

1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

United States Department of Agriculture
Iowa Agricultural Statistics Service



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Land in farms

Decreased 3 percent from 338,730 acres in 1992 to 327,733 acres in 1997.

Average size of farms

Increased 3 percent from 403 acres in 1992 to 416 acres in 1997.

Full time farms

Decreased 16 percent from 660 farms in 1992 to 557 farms in 1997.

Market value of agricultural products sold

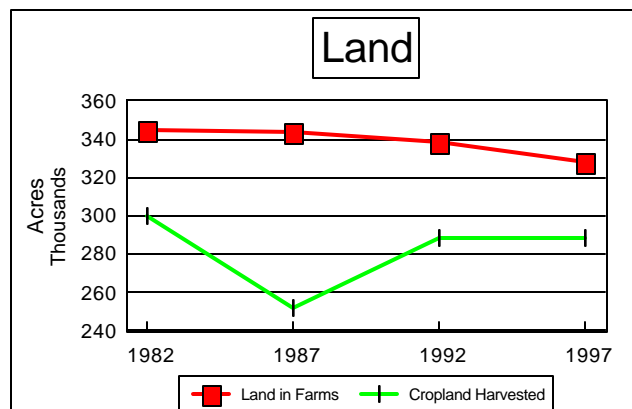
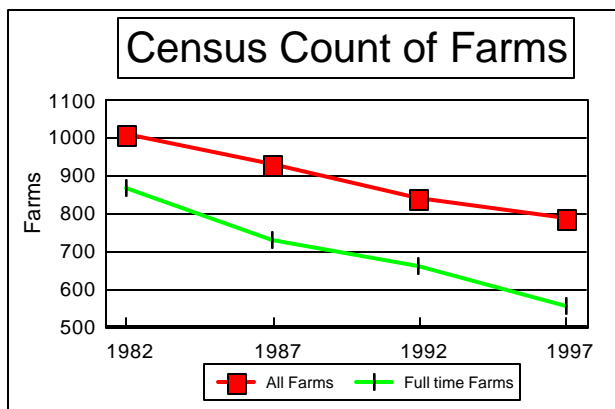
Increased 45 percent to \$155,767,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 52 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 48 percent of the market value.

Market value of agricultural products sold, average per farm

Increased 54 percent from \$128,148 in 1992 to \$197,925 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	155,767	23	99	224	3,076
Value of crops including nursery	81,740	25	99	227	3,070
Value of livestock and poultry	74,027	24	99	315	3,069
TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)					
Hogs and pigs	47,471	17	99	47	2,976
Corn for grain	44,212	25	99	83	2,582
Soybeans	36,933	27	99	69	2,136
Cattle and calves	13,859	47	99	666	3,063
Poultry & poultry products	11,301	15	99	410	2,901
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)					
Hogs and pigs sold	436,283	18	99	53	2,976
Cattle and calves sold	18,896	65	99	1,045	3,063
Sheep and lambs sold	6,474	8	99	189	2,765
Turkeys sold	(D)	27	61	398	1,353
Broilers and other meat-type chickens sold	2,106	31	97	816	1,882
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)					
Layers 20 weeks and older inventory	817,505	10	99	95	3,002
Hogs and pigs inventory	199,116	21	99	51	3,005
Cattle and calves inventory	18,843	79	99	1,596	3,064
All turkeys inventory	(D)	22	91	335	2,361
Sheep and lamb inventory	3,843	12	99	313	2,864
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA					
Corn for grain-acres	145,977	31	99	91	2,691
Soybeans for beans-acres	138,121	21	99	81	2,144
Hay crops-acres	3,468	91	99	2,503	3,061
Corn for silage-acres	2,006	41	99	688	2,473
Oats-acres	1,051	67	99	629	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	122	87	40
\$10,000 or more	665	754	-12
Total farm production expenses\$1,000..	100,333	74,959	34
Average per farmdollars..	127,489	89,237	43
Net cash return from agricultural sales			
for the farm unit\$1,000..	48,756	31,988	52
Average per farmdollars..	61,952	38,082	63
Farms by type of organization:			
Individual or family	658	707	-7
Partnership or corporation	126	127	-1
Other	3	7	-57
OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS			
Operators by principal occupation:			
Farming	557	660	-16
Other	230	181	27
Operators by sex:			
Male	744	805	-8
Female	43	36	19
Operators by race:			
White	786	841	-7
Black and other races	1	-	
Average age of operator	50.9	49.1	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.