



## Union County Illinois

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

|   | 2017       | % change since 2012 |
|---|------------|---------------------|
| Number of farms                                     | 590        | -5                  |
| Land in farms (acres)                               | 150,624    | +24                 |
| Average size of farm (acres)                        | 255        | +31                 |
| <b>Total (\$)</b>                                   |            |                     |
| Market value of products sold                       | 47,946,000 | +41                 |
| Government payments                                 | 3,589,000  | +43                 |
| Farm-related income                                 | 3,875,000  | +50                 |
| Total farm production expenses                      | 42,340,000 | +33                 |
| Net cash farm income                                | 13,070,000 | +83                 |
| <b>Per farm average (\$)</b>                        |            |                     |
| Market value of products sold                       | 81,265     | +49                 |
| Government payments<br>(average per farm receiving) | 10,974     | +59                 |
| Farm-related income                                 | 18,812     | +53                 |
| Total farm production expenses                      | 71,762     | +40                 |
| Net cash farm income                                | 22,153     | +93                 |

### (Z) Percent of state agriculture sales

#### Share of Sales by Type (%)

|                                  |    |
|----------------------------------|----|
| Crops                            | 90 |
| Livestock, poultry, and products | 10 |

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

|             |    |
|-------------|----|
| Cropland    | 73 |
| Pastureland | 9  |
| Woodland    | 13 |
| Other       | 5  |

#### Acres irrigated: 4,459

3% of land in farms

#### Land Use Practices (% of farms)

|                |    |
|----------------|----|
| No till        | 24 |
| Reduced till   | 8  |
| Intensive till | 10 |
| Cover crop     | 7  |

### Farms by Value of Sales

|                      | Number | Percent of Total <sup>a</sup> |
|----------------------|--------|-------------------------------|
| Less than \$2,500    | 273    | 46                            |
| \$2,500 to \$4,999   | 61     | 10                            |
| \$5,000 to \$9,999   | 44     | 7                             |
| \$10,000 to \$24,999 | 60     | 10                            |
| \$25,000 to \$49,999 | 33     | 6                             |
| \$50,000 to \$99,999 | 48     | 8                             |
| \$100,000 or more    | 71     | 12                            |

### Farms by Size

|                  | Number | Percent of Total <sup>a</sup> |
|------------------|--------|-------------------------------|
| 1 to 9 acres     | 28     | 5                             |
| 10 to 49 acres   | 153    | 26                            |
| 50 to 179 acres  | 223    | 38                            |
| 180 to 499 acres | 124    | 21                            |
| 500 to 999 acres | 30     | 5                             |
| 1,000 + acres    | 32     | 5                             |

**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>47,946</b>   | <b>91</b>                  | <b>102</b>              | <b>1,788</b>              | <b>3,077</b>            |
| <b>Crops</b>   | <b>43,277</b>   | <b>90</b>                  | <b>102</b>              | <b>1,189</b>              | <b>3,073</b>            |
| Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, dry peas                  | 34,505          | 92                         | 102                     | 933                       | 2,916                   |
| Tobacco  | -               | -                          | 2                       | -                         | 323                     |
| Cotton and cottonseed                                  | -               | -                          | -                       | -                         | 647                     |
| Vegetables, melons, potatoes, sweet potatoes           | 2,725           | 10                         | 99                      | 471                       | 2,821                   |
| Fruits, tree nuts, berries                             | 3,969           | 1                          | 98                      | 231                       | 2,748                   |
| Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, sod                 | 1,213           | 29                         | 93                      | 795                       | 2,601                   |
| Cultivated Christmas trees, short rotation woody crops | -               | -                          | 52                      | -                         | 1,384                   |
| Other crops and hay                                    | 864             | 26                         | 102                     | 1,997                     | 3,040                   |
| <b>Livestock, poultry, and products</b>                | <b>4,669</b>    | <b>84</b>                  | <b>102</b>              | <b>2,464</b>              | <b>3,073</b>            |
| Poultry and eggs                                       | (D)             | (D)                        | 101                     | (D)                       | 3,007                   |
| Cattle and calves                                      | 3,045           | 66                         | 102                     | 1,965                     | 3,055                   |
| Milk from cows   | 1,412           | 37                         | 74                      | 870                       | 1,892                   |
| Hogs and pigs  | 21              | 86                         | 99                      | 1,358                     | 2,856                   |
| Sheep, goats, wool, mohair, milk                       | 36              | 65                         | 102                     | 1,929                     | 2,984                   |
| Horses, ponies, mules, burros, donkeys                 | 52              | 48                         | 100                     | 1,781                     | 2,970                   |
| Aquaculture  | -               | -                          | 18                      | -                         | 1,251                   |
| Other animals and animal products                      | (D)             | 14                         | 96                      | (D)                       | 2,878                   |

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

|                                  |            |
|----------------------------------|------------|
| <b>Sex</b>                       | <b>931</b> |
| Male                             | 656        |
| Female                           | 275        |
| <b>Age</b>                       |            |
| <35                              | 45         |
| 35 – 64                          | 506        |
| 65 and older                     | 380        |
| <b>Race</b>                      |            |
| American Indian/Alaska Native    | -          |
| Asian                            | 2          |
| Black or African American        | 1          |
| Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander | -          |
| White                            | 921        |
| More than one race               | 7          |
| <b>Other characteristics</b>     |            |
| Hispanic, Latino, Spanish origin | 12         |
| With military service            | 124        |
| New and beginning farmers        | 221        |

**Percent of farms that:**

|                            |            |
|----------------------------|------------|
| Have internet access       | <b>73</b>  |
| Farm organically           | <b>(Z)</b> |
| Sell directly to consumers | <b>5</b>   |
| Hire farm labor            | <b>19</b>  |
| Are family farms           | <b>97</b>  |

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

|                              |        |
|------------------------------|--------|
| Soybeans for beans           | 53,203 |
| Corn for grain               | 16,599 |
| Forage (hay/haylage), all    | 10,956 |
| Wheat for grain, all         | 3,816  |
| Corn for silage or greenchop | 880    |

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

|                                       |       |
|---------------------------------------|-------|
| Broilers and other meat-type chickens | 177   |
| Cattle and calves                     | 9,686 |
| Goats                                 | 105   |
| Hogs and pigs                         | 63    |
| Horses and ponies                     | 356   |
| Layers                                | 829   |
| Pullets                               | 102   |
| Sheep and lambs                       | 104   |
| Turkeys                               | (D)   |

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.