

1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

United States Department of Agriculture
Iowa Agricultural Statistics Service



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Land in farms

Decreased slightly from 192,467 acres in 1992 to 192,165 acres in 1997.

Average size of farms

Increased 5 percent from 283 acres in 1992 to 296 acres in 1997.

Full time farms

Decreased 13 percent from 401 farms in 1992 to 348 farms in 1997.

Market value of agricultural products sold

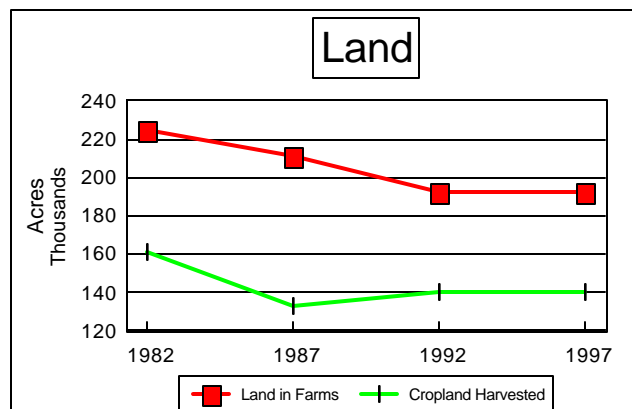
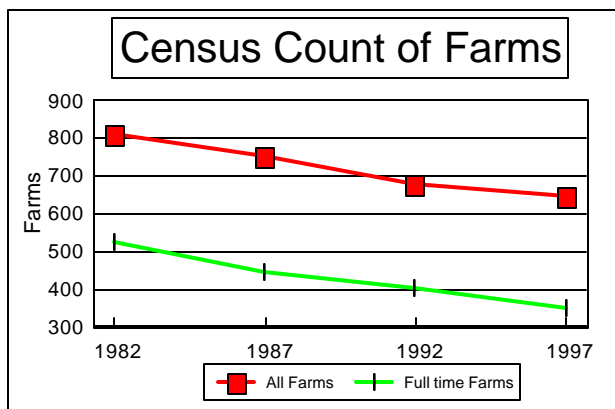
Increased 36 percent to \$69,769,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 62 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 38 percent of the market value.

Market value of agricultural products sold, average per farm

Increased 42 percent from \$75,598 in 1992 to \$107,337 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	69,769	83	99	828	3,076
Value of crops including nursery	43,430	75	99	652	3,070
Value of livestock and poultry	26,339	83	99	984	3,069
TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)					
Corn for grain	22,712	73	99	282	2,582
Soybeans	19,607	75	99	309	2,136
Hogs and pigs	19,272	60	99	182	2,976
Cattle and calves	5,815	89	99	1,346	3,063
Dairy products	1,080	47	97	1,368	2,563
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)					
Hogs and pigs sold	213,190	50	99	155	2,976
Cattle and calves sold	10,851	89	99	1,540	3,063
Sheep and lambs sold	643	96	99	1,096	2,765
Ducks, geese, and other poultry sold	372	23	74	1,020	2,200
Broilers and other meat-type chickens sold	200	85	97	1,242	1,882
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)					
Hogs and pigs inventory	125,030	43	99	112	3,005
Cattle and calves inventory	15,343	87	99	1,792	3,064
Sheep and lamb inventory	590	98	99	1,306	2,864
Horse and pony inventory	503	56	99	1,588	3,066
Ducks, geese, and other poultry inventory	(D)	20	98	1,031	2,884
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA					
Corn for grain-acres	68,347	84	99	379	2,691
Soybeans for beans-acres	65,171	79	99	405	2,144
Hay crops-acres	6,693	71	99	2,067	3,061
Corn for silage-acres	911	80	99	1,112	2,473
Wheat-acres	574	9	85	1,863	2,612

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	216	197	10
\$10,000 or more	434	484	-10
Total farm production expenses\$1,000..	49,248	36,826	34
Average per farmdollars..	75,534	54,156	39
Net cash return from agricultural sales			
for the farm unit\$1,000..	18,434	12,902	43
Average per farmdollars..	28,272	18,973	49
Farms by type of organization:			
Individual or family	488	562	-13
Partnership or corporation	153	114	34
Other	9	5	80
OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS			
Operators by principal occupation:			
Farming	348	401	-13
Other	302	280	8
Operators by sex:			
Male	611	655	-7
Female	39	26	50
Operators by race:			
White	649	680	-5
Black and other races	1	1	
Average age of operator	54.4	52.4	4

(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.