

# 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 340,982 acres in 1992 to 335,296 acres in 1997.

### Average size of farms

Decreased 2 percent from 365 acres in 1992 to 359 acres in 1997.

### Full time farms

Decreased 23 percent from 659 farms in 1992 to 509 farms in 1997.

### Market value of agricultural products sold

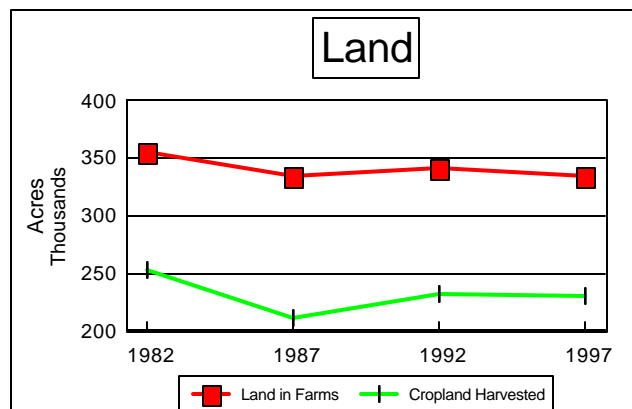
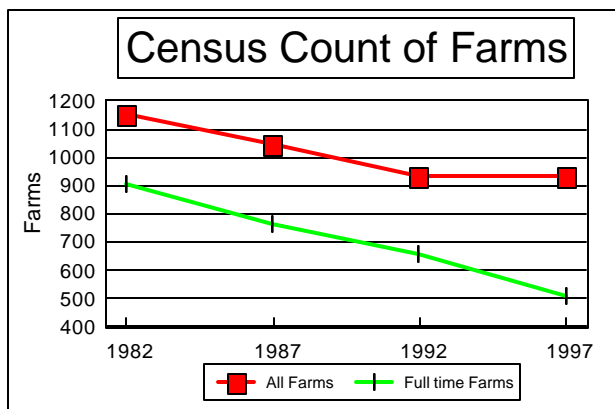
Increased 24 percent to \$107,375,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 59 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 41 percent of the market value.

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

Increased 24 percent from \$92,588 in 1992 to \$114,963 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                   | 107,375  | 54    | 99        | 451   | 3,076     |
| Value of crops including nursery                            | 63,377   | 47    | 99        | 373   | 3,070     |
| Value of livestock and poultry                              | 43,998   | 50    | 99        | 608   | 3,069     |
| <b>TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)</b>  |          |       |           |       |           |
| Corn for grain  | 32,013   | 51    | 99        | 162   | 2,582     |
| Soybeans  | 28,361   | 47    | 99        | 144   | 2,136     |
| Hogs and pigs   | 28,192   | 39    | 99        | 110   | 2,976     |
| Cattle and calves   | 12,806   | 50    | 99        | 705   | 3,063     |
| Hay, silage, field seeds, grass seeds                       | 2,520    | 3     | 99        | 285   | 3,043     |
| <b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)</b>       |          |       |           |       |           |
| Hogs and pigs sold  | 227,321  | 44    | 99        | 139   | 2,976     |
| Cattle and calves sold                                      | 22,193   | 53    | 99        | 886   | 3,063     |
| Layers, pullets, and pullet chicks sold                     | (D)      | 40    | 81        | 786   | 2,203     |
| Sheep and lambs sold  | 4,470    | 15    | 99        | 258   | 2,765     |
| Ducks, geese, and other poultry sold                        | (D)      | 14    | 74        | 850   | 2,200     |
| <b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)</b>  |          |       |           |       |           |
| Hogs and pigs inventory                                     | 109,074  | 51    | 99        | 139   | 3,005     |
| Cattle and calves inventory                                 | 40,525   | 31    | 99        | 810   | 3,064     |
| Layers 20 weeks and older inventory                         | (D)      | 42    | 99        | 730   | 3,002     |
| Sheep and lamb inventory                                    | 3,174    | 24    | 99        | 367   | 2,864     |
| Horse and pony inventory                                    | 505      | 54    | 99        | 1,582 | 3,066     |
| <b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA</b>                     |          |       |           |       |           |
| Corn for grain-acres  | 108,723  | 59    | 99        | 184   | 2,691     |
| Soybeans for beans-acres                                    | 97,123   | 50    | 99        | 221   | 2,144     |
| Hay crops-acres   | 24,242   | 22    | 99        | 851   | 3,061     |
| Oats-acres  | 3,609    | 15    | 99        | 186   | 2,332     |
| Corn for silage-acres                                       | 1,794    | 46    | 99        | 743   | 2,473     |

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 .....                       | 296    | 177    | 67             |
| \$10,000 or more .....                         | 638    | 756    | -16            |
| Total farm production expenses .....\$1,000..  | 72,216 | 65,011 | 11             |
| Average per farm .....dollars..                | 77,402 | 69,680 | 11             |
| <b>Net cash return from agricultural sales</b> |        |        |                |
| for the farm unit .....\$1,000..               | 32,851 | 19,524 | 68             |
| Average per farm .....dollars..                | 35,210 | 20,926 | 68             |
| <b>Farms by type of organization:</b>          |        |        |                |
| Individual or family .....                     | 782    | 771    | 1              |
| Partnership or corporation .....               | 141    | 157    | -10            |
| Other .....                                    | 11     | 5      | 120            |
| <b>OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS</b>                |        |        |                |
| <b>Operators by principal occupation:</b>      |        |        |                |
| Farming .....                                  | 509    | 659    | -23            |
| Other .....                                    | 425    | 274    | 55             |
| <b>Operators by sex:</b>                       |        |        |                |
| Male .....                                     | 858    | 895    | -4             |
| Female .....                                   | 76     | 38     | 100            |
| <b>Operators by race:</b>                      |        |        |                |
| White .....                                    | 934    | 929    | 1              |
| Black and other races .....                    | -      | 4      | -100           |
| Average age of operator .....                  | 53.7   | 51.3   | 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.