

1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

United States Department of Agriculture
Iowa Agricultural Statistics Service



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Land in farms

Increased slightly from 236,668 acres in 1992 to 238,528 acres in 1997.

Average size of farms

Increased 8 percent from 224 acres in 1992 to 243 acres in 1997.

Full time farms

Decreased 18 percent from 649 farms in 1992 to 531 farms in 1997.

Market value of agricultural products sold

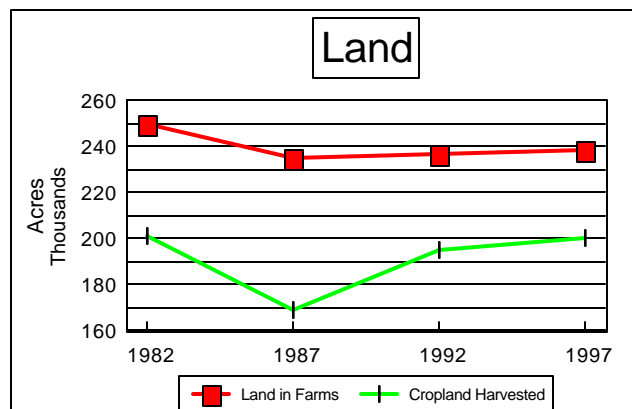
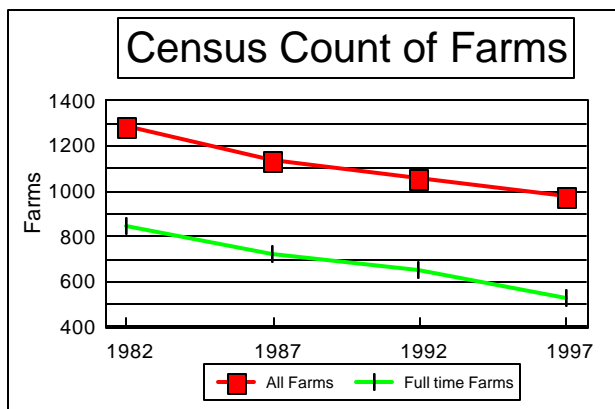
Increased 14 percent to \$101,575,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 55 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 45 percent of the market value.

Market value of agricultural products sold, average per farm

Increased 23 percent from \$84,325 in 1992 to \$103,437 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	101,575	56	99	497	3,076
Value of crops including nursery	55,982	56	99	458	3,070
Value of livestock and poultry	45,593	49	99	576	3,069
TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)					
Corn for grain	31,763	53	99	169	2,582
Soybeans	23,353	64	99	224	2,136
Hogs and pigs	21,911	54	99	157	2,976
Cattle and calves	11,428	63	99	795	3,063
Dairy products	10,709	10	97	357	2,563
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)					
Hogs and pigs sold	204,594	51	99	161	2,976
Turkeys sold (D)		17	61	280	1,353
Cattle and calves sold	20,830	58	99	942	3,063
Layers, pullets, and pullet chicks sold (D)		43	81	848	2,203
Broilers and other meat-type chickens sold	1,521	38	97	861	1,882
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)					
Hogs and pigs inventory	88,693	64	99	188	3,005
All turkeys inventory (D)		17	91	273	2,361
Cattle and calves inventory	24,501	65	99	1,344	3,064
Layers 20 weeks and older inventory (D)		44	99	793	3,002
Sheep and lamb inventory	1,724	57	99	616	2,864
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA					
Corn for grain-acres	105,948	60	99	189	2,691
Soybeans for beans-acres	81,635	64	99	299	2,144
Hay crops-acres	10,917	55	99	1,621	3,061
Corn for silage-acres	2,371	31	99	600	2,473
Oats-acres	1,960	38	99	373	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	242	223	9
\$10,000 or more	740	835	-11
Total farm production expenses\$1,000..	68,032	69,576	-2
Average per farmdollars..	69,350	65,762	5
Net cash return from agricultural sales			
for the farm unit\$1,000..	23,996	19,713	22
Average per farmdollars..	24,460	18,632	31
Farms by type of organization:			
Individual or family	884	950	-7
Partnership or corporation	94	106	-11
Other	4	2	100
OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS			
Operators by principal occupation:			
Farming	531	649	-18
Other	451	409	10
Operators by sex:			
Male	941	1,015	-7
Female	41	43	-5
Operators by race:			
White	982	1,058	-7
Black and other races			
Average age of operator	49.9	47.7	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.