

1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

United States Department of Agriculture
Iowa Agricultural Statistics Service



PLYMOUTH IOWA

Land in farms

Decreased 1 percent from 518,247 acres in 1992 to 512,029 acres in 1997.

Average size of farms

Increased 7 percent from 321 acres in 1992 to 344 acres in 1997.

Full time farms

Decreased 14 percent from 1,180 farms in 1992 to 1,011 farms in 1997.

Market value of agricultural products sold

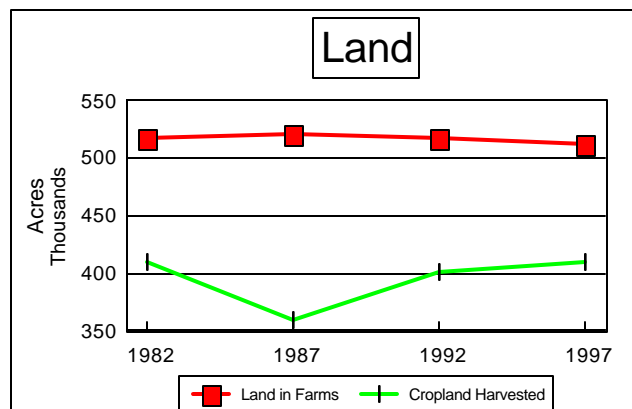
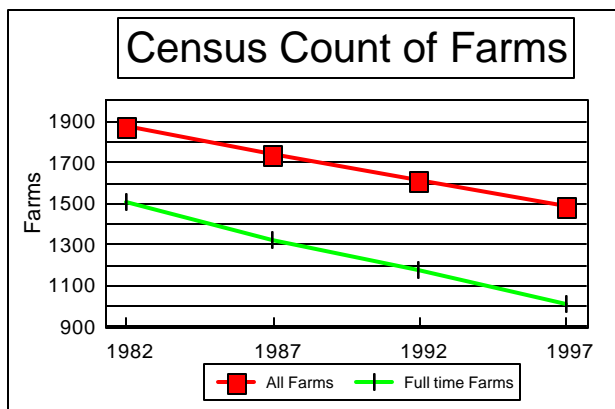
Increased 8 percent to \$238,391,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 41 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 59 percent of the market value.

Market value of agricultural products sold, average per farm

Increased 17 percent from \$136,956 in 1992 to \$159,994 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	238,391	3	99	102	3,076
Value of livestock and poultry	139,662	5	99	103	3,069
Value of crops including nursery	98,729	7	99	151	3,070
TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)					
Hogs and pigs	85,582	5	99	17	2,976
Soybeans	50,748	5	99	16	2,136
Cattle and calves	48,756	4	99	132	3,063
Corn for grain	46,572	16	99	68	2,582
Dairy products	3,278	21	97	820	2,563
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)					
Hogs and pigs sold	827,513	4	99	21	2,976
Broilers and other meat-type chickens sold	(D)	10	97	606	1,882
Cattle and calves sold	69,607	4	99	179	3,063
Sheep and lambs sold	13,612	2	99	99	2,765
Mink and their pelts sold	(D)	4	12	79	191
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)					
Hogs and pigs inventory	460,965	2	99	9	3,005
Cattle and calves inventory	79,131	6	99	249	3,064
Layers 20 weeks and older inventory	7,763	50	99	826	3,002
Sheep and lamb inventory	7,202	5	99	198	2,864
Horse and pony inventory	722	31	99	1,122	3,066
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA					
Corn for grain-acres	205,499	4	99	23	2,691
Soybeans for beans-acres	183,410	5	99	23	2,144
Hay crops-acres	15,857	40	99	1,262	3,061
Corn for silage-acres	5,619	10	99	266	2,473
Oats-acres	3,820	11	99	169	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	295	233	27
\$10,000 or more	1,195	1,382	-14
Total farm production expenses\$1,000..	173,372	173,882	-0
Average per farmdollars..	116,435	107,667	8
Net cash return from agricultural sales			
for the farm unit\$1,000..	51,136	42,740	20
Average per farmdollars..	34,342	26,464	30
Farms by type of organization:			
Individual or family	1,261	1,385	-9
Partnership or corporation	225	224	
Other	4	6	-33
OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS			
Operators by principal occupation:			
Farming	1,011	1,180	-14
Other	479	435	10
Operators by sex:			
Male	1,431	1,566	-9
Female	59	49	20
Operators by race:			
White	1,490	1,615	-8
Black and other races			
Average age of operator	51.1	48.1	6

(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.