



# Strategic Agricultural Visioning and Economic Development Clark County



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Census of Agriculture	Year			Pct. Chg. 1992-2002
	1992	1997	2002	
<b>Farm Characteristics</b>				
Number of Farms	685	603	581	(15.2)
Land in Farms (acres)	259,923	268,818	275,318	5.9
Average Size of Farm (acres)	379	446	474	25.1
Percent of Land:				
Harvested Cropland	78.1	78.5	81.6	4.4
Pasture	7.1	6.6	3.5	(50.0)
Woodland	9.9	11.0	9.3	(5.8)
Used for House Lots, Ponds, Roads, Wasteland, Etc.	4.9	3.8	5.6	13.7
Estimated Market Value of Land and Buildings:				
Average Per Farm	\$478,172	\$651,155	\$783,541	63.9
Inflation Adjusted (1992=100.0)	\$478,172	\$569,191	\$611,043	27.8
Average Per Acre	\$1,210	\$1,499	\$1,950	61.2
Inflation Adjusted (1992=100.0)	\$1,210	\$1,310	\$1,521	25.7
<b>Farm Production Characteristics</b>				
Market Value of Agricultural Products Sold (\$1,000)	\$57,686	\$63,239	\$59,622	3.4
Rank In State (1=Selling Most and 102=Selling Least)	55	59	55	-
Average Per Farm	\$84,213	\$104,874	\$102,620	21.9
Inflation Adjusted (1992=100.0)	\$84,213	\$91,673	\$80,028	(5.0)
Crops, Including Nursery and Greenhouse Crops (\$1,000)	\$48,786	\$55,133	\$50,583	3.7
Livestock, Poultry, and Their Products (\$1,000)	\$8,900	\$8,107	\$9,039	1.6
Number of Farms Selling Livestock:				
Cattle and Calves	220	176	115	(47.7)
Hogs and Pigs	98	54	24	(75.5)
Number of Livestock Sold:				
Cattle and Calves	3,537	2,778	1,751	(50.5)
Hogs and Pigs	32,351	52,620	96,199	197.4
Number of Farms with Harvested Crops:				
Corn for Grain or Seed	505	418	324	(35.8)
Corn for Silage or Green Chop	21	21	8	(61.9)
Wheat for Grain	217	170	47	(78.3)
Soybeans for Beans	502	400	348	(30.7)
Acres Harvested:				
Corn for Grain or Seed	93,749	100,006	99,892	6.6
Corn for Silage or Green Chop	637	438	104	(83.7)
Wheat for Grain	11,474	11,303	3,551	(69.1)
Soybeans for Beans	91,915	97,874	116,716	27.0
Quantity of Harvested Crops:				
Corn for Grain or Seed (bushels)	14,688,566	11,920,541	11,685,290	(20.4)
Corn for Silage or Green Chop (tons, greens)	10,045	5,279	1,370	(86.4)
Wheat for Grain (bushels)	543,574	619,780	180,200	(66.8)
Soybeans for Beans (bushels)	3,696,628	3,794,491	4,502,348	21.8
Consumer Price Index (1992=100)	100.0	114.4	128.2	28.2

Clark County Census of Population and Housing	Year		Change 1990-2000	Pct. Chg. 1990-2000
	1990	2000		
<b>Population</b>	15,921	17,008	1,087	6.8
<b>Civilian Labor Force (Population 16 Years and Over)</b>				
Employed	7,026	7,890	864	12.3
Unemployed	580	396	-184	-31.7
Rate	7.6	4.8	-2.8	-37.3
<b>Industry Employment</b>				
Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing, Hunting, and Mining	732	357	-375	-51.2
Manufacturing	1,500	2,077	577	38.5
Wholesale and Retail Trade	1,474	1,051	-423	-28.7
Finance, Insurance, Real Estate (F/I/RE)	337	297	-40	-11.9
Services	1,894	2,677	783	41.3
Public Administration	160	265	105	65.6
Other*	929	1,166	237	25.5

\*Other consists of construction, transportation and warehousing, utilities, and information.

Clark County Illinois Department of Revenue	Year		Change 1998-2001	Pct. Chg. 1998-2001
	1998	2001		
<b>Equalized Assessed Value (EAV)</b>				
Total	\$132,375,196	\$154,692,000	22,316,804	16.9
Residential	63,239,752	78,817,000	15,577,248	24.6
Farm	49,236,553	48,672,000	-564,553	-1.1
Commercial	16,475,463	23,979,000	7,503,537	45.5
Industrial	1,856,899	2,352,000	495,101	26.7
Railroad	1,312,792	645,000	-667,792	-50.9
Mineral	253,737	226,000	-27,737	-10.9

State of Illinois Illinois Agricultural Statistics	Year			
	2000	2001	2002	2003
Cost to Grow Corn				
Yield	158	161	145	174
Cost Per Bushel	\$2.63	\$2.61	\$2.76	\$2.27
Annual Average Price	\$1.91	\$2.05	\$2.35	\$2.45
Management Margin	-\$0.72	-\$0.56	-\$0.41	\$0.18
Cost to Grow Soybeans				
Yield	47	48	48	38
Cost Per Bushel	\$7.29	\$6.99	\$6.79	\$8.42
Annual Average Price	\$4.62	\$4.50	\$5.66	\$7.35
Management Margin	-\$2.67	-\$2.49	-\$1.13	-\$1.07
Livestock Returns above Cost of Feed and Purchased Animals				
Hogs (per cwt.)	\$22.59	\$21.36	\$10.68	\$15.25
Feeder Pigs (per cwt.)	\$11.12	\$14.31	\$5.61	\$9.45
Feeder Cattle (per cwt.)	\$16.87	\$10.21	\$10.85	\$37.82
Dairy (per cow)	\$1,239	\$1,845	\$1,370	\$1,480
Beef Herd Calves Sold (per cow)	\$78	\$104	\$58	\$102

#### Agricultural Exports (State of Illinois)

Economic Research Service, USDA	Year			2004 as % of total
	2002	2003	2004	
<b>Commodities (\$Million)</b>				
Feed grains & products	1,055.4	994.1	1,340.2	36.7%
Soybeans & products	1,212.2	1,361.2	1,397.8	38.3%
Live animals & meat (exc. poultry)	273.9	269.8	247.0	6.8%
Wheat & products	115.6	109.0	152.6	4.2%
Feeds & fodders	56.0	55.2	57.2	1.6%
Hides & skins	48.0	48.5	51.1	1.4%
Seeds	11.9	6.4	6.3	0.2%
Fats, oils, & greases	14.1	17.0	20.6	0.6%
Other	331.8	341.3	381.5	10.4%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>3,118.8</b>	<b>3,202.5</b>	<b>3,654.4</b>	

## Area Profile Comparison

Characteristic	Regional County Comparisons					
	Clark	Crawford	Jasper	Cumberland	Coles	Edgar
<b>Farm Characteristics</b>						
Land in Farms (acres), 2002	275,318	213,661	271,329	173,363	261,138	355,035
Change from 1997 to 2002	2.4%	2.3%	7.6%	2.1%	1.6%	0.7%
Average Size of Farms (acres), 2002	474	377	343	297	382	532
Change from 1997 to 2002	6.3%	-14.7%	-0.9%	-4.2%	1.3%	15.7%
Farming as Principal Occupation, 2002	354	316	537	357	451	470
Change from 1997 to 2002	-8.5%	-0.9%	8.5%	3.8%	3.7%	-17.4%
<b>Farm Production Characteristics</b>						
Market Value of Agricultural Products Sold, 2002 (\$1,000)	59,622	45,637	68,898	50,778	60,989	139,648
Change from 1997 to 2002	-5.7%	-12.2%	-19.9%	-5.7%	-16.3%	-15.6%
Percentage of Value From:						
Crop Sales, 2002	84.8%	82.3%	63.9%	61.8%	92.4%	0.0%
Livestock Sales, 2002	15.2%	17.7%	36.1%	38.2%	7.6%	0.0%
Average Market Value of Products Sold Per Farm	\$102,620	\$80,489	\$87,102	\$87,097	\$89,166	\$209,367
Change from 1997 to 2002	-2.1%	-26.8%	-26.2%	-11.6%	-16.7%	-3.0%
<b>Illinois Agricultural Statistics 2003</b>						
Yield						
Corn	155	144	147	159	170	168
Soybeans	41	39	40	42	46	42
Cattle and Hog Sold						
Cattle and Calves Sold	1,751	1,382	5,190	6,600	4,933	5,548
Hogs Sold	96,199	35,047	275,556	208,834	6,282	-

Characteristic	Regional County Comparisons				State of Illinois	Nine County Regional Averages
	Douglas	Shelby	Effingham	Richland		
<b>Farm Characteristics</b>						
Land in Farms (acres), 2002	232,690	419,814	278,199	209,273	27,204,780	268,982
Change from 1997 to 2002	-6.8%	0.3%	8.3%	6.1%	-0.4%	2.2%
Average Size of Farms (acres), 2002	404	342	245	414	372	381
Change from 1997 to 2002	2.0%	2.1%	-1.2%	4.0%	0.5%	1.4%
Farming as Principal Occupation, 2002	415	806	653	323	41,645	468
Change from 1997 to 2002	-13.4%	2.7%	9.0%	5.2%	-13.0%	-0.8%
<b>Farm Production Characteristics</b>						
Market Value of Agricultural Products Sold, 2002 (\$1,000)	62,612	94,959	72,294	53,020	8,556,486	70,846
Change from 1997 to 2002	-22.1%	-15.6%	-8.5%	-10.8%	-10.3%	-14.1%
Percentage of Value From:						
Crop Sales, 2002	90.7%	77.1%	52.6%	56.7%	76.5%	59.0%
Livestock Sales, 2002	9.3%	22.9%	47.4%	43.3%	23.5%	21.3%
Average Market Value of Products Sold Per Farm	\$108,701	\$77,328	\$63,752	\$104,782	\$117,130	\$101,040
Change from 1997 to 2002	-14.8%	-14.1%	-16.5%	-12.7%	-10.3%	-13.5%
<b>Illinois Agricultural Statistics 2003</b>						
Yield						
Corn	177	160	151	117	129	155
Soybeans	42	41	39	37	43	41
Cattle and Hog Sold						
Cattle and Calves Sold	1,459	11,390	10,447	2,190	659,000	5,089
Hogs Sold	39,148	111,580	213,772	194,156	8,339,000	118,057

## 2002 Agriculture Facts

### National:

- In 2002, the number of farms in the United States was estimated at 2,128,982, down 1.98% from 2001.
- Total agricultural land in U.S. farms in 2002 was 938.279 million acres, down from 941.21 million in 2001. Land in farms has declined every year since reaching its peak at 1,206 million acres in 1954.

### Illinois:

- 73,027 farms in Illinois contained 27.31 million acres of land.
- Average farm size was 374 acres.
- In 2002, cropland cash rent was \$122/acre.
- As of 2002, the average per acre nominal value of farm real estate was \$2,425/acre.
- Corn production totaled 1418.9 billion bushels, down 14.02 percent from 2001.
- The average yield for corn was 136 bu/acre.
- According to the Illinois Corn Growers Association, Investment by the ethanol industry in Illinois exceeds \$1 billion, generating 800 jobs in plant operations and 4,000 jobs in the industry-related service sector.
- Soybean production totaled 439 million bushels, 8.14% lower than 2001.
- Soybeans yielded an average of 43 bu/acre.
- Illinois pork producers produced 11,178,721 hogs.
- Cattle and calf production totaled 917,251 heads.
- During the fiscal year ending September 30, 2004, Illinois' export shares totaled \$3.654 billion dollars, which ranked Illinois 3rd among all states in total agricultural exports. During the same year, Illinois ranked 1st in the export in soybeans and products, 2nd of feed grains and products, and 7th in live animals and meat.

### Clark County

- 11.7 million bushels of corn were produced on 99,892 acres resulting in an average yield of 122 bu/acre. Total cash receipts were \$26.8 million.
- 4.5 million bushels of soybeans were produced on 116,716 acres resulting in an average yield of 43.0 bu/acre. Total cash receipts were \$20.7 million.
- 44,900 was the number of hogs and pigs with cash receipts for hogs and pigs totaling \$9.5 million.
- 2,300 was the number of beef cows with cash receipts totaling \$1.4 million.

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