

# 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 309,508 acres in 1992 to 317,699 acres in 1997.

### Average size of farms

Increased 4 percent from 287 acres in 1992 to 299 acres in 1997.

### Full time farms

Decreased 11 percent from 786 farms in 1992 to 698 farms in 1997.

### Market value of agricultural products sold

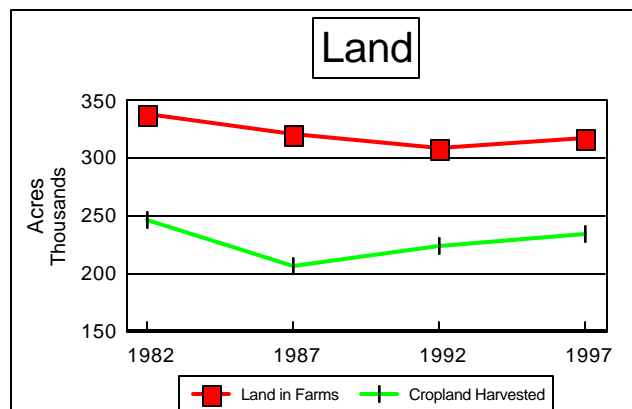
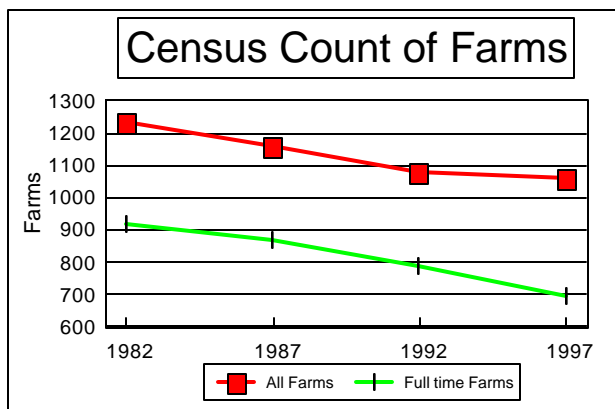
Increased 35 percent to \$174,186,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 34 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 66 percent of the market value.

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

Increased 37 percent from \$119,618 in 1992 to \$164,171 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	174,186	16	99	178	3,076
Value of livestock and poultry	115,478	10	99	143	3,069
Value of crops including nursery	58,708	53	99	434	3,070
<b>TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)</b>					
Hogs and pigs	86,359	4	99	16	2,976
Soybeans	29,572	46	99	135	2,136
Corn for grain	27,607	61	99	211	2,582
Poultry & poultry products	16,572	8	99	332	2,901
Cattle and calves	9,843	71	99	903	3,063
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)</b>					
Hogs and pigs sold	859,017	3	99	19	2,976
Turkeys sold	775,970	3	61	94	1,353
Layers, pullets, and pullet chicks sold	(D)	6	81	124	2,203
Broilers and other meat-type chickens sold	(D)	9	97	580	1,882
Cattle and calves sold	16,647	72	99	1,156	3,063
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)</b>					
Hogs and pigs inventory	436,353	4	99	11	3,005
Layers 20 weeks and older inventory	399,737	16	99	192	3,002
All turkeys inventory	325,130	3	91	81	2,361
Pullets less than 13 weeks inventory	(D)	7	49	75	1,790
Broiler inventory	(D)	9	97	587	2,620
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA</b>					
Corn for grain-acres	115,938	53	99	162	2,691
Soybeans for beans-acres	101,882	47	99	200	2,144
Hay crops-acres	13,534	45	99	1,401	3,061
Oats-acres	2,492	22	99	275	2,332
Corn for silage-acres	1,307	59	99	901	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 .....	255	180	42
\$10,000 or more .....	806	898	-10
Total farm production expenses .....\$1,000..	120,050	98,536	22
Average per farm .....dollars..	113,042	91,407	24
<b>Net cash return from agricultural sales</b>			
for the farm unit .....\$1,000..	44,860	27,112	65
Average per farm .....dollars..	42,241	25,150	68
<b>Farms by type of organization:</b>			
Individual or family .....	795	810	-2
Partnership or corporation .....	257	267	-4
Other .....	9	1	800
<b>OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS</b>			
<b>Operators by principal occupation:</b>			
Farming .....	698	786	-11
Other .....	363	292	24
<b>Operators by sex:</b>			
Male .....	1,012	1,046	-3
Female .....	49	32	53
<b>Operators by race:</b>			
White .....	1,060	1,077	-2
Black and other races .....	1	1	
Average age of operator .....	51.5	49.6	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.