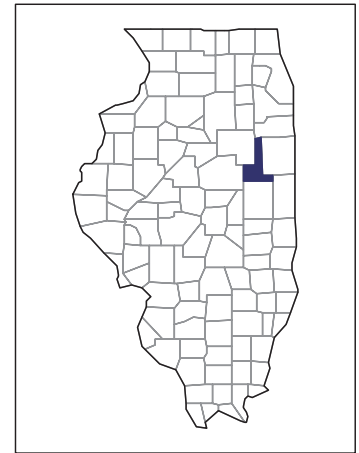


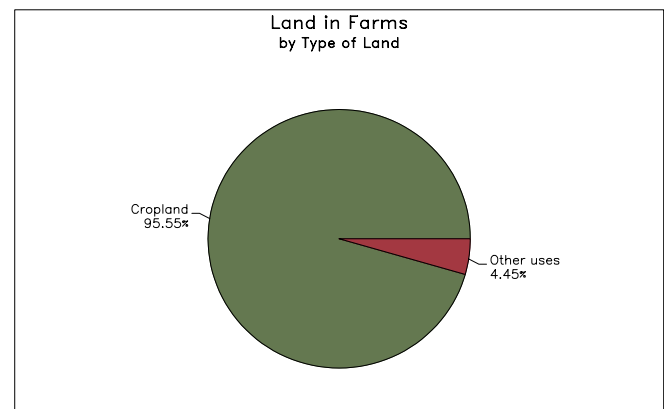
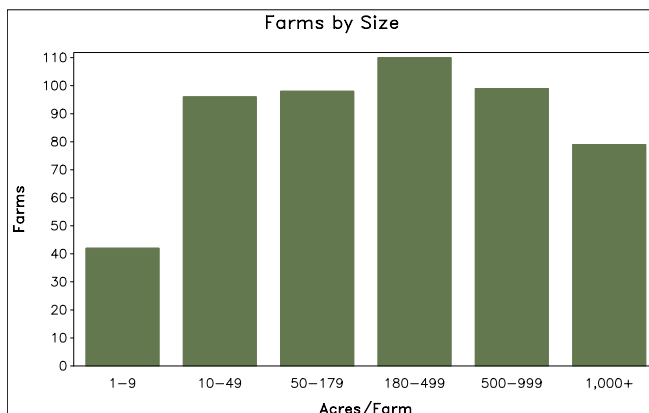
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County Profile

Ford County Illinois



	2007	2002	% change
Number of Farms	524	530	- 1
Land in Farms	270,720 acres	286,069 acres	- 5
Average Size of Farm	517 acres	540 acres	- 4
Market Value of Products Sold	\$145,871,000	\$82,376,000	+ 77
Crop Sales \$128,918,000 (88 percent)			
Livestock Sales \$16,953,000 (12 percent)			
Average Per Farm	\$278,379	\$155,426	+ 79
Government Payments	\$4,552,000	\$3,886,000	+ 17
Average Per Farm Receiving Payments	\$9,917	\$9,594	+ 3



2007 CENSUS OF AGRICULTURE

County Profile

Ford County – Illinois

Ranked items among the 102 state counties and 3,079 U.S. counties, 2007

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	145,871	37	102	557	3,076
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	128,918	31	102	237	3,072
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	16,953	45	102	1,650	3,069
VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	128,360	30	102	122	2,933
Tobacco	-	-	5	-	437
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	-	-	626
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	68	70	101	2,001	2,796
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	8	73	95	2,304	2,659
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	275	61	96	1,689	2,703
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	-	-	70	-	1,710
Other crops and hay	207	85	102	2,654	3,054
Poultry and eggs	(D)	(D)	102	(D)	3,020
Cattle and calves	4,079	47	102	1,852	3,054
Milk and other dairy products from cows	360	60	90	1,727	2,493
Hogs and pigs	12,399	33	102	314	2,922
Sheep, goats, and their products	84	24	101	1,240	2,998
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	(D)	(D)	102	(D)	3,024
Aquaculture	1	28	35	1,322	1,498
Other animals and other animal products	1	86	100	2,577	2,875
TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)					
Corn for grain	144,098	37	102	156	2,634
Soybeans for beans	102,799	24	102	153	2,039
Wheat for grain, all	3,477	58	101	1,148	2,481
Forage - land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	1,333	96	102	2,836	3,060
Corn for silage	450	49	97	1,386	2,263
TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)					
Hogs and pigs	60,391	26	101	258	2,958
Cattle and calves	3,133	85	102	2,650	3,060
Sheep and lambs	388	48	101	1,611	2,891
Layers	371	78	102	2,363	3,024
Horses and ponies	246	89	102	2,786	3,066

Other County Highlights

Economic Characteristics	Quantity	Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales:		Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Less than \$1,000	104	Farming	289
\$1,000 to \$2,499	5	Other	235
\$2,500 to \$4,999	16		
\$5,000 to \$9,999	11	Principal operators by sex:	
\$10,000 to \$19,999	17	Male	464
\$20,000 to \$24,999	13	Female	60
\$25,000 to \$39,999	25		
\$40,000 to \$49,999	14	Average age of principal operator (years)	56.5
\$50,000 to \$99,999	61		
\$100,000 to \$249,999	92	All operators by race ² :	
\$250,000 to \$499,999	96	American Indian or Alaska Native	1
\$500,000 or more	70	Asian	-
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	80,466	Black or African American	-
Average per farm (\$)	153,560	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	2
		White	753
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	73,260	More than one race	11
Average per farm (\$)	139,810	All operators of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin ²	-

See "Census of Agriculture, Volume 1, Geographic Area Series" for complete footnotes, explanations, definitions, and methodology.

(D) Cannot be disclosed. (Z) Less than half of the unit shown.

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.