

Agricultural Data for Decision Makers



Crawford County

Number of Farms

There were 1,107 farms counted in Crawford County in 1997. From 1992 to 1997, the number of farms in Crawford County decreased by 12 percent. Over the 28 years from 1969 to 1997, farm numbers in this county declined by 38 percent, faster than the state's decline of 35 percent.

1. Number of farms.

Year	Crawford County	State
1997	1,107	90,792
1992	1,260	96,534
1987	1,339	105,180
1982	1,511	115,413
1978	1,590	121,339
1974	1,636	126,104
1969	1,794	140,354

Average Farm Size

Farms in Crawford County averaged 390 acres in 1997, 47 acres more than the state's average.

2. Average farm size (acres).

Year	Crawford County	State
1997	390	343
1992	329	325
1987	304	301
1982	282	283
1978	271	274
1974	265	262
1969	246	239

Farm Land Use

Crawford County had 431,726 total acres in farmland in 1997, 4 percent more than in 1992.

3. Land in farms (acres), Crawford County.

Year	Total	Crop-land	Wood-land	Other*
1997	431,726	374,638	6,958	50,130
1992	415,104	363,063	7,846	44,195
1987	406,895	359,327	8,925	38,643
1982	426,523	367,396	9,490	49,637

* Includes land in house lots, ponds, etc., and non-crop and non-woodland pasture.

Of the acres harvested in Crawford County in 1997, 94 percent were either corn or soybean acres. This was higher than the 93 percent statewide average.

4. Corn and soybean acres as percentages of total acres harvested.

Year	Crawford County		State	
	Corn	Soy-beans	Corn	Soy-beans
1997	49	45	50	43
1992	56	35	55	36
1987	50	37	50	39
1982	52	31	53	33
1978	57	23	54	32

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Livestock Profile

Hogs and Pigs

The number of farms selling hogs and pigs in Crawford County decreased 52 percent from 1992 to 1997. Over that same period the number of hogs and pigs sold in the county decreased by 24 percent. Statewide, the number of farms with hog and pig sales decreased 46 percent while the number of hogs and pigs sold increased 2 percent.

5. Farms selling hogs and pigs and number of hogs and pigs sold, Crawford County.

Year	Farms selling	Number sold
1997	245	265,213
1992	507	347,870
1987	608	271,314
1982	800	301,065
1978	971	306,646
1974	1,082	302,143
1969	1,338	310,904

Fattened Cattle

The number of farms in Crawford County selling fattened cattle decreased 26 percent from 1992 to 1997, while the number of fattened cattle sold decreased 4 percent. Statewide, farms selling decreased by 22 percent and cattle sales dropped by 16 percent over those five years.

6. Farms selling fattened cattle and number of fattened cattle sold, Crawford County.

Year	Farms selling	Number sold
1997	221	28,869
1992	299	30,143
1987	420	43,126
1982	570	54,957
1978	661	64,884

(Note: Fattened cattle are defined as cattle fattened on grain or concentrates for 30 days or more and sold for slaughter.)

* Data suppressed to assure confidentiality.

Dairy Cows

The number of farms in Crawford County with dairy cows decreased 52 percent from 1992 to 1997 and the number of dairy cows reported decreased 35 percent. Statewide, the number of farms with dairy cows decreased 28 percent and the number of dairy cows dropped 14 percent.

7. Farms with dairy cows and number of dairy cows reported, Crawford County.

Year	Farms with Cows	Number of Cows
1997	16	668
1992	33	1,031
1987	51	1,355
1982	80	2,096

Poultry

A small number of farms in Crawford County sold chickens in 1997. Two farms reported turkey sales.

8. Farms selling poultry and number of poultry sold, Crawford County.

Year	Layers		Broilers		Turkeys	
	Farms	No. sold	Farms	No. sold	Farms	No. sold
1997	2	*	8	1,177	2	*
1992	2	*	6	352	1	*
1987	13	53,077	6	1,563	1	*
1982	54	59,440	15	3,741	4	37

Sheep and Lambs

The number of farms in Crawford County selling sheep and lambs decreased by 48 percent and there were 23 percent fewer head sold in 1997 than in 1992. Statewide, the number of farms with sheep and lamb sales decreased 36 percent and the number of head sold dropped 46 percent.

9. Farms selling sheep and lambs and number of sheep and lambs sold, Crawford County.

Year	Farms Selling	Number Sold
1997	40	3,854
1992	77	4,988
1987	91	14,035
1982	134	10,169

Farm Operator Profile

Age

10. Percentages of farm operators by age group.

Year	Crawford County						State					
	34 or under	35 to 44	45 to 54	55 to 64	65 or over	Average age	34 or under	35 to 44	45 to 54	55 to 64	65 or over	Average age
1997	12.2	23.9	23.8	19.7	20.4	51.5	9.9	23.0	23.7	21.1	22.3	52.4
1992	17.4	22.7	20.0	22.8	17.1	49.7	15.9	23.0	20.5	21.6	19.0	50.3
1987	21.7	20.3	21.6	22.2	14.3	48.2	19.3	20.2	20.7	24.0	15.7	49.3
1982	23.4	20.3	22.0	25.0	9.5	46.7	22.5	19.5	22.6	23.9	11.5	47.6
1978	23.3	19.9	22.5	24.7	9.6	47.0	21.1	19.7	25.0	23.9	10.4	47.5

Farm operators in Crawford County in 1997 included 12.2 percent under the age of 35 and 20.4 percent 65 years of age or older. The average age of farm operators in Crawford County was 51.5 in 1997, which was younger than the statewide average.

Principal Occupation

Of the farm operators in Crawford County in 1997, 53.7 percent claimed farming as their principal occupation, lower than the 62.9 percent state average.

11. Percentages of farm operators claiming farming as their principal occupation.

Year	Crawford County	State
1997	53.7	62.9
1992	56.8	71.7
1987	59.7	73.5
1982	63.0	80.1
1978	64.2	80.8

Days Worked Off Farm

The percentage of farm operators working 200 or more days off the farm in 1997 was smaller in Crawford County than in the state overall.

12. Percentages of farm operators working 200 or more days off the farm.

Year	Crawford County	State
1997	32.8	33.3
1992	28.6	28.3
1987	26.9	26.5
1982	23.5	24.2
1978	17.0	22.2

Tenure and Type of Organization

Full-owner farms are operations where the operator owns all the land he or she operates. Part-owners are those who rent some of the land they operate. Tenants rent all of the land they operate. Compared to the state, Crawford County had a lower percentage of farms operated by full-owners.

13. Percentages of farms by tenure.

Year	Crawford County			State		
	Full-Owner	Part-Owner	Tenant	Full-Owner	Part-Owner	Tenant
1997	43.0	38.2	18.8	47.3	36.3	16.4
1992	44.0	34.4	21.5	45.1	36.0	18.9
1987	46.9	30.7	22.4	45.9	33.5	20.7
1982	45.5	31.4	23.0	45.9	33.3	20.8
1978	30.3	30.3	24.2	45.9	32.2	21.9

Individual/family operated farms are the most common type of farm organization throughout the state. The percentage of individual/family operated farms in Crawford County was higher than the state average in 1997, while the percentage of partnerships was lower.

14. Percentages of farms by type of organization.

Year	Crawford County			State		
	Individual/Family	Part-ner	Other	Individual/Family	Part-ner	Other
1997	86.9	9.0	4.1	83.6	9.1	7.4
1992	85.0	11.2	3.8	84.0	10.4	5.6
1987	88.1	8.8	3.1	84.8	10.5	4.7
1982	87.1	10.0	3.1	84.6	11.4	4.0
1978	87.6	10.5	1.9	85.6	11.8	2.6

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Financial Profile

The sale of soybeans generated the greatest amount of agricultural revenue in Crawford County in 1997, followed by corn.

15. Market value (\$1,000) of agricultural products sold, Crawford County.

Year	Total sales	Hogs and pigs	Cattle and calves	Dairy products	Corn	Soybeans	Other
1997	143,011	29,801	30,913	1,041	39,257	39,614	2,385
1992	124,295	32,975	32,650	1,440	32,886	21,981	2,363
1987	111,095	29,247	35,785	1,369	23,453	18,274	2,967

In Crawford County, sale of cattle and calves constituted a greater percentage of total sales than in the state overall; hogs and pigs made up a smaller percentage of total sales. The sale of soybeans, corn, and cattle and calves accounted for 77 percent of the dollars from total sales of agricultural products in Crawford County in 1997.

16. Percent of total market value by sales of selected agricultural products.

Year	Crawford County						State					
	Hogs, pigs	Cattle, calves	Dairy	Corn	Soy-beans	Other	Hogs, pigs	Cattle, calves	Dairy	Corn	Soy-beans	Other
1997	20.8	21.6	0.7	27.5	27.7	1.7	25.4	15.5	3.4	27.0	23.1	5.6
1992	26.5	26.3	1.2	26.5	17.7	1.9	24.8	22.1	4.2	26.6	17.6	4.7
1987	26.3	32.2	1.2	21.1	16.4	2.7	27.9	23.8	4.4	22.0	17.6	4.3

Farms in Crawford County averaged a net cash return of \$25,597 in 1997, \$7,108 less than the state average. Of the farms in Crawford County, 67 percent experienced a net cash gain that year, compared with 66 percent statewide.

17. Average net cash return per farm.

Year	Crawford County			State		
	Net Cash Return	Net Gain	Net Loss	Net Cash Return	Net Gain	Net Loss
1997	\$25,597	\$41,867	\$7,388	\$32,705	\$54,248	\$9,348
1992	17,037	30,446	10,136	22,718	37,419	9,381
1987	16,639	26,958	7,500	20,412	31,660	7,521

(Note: Net cash return is derived by subtracting total operating expenditures from the gross market value of agricultural products sold. Net cash return is that of the farm unit rather than the net farm income of the operator since sales and expenses of the partners, landlords, and contractors are included.)