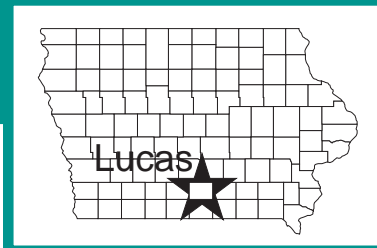


# Agricultural Data for Decision Makers

## Lucas County



### Number of Farms

There were 706 farms counted in Lucas County in 1997. From 1992 to 1997, the number of farms in Lucas County increased by 12 percent. Over the 28 years from 1969 to 1997, farm numbers in this county declined by 25 percent, slower than the state's decline of 35 percent.

#### 1. Number of farms.

Year	Lucas County	State
1997	706	90,792
1992	630	96,534
1987	690	105,180
1982	769	115,413
1978	800	121,339
1974	899	126,104
1969	938	140,354

### Average Farm Size

Farms in Lucas County averaged 322 acres in 1997, 21 acres less than the state's average.

#### 2. Average farm size (acres).

Year	Lucas County	State
1997	322	343
1992	348	325
1987	299	301
1982	285	283
1978	289	274
1974	253	262
1969	254	239

### Farm Land Use

Lucas County had 227,160 total acres in farmland in 1997, 3 percent more than in 1992.

#### 3. Land in farms (acres), Lucas County.

Year	Total	Crop-land	Wood-land	Other*
1997	227,160	156,678	22,045	48,437
1992	219,370	156,312	20,577	42,481
1987	206,519	147,514	18,324	40,681
1982	219,497	149,995	17,586	51,916

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

Of the acres harvested in Lucas County in 1997, 62 percent were either corn or soybean acres. This was lower than the 93 percent statewide average.

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

Year	Lucas County		State	
	Corn	Soy-beans	Corn	Soy-beans
1997	31	32	50	43
1992	36	25	55	36
1987	37	26	50	39
1982	41	25	53	33
1978	42	24	54	32

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# Livestock Profile

## Hogs and Pigs

The number of farms selling hogs and pigs in Lucas County decreased 46 percent from 1992 to 1997. Over that same period the number of hogs and pigs sold in the county decreased by 28 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, Lucas County.

Year	Farms selling	Number sold
1997	59	41,353
1992	110	57,173
1987	142	46,575
1982	240	63,384
1978	314	73,789
1974	391	78,046
1969	509	96,411

## Fattened Cattle

The number of farms in Lucas County selling fattened cattle increased 16 percent from 1992 to 1997, while the number of fattened cattle sold decreased 9 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, Lucas County.

Year	Farms selling	Number sold
1997	73	3,163
1992	63	3,486
1987	95	6,090
1982	163	8,827
1978	113	6,829

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

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## Dairy Cows

The number of farms in Lucas County with dairy cows increased 40 percent from 1992 to 1997 and the number of dairy cows reported decreased 46 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, Lucas County.

Year	Farms with Cows	Number of Cows
1997	14	239
1992	10	445
1987	13	483
1982	25	491

## Poultry

A small number of farms in Lucas County sold chickens in 1997. No farms reported turkey sales.

### 8. Farms selling poultry and number of poultry sold, Lucas County.

Year	Layers		Broilers		Turkeys	
	Farms	No. sold	Farms	No. sold	Farms	No. sold
1997	1	*	4	950	0	0
1992	1	*	2	*	0	0
1987	2	*	5	146	0	0
1982	12	44,228	3	*	0	0

## Sheep and Lambs

The number of farms in Lucas County selling sheep and lambs decreased by 50 percent and there were 2 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, Lucas County.

Year	Farms Selling	Number Sold
1997	30	4,296
1992	60	4,379
1987	81	4,595
1982	80	7,667

# Farm Operator Profile

## Age

### 10. Percentages of farm operators by age group.

Year	Lucas 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	9.5	17.1	21.7	20.5	31.2	55.4	9.9	23.0	23.7	21.1	22.3	52.4
1992	11.1	15.7	19.5	23.0	30.6	55.1	15.9	23.0	20.5	21.6	19.0	50.3
1987	10.1	19.4	20.3	24.8	25.4	53.9	19.3	20.2	20.7	24.0	15.7	49.3
1982	16.8	18.6	23.5	24.2	16.9	50.3	22.5	19.5	22.6	23.9	11.5	47.6
1978	14.4	20.5	26.8	22.9	15.5	50.0	21.1	19.7	25.0	23.9	10.4	47.5

Farm operators in Lucas County in 1997 included 9.5 percent under the age of 35 and 31.2 percent 65 years of age or older. The average age of farm operators in Lucas County was 55.4 in 1997, which was older than the statewide average.

## Principal Occupation

Of the farm operators in Lucas County in 1997, 68.8 percent claimed farming as their principal occupation, higher than the 62.9 percent state average.

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

Year	Lucas County	State
1997	68.8	62.9
1992	77.5	71.7
1987	81.0	73.5
1982	83.8	80.1
1978	86.3	80.8

## Days Worked Off Farm

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

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

Year	Lucas County	State
1997	41.6	33.3
1992	37.0	28.3
1987	35.5	26.5
1982	35.2	24.2
1978	32.6	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, Lucas County had a higher percentage of farms operated by full-owners.

### 13. Percentages of farms by tenure.

Year	Lucas County			State		
	Full-Owner	Part-Owner	Tenant	Full-Owner	Part-Owner	Tenant
1997	63.9	28.8	7.4	47.3	36.3	16.4
1992	59.0	33.7	7.3	45.1	36.0	18.9
1987	60.7	27.4	11.9	45.9	33.5	20.7
1982	62.9	28.5	8.6	45.9	33.3	20.8
1978	27.0	27.0	7.1	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 Lucas 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	Lucas County			State		
	Individual/Family	Part-ner	Other	Individual/Family	Part-ner	Other
1997	88.4	8.5	3.1	83.6	9.1	7.4
1992	89.0	8.1	2.9	84.0	10.4	5.6
1987	87.2	10.1	2.6	84.8	10.5	4.7
1982	87.8	11.1	2.6	84.6	11.4	4.0
1978	87.6	10.6	1.8	85.6	11.8	2.6

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## Financial Profile

The sale of cattle and calves generated the greatest amount of agricultural revenue in Lucas County in 1997, followed by corn.

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

Year	Total sales	Hogs and pigs	Cattle and calves	Dairy products	Corn	Soybeans	Other
1997	29,371	4,253	10,635	270	6,077	6,067	2,069
1992	25,372	5,359	10,300	627	4,506	3,401	1,179
1987	23,117	4,796	9,272	757	3,850	3,299	1,143

In Lucas 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 cattle and calves, corn, and soybeans accounted for 78 percent of the dollars from total sales of agricultural products in Lucas County in 1997.

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

Year	Lucas County						State					
	Hogs, pigs	Cattle, calves	Dairy	Corn	Soy-beans	Other	Hogs, pigs	Cattle, calves	Dairy	Corn	Soy-beans	Other
1997	14.5	36.2	0.9	20.7	20.7	7.0	25.4	15.5	3.4	27.0	23.1	5.6
1992	21.1	40.6	2.5	17.8	13.4	4.6	24.8	22.1	4.2	26.6	17.6	4.7
1987	20.7	40.1	3.3	16.7	14.3	4.9	27.9	23.8	4.4	22.0	17.6	4.3

Farms in Lucas County averaged a net cash return of \$7,149 in 1997, \$25,556 less than the state average. Of the farms in Lucas County, 50 percent experienced a net cash gain that year, compared with 66 percent statewide.

### 17. Average net cash return per farm.

Year	Lucas County			State		
	Net Cash Return	Net Gain	Net Loss	Net Cash Return	Net Gain	Net Loss
1997	\$7,149	*	*	\$32,705	\$54,248	\$9,348
1992	2,082	12,471	9,024	22,718	37,419	9,381
1987	5,319	15,779	6,391	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.)

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