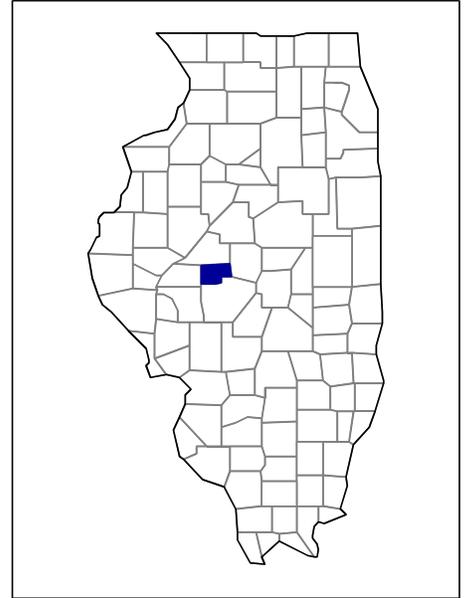


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Number of farms

329 farms in 2002, 372 farms in 1997, down 12 percent.

Land in farms

155,024 acres in 2002, 171,736 acres in 1997, down 10 percent.

Average size of farm

471 acres in 2002, 462 acres in 1997, up 2 percent.

Market Value of Production

\$41,778,000 in 2002, \$52,767,000 in 1997, down 21 percent.

Crop sales accounted for \$34,565,000 of the total value in 2002.

Livestock sales accounted for \$7,213,000 of the total value in 2002.

Market Value of Production, average per farm

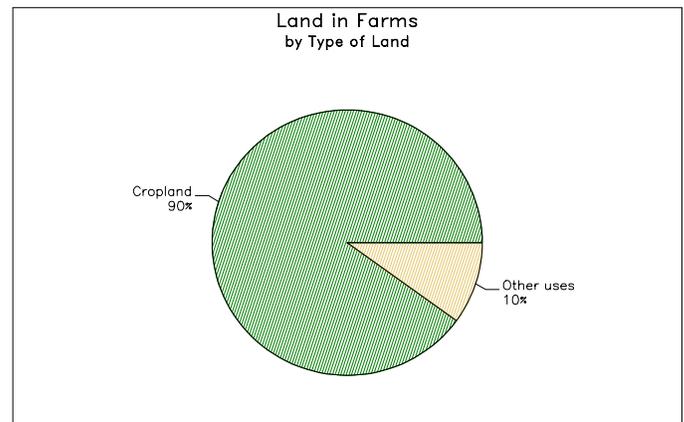
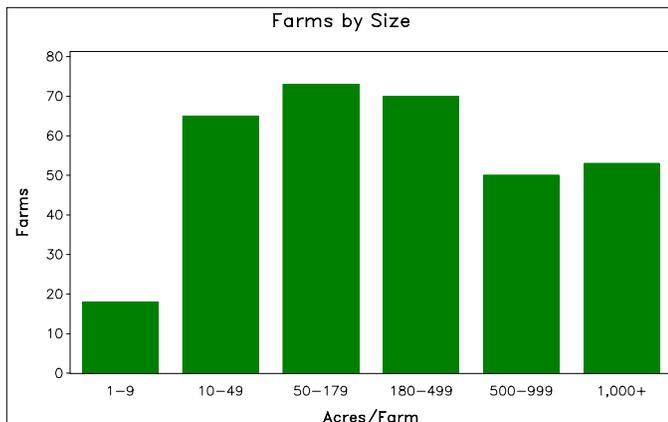
\$126,986 in 2002, \$141,847 in 1997, down 10 percent.

Government Payments

\$2,209,000 in 2002, \$2,284,000 in 1997, down 3 percent.

Government Payments, average per farm receiving payments

\$9,053 in 2002, \$8,920 in 1997, up 1 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	41,778	73	102	1,377	3,075
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	34,565	68	102	758	3,070
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	7,213	69	102	2,115	3,070
VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	34,037	63	102	417	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	14	79	93	2,097	2,638
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	(D)	(D)	92	(D)	2,708
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	(D)	(D)	78	(D)	1,774
Other crops and hay	467	48	102	1,950	3,046
Poultry and eggs	(D)	(D)	98	(D)	2,918
Cattle and calves	2,342	67	102	2,055	3,053
Milk and other dairy products from cows	(D)	(D)	91	(D)	2,493
Hogs and pigs	4,549	52	102	505	2,919
Sheep, goats, and their products	4	89	101	2,630	2,997
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	60	66	100	2,244	3,014
Aquaculture	-	-	33	-	1,520
Other animals and other animal products	5	65	92	2,061	2,727
TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)					
Hogs and pigs	30,859	42	102	397	2,926
Cattle and calves	5,509	77	102	2,472	3,059
Pheasants	(D)	12	62	(D)	1,541
Layers 20 weeks old and older	285	71	101	2,282	2,983
Horses and ponies	206	87	102	2,807	3,065
TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)					
Corn for grain	65,078	70	102	383	2,592
Soybeans	59,670	76	102	488	2,076
Forage - land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	2,379	88	102	2,684	3,059
All Wheat for grain	1,329	70	102	1,444	2,517
Corn for silage	232	74	100	1,705	2,307

Other County Highlights

Economic Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales	
Less than \$1,000	64
\$1,000 to \$2,499	28
\$2,500 to \$4,999	10
\$5,000 to \$9,999	22
\$10,000 to \$19,999	26
\$20,000 to \$24,999	8
\$25,000 to \$39,999	19
\$40,000 to \$49,999	10
\$50,000 to \$99,999	31
\$100,000 to \$249,999	52
\$250,000 to \$499,999	41
\$500,000 or more	18
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	30,379
Average per farm (\$)	92,059
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	15,184
Average per farm (\$)	46,013

Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Farming	193
Other	136
Principal operators by sex:	
Male	311
Female	18
Average age of principal operator (years)	54.0
All operators ² by race:	
White	440
Black or African American	-
American Indian or Alaska Native	-
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
Asian	-
More than one race	-
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.