

1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

United States Department of Agriculture
Iowa Agricultural Statistics Service



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Land in farms

Decreased 3 percent from 336,131 acres in 1992 to 326,187 acres in 1997.

Average size of farms

Increased 4 percent from 246 acres in 1992 to 255 acres in 1997.

Full time farms

Decreased 14 percent from 1,079 farms in 1992 to 932 farms in 1997.

Market value of agricultural products sold

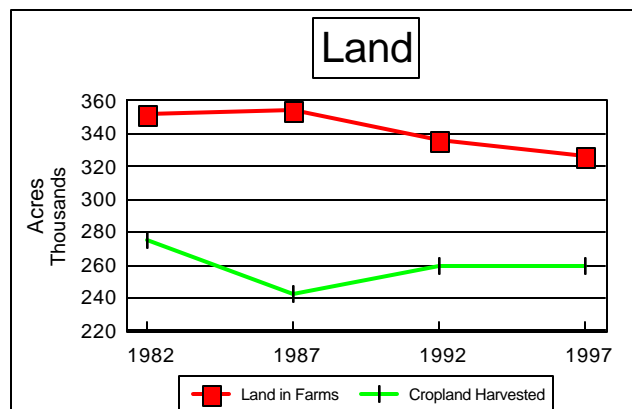
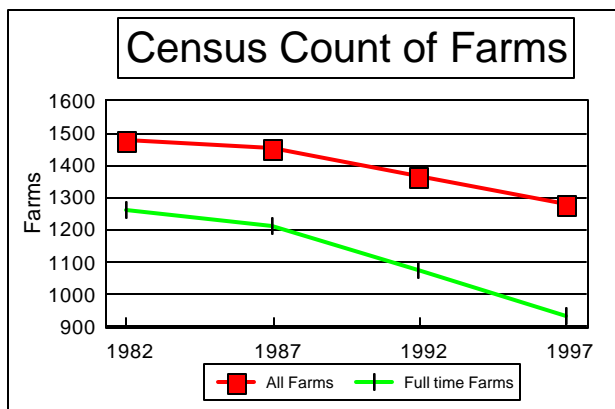
Increased 9 percent to \$195,918,000 in 1997.

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 \$130,886 in 1992 to \$153,300 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	195,918	9	99	142	3,076
Value of livestock and poultry	144,359	2	99	92	3,069
Value of crops including nursery	51,558	66	99	529	3,070
TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)					
Hogs and pigs	77,671	7	99	22	2,976
Dairy products	35,312	4	97	123	2,563
Cattle and calves	30,636	15	99	237	3,063
Corn for grain	30,318	56	99	185	2,582
Soybeans	18,999	77	99	321	2,136
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)					
Hogs and pigs sold	656,200	8	99	30	2,976
Cattle and calves sold	45,575	14	99	341	3,063
Layers, pullets, and pullet chicks sold	(D)	38	81	679	2,203
Sheep and lambs sold	845	90	99	914	2,765
Broilers and other meat-type chickens sold	265	77	97	1,195	1,882
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)					
Hogs and pigs inventory	401,729	5	99	12	3,005
Cattle and calves inventory	70,399	9	99	318	3,064
Layers 20 weeks and older inventory	(D)	39	99	613	3,002
Sheep and lamb inventory	1,016	86	99	941	2,864
Horse and pony inventory	499	57	99	1,600	3,066
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA					
Corn for grain-acres	157,975	18	99	65	2,691
Soybeans for beans-acres	59,798	82	99	444	2,144
Hay crops-acres	33,361	10	99	577	3,061
Corn for silage-acres	9,027	4	99	144	2,473
Oats-acres	6,268	7	99	83	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	208	162	28
\$10,000 or more	1,070	1,205	-11
Total farm production expenses\$1,000..	137,908	141,535	-3
Average per farmdollars..	107,825	103,613	4
Net cash return from agricultural sales			
for the farm unit\$1,000..	46,861	38,389	22
Average per farmdollars..	36,639	28,103	30
Farms by type of organization:			
Individual or family	1,092	1,140	-4
Partnership or corporation	180	221	-19
Other	6	6	
OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS			
Operators by principal occupation:			
Farming	932	1,079	-14
Other	346	288	20
Operators by sex:			
Male	1,231	1,328	-7
Female	47	39	21
Operators by race:			
White	1,276	1,367	-7
Black and other races	2	-	
Average age of operator	48.9	46.6	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.