

1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

United States Department of Agriculture
Iowa Agricultural Statistics Service



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Land in farms

Increased slightly from 261,494 acres in 1992 to 261,927 acres in 1997.

Average size of farms

Decreased 11 percent from 404 acres in 1992 to 359 acres in 1997.

Full time farms

Decreased 6 percent from 387 farms in 1992 to 362 farms in 1997.

Market value of agricultural products sold

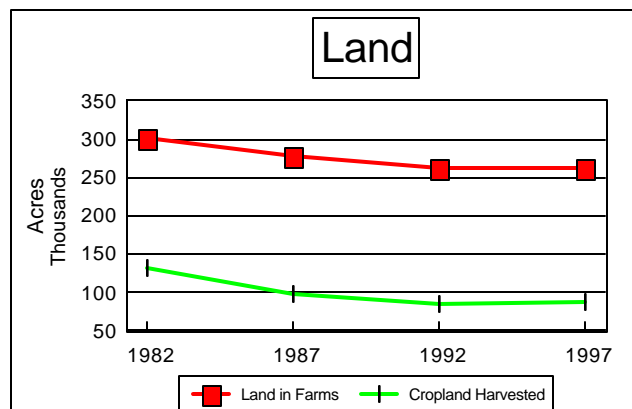
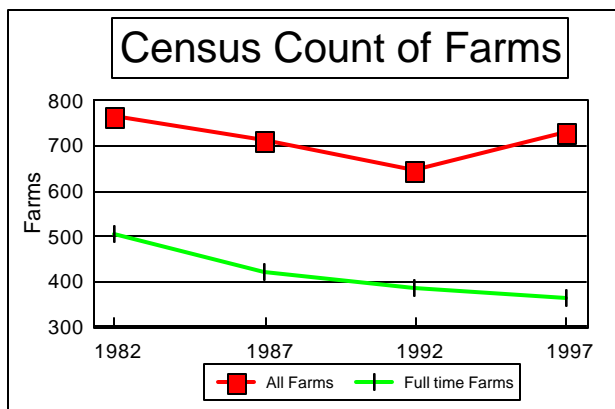
Increased 32 percent to \$54,349,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 26 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 74 percent of the market value.

Market value of agricultural products sold, average per farm

Increased 17 percent from \$63,410 in 1992 to \$74,450 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	54,349	89	99	1,098	3,076
Value of livestock and poultry	39,964	56	99	673	3,069
Value of crops including nursery	14,385	97	99	1,507	3,070
TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)					
Cattle and calves	31,687	12	99	224	3,063
Soybeans	7,263	92	99	637	2,136
Hogs and pigs	7,172	92	99	421	2,976
Corn for grain	5,410	99	99	777	2,582
Hay, silage, field seeds, grass seeds	1,507	10	99	570	3,043
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)					
Hogs and pigs sold	58,672	93	99	474	2,976
Cattle and calves sold	50,509	11	99	284	3,063
Sheep and lambs sold	6,297	9	99	192	2,765
Ducks, geese, and other poultry sold	(D)	9	74	643	2,200
All goats sold	(D)	1	90	102	2,686
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)					
Cattle and calves inventory	61,623	13	99	430	3,064
Hogs and pigs inventory	39,037	90	99	372	3,005
Ducks, geese, and other poultry inventory	(D)	2	98	254	2,884
Sheep and lamb inventory	1,402	70	99	732	2,864
Horse and pony inventory	1,002	13	99	748	3,066
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA					
Hay crops-acres	34,924	9	99	537	3,061
Soybeans for beans-acres	28,727	93	99	691	2,144
Corn for grain-acres	24,834	98	99	736	2,691
Corn for silage-acres	1,181	64	99	956	2,473
Oats-acres	752	84	99	785	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	347	233	49
\$10,000 or more	383	415	-8
Total farm production expenses\$1,000..	39,938	33,070	21
Average per farmdollars..	54,561	50,955	7
Net cash return from agricultural sales			
for the farm unit\$1,000..	13,733	7,057	95
Average per farmdollars..	18,761	10,874	73
Farms by type of organization:			
Individual or family	636	561	13
Partnership or corporation	89	84	6
Other	5	3	67
OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS			
Operators by principal occupation:			
Farming	362	387	-6
Other	368	261	41
Operators by sex:			
Male	675	602	12
Female	55	46	20
Operators by race:			
White	728	648	12
Black and other races	2	-	
Average age of operator	55.9	54.2	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.