

**Table 11 - Agriculture Activity by County**

							1978-2002
	1978	1982	1987	1992	1997	2002	%Change
<b>Bureau County</b>							
Number of Farms	1,781	1,629	1,517	1,273	1,155	1,091	-28.52
Land in Farms (acres)	520,200	511,779	517,406	482,169	483,993	491,180	-7.31
Average Farm Size (acres)	292	314	341	379	419	450	29.79
Operators with any Off-Farm Work	789	740	701	649	599	570	-17.74
Average Operator Age	49	49	50	50	52	55	1.42
Average Sales Per Farm	85,526	103,461	96,491	132,962			
<b>LaSalle County</b>							
Number of Farms	2,302	2,146	1,978	1,669	1,581	1,478	-27.5
Land in Farms (acres)	662,717	637,108	641,835	612,112	587,676	579,141	-7.64
Average Farm Size (acres)	288	297	324	367	372	392	27.43
Operators with any Off-Farm Work	1,097	983	1,003	840	875	808	-23.43
Average Operator Age	50	50	50	50	53	56	-0.02
Average Sales Per Farm	72,877	81,698	75,974	94,684			
<b>Marshall County</b>							
Number of Farms	667	656	611	524	494	454	-21.44
Land in Farms (acres)	212,278	206,280	211,653	203,749	227,521	191,323	-4.02
Average Farm Size (acres)	318	314	346	389	461	421	22.33
Operators with any Off-Farm Work	314	279	304	267	257	253	-14.97
Average Operator Age	48	49	49	49	54	56	1.14
Average Sales Per Farm	73,711	81,264	69,548	95,688			
<b>Putnam County</b>							
Number of Farms	282	261	242	201	190	175	-28.72
Land in Farms (acres)	91,068	84,630	85,254	78,081	76,950	71,265	-14.26
Average Farm Size (acres)	323	324	352	388	405	407	20.12
Operators with any Off-Farm Work	127	118	123	110	111	81	-13.39
Average Operator Age	51	50	50	50	53	53	-0.59
Average Sales Per Farm	96,814	91,274	110,656	162,781			
<b>Stark County</b>							
Number of Farms	489	474	434	362	354	335	-25.97
Land in Farms (acres)	179,432	179,044	179,267	169,622	179,711	174,311	-5.47
Average Farm Size (acres)	367	378	413	469	508	520	27.79
Operators with any Off-Farm Work	186	200	194	161	147	166	-13.44
Average Operator Age	49	49	50	48	52	54	-2.23
Average Sales Per Farm	89,979	109,337	87,468	128,828			
<b>District</b>							
Number of Farms	5,521	5,166	4,782	4,029	3,774	3,533	-56.27%
Land in Farms (acres)	1,665,695	1,618,841	1,635,415	1,545,733	1,555,851	1,507,220	-10.51%
Average Farm Size (acres)	1,588	1,627	1,776	1,992	2,165	2,190	27.49%
Operators with any Off-Farm Work	2,513	2,320	2,325	2,027	1,989	1,878	-33.81%
Average Operator Age	49	49	50	49	53	55	9.80%
Average Sales Per Farm	418,907	467,034	440,137	614,943			

Source: USDA National Agricultural Statistics Service

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