

# 2002 Census of Agriculture County Profile

## Will, Illinois

### Number of farms

830 farms in 2002, 996 farms in 1997, down 17 percent.

### Land in farms

265,490 acres in 2002, 300,090 acres in 1997, down 12 percent.

### Average size of farm

320 acres in 2002, 301 acres in 1997, up 6 percent.

### Market Value of Production

\$82,221,000 in 2002, \$108,315,000 in 1997, down 24 percent.

Crop sales accounted for \$76,498,000 of the total value in 2002.

Livestock sales accounted for \$5,724,000 of the total value in 2002.

### Market Value of Production, average per farm

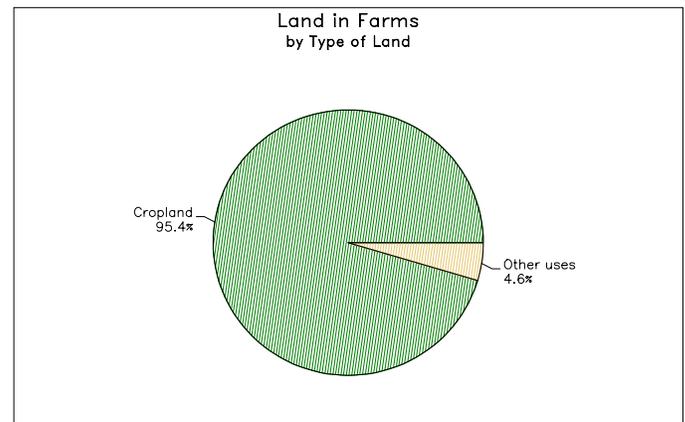
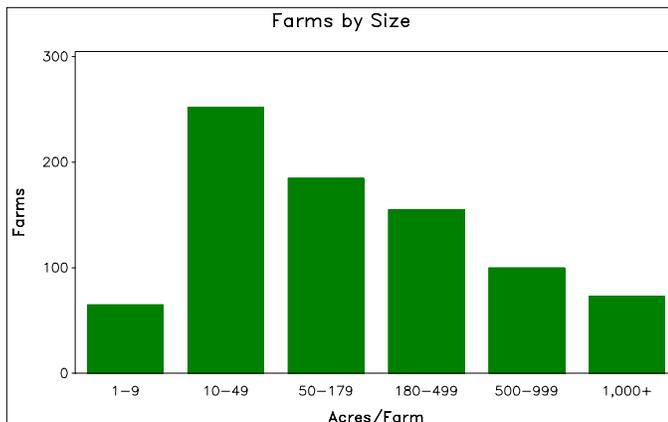
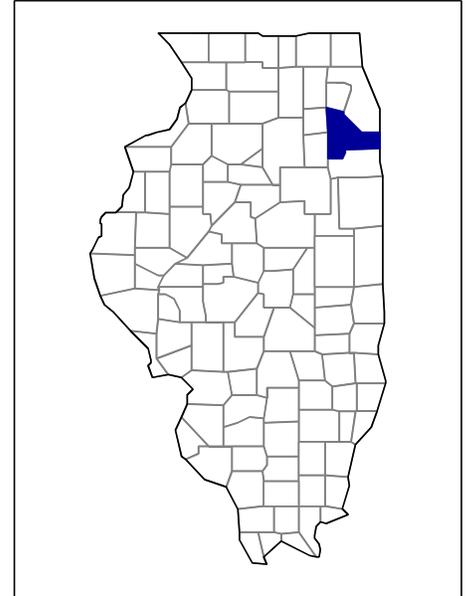
\$99,062 in 2002, \$108,750 in 1997, down 9 percent.

### Government Payments

\$3,993,000 in 2002, \$3,732,000 in 1997, up 7 percent.

### Government Payments, average per farm receiving payments

\$10,480 in 2002, \$7,304 in 1997, up 43 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	82,221	40	102	673	3,075
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	76,498	26	102	235	3,070
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	5,724	78	102	2,264	3,070
<b>VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)</b>					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	50,664	43	102	233	2,871
Tobacco	-	-	4	-	560
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	-	-	656
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	7,488	4	97	222	2,747
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	(D)	(D)	93	(D)	2,638
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	16,937	7	92	167	2,708
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	(D)	(D)	78	(D)	1,774
Other crops and hay	1,143	10	102	1,118	3,046
Poultry and eggs	(D)	(D)	98	(D)	2,918
Cattle and calves	1,013	91	102	2,547	3,053
Milk and other dairy products from cows	1,419	35	91	1,189	2,493
Hogs and pigs	2,276	72	102	678	2,919
Sheep, goats, and their products	(D)	(D)	101	(D)	2,997
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	604	5	100	286	3,014
Aquaculture	-	-	33	-	1,520
Other animals and other animal products	6	62	92	2,029	2,727
<b>TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)</b>					
Quail	(D)	1	53	(D)	1,412
Hogs and pigs	16,656	65	102	575	2,926
Cattle and calves	4,158	85	102	2,603	3,059
Horses and ponies	1,477	5	102	780	3,065
Layers 20 weeks old and older	1,268	21	101	1,219	2,983
<b>TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)</b>					
Corn for grain	114,430	39	102	173	2,592
Soybeans	112,650	43	102	199	2,076
Forage - land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	6,545	41	102	2,114	3,059
All Wheat for grain	5,910	27	102	850	2,517
All Vegetables harvested	3,523	7	97	182	2,710

**Other County Highlights**

Economic Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales	
Less than \$1,000	167
\$1,000 to \$2,499	65
\$2,500 to \$4,999	42
\$5,000 to \$9,999	55
\$10,000 to \$19,999	88
\$20,000 to \$24,999	23
\$25,000 to \$39,999	61
\$40,000 to \$49,999	40
\$50,000 to \$99,999	96
\$100,000 to \$249,999	90
\$250,000 to \$499,999	74
\$500,000 or more	29
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	81,717
Average per farm (\$)	98,100
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	10,314
Average per farm (\$)	12,382

Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Farming	537
Other	293
Principal operators by sex:	
Male	734
Female	96
Average age of principal operator (years)	55.2
All operators <sup>2</sup> by race:	
White	1,177
Black or African American	-
American Indian or Alaska Native	1
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
Asian	-
More than one race	-
All operators <sup>2</sup> of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin	9

(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.