

1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

United States Department of Agriculture
Iowa Agricultural Statistics Service



CERRO GORDO IOWA

Land in farms

Decreased 2 percent from 308,497 acres in 1992 to 300,851 acres in 1997.

Average size of farms

Decreased 3 percent from 376 acres in 1992 to 366 acres in 1997.

Full time farms

Decreased 8 percent from 578 farms in 1992 to 530 farms in 1997.

Market value of agricultural products sold

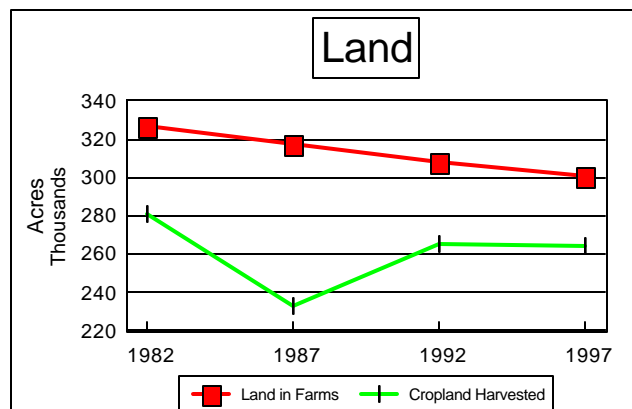
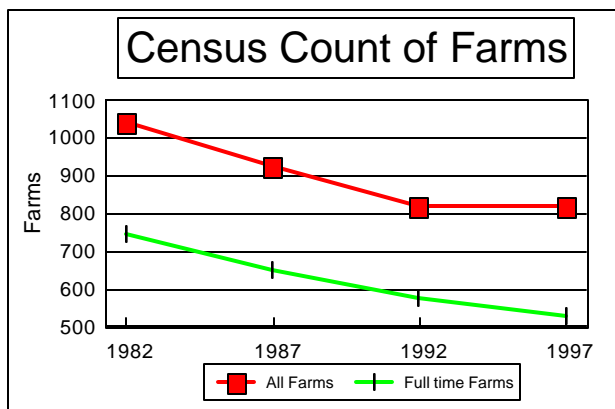
Increased 32 percent to \$120,620,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 67 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 33 percent of the market value.

Market value of agricultural products sold, average per farm

Increased 32 percent from \$111,189 in 1992 to \$146,739 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	120,620	46	99	374	3,076
Value of crops including nursery	81,377	27	99	231	3,070
Value of livestock and poultry	39,243	58	99	686	3,069
TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)					
Corn for grain	43,192	26	99	89	2,582
Soybeans	33,018	38	99	98	2,136
Hogs and pigs	30,261	35	99	100	2,976
Cattle and calves	4,408	95	99	1,559	3,063
Nursery and greenhouse crops	3,569	7	97	502	2,790
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)					
Hogs and pigs sold	287,104	30	99	101	2,976
Layers, pullets, and pullet chicks sold	31,950	39	81	704	2,203
Cattle and calves sold	6,443	98	99	1,949	3,063
Sheep and lambs sold	1,319	73	99	671	2,765
Broilers and other meat-type chickens sold	(D)	66	97	1,041	1,882
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)					
Hogs and pigs inventory	126,766	41	99	108	3,005
Layers 20 weeks and older inventory	35,664	41	99	645	3,002
Cattle and calves inventory	9,418	96	99	2,199	3,064
Sheep and lamb inventory	1,392	71	99	736	2,864
Horse and pony inventory	467	63	99	1,689	3,066
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA					
Corn for grain-acres	137,695	38	99	111	2,691
Soybeans for beans-acres	120,639	34	99	123	2,144
Hay crops-acres	3,529	90	99	2,490	3,061
Oats-acres	1,301	56	99	528	2,332
Corn for silage-acres	1,115	68	99	994	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	211	123	72
\$10,000 or more	611	698	-12
Total farm production expenses\$1,000..	85,779	73,539	17
Average per farmdollars..	104,353	89,573	17
Net cash return from agricultural sales			
for the farm unit\$1,000..	28,853	21,717	33
Average per farmdollars..	35,101	26,452	33
Farms by type of organization:			
Individual or family	673	677	-1
Partnership or corporation	141	142	-1
Other	8	2	300
OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS			
Operators by principal occupation:			
Farming	530	578	-8
Other	292	243	20
Operators by sex:			
Male	784	798	-2
Female	38	23	65
Operators by race:			
White	821	821	
Black and other races	1	-	
Average age of operator	52.0	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.