

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 202,249 acres in 1992 to 201,126 acres in 1997.

Average size of farms

Increased 8 percent from 365 acres in 1992 to 393 acres in 1997.

Full time farms

Decreased 13 percent from 395 farms in 1992 to 344 farms in 1997.

Market value of agricultural products sold

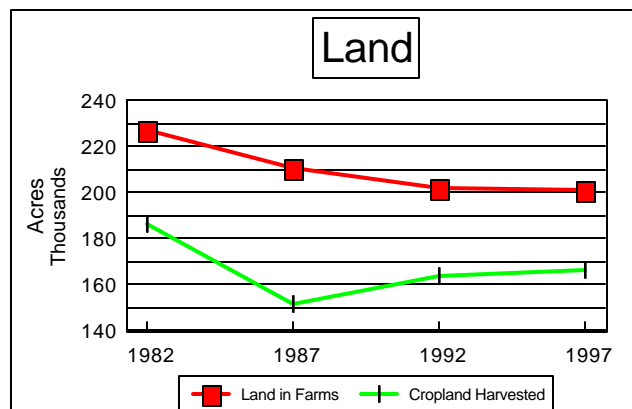
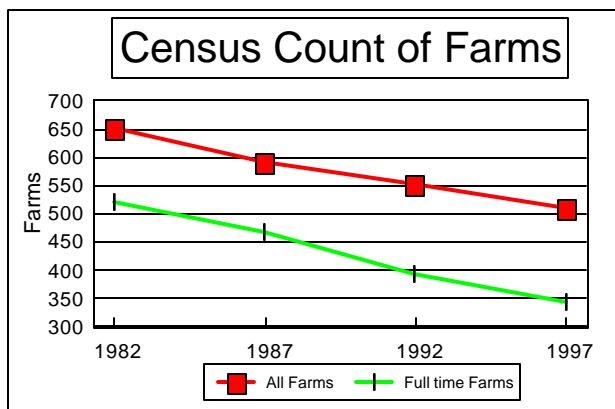
Increased 2 percent to \$72,854,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 57 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 43 percent of the market value.

Market value of agricultural products sold, average per farm

Increased 10 percent from \$129,331 in 1992 to \$142,294 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	72,854	81	99	788	3,076
Value of crops including nursery	41,611	80	99	694	3,070
Value of livestock and poultry	31,243	76	99	856	3,069
TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)					
Cattle and calves	21,207	26	99	373	3,063
Corn for grain	20,470	77	99	324	2,582
Soybeans	20,144	72	99	295	2,136
Hogs and pigs	9,095	86	99	357	2,976
Hay, silage, field seeds, grass seeds	856	42	99	1,091	3,043
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)					
Hogs and pigs sold	76,390	87	99	401	2,976
Cattle and calves sold	28,787	35	99	668	3,063
Sheep and lambs sold	1,685	62	99	542	2,765
Ducks, geese, and other poultry sold	937	12	74	785	2,200
Broilers and other meat-type chickens sold	(D)	69	97	1,077	1,882
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)					
Hogs and pigs inventory	45,333	83	99	327	3,005
Cattle and calves inventory	26,846	62	99	1,243	3,064
Sheep and lamb inventory	1,551	66	99	672	2,864
Ducks, geese, and other poultry inventory	919	10	98	730	2,884
Horse and pony inventory	220	94	99	2,511	3,066
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA					
Soybeans for beans-acres	80,177	66	99	311	2,144
Corn for grain-acres	78,518	78	99	302	2,691
Hay crops-acres	6,612	72	99	2,076	3,061
Corn for silage-acres	2,811	22	99	518	2,473
Oats-acres	409	96	99	1,082	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	130	98	33
\$10,000 or more	382	456	-16
Total farm production expenses\$1,000..	55,804	55,928	-0
Average per farmdollars..	108,993	100,953	8
Net cash return from agricultural sales			
for the farm unit\$1,000..	14,708	14,826	-1
Average per farmdollars..	28,727	26,762	7
Farms by type of organization:			
Individual or family	433	474	-9
Partnership or corporation	75	78	-4
Other	4	2	100
OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS			
Operators by principal occupation:			
Farming	344	395	-13
Other	168	159	6
Operators by sex:			
Male	483	531	-9
Female	29	23	26
Operators by race:			
White	511	554	-8
Black and other races	1	-	
Average age of operator	52.0	50.4	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.