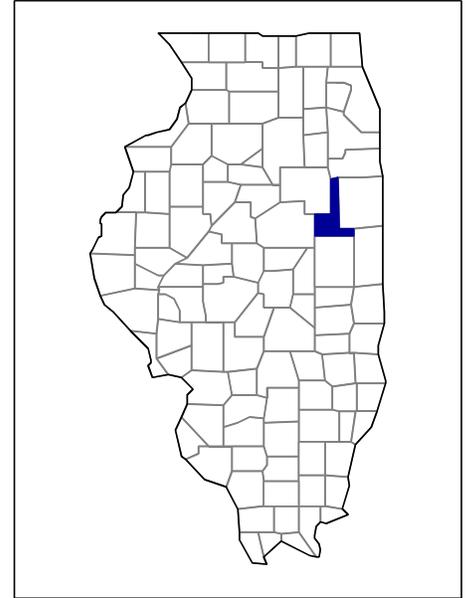


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Number of farms

530 farms in 2002, 565 farms in 1997, down 6 percent.

Land in farms

286,069 acres in 2002, 313,351 acres in 1997, down 9 percent.

Average size of farm

540 acres in 2002, 555 acres in 1997, down 3 percent.

Market Value of Production

\$82,376,000 in 2002, \$99,614,000 in 1997, down 17 percent.

Crop sales accounted for \$72,258,000 of the total value in 2002.

Livestock sales accounted for \$10,118,000 of the total value in 2002.

Market Value of Production, average per farm

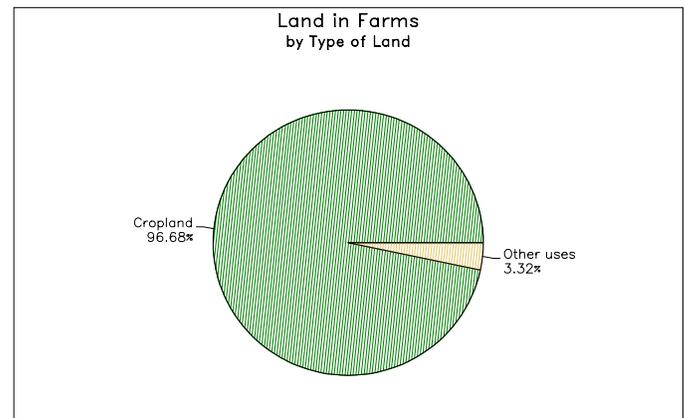
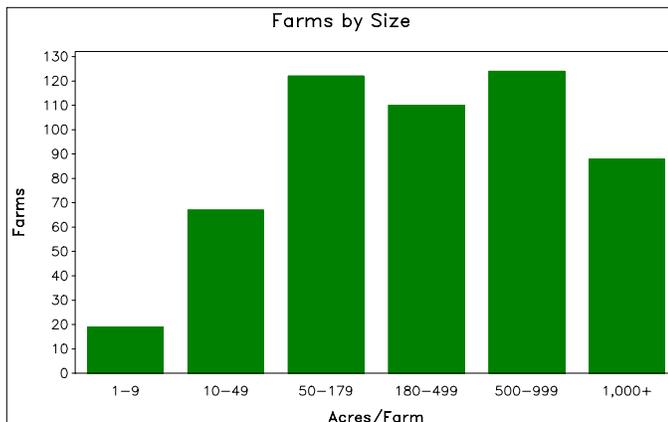
\$155,426 in 2002, \$176,308 in 1997, down 12 percent.

Government Payments

\$3,886,000 in 2002, \$3,684,000 in 1997, up 5 percent.

Government Payments, average per farm receiving payments

\$9,594 in 2002, \$8,133 in 1997, up 18 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	82,376	39	102	671	3,075
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	72,258	30	102	275	3,070
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	10,118	56	102	1,877	3,070
VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	71,766	27	102	101	2,871
Tobacco	-	-	4	-	560
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	-	-	656
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	(D)	(D)	97	(D)	2,747
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	-	-	93	-	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	(D)	(D)	102	(D)	3,046
Poultry and eggs	(D)	(D)	98	(D)	2,918
Cattle and calves	4,869	35	102	1,535	3,053
Milk and other dairy products from cows	(D)	(D)	91	(D)	2,493
Hogs and pigs	(D)	(D)	102	(D)	2,919
Sheep, goats, and their products	15	66	101	2,090	2,997
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	18	92	100	2,805	3,014
Aquaculture	-	-	33	-	1,520
Other animals and other animal products	(D)	(D)	92	(D)	2,727
TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)					
Layers 20 weeks old and older	(D)	8	101	(D)	2,983
Hogs and pigs	29,874	46	102	410	2,926
Cattle and calves	5,687	76	102	2,456	3,059
Broilers and other meat-type chickens	1,516	4	90	807	2,599
Sheep and lambs	296	68	101	1,765	2,867
TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)					
Corn for grain	133,356	31	102	118	2,592
Soybeans	132,601	26	102	111	2,076
All Wheat for grain	2,269	55	102	1,235	2,517
Forage - land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	1,168	99	102	2,860	3,059
Sorghum for silage	363	4	43	261	1,387

Other County Highlights

Economic Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales	
Less than \$1,000	76
\$1,000 to \$2,499	7
\$2,500 to \$4,999	9
\$5,000 to \$9,999	17
\$10,000 to \$19,999	31
\$20,000 to \$24,999	13
\$25,000 to \$39,999	35
\$40,000 to \$49,999	28
\$50,000 to \$99,999	76
\$100,000 to \$249,999	136
\$250,000 to \$499,999	73
\$500,000 or more	29
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	60,569
Average per farm (\$)	113,425
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	29,880
Average per farm (\$)	55,955

Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Farming	394
Other	136
Principal operators by sex:	
Male	490
Female	40
Average age of principal operator (years)	55.3
All operators ² by race:	
White	719
Black or African American	-
American Indian or Alaska Native	-
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	2
Asian	-
More than one race	-
All operators ² of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin	2

(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.