



# 2002 Census of Agriculture County Profile

## Union, Illinois

### Number of farms

666 farms in 2002, 691 farms in 1997, down 4 percent.

### Land in farms

152,288 acres in 2002, 150,420 acres in 1997, up 1 percent.

### Average size of farm

229 acres in 2002, 218 acres in 1997, up 5 percent.

### Market Value of Production

\$22,503,000 in 2002, \$20,591,000 in 1997, up 9 percent.

Crop sales accounted for \$18,125,000 of the total value in 2002.

Livestock sales accounted for \$4,378,000 of the total value in 2002.

### Market Value of Production, average per farm

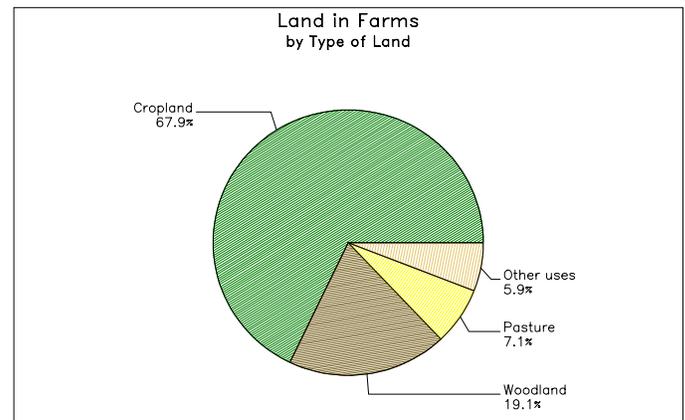
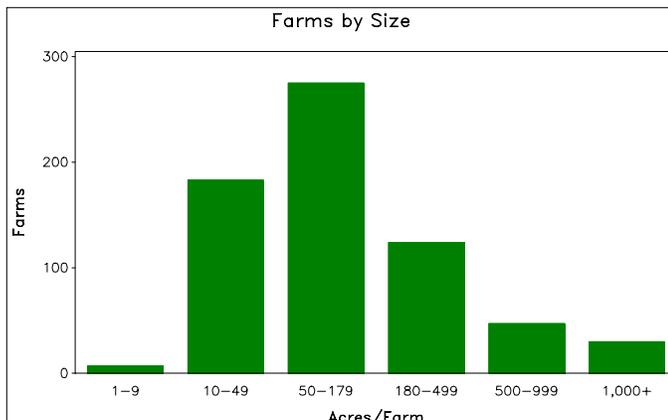
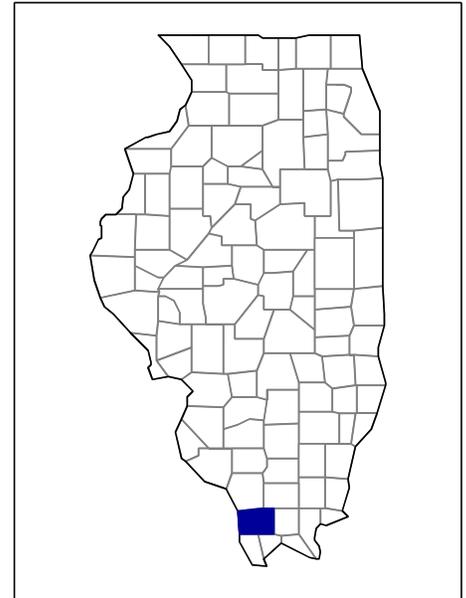
\$33,788 in 2002, \$29,798 in 1997, up 13 percent.

### Government Payments

\$2,142,000 in 2002, \$1,705,000 in 1997, up 26 percent.

### Government Payments, average per farm receiving payments

\$5,450 in 2002, \$4,999 in 1997, up 9 percent.



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**Ranked items among the 102 state counties and 3,078 U.S. counties, 2002**

Item	Quantity	State Rank	Universe <sup>1</sup>	U.S. Rank	Universe <sup>1</sup>
<b>MARKET VALUE OF AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS SOLD (\$1,000)</b>					
Total value of agricultural products sold	22,503	90	102	1,985	3,075
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	18,125	89	102	1,243	3,070
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	4,378	87	102	2,402	3,070
<b>VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)</b>					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	9,388	94	102	1,020	2,871
Tobacco	-	-	4	-	560
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	-	-	656
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	1,157	22	97	715	2,747
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	2,708	1	93	208	2,638
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	4,429	19	92	493	2,708
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	35	27	78	751	1,774
Other crops and hay	409	55	102	2,074	3,046
Poultry and eggs	3	77	98	2,424	2,918
Cattle and calves	3,419	54	102	1,816	3,053
Milk and other dairy products from cows	705	45	91	1,507	2,493
Hogs and pigs	67	98	102	1,600	2,919
Sheep, goats, and their products	29	40	101	1,661	2,997
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	155	26	100	1,363	3,014
Aquaculture	-	-	33	-	1,520
Other animals and other animal products	1	85	92	2,487	2,727
<b>TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)</b>					
Cattle and calves	14,002	37	102	1,791	3,059
Horses and ponies	741	28	102	1,665	3,065
Hogs and pigs	710	98	102	1,472	2,926
Sheep and lambs	379	55	101	1,627	2,867
Layers 20 weeks old and older	331	65	101	2,195	2,983
<b>TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)</b>					
Soybeans	39,314	91	102	631	2,076
Forage - land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	15,544	6	102	1,345	3,059
Corn for grain	14,573	94	102	905	2,592
All Wheat for grain	1,802	63	102	1,330	2,517
All Vegetables harvested	456	25	97	676	2,710

**Other County Highlights**

Economic Characteristics	Quantity	Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales		Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Less than \$1,000	307	Farming	345
\$1,000 to \$2,499	55	Other	321
\$2,500 to \$4,999	62	Principal operators by sex:	
\$5,000 to \$9,999	59	Male	608
\$10,000 to \$19,999	47	Female	58
\$20,000 to \$24,999	19	Average age of principal operator (years)	56.5
\$25,000 to \$39,999	21	All operators <sup>2</sup> by race:	
\$40,000 to \$49,999	25	White	908
\$50,000 to \$99,999	31	Black or African American	-
\$100,000 to \$249,999	23	American Indian or Alaska Native	7
\$250,000 to \$499,999	10	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
\$500,000 or more	7	Asian	-
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	23,346	More than one race	-
Average per farm (\$)	35,212	All operators <sup>2</sup> of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin	7
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	8,567		
Average per farm (\$)	12,922		

(D) Cannot be disclosed. (Z) Less than half of the unit shown. See "Census of Agriculture, Volume 1, Geographic Area Series" for complete footnotes.

<sup>1</sup> Universe is number of counties in state or U.S. with item.

<sup>2</sup> Data were collected for a maximum of three operators per farm.