

1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

United States Department of Agriculture
Iowa Agricultural Statistics Service



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Land in farms

Decreased 6 percent from 236,409 acres in 1992 to 221,848 acres in 1997.

Average size of farms

Decreased 6 percent from 348 acres in 1992 to 327 acres in 1997.

Full time farms

Decreased 20 percent from 443 farms in 1992 to 354 farms in 1997.

Market value of agricultural products sold

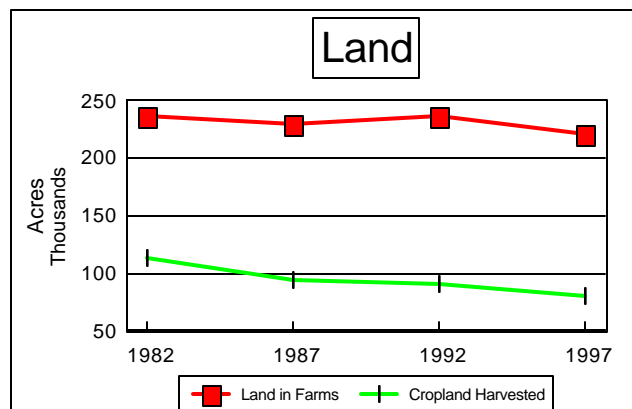
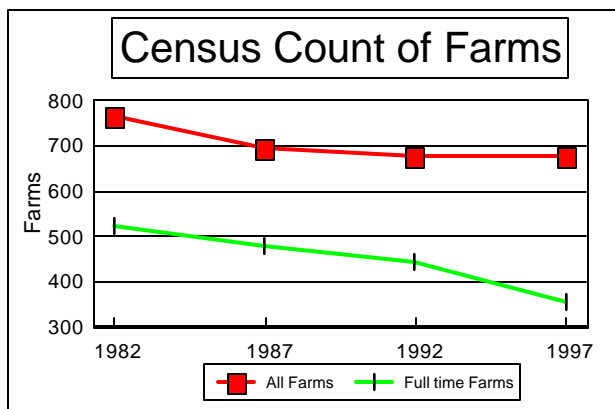
Increased 38 percent to \$38,534,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 34 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 66 percent of the market value.

Market value of agricultural products sold, average per farm

Increased 39 percent from \$40,991 in 1992 to \$56,835 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	38,534	96	99	1,479	3,076
Value of livestock and poultry	25,513	84	99	1,014	3,069
Value of crops including nursery	13,022	99	99	1,587	3,070
TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)					
Hogs and pigs	14,617	73	99	247	2,976
Cattle and calves	10,099	69	99	885	3,063
Soybeans	6,467	95	99	668	2,136
Corn for grain	5,419	98	99	775	2,582
Hay, silage, field seeds, grass seeds	1,052	30	99	890	3,043
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)					
Hogs and pigs sold	103,328	77	99	324	2,976
Cattle and calves sold	20,242	61	99	970	3,063
Sheep and lambs sold	2,462	35	99	388	2,765
Ducks, geese, and other poultry sold	(D)	15	74	873	2,200
Horses and ponies sold	153	14	99	539	3,015
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)					
Hogs and pigs inventory	67,224	74	99	243	3,005
Cattle and calves inventory	40,721	30	99	801	3,064
Sheep and lamb inventory	2,473	40	99	447	2,864
Layers 20 weeks and older inventory	1,146	62	99	1,126	3,002
Horse and pony inventory	736	29	99	1,104	3,066
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA					
Hay crops-acres	27,253	16	99	739	3,061
Soybeans for beans-acres	26,715	94	99	711	2,144
Corn for grain-acres	25,691	97	99	729	2,691
Oats-acres	1,701	44	99	418	2,332
Corn for silage-acres	1,546	50	99	820	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	299	244	23
\$10,000 or more	379	436	-13
Total farm production expenses\$1,000..	34,199	22,362	53
Average per farmdollars..	50,441	32,886	53
Net cash return from agricultural sales			
for the farm unit\$1,000..	2,988	6,063	-51
Average per farmdollars..	4,408	8,916	-51
Farms by type of organization:			
Individual or family	607	606	0
Partnership or corporation	66	73	-10
Other	5	1	400
OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS			
Operators by principal occupation:			
Farming	354	443	-20
Other	324	237	37
Operators by sex:			
Male	632	649	-3
Female	46	31	48
Operators by race:			
White	677	678	-0
Black and other races	1	2	-50
Average age of operator	55.5	53.9	3

(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.