

1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

United States Department of Agriculture
Iowa Agricultural Statistics Service



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Land in farms

Increased 1 percent from 408,462 acres in 1992 to 412,641 acres in 1997.

Average size of farms

Increased 14 percent from 386 acres in 1992 to 440 acres in 1997.

Full time farms

Decreased 14 percent from 777 farms in 1992 to 665 farms in 1997.

Market value of agricultural products sold

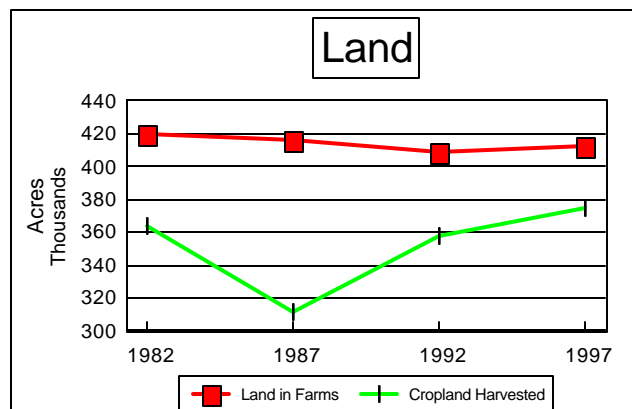
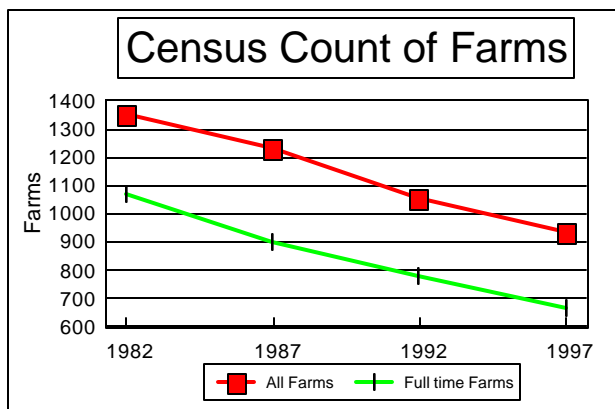
Increased 31 percent to \$166,258,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 68 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 32 percent of the market value.

Market value of agricultural products sold, average per farm

Increased 48 percent from \$119,853 in 1992 to \$177,436 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	166,258	19	99	196	3,076
Value of crops including nursery	113,102	3	99	113	3,070
Value of livestock and poultry	53,156	40	99	472	3,069
TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)					
Corn for grain	59,315	3	99	30	2,582
Soybeans	52,646	4	99	15	2,136
Hogs and pigs	27,265	44	99	116	2,976
Poultry & poultry products	(D)	5	99	293	2,901
Cattle and calves	5,715	90	99	1,358	3,063
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)					
Layers, pullets, and pullet chicks sold	(D)	2	81	20	2,203
Hogs and pigs sold	267,770	36	99	112	2,976
Cattle and calves sold	9,187	91	99	1,674	3,063
Sheep and lambs sold	1,465	68	99	608	2,765
Broilers and other meat-type chickens sold	(D)	81	97	1,229	1,882
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)					
Layers 20 weeks and older inventory	(D)	4	99	61	3,002
Pullets less than 13 weeks inventory	(D)	3	49	22	1,790
Hogs and pigs inventory	149,935	35	99	84	3,005
Cattle and calves inventory	12,870	89	99	1,916	3,064
Sheep and lamb inventory	1,274	75	99	783	2,864
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA					
Soybeans for beans-acres	186,828	3	99	19	2,144
Corn for grain-acres	183,897	6	99	35	2,691
Hay crops-acres	3,113	93	99	2,554	3,061
Oats-acres	1,182	63	99	571	2,332
Corn for silage-acres	916	78	99	1,108	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	132	150	-12
\$10,000 or more	805	909	-11
Total farm production expenses\$1,000..	105,595	82,000	29
Average per farmdollars..	112,815	77,432	46
Net cash return from agricultural sales			
for the farm unit\$1,000..	53,525	40,656	32
Average per farmdollars..	57,185	38,391	49
Farms by type of organization:			
Individual or family	794	908	-13
Partnership or corporation	143	149	-4
Other	-	2	-100
OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS			
Operators by principal occupation:			
Farming	665	777	-14
Other	272	282	-4
Operators by sex:			
Male	903	1,018	-11
Female	34	41	-17
Operators by race:			
White	937	1,058	-11
Black and other races	-	1	-100
Average age of operator	52.7	50.1	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.