

1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

United States Department of Agriculture
Iowa Agricultural Statistics Service



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Land in farms

Increased 4 percent from 314,887 acres in 1992 to 329,038 acres in 1997.

Average size of farms

Increased 10 percent from 293 acres in 1992 to 322 acres in 1997.

Full time farms

Decreased 14 percent from 737 farms in 1992 to 633 farms in 1997.

Market value of agricultural products sold

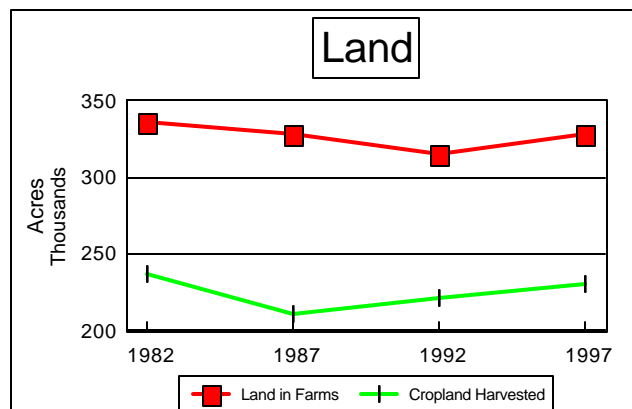
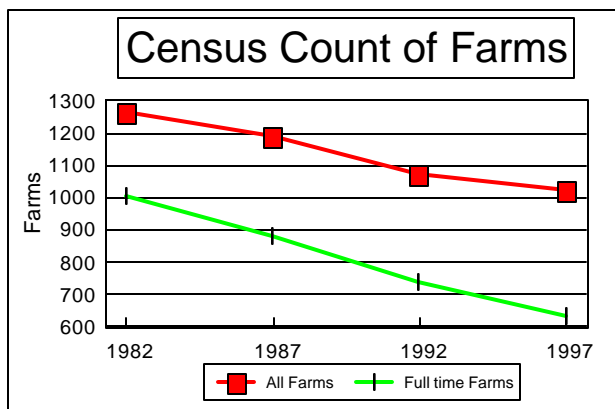
Increased 35 percent to \$156,722,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 38 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 62 percent of the market value.

Market value of agricultural products sold, average per farm

Increased 42 percent from \$107,884 in 1992 to \$153,348 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	156,722	22	99	220	3,076
Value of livestock and poultry	96,749	15	99	198	3,069
Value of crops including nursery	59,973	52	99	423	3,070
TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)					
Hogs and pigs	60,086	14	99	36	2,976
Corn for grain	29,906	57	99	191	2,582
Soybeans	27,954	48	99	151	2,136
Cattle and calves	24,305	21	99	318	3,063
Poultry & poultry products	(D)	17	99	445	2,901
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)					
Hogs and pigs sold	506,067	14	99	40	2,976
Layers, pullets, and pullet chicks sold	(D)	21	81	280	2,203
Cattle and calves sold	37,650	20	99	461	3,063
Sheep and lambs sold	1,957	54	99	486	2,765
Horses and ponies sold	90	40	99	1,023	3,015
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)					
Layers 20 weeks and older inventory	(D)	11	99	106	3,002
Pullets 13 to less than 20 weeks inventory	(D)	4	90	54	2,549
Hogs and pigs inventory	247,819	16	99	36	3,005
Cattle and calves inventory	41,421	29	99	785	3,064
Sheep and lamb inventory	2,515	38	99	440	2,864
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA					
Corn for grain-acres	117,711	50	99	153	2,691
Soybeans for beans-acres	94,723	52	99	232	2,144
Hay crops-acres	15,911	39	99	1,258	3,061
Corn for silage-acres	2,648	26	99	551	2,473
Oats-acres	2,362	27	99	300	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	288	235	23
\$10,000 or more	734	840	-13
Total farm production expenses\$1,000..	106,900	90,047	19
Average per farmdollars..	104,599	83,765	25
Net cash return from agricultural sales			
for the farm unit\$1,000..	39,603	23,109	71
Average per farmdollars..	38,750	21,497	80
Farms by type of organization:			
Individual or family	814	897	-9
Partnership or corporation	200	171	17
Other	8	7	14
OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS			
Operators by principal occupation:			
Farming	633	737	-14
Other	389	338	15
Operators by sex:			
Male	962	1,027	-6
Female	60	48	25
Operators by race:			
White	1,021	1,075	-5
Black and other races	1	-	
Average age of operator	53.1	50.7	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.