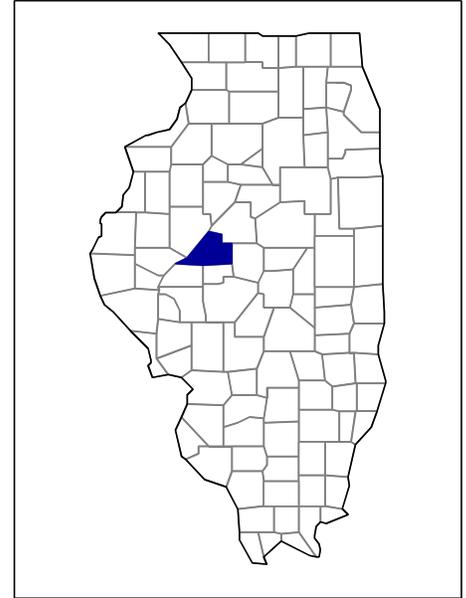


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Number of farms

443 farms in 2002, 515 farms in 1997, down 14 percent.

Land in farms

285,097 acres in 2002, 290,619 acres in 1997, down 2 percent.

Average size of farm

644 acres in 2002, 564 acres in 1997, up 14 percent.

Market Value of Production

\$72,472,000 in 2002, \$83,390,000 in 1997, down 13 percent.

Crop sales accounted for \$67,579,000 of the total value in 2002.

Livestock sales accounted for \$4,893,000 of the total value in 2002.

Market Value of Production, average per farm

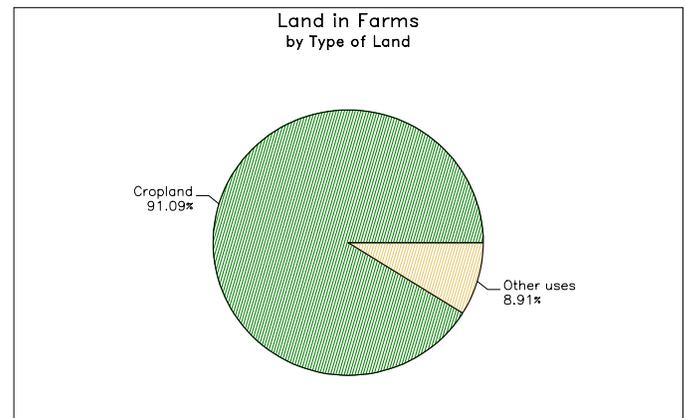
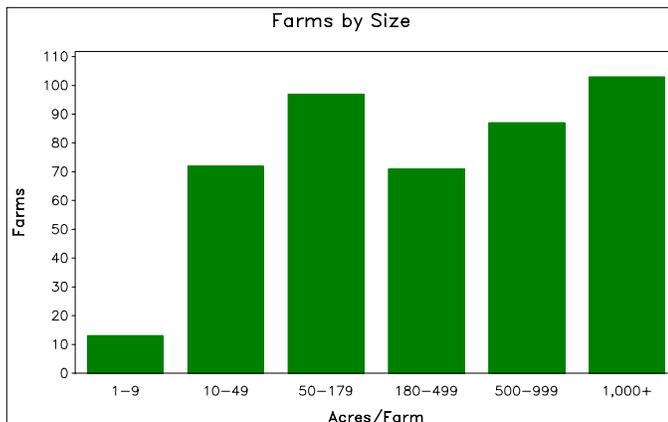
\$163,594 in 2002, \$161,922 in 1997, up 1 percent.

Government Payments

\$3,394,000 in 2002, \$3,401,000 in 1997, down slightly.

Government Payments, average per farm receiving payments

\$10,316 in 2002, \$8,156 in 1997, up 26 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	72,472	44	102	768	3,075
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	67,579	36	102	303	3,070
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	4,893	85	102	2,359	3,070
VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	58,646	35	102	170	2,871
Tobacco	-	-	4	-	560
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	-	-	656
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	7,877	2	97	207	2,747
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	(D)	(D)	93	(D)	2,638
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	(D)	(D)	92	(D)	2,708
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	-	-	78	-	1,774
Other crops and hay	571	37	102	1,787	3,046
Poultry and eggs	(D)	(D)	98	(D)	2,918
Cattle and calves	2,223	70	102	2,099	3,053
Milk and other dairy products from cows	-	-	91	-	2,493
Hogs and pigs	2,612	69	102	650	2,919
Sheep, goats, and their products	(D)	(D)	101	(D)	2,997
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	27	85	100	2,659	3,014
Aquaculture	-	-	33	-	1,520
Other animals and other animal products	(D)	(D)	92	(D)	2,727
TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)					
Hogs and pigs	13,521	70	102	626	2,926
Cattle and calves	6,225	71	102	2,401	3,059
Sheep and lambs	357	61	101	1,662	2,867
Horses and ponies	216	86	102	2,790	3,065
Layers 20 weeks old and older	106	88	101	2,699	2,983
TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)					
Corn for grain	116,459	38	102	165	2,592
Soybeans	93,096	54	102	292	2,076
Popcorn	17,210	1	44	2	412
All Vegetables harvested	9,250	1	97	73	2,710
Snap beans	6,117	1	65	8	1,833

Other County Highlights

Economic Characteristics	Quantity	Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales		Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Less than \$1,000	86	Farming	308
\$1,000 to \$2,499	10	Other	135
\$2,500 to \$4,999	13		
\$5,000 to \$9,999	34	Principal operators by sex:	
\$10,000 to \$19,999	17	Male	426
\$20,000 to \$24,999	11	Female	17
\$25,000 to \$39,999	17		
\$40,000 to \$49,999	15	Average age of principal operator (years)	54.7
\$50,000 to \$99,999	49		
\$100,000 to \$249,999	89	All operators ² by race:	
\$250,000 to \$499,999	64	White	568
\$500,000 or more	38	Black or African American	-
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	52,672	American Indian or Alaska Native	-
Average per farm (\$)	119,167	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
		Asian	-
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	25,836	More than one race	-
Average per farm (\$)	58,453	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.