

1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

United States Department of Agriculture
Iowa Agricultural Statistics Service



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Land in farms

Decreased 5 percent from 236,265 acres in 1992 to 225,134 acres in 1997.

Average size of farms

Decreased 5 percent from 352 acres in 1992 to 336 acres in 1997.

Full time farms

Decreased 21 percent from 427 farms in 1992 to 339 farms in 1997.

Market value of agricultural products sold

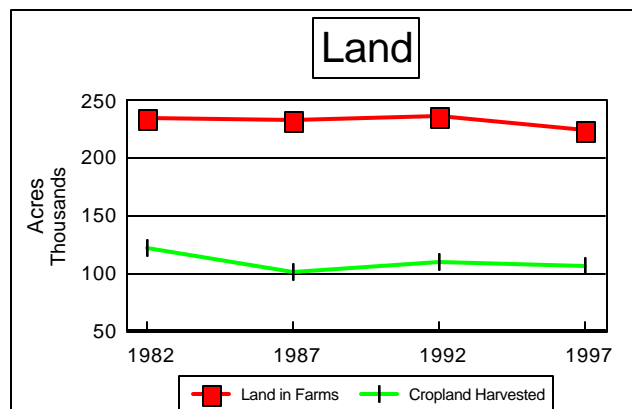
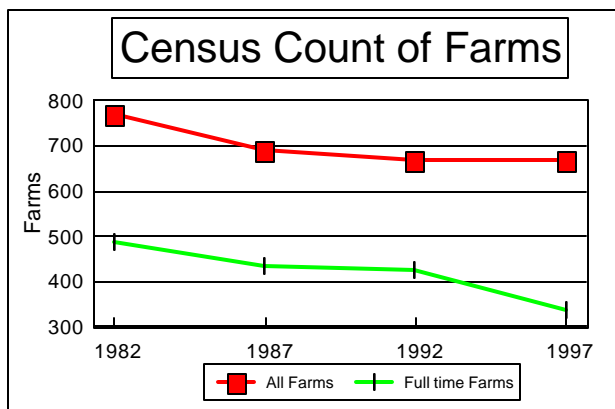
Decreased 19 percent to \$39,032,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 51 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 49 percent of the market value.

Market value of agricultural products sold, average per farm

Decreased 19 percent from \$72,251 in 1992 to \$58,169 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	39,032	95	99	1,463	3,076
Value of crops including nursery	19,946	92	99	1,259	3,070
Value of livestock and poultry	19,086	91	99	1,299	3,069
TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)					
Cattle and calves	9,586	74	99	925	3,063
Soybeans	9,458	91	99	562	2,136
Corn for grain	8,633	92	99	605	2,582
Hogs and pigs	7,834	90	99	398	2,976
Poultry & poultry products	(D)	50	99	961	2,901
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)					
Broilers and other meat-type chickens sold	(D)	4	97	502	1,882
Hogs and pigs sold	106,403	76	99	315	2,976
Cattle and calves sold	20,303	60	99	964	3,063
Sheep and lambs sold	3,828	22	99	296	2,765
Turkeys sold	(D)	37	61	637	1,353
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)					
Broiler inventory	(D)	3	97	461	2,620
Hogs and pigs inventory	56,082	80	99	284	3,005
Cattle and calves inventory	37,889	41	99	882	3,064
Sheep and lamb inventory	2,970	31	99	386	2,864
Colony of bees inventory	(D)	9	89	393	2,588
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA					
Corn for grain-acres	40,234	92	99	580	2,691
Soybeans for beans-acres	40,063	90	99	593	2,144
Hay crops-acres	25,525	19	99	801	3,061
Oats-acres	2,894	21	99	238	2,332
Corn for silage-acres	898	81	99	1,118	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	270	201	34
\$10,000 or more	401	470	-15
Total farm production expenses\$1,000..	28,838	38,257	-25
Average per farmdollars..	42,914	56,930	-25
Net cash return from agricultural sales			
for the farm unit\$1,000..	5,916	9,580	-38
Average per farmdollars..	8,803	14,256	-38
Farms by type of organization:			
Individual or family	574	586	-2
Partnership or corporation	92	79	16
Other	5	6	-17
OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS			
Operators by principal occupation:			
Farming	339	427	-21
Other	332	244	36
Operators by sex:			
Male	633	632	0
Female	38	39	-3
Operators by race:			
White	669	671	-0
Black and other races	2	-	
Average age of operator	55.0	53.5	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.