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Strategic Agricultural Visioning and Economic Development McLean County



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Census of Agriculture	Year			Pct. Chg. 1992-2002
	1992	1997	2002	
Farm Characteristics				
Number of Farms	1,616	1,475	1,442	(10.8)
Land in Farms (acres)	709,106	696,575	688,063	(3.0)
Average Size of Farm (acres)	439	472	477	8.7
Percent of Land:				
Harvested Cropland	90.2	93.2	93.5	3.7
Pasture	2.4	2.1	1.6	(32.4)
Woodland	0.9	1.2	1.2	41.5
Used for House Lots, Ponds, Roads, Wasteland, Etc.	6.5	3.4	3.6	(44.8)
Estimated Market Value of Land and Buildings:				
Average Per Farm	\$918,538	\$1,278,398	\$1,281,279	39.5
Inflation Adjusted (1992=100.0)	\$918,538	\$1,117,481	\$999,204	8.8
Average Per Acre	\$2,024	\$2,657	\$2,912	43.9
Inflation Adjusted (1992=100.0)	\$2,024	\$2,323	\$2,271	12.2
Farm Production Characteristics				
Market Value of Agricultural Products Sold (\$1,000)	\$198,213	\$238,243	\$207,171	4.5
Rank In State (1=Selling Most and 102=Selling Least)	1	2	2	100.0
Average Per Farm	\$122,657	\$161,521	\$143,669	17.1
Inflation Adjusted (1992=100.0)	\$122,657	\$141,190	\$112,040	(8.7)
Crops, Including Nursery and Greenhouse Crops (\$1,000)	\$169,164	\$211,958	\$179,861	6.3
Livestock, Poultry, and Their Products (\$1,000)	\$29,049	\$26,285	\$27,310	(6.0)
Number of Farms Selling Livestock:				
Cattle and Calves	297	241	210	(29.3)
Hogs and Pigs	159	113	88	(44.7)
Number of Livestock Sold:				
Cattle and Calves	15,050	9,536	7,664	(49.1)
Hogs and Pigs	84,753	150,790	244,149	188.1
Number of Farms with Harvested Crops:				
Corn for Grain or Seed	1,382	1,200	1,083	(21.6)
Corn for Silage or Green Chop	48	27	32	(33.3)
Wheat for Grain	17	58	37	117.6
Soybeans for Beans	1,339	1,173	1,077	(19.6)
Acres Harvested:				
Corn for Grain or Seed	331,888	333,205	326,970	(1.5)
Corn for Silage or Green Chop	1,824	791	1,659	(9.0)
Wheat for Grain	771	1,844	1,005	30.4
Soybeans for Beans	301,060	312,613	308,682	2.5
Quantity of Harvested Crops:				
Corn for Grain or Seed (bushels)	51,671,510	47,087,376	46,828,041	(9.4)
Corn for Silage or Green Chop (tons, greens)	33,282	14,463	30,413	(8.6)
Wheat for Grain (bushels)	26,477	122,233	67,160	153.7
Soybeans for Beans (bushels)	13,995,756	14,573,947	15,551,626	11.1
Consumer Price Index (1992=100)	100.0	114.4	128.2	28.2

McLean County Census of Population and Housing	Year		Change 1990-2000	Pct. Chg. 1990-2000
	1990	2000		
Population	129,180	150,433	21,253	16.5
Civilian Labor Force (Population 16 Years and Over)				
Employed	68,058	80,759	12,701	18.7
Unemployed	2,863	5,235	2,372	82.9
Rate	4.0	6.1	2.1	50.8
Industry Employment				
Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing, Hunting, and Mining	2,237	1,158	-1,079	-48.2
Manufacturing	7,463	7,122	-341	-4.6
Wholesale and Retail Trade	15,406	10,511	-4,895	-31.8
Finance, Insurance, Real Estate (F/I/RE)	11,066	16,728	5,662	51.2
Services	22,674	33,935	11,261	49.7
Public Administration	2,027	2,342	315	15.5
Other*	7,185	8,963	1,778	24.7

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

McLean County Illinois Department of Revenue	Year		Change 1998-2001	Pct. Chg. 1998-2001
	1998	2001		
Equalized Assessed Value (EAV)				
Total	\$2,040,230,728	\$2,467,640,000	427,409,272	20.9
Residential	1,191,456,770	1,453,170,000	261,713,230	22.0
Farm	260,601,433	268,510,000	7,908,567	3.0
Commercial	554,665,034	711,548,000	156,882,966	28.3
Industrial	26,749,279	28,762,000	2,012,721	7.5
Railroad	6,758,212	5,649,000	-1,109,212	-16.4
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					
	McLean	De Witt	Logan	Tazewell	Woodford	Livingston
Farm Characteristics						
Land in Farms (acres), 2002	688,063	202,699	358,767	327,236	309,591	636,406
Change from 1997 to 2002	-1.2%	-1.1%	-5.8%	-0.3%	3.3%	3.7%
Average Size of Farms (acres), 2002	477	442	518	356	337	479
Change from 1997 to 2002	1.1%	-0.2%	0.6%	-1.4%	3.7%	7.6%
Farming as Principal Occupation, 2002	991	315	507	582	609	991
Change from 1997 to 2002	-9.2%	-4.8%	-17.2%	-9.3%	9.7%	-8.7%
Farm Production Characteristics						
Market Value of Agricultural Products Sold, 2002 (\$1,000)	207,171	56,265	110,225	106,697	103,825	183,266
Change from 1997 to 2002	-13.0%	-18.3%	-17.3%	-13.4%	-3.2%	-14.2%
Percentage of Value From:						
Crop Sales, 2002	86.8%	88.9%	85.6%	83.8%	75.2%	82.4%
Livestock Sales, 2002	13.2%	11.1%	14.4%	16.2%	24.8%	17.6%
Average Market Value of Products Sold Per Farm	\$143,669	\$122,581	\$159,285	\$116,227	\$112,976	\$137,794
Change from 1997 to 2002	-11.1%	-17.5%	-11.7%	-14.2%	-2.8%	-11.0%
Illinois Agricultural Statistics 2003						
Yield						
Corn	182	181	189	188	187	168
Soybeans	35	39	40	38	35	31
Cattle and Hog Sold						
Cattle and Calves Sold	7,664	1,855	3,801	4,492	4,383	3,598
Hogs Sold	244,149	148,576	154,480	147,779	180,423	276,409

Characteristic	Regional County Comparisons				State of Illinois	Nine County Regional Averages
	Ford	Champaign	Piatt	La Salle		
Farm Characteristics						
Land in Farms (acres), 2002	286,069	577,066	257,869	579,141	27,204,780	422,291
Change from 1997 to 2002	-9.1%	1.7%	1.8%	-1.5%	-0.4%	-0.6%
Average Size of Farms (acres), 2002	540	449	583	392	372	457
Change from 1997 to 2002	-5.6%	8.5%	3.2%	5.4%	0.5%	2.0%
Farming as Principal Occupation, 2002	394	931	344	1084	41,645	675
Change from 1997 to 2002	-10.9%	-3.0%	-7.0%	-1.9%	-13.0%	-6.2%
Farm Production Characteristics						
Market Value of Agricultural Products Sold, 2002 (\$1,000)	82,376	168,243	71,605	161,703	8,556,486	125,138
Change from 1997 to 2002	-17.7%	-11.5%	-14.2%	-11.7%	-10.3%	-13.2%
Percentage of Value From:						
Crop Sales, 2002	87.7%	95.0%	96.1%	90.5%	76.5%	87.1%
Livestock Sales, 2002	12.3%	5.0%	3.9%	9.5%	23.5%	12.9%
Average Market Value of Products Sold Per Farm	\$155,426	\$130,928	\$162,002	\$109,407	\$117,130	\$135,030
Change from 1997 to 2002	-14.6%	-5.5%	-13.0%	-5.6%	-10.3%	-11.1%
Illinois Agricultural Statistics 2003						
Yield						
Corn	170	185	185	162	129	180
Soybeans	31	38	41	34	43	36
Cattle and Hog Sold						
Cattle and Calves Sold	5,992	5,704	1,713	13,854	659,000	5,306
Hogs Sold	47,575	46,817	14,172	35,706	8,339,000	129,609

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.

McLean County

- 46.8 million bushels of corn were produced on 326,970 acres resulting in an average yield of 145 bu/acre. Total cash receipts were \$111.4 million.
- 15.6 million bushels of soybeans were produced on 308,682 acres resulting in an average yield of 54.0 bu/acre. Total cash receipts were \$78.8 million.
- 93,500 was the number of hogs and pigs with cash receipts for hogs and pigs totaling \$18.5 million.
- 5,400 was the number of beef cows with cash receipts totaling \$4.5 million.

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