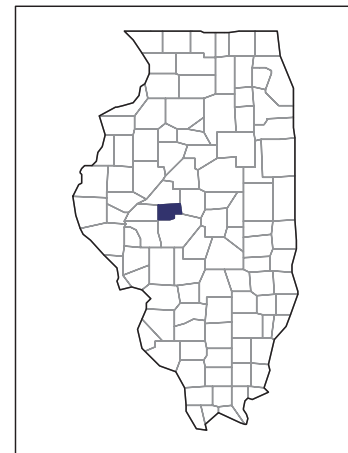


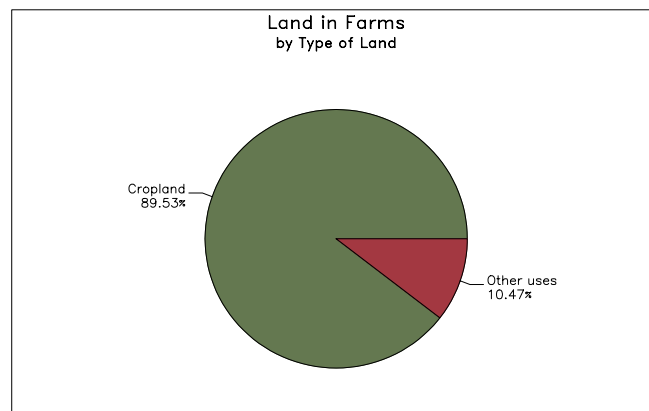
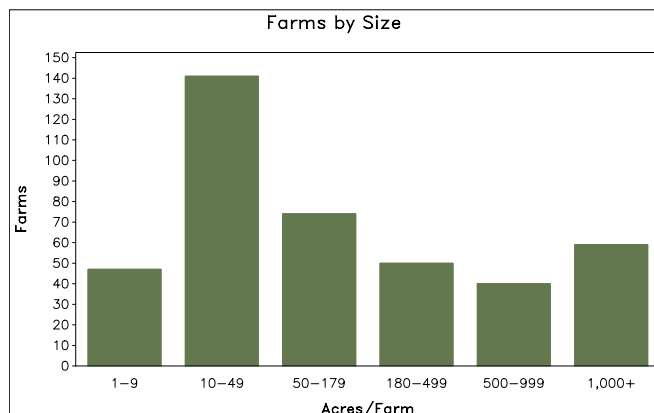
2007 CENSUS OF AGRICULTURE

County Profile

Menard County Illinois



	2007	2002	% change
Number of Farms	411	329	+ 25
Land in Farms	168,594 acres	155,024 acres	+ 9
Average Size of Farm	410 acres	471 acres	- 13
Market Value of Products Sold	\$80,744,000	\$41,778,000	+ 93
Crop Sales \$74,358,000 (92 percent)			
Livestock Sales \$6,386,000 (8 percent)			
Average Per Farm	\$196,457	\$126,986	+ 55
Government Payments	\$3,017,000	\$2,209,000	+ 37
Average Per Farm Receiving Payments	\$9,489	\$9,053	+ 5



2007 CENSUS OF AGRICULTURE

County Profile

Menard 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	80,744	69	102	1,095	3,076
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	74,358	60	102	560	3,072
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	6,386	78	102	2,315	3,069
VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	73,966	58	102	372	2,933
Tobacco	-	-	5	-	437
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	-	-	626
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	13	89	101	2,487	2,796
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	(D)	(D)	95	(D)	2,659
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	(D)	(D)	96	(D)	2,703
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	(D)	42	70	(D)	1,710
Other crops and hay	289	64	102	2,495	3,054
Poultry and eggs	(D)	53	102	(D)	3,020
Cattle and calves	3,693	49	102	1,912	3,054
Milk and other dairy products from cows	(D)	88	90	(D)	2,493
Hogs and pigs	2,594	73	102	699	2,922
Sheep, goats, and their products	12	84	101	2,527	2,998
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	16	90	102	2,747	3,024
Aquaculture	-	-	35	-	1,498
Other animals and other animal products	(D)	41	100	(D)	2,875
TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)					
Corn for grain	81,344	72	102	386	2,634
Soybeans for beans	56,730	68	102	462	2,039
Wheat for grain, all	4,221	50	101	1,048	2,481
Forage - land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	2,879	77	102	2,600	3,060
Corn for silage	94	80	97	1,920	2,263
TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)					
Hogs and pigs	15,281	60	101	594	2,958
Cattle and calves	6,521	62	102	2,303	3,060
Pheasants	(D)	13	48	(D)	1,544
Horses and ponies	460	65	102	2,327	3,066
Layers	220	84	102	2,613	3,024

Other County Highlights

Economic Characteristics	Quantity	Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales:		Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Less than \$1,000	162	Farming	192
\$1,000 to \$2,499	29	Other	219
\$2,500 to \$4,999	11	Principal operators by sex:	
\$5,000 to \$9,999	22	Male	344
\$10,000 to \$19,999	12	Female	67
\$20,000 to \$24,999	6	Average age of principal operator (years)	56.9
\$25,000 to \$39,999	17	All operators by race ² :	
\$40,000 to \$49,999	6	American Indian or Alaska Native	1
\$50,000 to \$99,999	21	Asian	1
\$100,000 to \$249,999	33	Black or African American	1
\$250,000 to \$499,999	33	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
\$500,000 or more	59	White	578
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	45,602	More than one race	7
Average per farm (\$)	110,955	All operators of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin ²	1
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	40,654		
Average per farm (\$)	98,914		

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.