



# Strategic Agricultural Visioning and Economic Development La Salle County



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Census of Agriculture	Year			Pct. Chg. 1992-2002
	1992	1997	2002	
<b>Farm Characteristics</b>				
Number of Farms	1,669	1,581	1,478	(11.4)
Land in Farms (acres)	612,112	587,676	579,141	(5.4)
Average Size of Farm (acres)	367	372	392	6.8
Percent of Land:				
Harvested Cropland	89.3	91.4	91.8	2.8
Pasture	2.6	2.6	2.7	2.3
Woodland	2.1	2.6	2.3	7.9
Used for House Lots, Ponds, Roads, Wasteland, Etc.	5.9	3.3	3.2	(45.5)
Estimated Market Value of Land and Buildings:				
Average Per Farm	\$761,637	\$1,013,034	\$1,302,657	71.0
Inflation Adjusted (1992=100.0)	\$761,637	\$885,519	\$1,015,875	33.4
Average Per Acre	\$2,047	\$2,855	\$3,106	51.7
Inflation Adjusted (1992=100.0)	\$2,047	\$2,496	\$2,422	18.3
<b>Farm Production Characteristics</b>				
Market Value of Agricultural Products Sold (\$1,000)	\$158,028	\$183,148	\$161,703	2.3
Rank In State (1=Selling Most and 102=Selling Least)	7	7	8	14.3
Average Per Farm	\$94,684	\$115,843	\$109,407	15.5
Inflation Adjusted (1992=100.0)	\$94,684	\$101,261	\$85,321	(9.9)
Crops, Including Nursery and Greenhouse Crops (\$1,000)	\$137,686	\$165,000	\$146,335	6.3
Livestock, Poultry, and Their Products (\$1,000)	\$20,342	\$18,149	\$15,368	(24.5)
Number of Farms Selling Livestock:				
Cattle and Calves	302	274	196	(35.1)
Hogs and Pigs	134	88	47	(64.9)
Number of Livestock Sold:				
Cattle and Calves	14,133	12,718	13,854	(2.0)
Hogs and Pigs	48,693	78,000	35,706	(26.7)
Number of Farms with Harvested Crops:				
Corn for Grain or Seed	1,416	1,296	1,121	(20.8)
Corn for Silage or Green Chop	71	41	54	(23.9)
Wheat for Grain	21	59	37	76.2
Soybeans for Beans	1,381	1,243	1,081	(21.7)
Acres Harvested:				
Corn for Grain or Seed	287,432	274,887	270,021	(6.1)
Corn for Silage or Green Chop	4,090	1,112	2,197	(46.3)
Wheat for Grain	939	1,873	1,526	62.5
Soybeans for Beans	243,328	249,179	247,094	1.5
Quantity of Harvested Crops:				
Corn for Grain or Seed (bushels)	42,403,608	35,521,124	36,257,115	(14.5)
Corn for Silage or Green Chop (tons, greens)	81,512	16,958	29,471	(63.8)
Wheat for Grain (bushels)	44,581	120,851	107,393	140.9
Soybeans for Beans (bushels)	10,688,999	10,910,329	10,825,823	1.3
Consumer Price Index (1992=100)	100.0	114.4	128.2	28.2

La Salle County Census of Population and Housing	Year		Change 1990-2000	Pct. Chg. 1990-2000
	1990	2000		
<b>Population</b>	106,913	111,509	4,596	4.3
<b>Civilian Labor Force (Population 16 Years and Over)</b>				
Employed	45,938	51,042	5,104	11.1
Unemployed	3,618	2,903	-715	-19.8
Rate	7.3	5.4	-1.9	-26.3
<b>Industry Employment</b>				
Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing, Hunting, and Mining	2,124	1,656	-468	-22.0
Manufacturing	11,033	9,785	-1,248	-11.3
Wholesale and Retail Trade	10,368	8,753	-1,615	-15.6
Finance, Insurance, Real Estate (F/I/RE)	1,948	2,290	342	17.6
Services	12,465	18,112	5,647	45.3
Public Administration	1,490	1,908	418	28.1
Other*	6,510	8,538	2,028	31.2

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

La Salle County Illinois Department of Revenue	Year		Change 1998-2001	Pct. Chg. 1998-2001
	1998	2001		
<b>Equalized Assessed Value (EAV)</b>				
Total	\$1,556,585,908	\$1,840,013,000	283,427,092	18.2
Residential	803,604,869	904,961,000	101,356,131	12.6
Farm	238,178,003	249,330,000	11,151,997	4.7
Commercial	443,827,496	606,051,000	162,223,504	36.6
Industrial	63,169,776	70,585,000	7,415,224	11.7
Railroad	7,675,395	8,956,000	1,280,605	16.7
Mineral	130,369	130,000	-369	-0.3

State of Illinois Illinois Agricultural Statistics	Year			
	2000	2001	2002	2003
<b>Cost to Grow Corn</b>				
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
<b>Cost to Grow Soybeans</b>				
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
<b>Livestock Returns above Cost of Feed and Purchased Animals</b>				
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					
	La Salle	Woodford	Marshall	Putnam	Bureau	Lee
<b>Farm Characteristics</b>						
Land in Farms (acres), 2002	579,141	309,591	191,323	71,265	491,180	389,037
Change from 1997 to 2002	-1.5%	3.3%	-15.9%	-7.4%	1.5%	-1.0%
Average Size of Farms (acres), 2002	392	337	421	407	450	462
Change from 1997 to 2002	5.4%	3.7%	-8.7%	0.5%	7.4%	6.2%
Farming as Principal Occupation, 2002	1084	609	331	113	817	625
Change from 1997 to 2002	-1.9%	9.7%	-4.6%	-7.4%	-3.4%	-10.1%
<b>Farm Production Characteristics</b>						
Market Value of Agricultural Products Sold, 2002 (\$1,000)	161,703	103,825	52,502	42,503	203,923	129,461
Change from 1997 to 2002	-11.7%	-3.2%	-22.4%	1.3%	2.5%	-5.0%
Percentage of Value From:						
Crop Sales, 2002	90.5%	75.2%	88.8%	93.7%	84.9%	83.5%
Livestock Sales, 2002	9.5%	24.8%	11.2%	6.3%	15.1%	16.5%
Average Market Value of Products Sold Per Farm	\$109,407	\$112,976	\$115,642	\$242,876	\$186,914	\$153,754
Change from 1997 to 2002	-5.6%	-2.8%	-15.5%	9.9%	8.5%	2.0%
<b>Illinois Agricultural Statistics 2003</b>						
Yield						
Corn	162	187	173	177	175	152
Soybeans	34	35	34	36	37	30
Cattle and Hog Sold						
Cattle and Calves Sold	13,854	4,383	4,324	1,443	18,158	15,066
Hogs Sold	35,706	180,423	33,173	15,062	188,200	96,148

Characteristic	Regional County Comparisons				State of Illinois	Nine County Regional Averages
	De Kalb	Kendall	Grundy	Livingston		
<b>Farm Characteristics</b>						
Land in Farms (acres), 2002	359,352	168,082	213,467	636,406	27,204,780	340,884
Change from 1997 to 2002	-2.4%	0.4%	6.0%	3.7%	-0.4%	-0.3%
Average Size of Farms (acres), 2002	440	408	524	479	372	432
Change from 1997 to 2002	-1.1%	7.4%	20.5%	7.6%	0.5%	4.8%
Farming as Principal Occupation, 2002	629	296	296	991	41,645	579
Change from 1997 to 2002	-5.7%	-6.0%	27.6%	-8.7%	-13.0%	-3.0%
<b>Farm Production Characteristics</b>						
Market Value of Agricultural Products Sold, 2002 (\$1,000)	174,540	58,131	52,765	183,266	8,556,486	116,262
Change from 1997 to 2002	-4.8%	-1.1%	-10.9%	-14.2%	-10.3%	-7.0%
Percentage of Value From:						
Crop Sales, 2002	53.3%	89.0%	94.1%	82.4%	76.5%	80.6%
Livestock Sales, 2002	46.7%	11.0%	5.9%	17.6%	23.5%	19.4%
Average Market Value of Products Sold Per Farm	\$213,897	\$141,094	\$129,643	\$137,794	\$117,130	\$154,400
Change from 1997 to 2002	-3.4%	5.9%	1.3%	-11.0%	-10.3%	-0.4%
<b>Illinois Agricultural Statistics 2003</b>						
Yield						
Corn	170	171	174	168	129	171
Soybeans	35	36	37	31	43	35
Cattle and Hog Sold						
Cattle and Calves Sold	45,843	2,471	1,823	3,598	659,000	11,096
Hogs Sold	588,222	55,089	13,474	276,409	8,339,000	148,191

## 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.

### La Salle County

- 36.3 million bushels of corn were produced on 270,021 acres resulting in an average yield of 137 bu/acre. Total cash receipts were \$3.6 million.
- 10.8 million bushels of soybeans were produced on 247,094 acres resulting in an average yield of 45.0 bu/acre. Total cash receipts were \$3.0 million.
- 17,200 was the number of hogs and pigs with cash receipts for hogs and pigs totaling \$2.8 million.
- 0 was the number of beef cows with cash receipts totaling \$0.0 million.

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