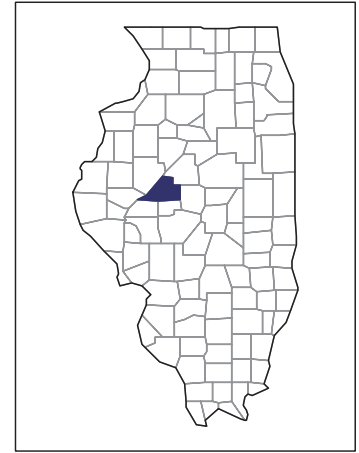


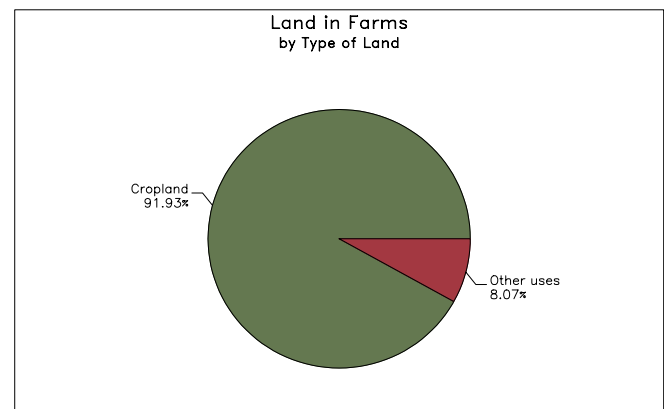
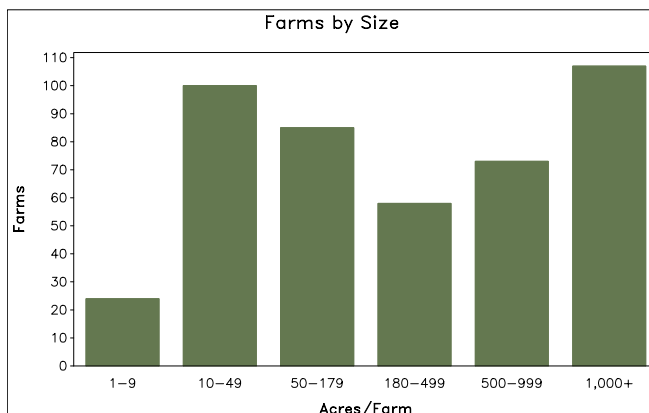
2007 CENSUS OF AGRICULTURE

County Profile

Mason County Illinois



	2007	2002	% change
Number of Farms	447	443	+ 1
Land in Farms	273,362 acres	285,097 acres	- 4
Average Size of Farm	612 acres	644 acres	- 5
Market Value of Products Sold	\$121,608,000	\$72,472,000	+ 68
Crop Sales \$117,795,000 (97 percent)			
Livestock Sales \$3,813,000 (3 percent)			
Average Per Farm	\$272,053	\$163,594	+ 66
Government Payments	\$4,605,000	\$3,394,000	+ 36
Average Per Farm Receiving Payments	\$12,056	\$10,316	+ 17



2007 CENSUS OF AGRICULTURE

County Profile

Mason 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	121,608	50	102	723	3,076
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	117,795	41	102	285	3,072
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	3,813	87	102	2,556	3,069
VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	108,749	36	102	175	2,933
Tobacco	-	-	5	-	437
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	-	-	626
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	(D)	2	101	220	2,796
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	-	-	95	-	2,659
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	401	51	96	1,517	2,703
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	-	-	70	-	1,710
Other crops and hay	(D)	(D)	102	(D)	3,054
Poultry and eggs	(D)	102	102	3,004	3,020
Cattle and calves	(D)	75	102	2,385	3,054
Milk and other dairy products from cows	-	-	90	-	2,493
Hogs and pigs	1,884	80	102	772	2,922
Sheep, goats, and their products	17	79	101	2,381	2,998
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	(D)	92	102	(D)	3,024
Aquaculture	(D)	6	35	(D)	1,498
Other animals and other animal products	(D)	69	100	(D)	2,875
TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)					
Corn for grain	145,936	35	102	150	2,634
Soybeans for beans	62,165	65	102	410	2,039
Popcorn	16,785	1	30	1	281
Vegetables harvested for sale	8,067	1	101	114	2,794
Wheat for grain, all	8,062	33	101	787	2,481
TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)					
Hogs and pigs	13,692	64	101	617	2,958
Cattle and calves	3,546	79	102	2,604	3,060
Goats, all	280	51	101	1,990	3,023
Horses and ponies	263	85	102	2,749	3,066
Sheep and lambs	(D)	82	101	(D)	2,891

Other County Highlights

Economic Characteristics	Quantity	Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales:		Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Less than \$1,000	119	Farming	268
\$1,000 to \$2,499	16	Other	179
\$2,500 to \$4,999	13	Principal operators by sex:	
\$5,000 to \$9,999	17	Male	406
\$10,000 to \$19,999	19	Female	41
\$20,000 to \$24,999	5	Average age of principal operator (years)	56.1
\$25,000 to \$39,999	11	All operators by race ² :	
\$40,000 to \$49,999	14	American Indian or Alaska Native	-
\$50,000 to \$99,999	25	Asian	2
\$100,000 to \$249,999	56	Black or African American	-
\$250,000 to \$499,999	69	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
\$500,000 or more	83	White	606
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	74,606	More than one race	-
Average per farm (\$)	166,904	All operators of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin ²	-
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	55,875		
Average per farm (\$)	125,001		

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.