

# 1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

United States Department of Agriculture  
Iowa Agricultural Statistics Service



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### Land in farms

Decreased 1 percent from 362,109 acres in 1992 to 358,472 acres in 1997.

### Average size of farms

Increased 16 percent from 316 acres in 1992 to 367 acres in 1997.

### Full time farms

Decreased 17 percent from 856 farms in 1992 to 714 farms in 1997.

### Market value of agricultural products sold

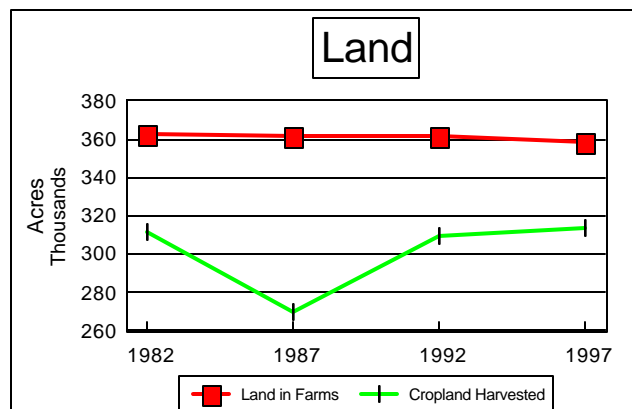
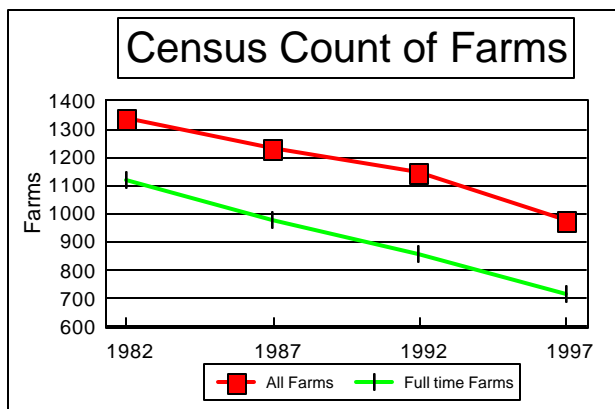
Increased 23 percent to \$180,036,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 50 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 50 percent of the market value.

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

Increased 45 percent from \$127,445 in 1992 to \$184,274 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	180,036	14	99	168	3,076
Value of livestock and poultry	90,506	17	99	218	3,069
Value of crops including nursery	89,530	14	99	182	3,070
<b>TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)</b>					
Hogs and pigs	62,239	13	99	35	2,976
Soybeans	45,838	8	99	25	2,136
Corn for grain	42,759	28	99	91	2,582
Cattle and calves	21,204	27	99	374	3,063
Poultry & poultry products	4,840	23	99	607	2,901
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)</b>					
Hogs and pigs sold	609,841	10	99	32	2,976
Broilers and other meat-type chickens sold (D)		8	97	540	1,882
Layers, pullets, and pullet chicks sold	279,161	20	81	272	2,203
Cattle and calves sold	33,127	26	99	554	3,063
Sheep and lambs sold	4,973	13	99	240	2,765
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)</b>					
Layers 20 weeks and older inventory	304,897	20	99	225	3,002
Hogs and pigs inventory	283,000	13	99	27	3,005
Cattle and calves inventory	34,064	48	99	987	3,064
Sheep and lamb inventory	4,485	10	99	277	2,864
Horse and pony inventory	450	65	99	1,736	3,066
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA</b>					
Soybeans for beans-acres	155,109	9	99	51	2,144
Corn for grain-acres	152,787	24	99	77	2,691
Hay crops-acres	5,279	78	99	2,235	3,061
Corn for silage-acres	2,396	30	99	597	2,473
Oats-acres	874	77	99	705	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 .....	60	105	-43
\$10,000 or more .....	917	1,042	-12
Total farm production expenses .....\$1,000..	123,842	110,657	12
Average per farm .....dollars..	126,758	96,559	31
<b>Net cash return from agricultural sales</b>			
for the farm unit .....\$1,000..	48,210	33,468	44
Average per farm .....dollars..	49,345	29,204	69
<b>Farms by type of organization:</b>			
Individual or family .....	806	977	-18
Partnership or corporation .....	164	164	
Other .....	7	6	17
<b>OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS</b>			
<b>Operators by principal occupation:</b>			
Farming .....	714	856	-17
Other .....	263	291	-10
<b>Operators by sex:</b>			
Male .....	956	1,119	-15
Female .....	21	28	-25
<b>Operators by race:</b>			
White .....	976	1,144	-15
Black and other races .....	1	3	-67
Average age of operator .....	50.3	48.0	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.