percent from 352 acres in 1992 to 411 acres in 1997.

Full time farms

Decreased 15 percent from 770 farms in 1992 to 658 farms in 1997.

Market value of agricultural products sold

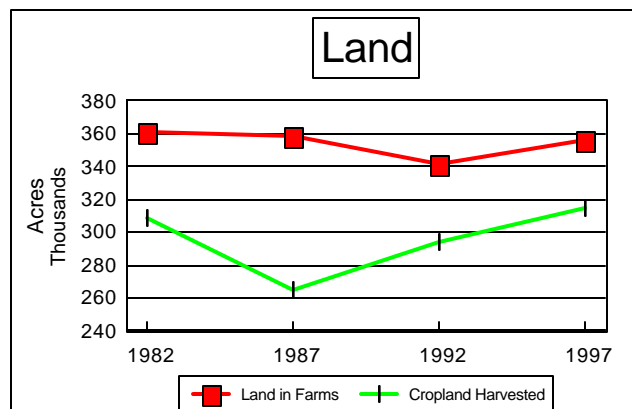
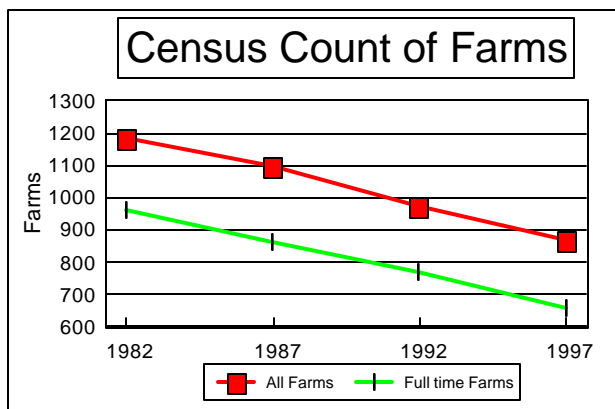
Increased 34 percent to \$210,089,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 43 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 57 percent of the market value.

Market value of agricultural products sold, average per farm

Increased 50 percent from \$161,812 in 1992 to \$242,317 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	210,089	6	99	125	3,076
Value of livestock and poultry	118,934	8	99	136	3,069
Value of crops including nursery	91,155	12	99	172	3,070
TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)					
Hogs and pigs	72,080	8	99	24	2,976
Corn for grain	46,315	18	99	70	2,582
Soybeans	43,802	9	99	28	2,136
Poultry & poultry products	25,794	2	99	230	2,901
Cattle and calves	19,702	33	99	411	3,063
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)					
Turkeys sold	1,633,552	2	61	54	1,353
Layers, pullets, and pullet chicks sold (D)		5	81	85	2,203
Hogs and pigs sold	603,519	11	99	33	2,976
Cattle and calves sold	26,398	39	99	742	3,063
Sheep and lambs sold	5,411	11	99	222	2,765
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)					
All turkeys inventory	652,179	2	91	53	2,361
Pullets less than 13 weeks inventory	387,200	4	49	31	1,790
Layers 20 weeks and older inventory (D)		19	99	222	3,002
Hogs and pigs inventory	298,220	12	99	26	3,005
Pullets 13 to less than 20 weeks inventory (D)		8	90	113	2,549
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA					
Corn for grain-acres	158,339	16	99	63	2,691
Soybeans for beans-acres	150,291	12	99	56	2,144
Hay crops-acres	3,976	86	99	2,425	3,061
Corn for silage-acres	2,887	21	99	507	2,473
Oats-acres	1,448	52	99	482	2,332

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	83	107	-22
\$10,000 or more	784	865	-9
Total farm production expenses\$1,000..	139,583	115,294	21
Average per farmdollars..	161,181	118,493	36
Net cash return from agricultural sales			
for the farm unit\$1,000..	57,494	39,631	45
Average per farmdollars..	66,391	40,730	63
Farms by type of organization:			
Individual or family	706	793	-11
Partnership or corporation	152	174	-13
Other	9	5	80
OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS			
Operators by principal occupation:			
Farming	658	770	-15
Other	209	202	3
Operators by sex:			
Male	834	942	-11
Female	33	30	10
Operators by race:			
White	866	972	-11
Black and other races	1	-	
Average age of operator	51.7	49.0	6

(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.