

1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

United States Department of Agriculture
Iowa Agricultural Statistics Service



CHEROKEE IOWA

Land in farms

Decreased 2 percent from 336,254 acres in 1992 to 330,355 acres in 1997.

Average size of farms

Increased 8 percent from 343 acres in 1992 to 371 acres in 1997.

Full time farms

Decreased 18 percent from 761 farms in 1992 to 622 farms in 1997.

Market value of agricultural products sold

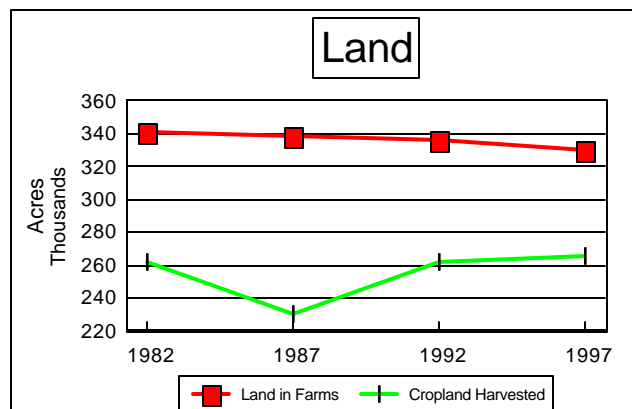
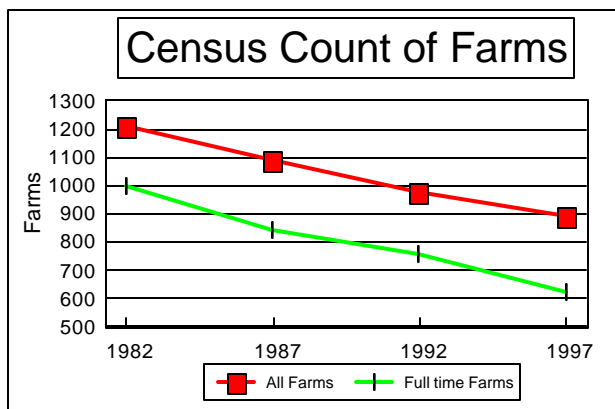
Increased 14 percent to \$145,854,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 49 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 51 percent of the market value.

Market value of agricultural products sold, average per farm

Increased 25 percent from \$130,650 in 1992 to \$163,881 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	145,854	28	99	261	3,076
Value of livestock and poultry	74,575	23	99	310	3,069
Value of crops including nursery	71,278	41	99	302	3,070
TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)					
Hogs and pigs	41,713	21	99	61	2,976
Soybeans	37,158	24	99	65	2,136
Corn for grain	33,271	47	99	155	2,582
Cattle and calves	28,257	16	99	259	3,063
Poultry & poultry products	(D)	35	99	742	2,901
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)					
Hogs and pigs sold	390,657	23	99	68	2,976
Turkeys sold	(D)	13	61	254	1,353
Cattle and calves sold	41,082	16	99	401	3,063
Mink and their pelts sold	(D)	2	12	52	191
Sheep and lambs sold	2,068	49	99	458	2,765
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)					
Hogs and pigs inventory	222,808	19	99	43	3,005
Cattle and calves inventory	48,587	20	99	632	3,064
All turkeys inventory	(D)	12	91	245	2,361
Mink inventory	(D)	3	13	46	239
Sheep and lamb inventory	1,598	64	99	653	2,864
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA					
Corn for grain-acres	129,500	43	99	125	2,691
Soybeans for beans-acres	124,329	30	99	116	2,144
Hay crops-acres	8,698	63	99	1,837	3,061
Corn for silage-acres	4,600	13	99	328	2,473
Oats-acres	1,190	62	99	567	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	115	98	17
\$10,000 or more	775	881	-12
Total farm production expenses\$1,000..	102,162	93,678	9
Average per farmdollars..	114,918	95,785	20
Net cash return from agricultural sales			
for the farm unit\$1,000..	33,240	33,670	-1
Average per farmdollars..	37,390	34,428	9
Farms by type of organization:			
Individual or family	745	820	-9
Partnership or corporation	143	153	-7
Other	2	6	-67
OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS			
Operators by principal occupation:			
Farming	622	761	-18
Other	268	218	23
Operators by sex:			
Male	855	941	-9
Female	35	38	-8
Operators by race:			
White	888	979	-9
Black and other races	2	-	
Average age of operator	50.9	48.3	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.