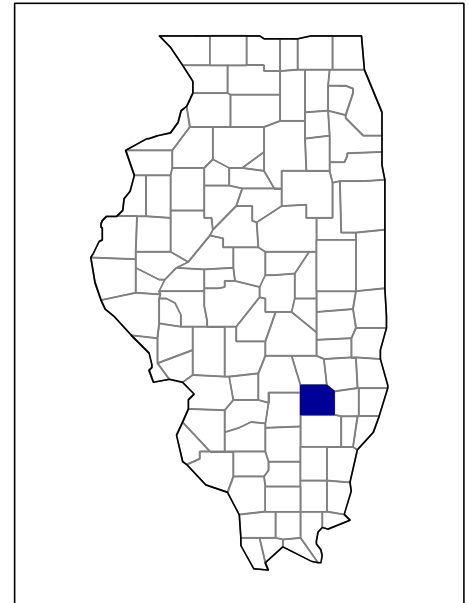




# 2002 Census of Agriculture County Profile

## Clay, Illinois



### Number of farms

703 farms in 2002, 686 farms in 1997, up 2 percent.

### Land in farms

243,154 acres in 2002, 241,884 acres in 1997, up 1 percent.

### Average size of farm

346 acres in 2002, 353 acres in 1997, down 2 percent.

### Market Value of Production

\$37,301,000 in 2002, \$49,577,000 in 1997, down 25 percent.

Crop sales accounted for \$27,885,000 of the total value in 2002.

Livestock sales accounted for \$9,416,000 of the total value in 2002.

### Market Value of Production, average per farm

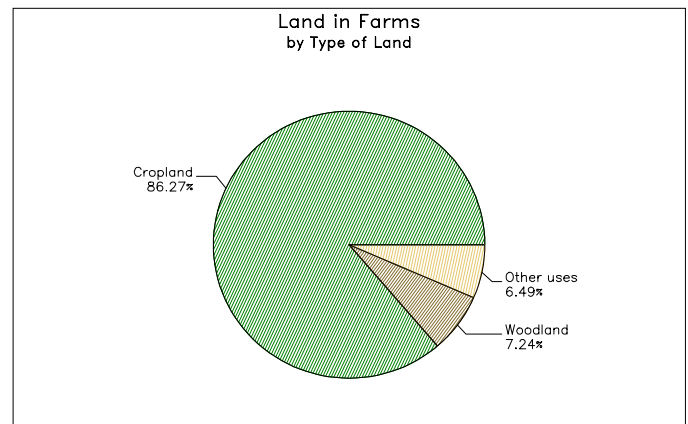
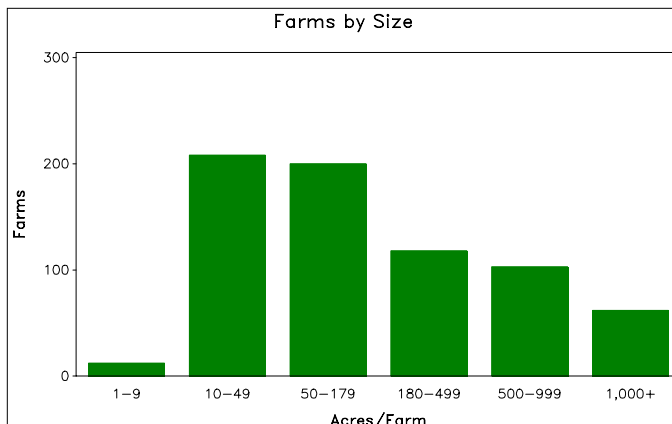
\$53,059 in 2002, \$72,270 in 1997, down 27 percent.

### Government Payments

\$3,041,000 in 2002, \$2,430,000 in 1997, up 25 percent.

### Government Payments, average per farm receiving payments

\$6,120 in 2002, \$5,215 in 1997, up 17 percent.



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

Item	Quantity	State Rank	Universe <sup>1</sup>	U.S. Rank	Universe <sup>1</sup>
<b>MARKET VALUE OF AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS SOLD (\$1,000)</b>					
Total value of agricultural products sold	37,301	79	102	1,502	3,075
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	27,885	78	102	919	3,070
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	9,416	59	102	1,926	3,070
<b>VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)</b>					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	27,377	74	102	522	2,871
Tobacco	-	-	4	-	560
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	-	-	656
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	-	-	97	-	2,747
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	(D)	(D)	93	(D)	2,638
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	-	-	92	-	2,708
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	(D)	(D)	78	(D)	1,774
Other crops and hay	344	63	102	2,201	3,046
Poultry and eggs	(D)	(D)	98	(D)	2,918
Cattle and calves	2,187	71	102	2,108	3,053
Milk and other dairy products from cows	(D)	(D)	91	(D)	2,493
Hogs and pigs	6,886	40	102	395	2,919
Sheep, goats, and their products	79	10	101	946	2,997
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	72	59	100	2,087	3,014
Aquaculture	-	-	33	-	1,520
Other animals and other animal products	(D)	(D)	92	(D)	2,727
<b>TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)</b>					
Hogs and pigs	34,389	39	102	372	2,926
Cattle and calves	8,687	59	102	2,169	3,059
Pheasants	(D)	13	62	(D)	1,541
Sheep and lambs	1,405	14	101	748	2,867
Horses and ponies	562	46	102	2,023	3,065
<b>TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)</b>					
Soybeans	112,722	42	102	198	2,076
Corn for grain	64,697	71	102	387	2,592
Forage - land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	7,041	36	102	2,050	3,059
All Wheat for grain	6,598	25	102	807	2,517
Sorghum for grain	1,558	11	63	405	1,307

**Other County Highlights**

Economic Characteristics	Quantity	Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales		Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Less than \$1,000	239	Farming	395
\$1,000 to \$2,499	47	Other	308
\$2,500 to \$4,999	43	Principal operators by sex:	
\$5,000 to \$9,999	50	Male	635
\$10,000 to \$19,999	68	Female	68
\$20,000 to \$24,999	15	Average age of principal operator (years)	55.4
\$25,000 to \$39,999	46	All operators <sup>2</sup> by race:	
\$40,000 to \$49,999	25	White	900
\$50,000 to \$99,999	71	Black or African American	-
\$100,000 to \$249,999	71	American Indian or Alaska Native	-
\$250,000 to \$499,999	19	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
\$500,000 or more	9	Asian	-
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	44,713	More than one race	-
Average per farm (\$)	63,785	All operators <sup>2</sup> of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin	6
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	1,506		
Average per farm (\$)	2,148		

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

<sup>1</sup> Universe is number of counties in state or U.S. with item.

<sup>2</sup> Data were collected for a maximum of three operators per farm.