

# 1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

United States Department of Agriculture  
Iowa Agricultural Statistics Service



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### Land in farms

Decreased 10 percent from 293,266 acres in 1992 to 263,753 acres in 1997.

### Average size of farms

Decreased 9 percent from 434 acres in 1992 to 393 acres in 1997.

### Full time farms

Decreased 13 percent from 464 farms in 1992 to 403 farms in 1997.

### Market value of agricultural products sold

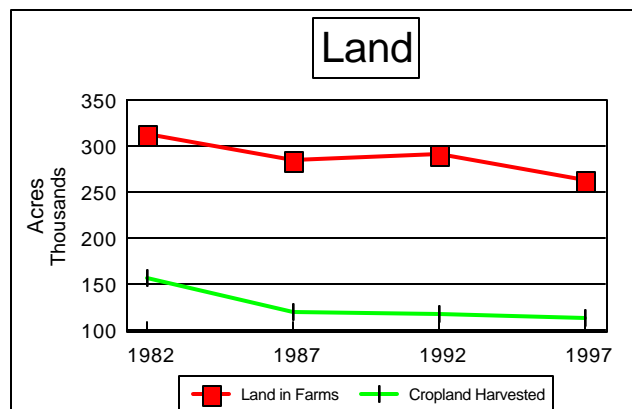
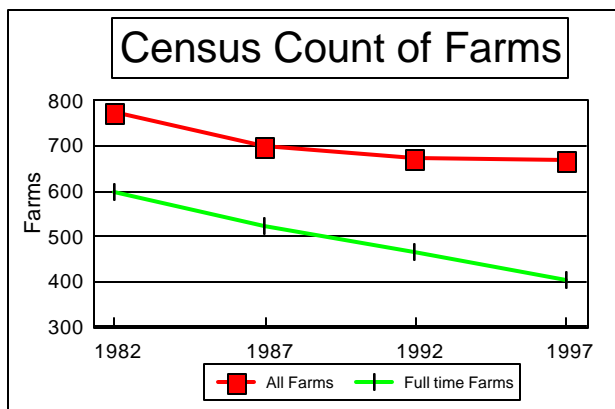
Increased 27 percent to \$48,665,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 38 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 62 percent of the market value.

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

Increased 28 percent from \$56,625 in 1992 to \$72,526 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	48,665	91	99	1,231	3,076
Value of livestock and poultry	30,074	78	99	878	3,069
Value of crops including nursery	18,591	93	99	1,316	3,070
<b>TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)</b>					
Hogs and pigs	18,107	64	99	199	2,976
Cattle and calves	10,652	65	99	843	3,063
Soybeans	9,461	90	99	561	2,136
Corn for grain	7,588	94	99	653	2,582
Hay, silage, field seeds, grass seeds	962	36	99	959	3,043
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)</b>					
Broilers and other meat-type chickens sold	(D)	5	97	520	1,882
Hogs and pigs sold	179,898	59	99	190	2,976
Cattle and calves sold	21,919	56	99	901	3,063
Sheep and lambs sold	1,588	65	99	572	2,765
Horses and ponies sold	51	72	99	1,629	3,015
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)</b>					
Hogs and pigs inventory	181,241	24	99	59	3,005
Broiler inventory	(D)	5	97	510	2,620
Cattle and calves inventory	41,973	28	99	771	3,064
Sheep and lamb inventory	1,449	69	99	711	2,864
Horse and pony inventory	410	72	99	1,852	3,066
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA</b>					
Soybeans for beans-acres	42,564	89	99	572	2,144
Corn for grain-acres	37,393	93	99	604	2,691
Hay crops-acres	32,329	11	99	614	3,061
Oats-acres	1,971	37	99	372	2,332
Corn for silage-acres	1,180	65	99	957	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 .....	266	194	37
\$10,000 or more .....	405	482	-16
Total farm production expenses .....\$1,000..	40,433	30,028	35
Average per farm .....dollars..	60,258	44,486	35
<b>Net cash return from agricultural sales</b>			
for the farm unit .....\$1,000..	6,155	7,656	-20
Average per farm .....dollars..	9,173	11,342	-19
<b>Farms by type of organization:</b>			
Individual or family .....	590	578	2
Partnership or corporation .....	78	93	-16
Other .....	3	5	-40
<b>OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS</b>			
<b>Operators by principal occupation:</b>			
Farming .....	403	464	-13
Other .....	268	212	26
<b>Operators by sex:</b>			
Male .....	600	638	-6
Female .....	71	38	87
<b>Operators by race:</b>			
White .....	670	675	-1
Black and other races .....	1	1	
Average age of operator .....	56.1	54.7	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.