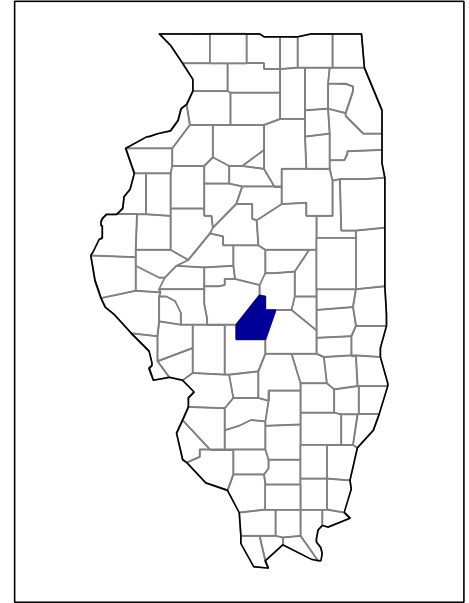




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Number of farms

796 farms in 2002, 877 farms in 1997, down 9 percent.

Land in farms

410,549 acres in 2002, 394,416 acres in 1997, up 4 percent.

Average size of farm

516 acres in 2002, 450 acres in 1997, up 15 percent.

Market Value of Production

\$110,613,000 in 2002, \$123,046,000 in 1997, down 10 percent.

Crop sales accounted for \$103,219,000 of the total value in 2002.

Livestock sales accounted for \$7,394,000 of the total value in 2002.

Market Value of Production, average per farm

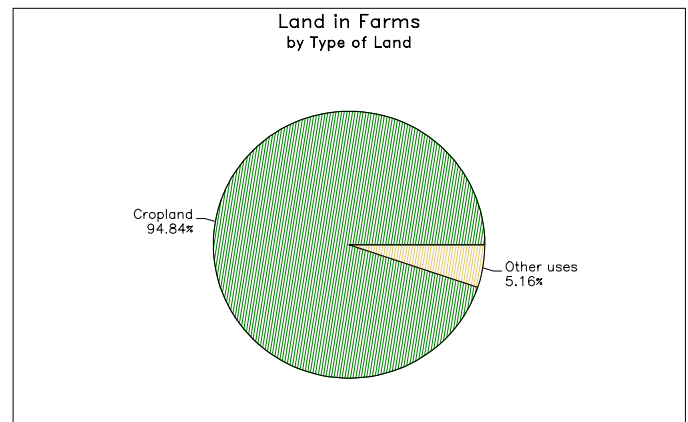
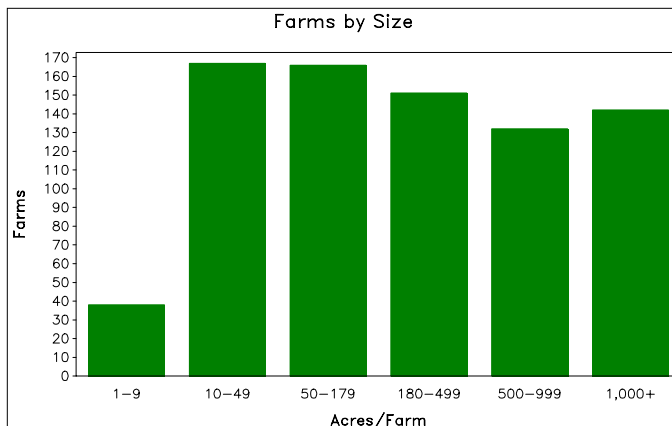
\$138,962 in 2002, \$140,303 in 1997, down 1 percent.

Government Payments

\$5,752,000 in 2002, \$4,792,000 in 1997, up 20 percent.

Government Payments, average per farm receiving payments

\$9,985 in 2002, \$7,974 in 1997, up 25 percent.



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Ranked items among the 102 state counties and 3,078 U.S. counties, 2002

Item	Quantity	State Rank	Universe ¹	U.S. Rank	Universe ¹
MARKET VALUE OF AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS SOLD (\$1,000)					
Total value of agricultural products sold	110,613	24	102	429	3,075
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	103,219	12	102	123	3,070
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	7,394	68	102	2,096	3,070
VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	102,521	10	102	22	2,871
Tobacco	-	-	4	-	560
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	-	-	656
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	23	75	97	2,301	2,747
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	43	54	93	1,658	2,638
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	(D)	(D)	92	(D)	2,708
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	(D)	(D)	78	(D)	1,774
Other crops and hay	583	36	102	1,763	3,046
Poultry and eggs	(D)	(D)	98	(D)	2,918
Cattle and calves	2,266	68	102	2,085	3,053
Milk and other dairy products from cows	(D)	(D)	91	(D)	2,493
Hogs and pigs	4,956	48	102	483	2,919
Sheep, goats, and their products	26	46	101	1,729	2,997
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	126	39	100	1,560	3,014
Aquaculture	-	-	33	-	1,520
Other animals and other animal products	(Z)	92	92	2,646	2,727
TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)					
Hogs and pigs	27,742	50	102	433	2,926
Cattle and calves	6,884	67	102	2,339	3,059
Sheep and lambs	665	33	101	1,255	2,867
Horses and ponies	484	54	102	2,202	3,065
Quail	470	22	53	511	1,412
TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)					
Corn for grain	196,060	11	102	21	2,592
Soybeans	176,385	9	102	28	2,076
Forage - land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	3,297	79	102	2,550	3,059
All Wheat for grain	2,833	46	102	1,152	2,517
Oats	629	21	90	708	2,215

Other County Highlights

Economic Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales	
Less than \$1,000	140
\$1,000 to \$2,499	47
\$2,500 to \$4,999	41
\$5,000 to \$9,999	39
\$10,000 to \$19,999	41
\$20,000 to \$24,999	9
\$25,000 to \$39,999	43
\$40,000 to \$49,999	29
\$50,000 to \$99,999	109
\$100,000 to \$249,999	150
\$250,000 to \$499,999	98
\$500,000 or more	50
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	79,293
Average per farm (\$)	99,365
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	41,067
Average per farm (\$)	51,463

Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Farming	521
Other	275
Principal operators by sex:	
Male	737
Female	59
Average age of principal operator (years)	53.8
All operators ² by race:	
White	1,110
Black or African American	1
American Indian or Alaska Native	-
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
Asian	-
More than one race	-
All operators ² of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin	2

(D) Cannot be disclosed. (Z) Less than half of the unit shown. See "Census of Agriculture, Volume 1, Geographic Area Series" for complete footnotes.

¹ Universe is number of counties in state or U.S. with item.

² Data were collected for a maximum of three operators per farm.