

2002 Census of Agriculture County Profile

Alexander, Illinois

Number of farms

149 farms in 2002, 184 farms in 1997, down 19 percent.

Land in farms

78,418 acres in 2002, 73,639 acres in 1997, up 6 percent.

Average size of farm

526 acres in 2002, 400 acres in 1997, up 32 percent.

Market Value of Production

\$10,233,000 in 2002, \$13,225,000 in 1997, down 23 percent.

Crop sales accounted for \$9,854,000 of the total value in 2002.

Livestock sales accounted for \$379,000 of the total value in 2002.

Market Value of Production, average per farm

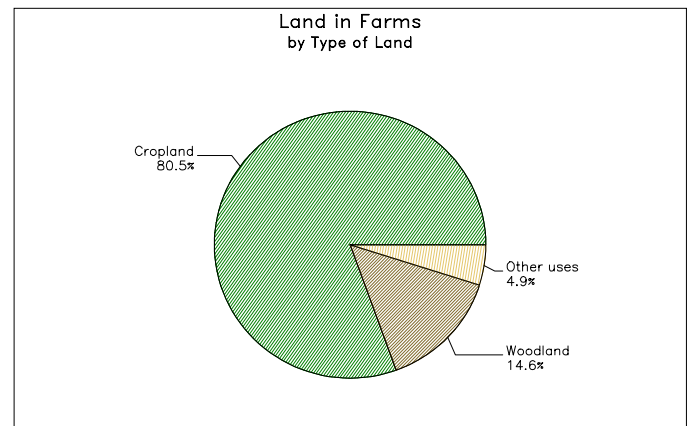
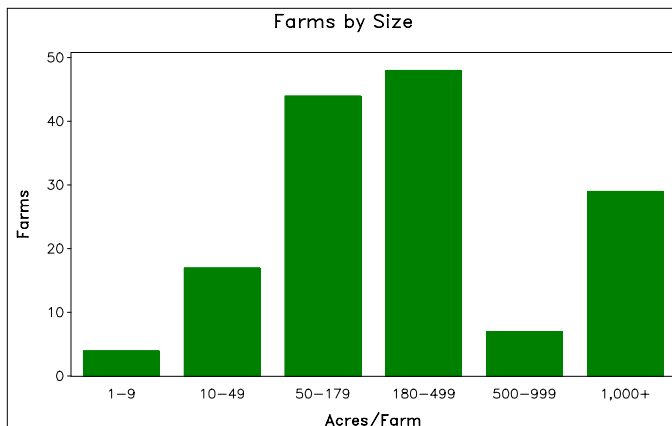
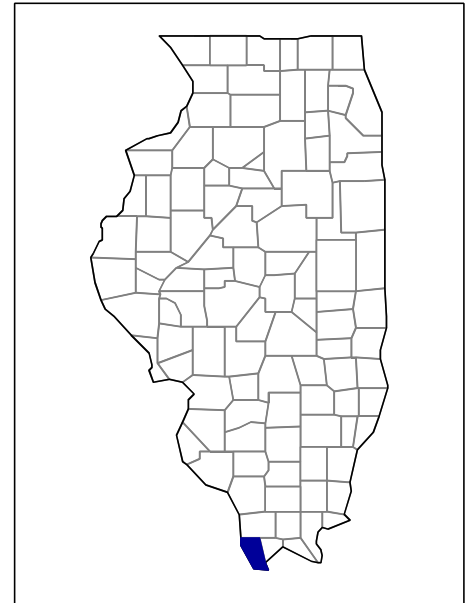
\$68,678 in 2002, \$71,877 in 1997, down 4 percent.

Government Payments

\$887,000 in 2002, \$444,000 in 1997, up 100 percent.

Government Payments, average per farm receiving payments

\$9,966 in 2002, \$5,222 in 1997, up 91 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	10,233	98	102	2,495	3,075
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	9,854	97	102	1,669	3,070
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	379	100	102	2,974	3,070
VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	9,779	93	102	1,005	2,871
Tobacco	-	-	4	-	560
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	-	-	656
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	-	-	97	-	2,747
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	-	-	93	-	2,638
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	-	-	92	-	2,708
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	-	-	78	-	1,774
Other crops and hay	75	97	102	2,844	3,046
Poultry and eggs	(D)	(D)	98	(D)	2,918
Cattle and calves	376	99	102	2,802	3,053
Milk and other dairy products from cows	-	-	91	-	2,493
Hogs and pigs	(D)	(D)	102	(D)	2,919
Sheep, goats, and their products	(D)	(D)	101	(D)	2,997
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	-	-	100	-	3,014
Aquaculture	-	-	33	-	1,520
Other animals and other animal products	-	-	92	-	2,727
TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)					
Cattle and calves	2,243	98	102	2,791	3,059
Layers 20 weeks old and older	94	89	101	2,734	2,983
Horses and ponies	69	102	102	3,000	3,065
Hogs and pigs	26	101	102	2,701	2,926
Broilers and other meat-type chickens	(D)	79	90	(D)	2,599
TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)					
Soybeans	43,682	87	102	599	2,076
Corn for grain	9,162	97	102	1,081	2,592
All Wheat for grain	4,292	36	102	981	2,517
Forage - land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	2,358	89	102	2,686	3,059
Sorghum for grain	652	17	63	535	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	34	Farming	93
\$1,000 to \$2,499	9	Other	56
\$2,500 to \$4,999	10		
\$5,000 to \$9,999	19	Principal operators by sex:	
\$10,000 to \$19,999	23	Male	148
\$20,000 to \$24,999	4	Female	1
\$25,000 to \$39,999	12		
\$40,000 to \$49,999	2	Average age of principal operator (years)	56.2
\$50,000 to \$99,999	8		
\$100,000 to \$249,999	14	All operators ² by race:	
\$250,000 to \$499,999	9	White	201
\$500,000 or more	5	Black or African American	1
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	9,487	American Indian or Alaska Native	1
Average per farm (\$)	64,101	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
		Asian	-
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	1,279	More than one race	1
Average per farm (\$)	8,640	All operators ² of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin	1

(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.