

1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

United States Department of Agriculture
Iowa Agricultural Statistics Service



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Land in farms

Increased 3 percent from 331,211 acres in 1992 to 340,885 acres in 1997.

Average size of farms

Increased 7 percent from 335 acres in 1992 to 360 acres in 1997.

Full time farms

Decreased 14 percent from 623 farms in 1992 to 536 farms in 1997.

Market value of agricultural products sold

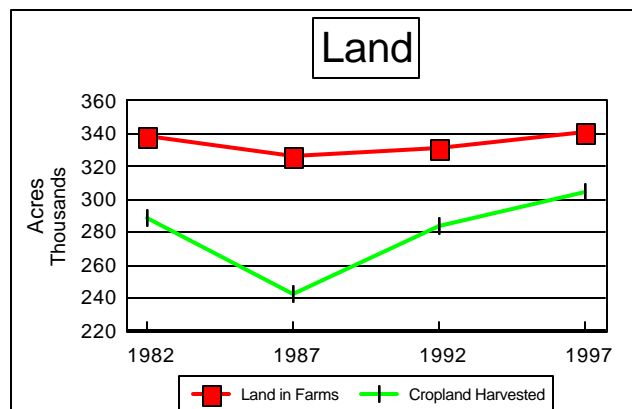
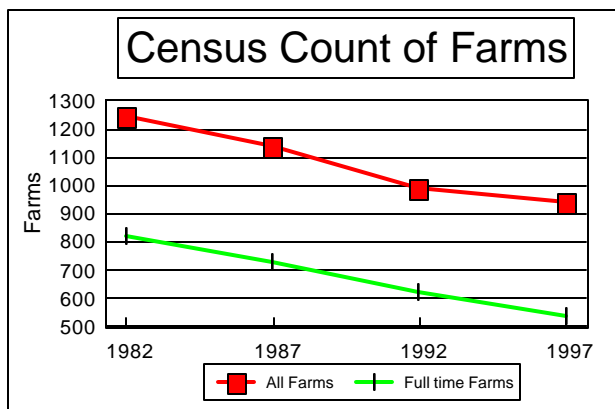
Increased 23 percent to \$130,832,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 72 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 28 percent of the market value.

Market value of agricultural products sold, average per farm

Increased 29 percent from \$107,250 in 1992 to \$138,300 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	130,832	39	99	317	3,076
Value of crops including nursery	93,758	10	99	162	3,070
Value of livestock and poultry	37,074	66	99	730	3,069
TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)					
Corn for grain	49,723	11	99	52	2,582
Soybeans	42,198	12	99	36	2,136
Hogs and pigs	22,180	53	99	153	2,976
Cattle and calves	9,328	78	99	956	3,063
Dairy products	2,899	25	97	888	2,563
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)					
Turkeys sold	(D)	8	61	188	1,353
Hogs and pigs sold	186,026	57	99	184	2,976
Cattle and calves sold	14,124	78	99	1,291	3,063
Broilers and other meat-type chickens sold	4,300	22	97	750	1,882
Sheep and lambs sold	2,600	32	99	377	2,765
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)					
Hogs and pigs inventory	102,688	57	99	153	3,005
All turkeys inventory	(D)	6	91	170	2,361
Cattle and calves inventory	16,965	83	99	1,698	3,064
Sheep and lamb inventory	2,906	32	99	394	2,864
Pullets 13 to less than 20 weeks inventory	1,568	23	90	435	2,549
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA					
Corn for grain-acres	153,984	22	99	74	2,691
Soybeans for beans-acres	145,726	15	99	62	2,144
Hay crops-acres	5,459	77	99	2,212	3,061
Corn for silage-acres	1,428	56	99	859	2,473
Oats-acres	804	81	99	757	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	214	206	4
\$10,000 or more	732	784	-7
Total farm production expenses\$1,000..	84,555	74,917	13
Average per farmdollars..	89,287	75,750	18
Net cash return from agricultural sales			
for the farm unit\$1,000..	46,357	28,996	60
Average per farmdollars..	48,952	29,319	67
Farms by type of organization:			
Individual or family	706	783	-10
Partnership or corporation	226	193	17
Other	14	14	
OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS			
Operators by principal occupation:			
Farming	536	623	-14
Other	410	367	12
Operators by sex:			
Male	898	954	-6
Female	48	36	33
Operators by race:			
White	942	990	-5
Black and other races	4	-	
Average age of operator	52.9	51.1	4

(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.