



Strategic Agricultural Visioning and Economic Development Will County



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Census of Agriculture	Year			Pct. Chg. 1992-2002
	1992	1997	2002	
Farm Characteristics				
Number of Farms	1,057	910	830	(21.5)
Land in Farms (acres)	325,227	293,526	265,490	(18.4)
Average Size of Farm (acres)	308	323	320	3.9
Percent of Land:				
Harvested Cropland	88.7	89.7	92.3	4.1
Pasture	2.3	2.9	2.1	(9.2)
Woodland	1.3	1.5	1.0	(24.5)
Used for House Lots, Ponds, Roads, Wasteland, Etc.	7.7	5.9	4.6	(40.3)
Estimated Market Value of Land and Buildings:				
Average Per Farm	\$814,339	\$1,090,920	\$1,417,074	74.0
Inflation Adjusted (1992=100.0)	\$814,339	\$953,601	\$1,105,103	35.7
Average Per Acre	\$2,563	\$3,714	\$4,652	81.5
Inflation Adjusted (1992=100.0)	\$2,563	\$3,247	\$3,628	41.5
Farm Production Characteristics				
Market Value of Agricultural Products Sold (\$1,000)	\$91,509	\$107,129	\$82,221	(10.1)
Rank In State (1=Selling Most and 102=Selling Least)	33	31	40	21.2
Average Per Farm	\$86,574	\$117,724	\$99,062	14.4
Inflation Adjusted (1992=100.0)	\$86,574	\$102,906	\$77,253	(10.8)
Crops, Including Nursery and Greenhouse Crops (\$1,000)	\$80,854	\$98,573	\$76,498	(5.4)
Livestock, Poultry, and Their Products (\$1,000)	\$10,654	\$8,555	\$5,724	(46.3)
Number of Farms Selling Livestock:				
Cattle and Calves	179	140	93	(48.0)
Hogs and Pigs	62	41	26	(58.1)
Number of Livestock Sold:				
Cattle and Calves	3,499	2,200	1,761	(49.7)
Hogs and Pigs	31,222	42,557	26,403	(15.4)
Number of Farms with Harvested Crops:				
Corn for Grain or Seed	705	584	457	(35.2)
Corn for Silage or Green Chop	44	40	20	(54.5)
Wheat for Grain	45	142	97	115.6
Soybeans for Beans	699	561	471	(32.6)
Acres Harvested:				
Corn for Grain or Seed	144,035	130,440	114,430	(20.6)
Corn for Silage or Green Chop	1,041	3,094	534	(48.7)
Wheat for Grain	1,868	7,590	5,910	216.4
Soybeans for Beans	125,298	109,030	112,650	(10.1)
Quantity of Harvested Crops:				
Corn for Grain or Seed (bushels)	18,507,438	17,027,338	12,621,361	(31.8)
Corn for Silage or Green Chop (tons, greens)	20,231	53,304	8,497	(58.0)
Wheat for Grain (bushels)	71,847	473,961	397,431	453.2
Soybeans for Beans (bushels)	4,997,784	4,605,280	4,136,996	(17.2)
Consumer Price Index (1992=100)	100.0	114.4	128.2	28.2

Will County Census of Population and Housing	Year		Change 1990-2000	Pct. Chg. 1990-2000
	1990	2000		
Population	357,313	502,266	144,953	40.6
Civilian Labor Force (Population 16 Years and Over)				
Employed	173,060	246,431	73,371	42.4
Unemployed	9,774	11,318	1,544	15.8
Rate	5.3	4.4	-1.0	-17.9
Industry Employment				
Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing, Hunting, and Mining	2,741	966	-1,775	-64.8
Manufacturing	34,017	38,068	4,051	11.9
Wholesale and Retail Trade	38,655	39,950	1,295	3.4
Finance, Insurance, Real Estate (F/I/RE)	12,025	19,727	7,702	64.0
Services	49,585	93,584	43,999	88.7
Public Administration	5,977	8,437	2,460	41.2
Other*	30,060	45,699	15,639	52.0

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

Will County Illinois Department of Revenue	Year		Change 1998-2001	Pct. Chg. 1998-2001
	1998	2001		
Equalized Assessed Value (EAV)				
Total	\$8,231,304,536	\$10,640,694,000	2,409,389,464	29.3
Residential	5,724,968,134	7,842,567,000	2,117,598,866	37.0
Farm	205,094,325	226,368,000	21,273,675	10.4
Commercial	770,500,743	1,192,207,000	421,706,257	54.7
Industrial	1,521,791,646	1,369,748,000	-152,043,646	-10.0
Railroad	8,840,356	9,804,000	963,644	10.9
Mineral	109,332	0	-109,332	-100.0

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					Du Page
	Will	Kankakee	Grundy	Kendall	Kane	
Farm Characteristics						
Land in Farms (acres), 2002	265,490	347,161	213,467	168,082	198,227	7,683
Change from 1997 to 2002	-9.6%	-1.3%	6.0%	0.4%	-5.6%	-55.1%
Average Size of Farms (acres), 2002	320	481	524	408	320	97
Change from 1997 to 2002	-0.9%	13.7%	20.5%	7.4%	-0.9%	-47.3%
Farming as Principal Occupation, 2002	537	521	296	296	422	38
Change from 1997 to 2002	-9.9%	-14.6%	27.6%	-6.0%	-1.6%	-15.6%
Farm Production Characteristics						
Market Value of Agricultural Products Sold, 2002 (\$1,000)	82,221	119,960	52,765	58,131	116,055	9,122
Change from 1997 to 2002	-23.3%	-9.7%	-10.9%	-1.1%	-5.4%	-48.3%
Percentage of Value From:						
Crop Sales, 2002	93.0%	92.0%	94.1%	89.0%	87.2%	98.1%
Livestock Sales, 2002	7.0%	8.0%	5.9%	11.0%	12.8%	1.9%
Average Market Value of Products Sold Per Farm	\$99,062	\$166,150	\$129,643	\$141,094	\$187,487	\$115,466
Change from 1997 to 2002	-15.9%	3.9%	1.3%	5.9%	-0.7%	-39.1%
Illinois Agricultural Statistics 2003						
Yield						
Corn	160	159	174	171	167	150
Soybeans	36	33	37	36	36	36
Cattle and Hog Sold						
Cattle and Calves Sold	1,761	3,976	1,823	2,471	7,468	45
Hogs Sold	26,403	37,358	13,474	55,089	69,082	-

Characteristic	Regional County Comparisons				State of Illinois	Nine County Regional Averages
	Cook	Lake	McHenry	La Salle		
Farm Characteristics						
Land in Farms (acres), 2002	23,836	38,860	233,458	579,141	27,204,780	207,541
Change from 1997 to 2002	-39.5%	-23.7%	-3.7%	-1.5%	-0.4%	-4.0%
Average Size of Farms (acres), 2002	113	115	268	392	372	304
Change from 1997 to 2002	-31.9%	-24.3%	1.9%	5.4%	0.5%	0.6%
Farming as Principal Occupation, 2002	111	156	514	1084	41,645	398
Change from 1997 to 2002	-12.6%	-0.6%	-8.4%	-1.9%	-13.0%	-4.8%
Farm Production Characteristics						
Market Value of Agricultural Products Sold, 2002 (\$1,000)	21,283	28,259	91,616	161,703	8,556,486	74,112
Change from 1997 to 2002	-0.5%	-12.4%	-16.1%	-11.7%	-10.3%	-12.2%
Percentage of Value From:						
Crop Sales, 2002	98.6%	86.2%	75.3%	90.5%	76.5%	88.9%
Livestock Sales, 2002	1.4%	13.8%	24.7%	9.5%	23.5%	11.1%
Average Market Value of Products Sold Per Farm	\$100,867	\$83,855	\$105,306	\$109,407	\$117,130	\$123,834
Change from 1997 to 2002	11.8%	-12.9%	-11.1%	-5.6%	-10.3%	-7.5%
Illinois Agricultural Statistics 2003						
Yield						
Corn	141	127	145	162	129	156
Soybeans	31	23	29	34	43	33
Cattle and Hog Sold						
Cattle and Calves Sold	8	389	10,068	13,854	659,000	4,186
Hogs Sold	-	227	47,679	35,706	8,339,000	28,502

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.

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- 12.6 million bushels of corn were produced on 114,430 acres resulting in an average yield of 116 bu/acre. Total cash receipts were \$36.9 million.
- 4.1 million bushels of soybeans were produced on 112,650 acres resulting in an average yield of 38.0 bu/acre. Total cash receipts were \$24.5 million.
- 18,200 was the number of hogs and pigs with cash receipts for hogs and pigs totaling \$3.1 million.
- 1,900 was the number of beef cows with cash receipts totaling \$1.8 million.

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