

# 1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

United States Department of Agriculture  
Iowa Agricultural Statistics Service



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### Land in farms

Increased 3 percent from 260,781 acres in 1992 to 269,750 acres in 1997.

### Average size of farms

Increased 6 percent from 296 acres in 1992 to 313 acres in 1997.

### Full time farms

Decreased 12 percent from 654 farms in 1992 to 578 farms in 1997.

### Market value of agricultural products sold

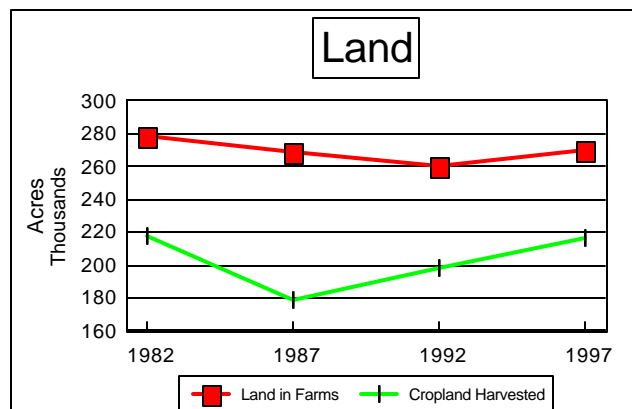
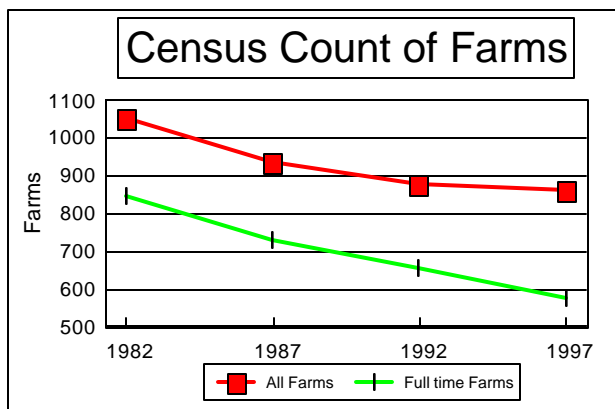
Increased 29 percent to \$95,130,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 58 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 42 percent of the market value.

### Market value of agricultural products sold, average per farm

Increased 32 percent from \$83,794 in 1992 to \$110,359 in 1997.



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### Ranked Items Within State and U.S., 1997

Item	Quantity	State		U.S.	
		Rank	Universe*	Rank	Universe*
<b>MARKET VALUE OF AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS SOLD (\$1,000)</b>					
Total value of agricultural products sold	95,130	64	99	555	3,076
Value of crops including nursery	54,982	59	99	475	3,070
Value of livestock and poultry	40,148	55	99	671	3,069
<b>TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)</b>					
Corn for grain	27,048	64	99	221	2,582
Soybeans	25,741	53	99	183	2,136
Hogs and pigs	20,049	58	99	172	2,976
Cattle and calves	11,800	60	99	768	3,063
Dairy products	8,005	12	97	451	2,563
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)</b>					
Hogs and pigs sold	178,278	60	99	193	2,976
Cattle and calves sold	18,262	69	99	1,070	3,063
Sheep and lambs sold	1,188	81	99	722	2,765
Broilers and other meat-type chickens sold	325	75	97	1,152	1,882
Horses and ponies sold	53	70	99	1,587	3,015
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)</b>					
Hogs and pigs inventory	98,979	61	99	163	3,005
Cattle and calves inventory	30,651	55	99	1,105	3,064
Layers 20 weeks and older inventory	1,382	57	99	1,053	3,002
Sheep and lamb inventory	1,111	80	99	876	2,864
Colony of bees inventory	(D)	10	89	456	2,588
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA</b>					
Corn for grain-acres	105,511	61	99	191	2,691
Soybeans for beans-acres	92,922	53	99	241	2,144
Hay crops-acres	13,389	46	99	1,406	3,061
Corn for silage-acres	4,216	14	99	360	2,473
Oats-acres	3,137	19	99	220	2,332

Some counties do not have five commodities in a group.

### Other County Summary Highlights

Item	1997	1992	Percent Change
<b>Farms by value of sales:</b>			
Less than \$10,000 .....	211	166	27
\$10,000 or more .....	651	715	-9
Total farm production expenses .....\$1,000..	67,827	62,502	9
Average per farm .....dollars..	78,595	70,864	11
<b>Net cash return from agricultural sales</b>			
for the farm unit .....\$1,000..	23,063	10,547	119
Average per farm .....dollars..	26,725	11,958	123
<b>Farms by type of organization:</b>			
Individual or family .....	768	778	-1
Partnership or corporation .....	88	103	-15
Other .....	6	-	
<b>OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS</b>			
<b>Operators by principal occupation:</b>			
Farming .....	578	654	-12
Other .....	284	227	25
<b>Operators by sex:</b>			
Male .....	810	855	-5
Female .....	52	26	100
<b>Operators by race:</b>			
White .....	862	881	-2
Black and other races .....			
Average age of operator .....	51.8	49.6	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.