



Strategic Agricultural Visioning and Economic Development Fulton County



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Census of Agriculture	Year			Pct. Chg. 1992-2002
	1992	1997	2002	
Farm Characteristics				
Number of Farms	1,165	1,101	1,055	(9.4)
Land in Farms (acres)	431,415	424,942	413,415	(4.2)
Average Size of Farm (acres)	370	386	392	5.9
Percent of Land:				
Harvested Cropland	63.1	68.1	68.5	8.5
Pasture	18.8	15.8	17.1	(9.2)
Woodland	15.2	13.1	13.5	(11.3)
Used for House Lots, Ponds, Roads, Wasteland, Etc.	2.9	3.0	1.0	(67.1)
Estimated Market Value of Land and Buildings:				
Average Per Farm	\$390,751	\$584,093	\$746,430	91.0
Inflation Adjusted (1992=100.0)	\$390,751	\$510,571	\$582,102	49.0
Average Per Acre	\$1,057	\$1,534	\$1,886	78.4
Inflation Adjusted (1992=100.0)	\$1,057	\$1,341	\$1,471	39.1
Farm Production Characteristics				
Market Value of Agricultural Products Sold (\$1,000)	\$85,618	\$98,853	\$90,089	5.2
Rank In State (1=Selling Most and 102=Selling Least)	35	37	35	-
Average Per Farm	\$73,492	\$89,785	\$85,393	16.2
Inflation Adjusted (1992=100.0)	\$73,492	\$78,483	\$66,594	(9.4)
Crops, Including Nursery and Greenhouse Crops (\$1,000)	\$61,381	\$79,955	\$67,352	9.7
Livestock, Poultry, and Their Products (\$1,000)	\$24,237	\$18,899	\$22,737	(6.2)
Number of Farms Selling Livestock:				
Cattle and Calves	554	516	374	(32.5)
Hogs and Pigs	173	82	44	(74.6)
Number of Livestock Sold:				
Cattle and Calves	22,015	17,013	16,389	(25.6)
Hogs and Pigs	50,696	77,599	123,870	144.3
Number of Farms with Harvested Crops:				
Corn for Grain or Seed	831	769	665	(20.0)
Corn for Silage or Green Chop	45	39	35	(22.2)
Wheat for Grain	260	173	80	(69.2)
Soybeans for Beans	794	778	654	(17.6)
Acres Harvested:				
Corn for Grain or Seed	136,118	142,390	138,904	2.0
Corn for Silage or Green Chop	1,282	1,129	923	(28.0)
Wheat for Grain	10,665	6,488	2,301	(78.4)
Soybeans for Beans	112,823	128,347	129,281	14.6
Quantity of Harvested Crops:				
Corn for Grain or Seed (bushels)	18,969,816	18,156,832	19,231,858	1.4
Corn for Silage or Green Chop (tons, greens)	20,470	22,720	15,137	(26.1)
Wheat for Grain (bushels)	499,572	332,277	128,497	(74.3)
Soybeans for Beans (bushels)	4,631,620	5,304,060	5,468,040	18.1
Consumer Price Index (1992=100)	100.0	114.4	128.2	28.2

Fulton County Census of Population and Housing	Year		Change 1990-2000	Pct. Chg. 1990-2000
	1990	2000		
Population	38,080	38,250	170	0.4
Civilian Labor Force (Population 16 Years and Over)				
Employed	14,595	16,137	1,542	10.6
Unemployed	1,428	1,154	-274	-19.2
Rate	8.9	6.7	-2.2	-25.1
Industry Employment				
Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing, Hunting, and Mining	1,196	813	-383	-32.0
Manufacturing	2,890	2,711	-179	-6.2
Wholesale and Retail Trade	3,075	2,368	-707	-23.0
Finance, Insurance, Real Estate (F/I/RE)	606	688	82	13.5
Services	4,511	6,466	1,955	43.3
Public Administration	542	862	320	59.0
Other*	1,775	2,229	454	25.6

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

Fulton County Illinois Department of Revenue	Year		Change 1998-2001	Pct. Chg. 1998-2001
	1998	2001		
Equalized Assessed Value (EAV)				
Total	\$283,281,065	\$320,712,000	37,430,935	13.2
Residential	144,025,579	176,727,000	32,701,421	22.7
Farm	88,693,955	90,953,000	2,259,045	2.5
Commercial	29,264,802	34,355,000	5,090,198	17.4
Industrial	17,822,527	14,169,000	-3,653,527	-20.5
Railroad	3,458,242	4,492,000	1,033,758	29.9
Mineral	15,960	16,000	40	0.3

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	
Commodities (\$Million)				
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%
TOTAL	3,118.8	3,202.5	3,654.4	

Area Profile Comparison

Characteristic	Regional County Comparisons					
	Fulton	Schuyler	McDonough	Warren	Knox	Peoria
Farm Characteristics						
Land in Farms (acres), 2002	413,415	207,446	324,724	326,912	393,976	266,280
Change from 1997 to 2002	-2.7%	-0.7%	-4.5%	3.8%	1.1%	-0.4%
Average Size of Farms (acres), 2002	392	386	432	516	428	299
Change from 1997 to 2002	1.6%	-11.9%	4.6%	16.2%	1.9%	3.5%
Farming as Principal Occupation, 2002	677	315	474	485	605	566
Change from 1997 to 2002	-2.3%	2.9%	-17.6%	-19.6%	-12.4%	11.9%
Farm Production Characteristics						
Market Value of Agricultural Products Sold, 2002 (\$1,000)	90,089	41,854	82,477	106,200	129,655	77,617
Change from 1997 to 2002	-8.9%	5.3%	-14.8%	1.1%	-0.5%	0.6%
Percentage of Value From:						
Crop Sales, 2002	74.8%	68.0%	86.8%	77.9%	67.1%	81.2%
Livestock Sales, 2002	25.2%	32.0%	13.2%	22.1%	33.0%	18.8%
Average Market Value of Products Sold Per Farm	\$85,393	\$77,795	\$109,676	\$167,773	\$140,777	\$87,015
Change from 1997 to 2002	-4.9%	-6.6%	-6.7%	13.4%	0.3%	4.2%
Illinois Agricultural Statistics 2003						
Yield						
Corn	166	171	179	183	181	177
Soybeans	40	42	43	42	38	38
Cattle and Hog Sold						
Cattle and Calves Sold	16,389	6,815	10,004	15,212	19,309	8,120
Hogs Sold	123,870	-	56,551	155,931	417,707	37,331

Characteristic	Regional County Comparisons				State of Illinois	Nine County Regional Averages
	Tazewell	Mason	Cass	Hancock		
Farm Characteristics						
Land in Farms (acres), 2002	327,236	285,097	198,559	431,823	27,204,780	317,547
Change from 1997 to 2002	-0.3%	-2.2%	3.3%	-1.5%	-0.4%	-0.7%
Average Size of Farms (acres), 2002	356	644	465	394	372	431
Change from 1997 to 2002	-1.4%	7.3%	0.9%	2.1%	0.5%	2.7%
Farming as Principal Occupation, 2002	582	308	289	754	41,645	506
Change from 1997 to 2002	-9.3%	-13.2%	-0.7%	-2.6%	-13.0%	-7.0%
Farm Production Characteristics						
Market Value of Agricultural Products Sold, 2002 (\$1,000)	106,697	72,472	63,929	116,862	8,556,486	88,785
Change from 1997 to 2002	-13.4%	-14.1%	-13.8%	-7.2%	-10.3%	-7.1%
Percentage of Value From:						
Crop Sales, 2002	83.8%	93.2%	66.8%	69.6%	76.5%	76.7%
Livestock Sales, 2002	16.2%	6.8%	33.2%	30.4%	23.5%	23.3%
Average Market Value of Products Sold Per Farm	\$116,227	\$163,594	\$149,717	\$106,723	\$117,130	\$120,469
Change from 1997 to 2002	-14.2%	-5.8%	-15.8%	-3.6%	-10.3%	-4.4%
Illinois Agricultural Statistics 2003						
Yield						
Corn	188	175	183	171	129	177
Soybeans	38	41	44	42	43	41
Cattle and Hog Sold						
Cattle and Calves Sold	4,492	3,523	6,998	23,933	659,000	11,480
Hogs Sold	147,779	30,845	227,695	337,456	8,339,000	153,517

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.

Fulton County

- 19.2 million bushels of corn were produced on 138,904 acres resulting in an average yield of 157 bu/acre. Total cash receipts were \$41.3 million.
- 5.5 million bushels of soybeans were produced on 129,281 acres resulting in an average yield of 42.0 bu/acre. Total cash receipts were \$28.9 million.
- 74,700 was the number of hogs and pigs with cash receipts for hogs and pigs totaling \$14.0 million.
- 18,000 was the number of beef cows with cash receipts totaling \$9.9 million.

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