



Strategic Agricultural Visioning and Economic Development Kankakee County



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Census of Agriculture	Year			Pct. Chg. 1992-2002
	1992	1997	2002	
Farm Characteristics				
Number of Farms	928	831	722	(22.2)
Land in Farms (acres)	358,920	351,567	347,161	(3.3)
Average Size of Farm (acres)	387	423	481	24.3
Percent of Land:				
Harvested Cropland	91.0	93.9	93.9	3.2
Pasture	1.2	1.4	1.1	(9.0)
Woodland	1.3	0.7	0.9	(26.4)
Used for House Lots, Ponds, Roads, Wasteland, Etc.	6.6	4.0	4.1	(37.7)
Estimated Market Value of Land and Buildings:				
Average Per Farm	\$732,634	\$1,102,218	\$1,342,239	83.2
Inflation Adjusted (1992=100.0)	\$732,634	\$963,477	\$1,046,743	42.9
Average Per Acre	\$2,010	\$2,759	\$2,812	39.9
Inflation Adjusted (1992=100.0)	\$2,010	\$2,412	\$2,193	9.1
Farm Production Characteristics				
Market Value of Agricultural Products Sold (\$1,000)	\$105,208	\$132,882	\$119,960	14.0
Rank In State (1=Selling Most and 102=Selling Least)	20	17	20	-
Average Per Farm	\$113,371	\$159,906	\$166,150	46.6
Inflation Adjusted (1992=100.0)	\$113,371	\$139,778	\$129,572	14.3
Crops, Including Nursery and Greenhouse Crops (\$1,000)	\$93,776	\$118,240	\$110,359	17.7
Livestock, Poultry, and Their Products (\$1,000)	\$11,432	\$14,642	\$9,601	(16.0)
Number of Farms Selling Livestock:				
Cattle and Calves	146	103	71	(51.4)
Hogs and Pigs	95	53	24	(74.7)
Number of Livestock Sold:				
Cattle and Calves	4,313	5,097	3,976	(7.8)
Hogs and Pigs	28,703	50,317	37,358	30.2
Number of Farms with Harvested Crops:				
Corn for Grain or Seed	752	664	519	(31.0)
Corn for Silage or Green Chop	39	21	12	(69.2)
Wheat for Grain	35	106	83	137.1
Soybeans for Beans	722	621	515	(28.7)
Acres Harvested:				
Corn for Grain or Seed	182,399	176,339	167,548	(8.1)
Corn for Silage or Green Chop	777	673	310	(60.1)
Wheat for Grain	1,044	4,746	3,735	257.8
Soybeans for Beans	129,159	133,859	143,260	10.9
Quantity of Harvested Crops:				
Corn for Grain or Seed (bushels)	24,303,166	22,428,064	21,852,334	(10.1)
Corn for Silage or Green Chop (tons, greens)	11,046	10,875	5,543	(49.8)
Wheat for Grain (bushels)	46,477	306,711	244,732	426.6
Soybeans for Beans (bushels)	5,313,886	5,652,965	5,931,087	11.6
Consumer Price Index (1992=100)	100.0	114.4	128.2	28.2

Kankakee County Census of Population and Housing	Year		Change 1990-2000	Pct. Chg. 1990-2000
	1990	2000		
Population	96,255	103,833	7,578	7.9
Civilian Labor Force (Population 16 Years and Over)				
Employed	42,205	48,227	6,022	14.3
Unemployed	3,243	3,321	78	2.4
Rate	7.1	6.4	-0.7	-9.7
Industry Employment				
Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing, Hunting, and Mining	1,233	788	-445	-36.1
Manufacturing	8,997	7,842	-1,155	-12.8
Wholesale and Retail Trade	9,006	8,792	-214	-2.4
Finance, Insurance, Real Estate (F/I/RE)	2,186	2,460	274	12.5
Services	14,456	19,043	4,587	31.7
Public Administration	1,315	1,746	431	32.8
Other*	5,012	7,556	2,544	50.8

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

Kankakee County Illinois Department of Revenue	Year		Change 1998-2001	Pct. Chg. 1998-2001
	1998	2001		
Equalized Assessed Value (EAV)				
Total	\$1,059,065,406	\$1,314,924,000	255,858,594	24.2
Residential	686,083,332	793,707,000	107,623,668	15.7
Farm	133,480,707	159,557,000	26,076,293	19.5
Commercial	178,697,677	283,150,000	104,452,323	58.5
Industrial	52,954,533	70,964,000	18,009,467	34.0
Railroad	7,849,157	7,547,000	-302,157	-3.8
Mineral	0	0	0	NA

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					
	Kankakee	Iroquois	Ford	Livingston	Grundy	Will
Farm Characteristics						
Land in Farms (acres), 2002	347,161	678,918	286,069	636,406	213,467	265,490
Change from 1997 to 2002	-1.3%	1.8%	-9.1%	3.7%	6.0%	-9.6%
Average Size of Farms (acres), 2002	481	490	540	479	524	320
Change from 1997 to 2002	13.7%	2.3%	-5.6%	7.6%	20.5%	-0.9%
Farming as Principal Occupation, 2002	521	1049	394	991	296	537
Change from 1997 to 2002	-14.6%	-3.9%	-10.9%	-8.7%	27.6%	-9.9%
Farm Production Characteristics						
Market Value of Agricultural Products Sold, 2002 (\$1,000)	119,960	228,561	82,376	183,266	52,765	82,221
Change from 1997 to 2002	-9.7%	-4.8%	-17.7%	-14.2%	-10.9%	-23.3%
Percentage of Value From:						
Crop Sales, 2002	92.0%	81.4%	87.7%	82.4%	94.1%	93.0%
Livestock Sales, 2002	8.0%	18.6%	12.3%	17.6%	5.9%	7.0%
Average Market Value of Products Sold Per Farm	\$166,150	\$164,907	\$155,426	\$137,794	\$129,643	\$99,062
Change from 1997 to 2002	3.9%	-4.3%	-14.6%	-11.0%	1.3%	-15.9%
Illinois Agricultural Statistics 2003						
Yield						
Corn	159	158	170	168	174	160
Soybeans	33	30	31	31	37	36
Cattle and Hog Sold						
Cattle and Calves Sold	3,976	18,284	5,992	3,598	1,823	1,761
Hogs Sold	37,358	75,511	47,575	276,409	13,474	26,403

Characteristic	Regional County Comparisons				State of Illinois	Nine County Regional Averages
	Kendall	La Salle	McLean	Vermilion		
Farm Characteristics						
Land in Farms (acres), 2002	168,082	579,141	688,063	449,964	27,204,780	431,276
Change from 1997 to 2002	0.4%	-1.5%	-1.2%	-7.2%	-0.4%	-1.5%
Average Size of Farms (acres), 2002	408	392	477	495	372	461
Change from 1997 to 2002	7.4%	5.4%	1.1%	0.4%	0.5%	4.8%
Farming as Principal Occupation, 2002	296	1084	991	633	41,645	679
Change from 1997 to 2002	-6.0%	-1.9%	-9.2%	-14.3%	-13.0%	-7.1%
Farm Production Characteristics						
Market Value of Agricultural Products Sold, 2002 (\$1,000)	58,131	161,703	207,171	124,716	8,556,486	130,087
Change from 1997 to 2002	-1.1%	-11.7%	-13.0%	-11.0%	-10.3%	-11.7%
Percentage of Value From:						
Crop Sales, 2002	89.0%	90.5%	86.8%	93.6%	76.5%	87.7%
Livestock Sales, 2002	11.0%	9.5%	13.2%	6.4%	23.5%	12.3%
Average Market Value of Products Sold Per Farm	\$141,094	\$109,407	\$143,669	\$137,202	\$117,130	\$138,435
Change from 1997 to 2002	5.9%	-5.6%	-11.1%	-3.7%	-10.3%	-5.7%
Illinois Agricultural Statistics 2003						
Yield						
Corn	171	162	182	165	129	167
Soybeans	36	34	35	37	43	34
Cattle and Hog Sold						
Cattle and Calves Sold	2,471	13,854	7,664	5,142	659,000	6,457
Hogs Sold	55,089	35,706	244,149	54,151	8,339,000	86,583

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.

Kankakee County

- 21.9 million bushels of corn were produced on 167,548 acres resulting in an average yield of 130 bu/acre. Total cash receipts were \$52.9 million.
- 5.9 million bushels of soybeans were produced on 143,260 acres resulting in an average yield of 42.0 bu/acre. Total cash receipts were \$30.4 million.
- 18,600 was the number of hogs and pigs with cash receipts for hogs and pigs totaling \$3.5 million.
- 0 was the number of beef cows with cash receipts totaling \$4.2 million.

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