

1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

United States Department of Agriculture
Iowa Agricultural Statistics Service



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Land in farms

Increased 6 percent from 268,520 acres in 1992 to 285,724 acres in 1997.

Average size of farms

Increased 9 percent from 270 acres in 1992 to 294 acres in 1997.

Full time farms

Decreased 22 percent from 568 farms in 1992 to 442 farms in 1997.

Market value of agricultural products sold

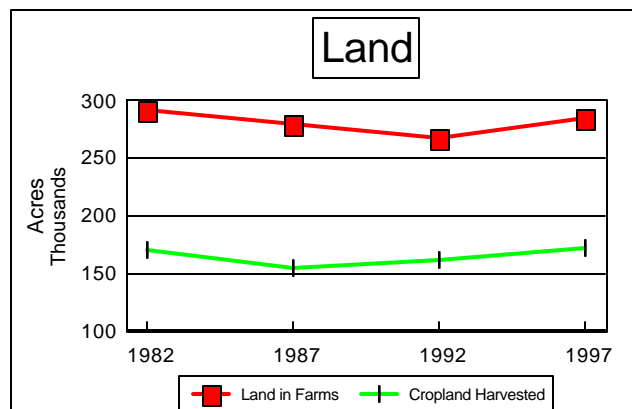
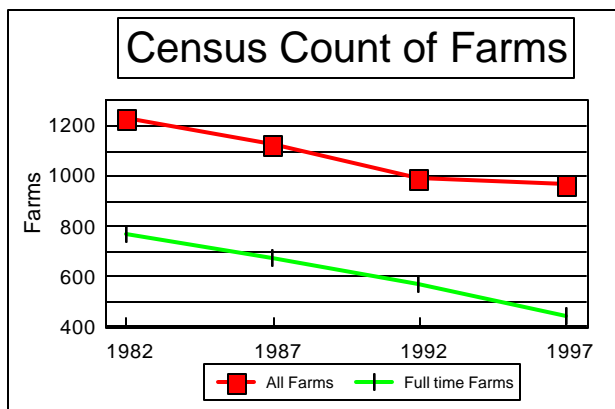
Increased 12 percent to \$73,114,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 61 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 39 percent of the market value.

Market value of agricultural products sold, average per farm

Increased 15 percent from \$65,503 in 1992 to \$75,298 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	73,114	80	99	782	3,076
Value of crops including nursery	44,514	73	99	629	3,070
Value of livestock and poultry	28,601	79	99	921	3,069
TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)					
Corn for grain	20,072	80	99	331	2,582
Soybeans	19,710	74	99	306	2,136
Hogs and pigs	16,524	68	99	219	2,976
Cattle and calves	9,734	73	99	907	3,063
Nursery and greenhouse crops	(D)	6	97	495	2,790
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)					
Hogs and pigs sold	158,956	67	99	224	2,976
Cattle and calves sold	19,223	64	99	1,032	3,063
Sheep and lambs sold	8,475	5	99	149	2,765
Broilers and other meat-type chickens sold	197	88	97	1,267	1,882
Horses and ponies sold	117	27	99	786	3,015
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)					
Hogs and pigs inventory	80,740	69	99	203	3,005
Cattle and calves inventory	30,772	53	99	1,101	3,064
Sheep and lamb inventory	8,218	3	99	177	2,864
Horse and pony inventory	784	24	99	1,027	3,066
Layers 20 weeks and older inventory	769	74	99	1,351	3,002
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA					
Corn for grain-acres	77,621	79	99	309	2,691
Soybeans for beans-acres	71,549	70	99	358	2,144
Hay crops-acres	22,706	24	99	899	3,061
Oats-acres	2,184	31	99	323	2,332
Corn for silage-acres	1,079	71	99	1,015	2,473

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	426	341	25
\$10,000 or more	545	655	-17
Total farm production expenses\$1,000..	49,036	50,620	-3
Average per farmdollars..	50,501	50,823	-1
Net cash return from agricultural sales			
for the farm unit\$1,000..	19,143	14,690	30
Average per farmdollars..	19,715	14,749	34
Farms by type of organization:			
Individual or family	819	842	-3
Partnership or corporation	146	150	-3
Other	6	4	50
OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS			
Operators by principal occupation:			
Farming	442	568	-22
Other	529	428	24
Operators by sex:			
Male	921	956	-4
Female	50	40	25
Operators by race:			
White	971	996	-3
Black and other races			
Average age of operator	54.3	52.1	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.