

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 353,570 acres in 1992 to 342,366 acres in 1997.

Average size of farms

Increased 14 percent from 325 acres in 1992 to 372 acres in 1997.

Full time farms

Decreased 18 percent from 839 farms in 1992 to 691 farms in 1997.

Market value of agricultural products sold

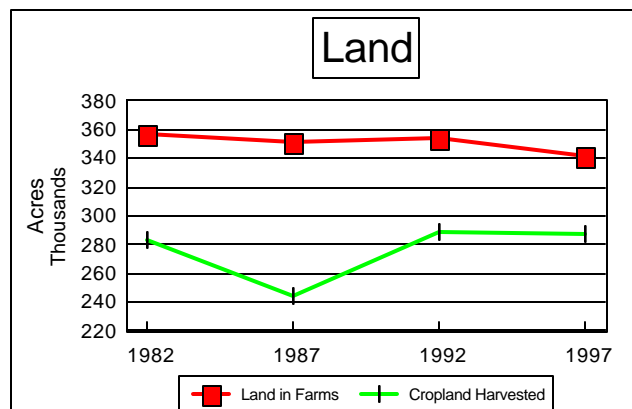
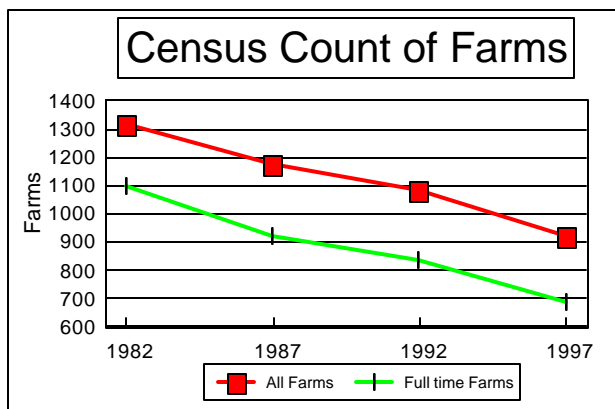
Increased 7 percent to \$132,843,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 57 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 43 percent of the market value.

Market value of agricultural products sold, average per farm

Increased 26 percent from \$114,041 in 1992 to \$144,237 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	132,843	36	99	311	3,076
Value of crops including nursery	76,335	37	99	264	3,070
Value of livestock and poultry	56,507	37	99	431	3,069
TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)					
Corn for grain	40,160	32	99	107	2,582
Soybeans	34,820	32	99	85	2,136
Hogs and pigs	28,798	38	99	106	2,976
Cattle and calves	26,741	17	99	274	3,063
Hay, silage, field seeds, grass seeds	881	41	99	1,061	3,043
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)					
Hogs and pigs sold	262,853	38	99	115	2,976
Cattle and calves sold	36,781	21	99	475	3,063
Ducks, geese, and other poultry sold	2,740	7	74	520	2,200
Sheep and lambs sold	2,622	31	99	374	2,765
Broilers and other meat-type chickens sold	1,474	39	97	866	1,882
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)					
Hogs and pigs inventory	119,133	47	99	122	3,005
Cattle and calves inventory	40,343	34	99	818	3,064
Sheep and lamb inventory	2,109	49	99	516	2,864
Ducks, geese, and other poultry inventory	(D)	11	98	766	2,884
Broiler inventory	679	38	97	868	2,620
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA					
Corn for grain-acres	151,012	26	99	79	2,691
Soybeans for beans-acres	124,143	31	99	117	2,144
Hay crops-acres	12,260	50	99	1,485	3,061
Oats-acres	2,158	33	99	329	2,332
Corn for silage-acres	1,055	73	99	1,028	2,473

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	114	113	1
\$10,000 or more	807	975	-17
Total farm production expenses\$1,000..	91,309	95,089	-4
Average per farmdollars..	99,249	87,559	13
Net cash return from agricultural sales			
for the farm unit\$1,000..	33,497	26,577	26
Average per farmdollars..	36,410	24,473	49
Farms by type of organization:			
Individual or family	813	927	-12
Partnership or corporation	107	159	-33
Other	1	2	-50
OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS			
Operators by principal occupation:			
Farming	691	839	-18
Other	230	249	-8
Operators by sex:			
Male	908	1,076	-16
Female	13	12	8
Operators by race:			
White	919	1,086	-15
Black and other races	2	2	
Average age of operator	50.3	48.7	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.