

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 229,818 acres in 1992 to 225,623 acres in 1997.

Average size of farms

Increased 2 percent from 276 acres in 1992 to 282 acres in 1997.

Full time farms

Decreased 17 percent from 448 farms in 1992 to 371 farms in 1997.

Market value of agricultural products sold

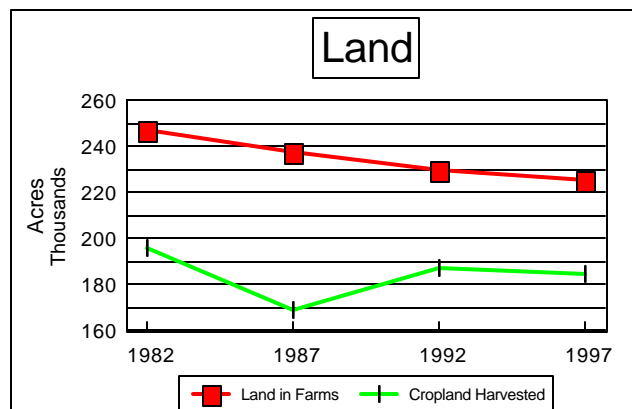
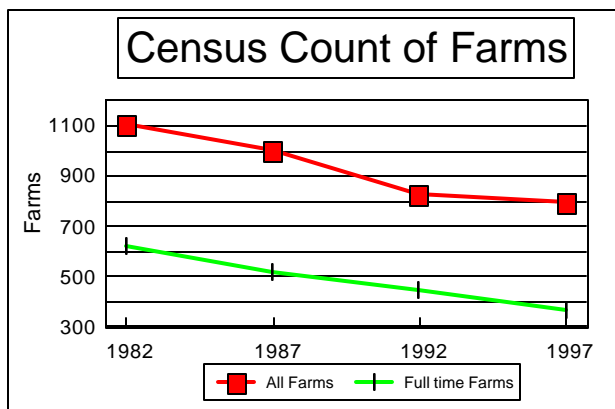
Increased 15 percent to \$71,221,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 86 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 14 percent of the market value.

Market value of agricultural products sold, average per farm

Increased 20 percent from \$74,183 in 1992 to \$89,026 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	71,221	82	99	813	3,076
Value of crops including nursery	61,424	50	99	396	3,070
Value of livestock and poultry	9,797	98	99	1,873	3,069
TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)					
Corn for grain	31,178	54	99	176	2,582
Soybeans	25,332	55	99	191	2,136
Hogs and pigs	4,571	95	99	563	2,976
Cattle and calves	4,509	94	99	1,535	3,063
Nursery and greenhouse crops	3,737	4	97	482	2,790
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)					
Layers, pullets, and pullet chicks sold	(D)	33	81	584	2,203
Hogs and pigs sold	43,497	94	99	570	2,976
Cattle and calves sold	7,572	93	99	1,834	3,063
Broilers and other meat-type chickens sold	6,605	21	97	725	1,882
Sheep and lambs sold	1,931	55	99	492	2,765
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)					
Hogs and pigs inventory	21,780	95	99	565	3,005
Cattle and calves inventory	9,774	95	99	2,173	3,064
Sheep and lamb inventory	2,210	45	99	497	2,864
Horse and pony inventory	742	27	99	1,088	3,066
Ducks, geese, and other poultry inventory	721	12	98	828	2,884
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA					
Corn for grain-acres	90,408	73	99	250	2,691
Soybeans for beans-acres	87,971	62	99	269	2,144
Hay crops-acres	6,972	70	99	2,025	3,061
Corn for silage-acres	558	93	99	1,379	2,473
All nursery-acres	495	5	90	535	2,619

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	337	296	14
\$10,000 or more	463	536	-14
Total farm production expenses\$1,000..	42,541	43,034	-1
Average per farmdollars..	53,044	51,724	3
Net cash return from agricultural sales			
for the farm unit\$1,000..	24,745	19,409	27
Average per farmdollars..	30,854	23,328	32
Farms by type of organization:			
Individual or family	647	681	-5
Partnership or corporation	147	142	4
Other	6	9	-33
OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS			
Operators by principal occupation:			
Farming	371	448	-17
Other	429	384	12
Operators by sex:			
Male	738	784	-6
Female	62	48	29
Operators by race:			
White	795	828	-4
Black and other races	5	4	25
Average age of operator	54.0	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.