



# Knox County Illinois

## Total and Per Farm Overview, 2017 and change since 2012

	2017	% change since 2012
Number of farms	853	(Z)
Land in farms (acres)	414,123	+19
Average size of farm (acres)	485	+20
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<b>Total</b>	<b>(\$)</b>	
Market value of products sold	284,406,000	-3
Government payments	7,150,000	-12
Farm-related income	12,936,000	+4
Total farm production expenses	229,754,000	+18
Net cash farm income	74,738,000	-37
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<b>Per farm average</b>	<b>(\$)</b>	
Market value of products sold	333,418	-3
Government payments (average per farm receiving)	11,477	-9
Farm-related income	25,217	-3
Total farm production expenses	269,348	+18
Net cash farm income	87,618	-37

**2** Percent of state agriculture sales

### Share of Sales by Type (%)

Crops	78
Livestock, poultry, and products	22

### Land in Farms by Use (%) <sup>a</sup>

Cropland	86
Pastureland	6
Woodland	5
Other	3

**Acres irrigated: 28**

(Z)% of land in farms

### Land Use Practices (% of farms)

No till	51
Reduced till	30
Intensive till	17
Cover crop	9

## Farms by Value of Sales

	Number	Percent of Total <sup>a</sup>
Less than \$2,500	209	25
\$2,500 to \$4,999	37	4
\$5,000 to \$9,999	48	6
\$10,000 to \$24,999	79	9
\$25,000 to \$49,999	75	9
\$50,000 to \$99,999	61	7
\$100,000 or more	344	40

## Farms by Size

	Number	Percent of Total <sup>a</sup>
1 to 9 acres	53	6
10 to 49 acres	139	16
50 to 179 acres	274	32
180 to 499 acres	169	20
500 to 999 acres	96	11
1,000 + acres	122	14

**Market Value of Agricultural Products Sold**

	Sales (\$1,000)	Rank in State <sup>b</sup>	Counties Producing Item	Rank in U.S. <sup>b</sup>	Counties Producing Item
<b>Total</b>	<b>284,406</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>102</b>	<b>279</b>	<b>3,077</b>
<b>Crops</b>	<b>223,127</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>102</b>	<b>104</b>	<b>3,073</b>
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, dry peas	221,010	16	102	34	2,916
Tobacco	-	-	2	-	323
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	-	-	647
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, sweet potatoes	62	64	99	1,721	2,821
Fruits, tree nuts, berries	(D)	58	98	1,588	2,748
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, sod	(D)	72	93	(D)	2,601
Cultivated Christmas trees, short rotation woody crops	-	-	52	-	1,384
Other crops and hay	2,004	6	102	1,205	3,040
<b>Livestock, poultry, and products</b>	<b>61,279</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>102</b>	<b>811</b>	<b>3,073</b>
Poultry and eggs	(D)	(D)	101	(D)	3,007
Cattle and calves	16,414	15	102	932	3,055
Milk from cows	-	-	74	-	1,892
Hogs and pigs	44,485	8	99	133	2,856
Sheep, goats, wool, mohair, milk	(D)	42	102	1,431	2,984
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, donkeys	154	21	100	1,157	2,970
Aquaculture	-	-	18	-	1,251
Other animals and animal products	129	12	96	666	2,878

**Total Producers <sup>c</sup>**

**1,442**

**Sex**

Male 1,062  
Female 380

**Age**

<35 115  
35 – 64 840  
65 and older 487

**Race**

American Indian/Alaska Native -  
Asian -  
Black or African American -  
Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander -  
White 1,441  
More than one race 1

**Other characteristics**

Hispanic, Latino, Spanish origin 10  
With military service 146  
New and beginning farmers 334

**Percent of farms that:**

Have internet access **83**

Farm organically (Z)

Sell directly to consumers **4**

Hire farm labor **33**

Are family farms **93**

**Top Crops in Acres <sup>d</sup>**

Corn for grain 179,797  
Soybeans for beans 146,884  
Forage (hay/haylage), all 11,602  
Corn for silage or greenchop 859  
Wheat for grain, all 491

**Livestock Inventory (Dec 31, 2017)**

Broilers and other meat-type chickens 106  
Cattle and calves 21,850  
Goats 548  
Hogs and pigs 189,858  
Horses and ponies 417  
Layers 684  
Pullets 34  
Sheep and lambs 524  
Turkeys -

See 2017 Census of Agriculture, U.S. Summary and State Data, for complete footnotes, explanations, definitions, commodity descriptions, and methodology.

<sup>a</sup> May not add to 100% due to rounding. <sup>b</sup> Among counties whose rank can be displayed. <sup>c</sup> Data collected for a maximum of four producers per farm.

<sup>d</sup> Crop commodity names may be shortened; see full names at [www.nass.usda.gov/go/cropnames.pdf](http://www.nass.usda.gov/go/cropnames.pdf). <sup>e</sup> Position below the line does not indicate rank.

(D) Withheld to avoid disclosing data for individual operations. (NA) Not available. (Z) Less than half of the unit shown. (-) Represents zero.