

# 1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

United States Department of Agriculture  
Iowa Agricultural Statistics Service



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### Land in farms

Decreased 2 percent from 237,862 acres in 1992 to 232,129 acres in 1997.

### Average size of farms

Increased 11 percent from 422 acres in 1992 to 468 acres in 1997.

### Full time farms

Decreased 19 percent from 393 farms in 1992 to 317 farms in 1997.

### Market value of agricultural products sold

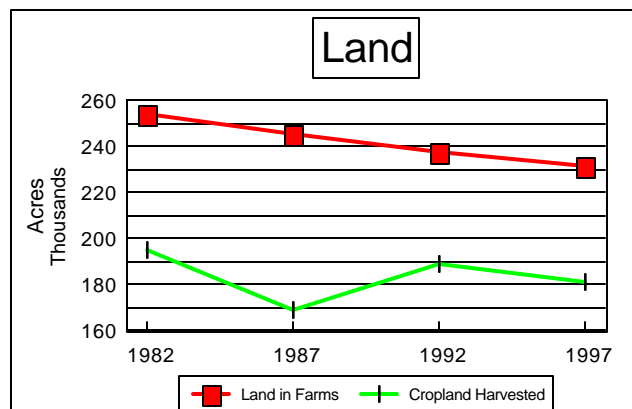
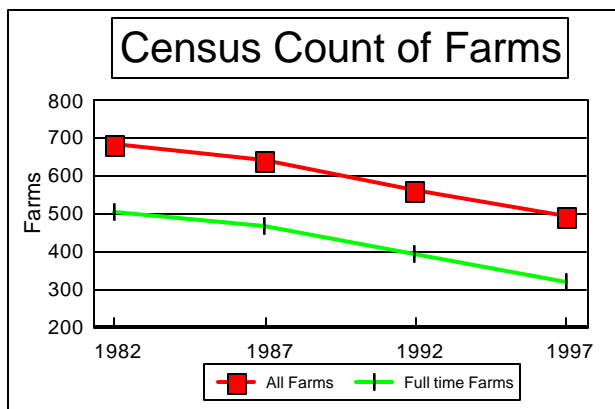
Decreased 9 percent to \$59,190,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 85 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 15 percent of the market value.

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

Increased 4 percent from \$115,128 in 1992 to \$119,334 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	59,190	86	99	1,003	3,076
Value of crops including nursery	50,038	69	99	548	3,070
Value of livestock and poultry	9,152	99	99	1,921	3,069
<b>TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)</b>					
Corn for grain	26,011	67	99	232	2,582
Soybeans	23,390	63	99	223	2,136
Cattle and calves	5,240	92	99	1,434	3,063
Hogs and pigs	3,592	98	99	640	2,976
Hay, silage, field seeds, grass seeds	367	85	99	1,911	3,043
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)</b>					
Hogs and pigs sold	42,484	95	99	582	2,976
Cattle and calves sold	8,988	92	99	1,693	3,063
Sheep and lambs sold	846	89	99	912	2,765
Turkeys sold	(D)	29	61	462	1,353
Broilers and other meat-type chickens sold	(D)	83	97	1,237	1,882
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)</b>					
Hogs and pigs inventory	17,544	98	99	636	3,005
Cattle and calves inventory	14,175	88	99	1,844	3,064
Sheep and lamb inventory	1,056	82	99	911	2,864
Ducks, geese, and other poultry inventory	(D)	22	98	1,063	2,884
Horse and pony inventory	263	87	99	2,343	3,066
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA</b>					
Soybeans for beans-acres	89,756	58	99	261	2,144
Corn for grain-acres	87,047	74	99	265	2,691
Hay crops-acres	5,470	76	99	2,209	3,061
Wheat-acres	588	8	85	1,851	2,612
Oats-acres	374	97	99	1,113	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 .....	123	125	-2
\$10,000 or more .....	373	438	-15
Total farm production expenses .....\$1,000..	34,423	48,869	-30
Average per farm .....dollars..	69,541	86,647	-20
<b>Net cash return from agricultural sales</b>			
for the farm unit .....\$1,000..	20,357	17,846	14
Average per farm .....dollars..	41,125	31,641	30
<b>Farms by type of organization:</b>			
Individual or family .....	390	471	-17
Partnership or corporation .....	102	89	15
Other .....	4	3	33
<b>OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS</b>			
<b>Operators by principal occupation:</b>			
Farming .....	317	393	-19
Other .....	179	170	5
<b>Operators by sex:</b>			
Male .....	476	542	-12
Female .....	20	21	-5
<b>Operators by race:</b>			
White .....	493	563	-12
Black and other races .....	3	-	
Average age of operator .....	53.6	52.2	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.