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McLean County



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	County	<u>State</u>
<u>Farms</u>		
Total Number of Farms (1997)	422	82,273
Total Number of Farms (1992)	458	90,281
Land in Farms (in acres) (1997)	134,356	13,334,234
Median Size of Farm (in acres) (1997)	100	84
Farm Operators		
Farm Operators for whom Principal Occupation is Farming (1997)	226	33,841
Farm Operators for whom Principal Occupation is Farming (1992)	246	40,175
Number of Operators working any days off farm (1997)	219	48,491
Average Years on Farm (1997)	20.6	18.9
Tenure of OperatorFull Owner (1997)	221	58,840
Tenure of Operator- Part Owner (1997)	169	17,222
Tenure of Operator - Tenant (1997)	32	6,211

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Farm Workers		
Number of Hired Workers (1997)	841	153,602
Hired Worker Payroll (in \$1,000s) (1997)	\$1,720	\$209,578
Farm Production		
Total Production Expenses (in \$1,000s) (1997)	\$41,375	\$2,033,070
Market Value of Products Sold (in \$1,000s) (1997)	\$53,771	\$3,064,460
Market Value of Agricultural Products Sold (Average per farm in dollars) (1997)	\$127,419	\$37,247
Total Farm Production Expenses (Average per farm <i>in dollars</i>) (1997)	\$98,046	\$24,714
Net Cash Return from Agricultural Sales for Farm Unit (Average per farm <i>in dollars</i>) (1997)	\$29,981	\$11,909

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	County	State
<u>Farms</u>		
Total Number of Farms (1997)	1,444	82,273
Total Number of Farms (1992)	1,575	90,281
Land in Farms (in acres) (1997)	221,605	13,334,234
Median Size of Farm (in acres) (1997)	72	84
Farm Operators		
Farm Operators for whom Principal Occupation is Farming (1997)	627	33,841
Farm Operators for whom Principal Occupation is Farming (1992)	706	40,175
Number of Operators working any days off farm (1997)	825	48,491
Average Years on Farm (1997)	18.4	18.9
Tenure of OperatorFull Owner (1997)	998	58,840
Tenure of Operator- Part Owner (1997)	275	17,222
Tenure of Operator - Tenant (1997)	171	6,211

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Farm Workers		
Number of Hired Workers (1997)	3,303	153,602
Hired Worker Payroll (in \$1,000s) (1997)	\$2,167	\$209,578
Farm Production		
Total Production Expenses (in \$1,000s) (1997)	\$27,740	\$2,033,070
Market Value of Products Sold (in \$1,000s) (1997)	\$44,288	\$3,064,460
Market Value of Agricultural Products Sold (Average per farm in dollars) (1997)	\$30,670	\$37,247
Total Farm Production Expenses (Average per farm <i>in dollars</i>) (1997)	\$19,224	\$24,714
Net Cash Return from Agricultural Sales for Farm Unit (Average per farm <i>in dollars</i>) (1997)	\$12,225	\$11,909

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	County	<u>State</u>
<u>Farms</u>		
Total Number of Farms (1997)	373	82,273
Total Number of Farms (1992)	437	90,281
Land in Farms (in acres) (1997)	40,715	13,334,234
Median Size of Farm (in acres) (1997)	73	84
Farm Operators		
Farm Operators for whom Principal Occupation is Farming (1997)	116	33,841
Farm Operators for whom Principal Occupation is Farming (1992)	177	40,175
Number of Operators working any days off farm (1997)	208	48,491
Average Years on Farm (1997)	18.9	18.9
Tenure of OperatorFull Owner (1997)	248	58,840
Tenure of Operator- Part Owner (1997)	83	17,222
Tenure of Operator - Tenant (1997)	42	6,211

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	County	State
Farm Workers		
Number of Hired Workers (1997)	446	153,602
Hired Worker Payroll (in \$1,000s) (1997)	\$88	\$209,578
Farm Production		
Total Production Expenses (in \$1,000s) (1997)	\$1,191	\$2,033,070
Market Value of Products Sold (in \$1,000s) (1997)	\$2,682	\$3,064,460
Market Value of Agricultural Products Sold (Average per farm in dollars) (1997)	\$7,191	\$37,247
Total Farm Production Expenses (Average per farm <i>in dollars</i>) (1997)	\$3,202	\$24,714
Net Cash Return from Agricultural Sales for Farm Unit (Average per farm <i>in dollars</i>) (1997)	\$3,363	\$11,909

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	County	<u>State</u>
<u>Farms</u>		
Total Number of Farms (1997)	983	82,273
Total Number of Farms (1992)	1,128	90,281
Land in Farms (in acres) (1997)	166,135	13,334,234
Median Size of Farm (in acres) (1997)	109	84
Farm Operators		
Farm Operators for whom Principal Occupation is Farming (1997)	405	33,841
Farm Operators for whom Principal Occupation is Farming (1992)	468	40,175
Number of Operators working any days off farm (1997)	589	48,491
Average Years on Farm (1997)	18.9	18.9
Tenure of OperatorFull Owner (1997)	759	58,840
Tenure of Operator- Part Owner (1997)	154	17,222
Tenure of Operator - Tenant (1997)	70	6,211

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Farm Workers		
Number of Hired Workers (1997)	2,382	153,602
Hired Worker Payroll (in \$1,000s) (1997)	\$1,937	\$209,578
Farm Production		
Total Production Expenses (in \$1,000s) (1997)	\$23,135	\$2,033,070
Market Value of Products Sold (in \$1,000s) (1997)	\$33,590	\$3,064,460
Market Value of Agricultural Products Sold (Average per farm in dollars) (1997)	\$34,171	\$37,247
Total Farm Production Expenses (Average per farm <i>in dollars</i>) (1997)	\$23,559	\$24,714
Net Cash Return from Agricultural Sales for Farm Unit (Average per farm <i>in dollars</i>) (1997)	\$12,310	\$11,909

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	County	<u>State</u>
<u>Farms</u>		
Total Number of Farms (1997)	673	82,273
Total Number of Farms (1992)	568	90,281
Land in Farms (in acres) (1997)	89,337	13,334,234
Median Size of Farm (in acres) (1997)	65	84
Farm Operators		
Farm Operators for whom Principal Occupation is Farming (1997)	166	33,841
Farm Operators for whom Principal Occupation is Farming (1992)	159	40,175
Number of Operators working any days off farm (1997)	450	48,491
Average Years on Farm (1997)	20.1	18.9
Tenure of OperatorFull Owner (1997)	490	58,840
Tenure of Operator- Part Owner (1997)	161	17,222
Tenure of Operator - Tenant (1997)	22	6,211

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Farm Workers		
Number of Hired Workers (1997)	506	153,602
Hired Worker Payroll (in \$1,000s) (1997)	\$606	\$209,578
Farm Production		
Total Production Expenses (in \$1,000s) (1997)	\$15,151	\$2,033,070
Market Value of Products Sold (in \$1,000s) (1997)	\$17,746	\$3,064,460
Market Value of Agricultural Products Sold (Average per farm in dollars) (1997)	\$26,369	\$37,247
Total Farm Production Expenses (Average per farm <i>in dollars</i>) (1997)	\$22,479	\$24,714
Net Cash Return from Agricultural Sales for Farm Unit (Average per farm <i>in dollars</i>) (1997)	\$4,568	\$11,909

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<u>Farms</u>		
Total Number of Farms (1997)	9	82,273
Total Number of Farms (1992)	23	90,281
Land in Farms (in acres) (1997)	2,230	13,334,234
Median Size of Farm (in acres) (1997)	244	84
Farm Operators		
Farm Operators for whom Principal Occupation is Farming (1997)	-	33,841
Farm Operators for whom Principal Occupation is Farming (1992)	4	40,175
Number of Operators working any days off farm (1997)	9	48,491
Average Years on Farm (1997)	18.1	18.9
Tenure of OperatorFull Owner (1997)	4	58,840
Tenure of Operator- Part Owner (1997)	4	17,222
Tenure of Operator - Tenant (1997)	1	6,211

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Farm Workers		
Number of Hired Workers (1997)	8	153,602
Hired Worker Payroll (in \$1,000s) (1997)	\$3	\$209,578
Farm Production		
Total Production Expenses (in \$1,000s) (1997)	\$65	\$2,033,070
Market Value of Products Sold (in \$1,000s) (1997)	\$50	\$3,064,460
Market Value of Agricultural Products Sold (Average per farm in dollars) (1997)	\$5,550	\$37,247
Total Farm Production Expenses (Average per farm <i>in dollars</i>) (1997)	\$7,216	\$24,714
Net Cash Return from Agricultural Sales for Farm Unit (Average per farm <i>in dollars</i>) (1997)	-\$1,666	\$11,909

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<u>Farms</u>		<u>——</u>
Total Number of Farms (1997)	751	82,273
Total Number of Farms (1992)	887	90,281
Land in Farms (in acres) (1997)	131,457	13,334,234
Median Size of Farm (in acres) (1997)	101	84
Farm Operators		
Farm Operators for whom Principal Occupation is Farming (1997)	392	33,841
Farm Operators for whom Principal Occupation is Farming (1992)	522	40,175
Number of Operators working any days off farm (1997)	392	48,491
Average Years on Farm (1997)	17.7	18.9
Tenure of OperatorFull Owner (1997)	479	58,840
Tenure of Operator- Part Owner (1997)	153	17,222
Tenure of Operator - Tenant (1997)	119	6,211

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Farm Workers		
Number of Hired Workers (1997)	1,947	153,602
Hired Worker Payroll (in \$1,000s) (1997)	\$2,187	\$209,578
Farm Production		
Total Production Expenses (in \$1,000s) (1997)	\$17,838	\$2,033,070
Market Value of Products Sold (in \$1,000s) (1997)	\$30,991	\$3,064,460
Market Value of Agricultural Products Sold (Average per farm in dollars) (1997)	\$41,266	\$37,247
Total Farm Production Expenses (Average per farm <i>in dollars</i>) (1997)	\$23,720	\$24,714
Net Cash Return from Agricultural Sales for Farm Unit (Average per farm <i>in dollars</i>) (1997)	\$15,008	\$11,909

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<u>Farms</u>		
Total Number of Farms (1997)	841	82,273
Total Number of Farms (1992)	880	90,281
Land in Farms (in acres) (1997)	120,645	13,334,234
Median Size of Farm (in acres) (1997)	68	84
Farm Operators		
Farm Operators for whom Principal Occupation is Farming (1997)	283	33,841
Farm Operators for whom Principal Occupation is Farming (1992)	341	40,175
Number of Operators working any days off farm (1997)	550	48,491
Average Years on Farm (1997)	18.7	18.9
Tenure of OperatorFull Owner (1997)	653	58,840
Tenure of Operator- Part Owner (1997)	159	17,222
Tenure of Operator - Tenant (1997)	29	6,211

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Farm Workers		
Number of Hired Workers (1997)	1,102	153,602
Hired Worker Payroll (in \$1,000s) (1997)	\$975	\$209,578
Farm Production		
Total Production Expenses (in \$1,000s) (1997)	\$13,074	\$2,033,070
Market Value of Products Sold (in \$1,000s) (1997)	\$17,578	\$3,064,460
Market Value of Agricultural Products Sold (Average per farm in dollars) (1997)	\$20,901	\$37,247
Total Farm Production Expenses (Average per farm <i>in dollars</i>) (1997)	\$15,564	\$24,714
Net Cash Return from Agricultural Sales for Farm Unit (Average per farm <i>in dollars</i>) (1997)	\$4,178	\$11,909

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<u>Farms</u>		
Total Number of Farms (1997)	346	82,273
Total Number of Farms (1992)	<i>397</i>	90,281
Land in Farms (in acres) (1997)	38,135	13,334,234
Median Size of Farm (in acres) (1997)	72	84
Farm Operators		
Farm Operators for whom Principal Occupation is Farming (1997)	128	33,841
Farm Operators for whom Principal Occupation is Farming (1992)	172	40,175
Number of Operators working any days off farm (1997)	212	48,491
Average Years on Farm (1997)	16.5	18.9
Tenure of OperatorFull Owner (1997)	253	58,840
Tenure of Operator- Part Owner (1997)	69	17,222
Tenure of Operator - Tenant (1997)	24	6,211

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Farm Workers		
Number of Hired Workers (1997)	966	153,602
Hired Worker Payroll (in \$1,000s) (1997)	\$349	\$209,578
Farm Production		
Total Production Expenses (in \$1,000s) (1997)	\$2,297	\$2,033,070
Market Value of Products Sold (in \$1,000s) (1997)	\$3,802	\$3,064,460
Market Value of Agricultural Products Sold (Average per farm in dollars) (1997)	\$10,988	\$37,247
Total Farm Production Expenses (Average per farm <i>in dollars</i>) (1997)	\$6,659	\$24,714
Net Cash Return from Agricultural Sales for Farm Unit (Average per farm <i>in dollars</i>) (1997)	\$3,360	\$11,909

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<u>Farms</u>		<u>——</u>
Total Number of Farms (1997)	976	82,273
Total Number of Farms (1992)	1,085	90,281
Land in Farms (in acres) (1997)	126,389	13,334,234
Median Size of Farm (in acres) (1997)	73	84
Farm Operators		
Farm Operators for whom Principal Occupation is Farming (1997)	389	33,841
Farm Operators for whom Principal Occupation is Farming (1992)	498	40,175
Number of Operators working any days off farm (1997)	606	48,491
Average Years on Farm (1997)	16.4	18.9
Tenure of OperatorFull Owner (1997)	727	58,840
Tenure of Operator- Part Owner (1997)	175	17,222
Tenure of Operator - Tenant (1997)	74	6,211

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	County	State
Farm Workers		
Number of Hired Workers (1997)	1,671	153,602
Hired Worker Payroll (in \$1,000s) (1997)	\$2,575	\$209,578
Farm Production		
Total Production Expenses (in \$1,000s) (1997)	\$23,583	\$2,033,070
Market Value of Products Sold (in \$1,000s) (1997)	\$30,601	\$3,064,460
Market Value of Agricultural Products Sold (Average per farm in dollars) (1997)	\$31,354	\$37,247
Total Farm Production Expenses (Average per farm <i>in dollars</i>) (1997)	\$24,188	\$24,714
Net Cash Return from Agricultural Sales for Farm Unit (Average per farm <i>in dollars</i>) (1997)	\$7,708	\$11,909

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	County	<u>State</u>
<u>Farms</u>		
Total Number of Farms (1997)	950	82,273
Total Number of Farms (1992)	1,067	90,281
Land in Farms (in acres) (1997)	133,706	13,334,234
Median Size of Farm (in acres) (1997)	87	84
Farm Operators		
Farm Operators for whom Principal Occupation is Farming (1997)	429	33,841
Farm Operators for whom Principal Occupation is Farming (1992)	548	40,175
Number of Operators working any days off farm (1997)	532	48,491
Average Years on Farm (1997)	19.1	18.9
Tenure of OperatorFull Owner (1997)	671	58,840
Tenure of Operator- Part Owner (1997)	197	17,222
Tenure of Operator - Tenant (1997)	82	6,211

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Farm Workers		
Number of Hired Workers (1997)	1,509	153,602
Hired Worker Payroll (in \$1,000s) (1997)	\$870	\$209,578
Farm Production		
Total Production Expenses (in \$1,000s) (1997)	\$16,326	\$2,033,070
Market Value of Products Sold (in \$1,000s) (1997)	\$24,993	\$3,064,460
Market Value of Agricultural Products Sold (Average per farm in dollars) (1997)	\$26,308	\$37,247
Total Farm Production Expenses (Average per farm <i>in dollars</i>) (1997)	\$17,168	\$24,714
Net Cash Return from Agricultural Sales for Farm Unit (Average per farm <i>in dollars</i>) (1997)	\$9,268	\$11,909

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	County	<u>State</u>
<u>Farms</u>		
Total Number of Farms (1997)	973	82,273
Total Number of Farms (1992)	1,062	90,281
Land in Farms (in acres) (1997)	167,161	13,334,234
Median Size of Farm (in acres) (1997)	94	84
Farm Operators		
Farm Operators for whom Principal Occupation is Farming (1997)	388	33,841
Farm Operators for whom Principal Occupation is Farming (1992)	479	40,175
Number of Operators working any days off farm (1997)	604	48,491
Average Years on Farm (1997)	18.4	18.9
Tenure of OperatorFull Owner (1997)	706	58,840
Tenure of Operator- Part Owner (1997)	198	17,222
Tenure of Operator - Tenant (1997)	69	6,211

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	County	State
Farm Workers		
Number of Hired Workers (1997)	1,170	153,602
Hired Worker Payroll (in \$1,000s) (1997)	\$1,368	\$209,578
Farm Production		
Total Production Expenses (in \$1,000s) (1997)	\$17,593	\$2,033,070
Market Value of Products Sold (in \$1,000s) (1997)	\$25,602	\$3,064,460
Market Value of Agricultural Products Sold (Average per farm in dollars) (1997)	\$26,312	\$37,247
Total Farm Production Expenses (Average per farm <i>in dollars</i>) (1997)	\$18,081	\$24,714
Net Cash Return from Agricultural Sales for Farm Unit (Average per farm <i>in dollars</i>) (1997)	\$6,074	\$11,909

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	County	<u>State</u>
<u>Farms</u>	<u></u>	<u></u>
Total Number of Farms (1997)	734	82,273
Total Number of Farms (1992)	772	90,281
Land in Farms (in acres) (1997)	111,651	13,334,234
Median Size of Farm (in acres) (1997)	85	84
Farm Operators		
Farm Operators for whom Principal Occupation is Farming (1997)	323	33,841
Farm Operators for whom Principal Occupation is Farming (1992)	370	40,175
Number of Operators working any days off farm (1997)	410	48,491
Average Years on Farm (1997)	18.0	18.9
Tenure of OperatorFull Owner (1997)	512	58,840
Tenure of Operator- Part Owner (1997)	147	17,222
Tenure of Operator - Tenant (1997)	75	6,211

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	County	State
Farm Workers		
Number of Hired Workers (1997)	2,230	153,602
Hired Worker Payroll (in \$1,000s) (1997)	\$2,138	\$209,578
Farm Production		
Total Production Expenses (in \$1,000s) (1997)	\$13,344	\$2,033,070
Market Value of Products Sold (in \$1,000s) (1997)	\$22,680	\$3,064,460
Market Value of Agricultural Products Sold (Average per farm in dollars) (1997)	\$30,899	\$37,247
Total Farm Production Expenses (Average per farm <i>in dollars</i>) (1997)	\$18,155	\$24,714
Net Cash Return from Agricultural Sales for Farm Unit (Average per farm <i>in dollars</i>) (1997)	\$12,488	\$11,909

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	County	<u>State</u>
<u>Farms</u>		
Total Number of Farms (1997)	698	82,273
Total Number of Farms (1992)	<i>786</i>	90,281
Land in Farms (in acres) (1997)	111,300	13,334,234
Median Size of Farm (in acres) (1997)	95	84
Farm Operators		
Farm Operators for whom Principal Occupation is Farming (1997)	243	33,841
Farm Operators for whom Principal Occupation is Farming (1992)	305	40,175
Number of Operators working any days off farm (1997)	448	48,491
Average Years on Farm (1997)	17.2	18.9
Tenure of OperatorFull Owner (1997)	474	58,840
Tenure of Operator- Part Owner (1997)	158	17,222
Tenure of Operator - Tenant (1997)	66	6,211

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Farm Workers		
Number of Hired Workers (1997)	2,067	153,602
Hired Worker Payroll (in \$1,000s) (1997)	\$1,145	\$209,578
Farm Production		
Total Production Expenses (in \$1,000s) (1997)	\$5,890	\$2,033,070
Market Value of Products Sold (in \$1,000s) (1997)	\$9,768	\$3,064,460
Market Value of Agricultural Products Sold (Average per farm in dollars) (1997)	\$13,995	\$37,247
Total Farm Production Expenses (Average per farm <i>in dollars</i>) (1997)	\$8,463	\$24,714
Net Cash Return from Agricultural Sales for Farm Unit (Average per farm <i>in dollars</i>) (1997)	\$6,068	\$11,909

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	County	<u>State</u>
<u>Farms</u>		
Total Number of Farms (1997)	559	82,273
Total Number of Farms (1992)	603	90,281
Land in Farms (in acres) (1997)	114,824	13,334,234
Median Size of Farm (in acres) (1997)	100	84
Farm Operators		
Farm Operators for whom Principal Occupation is Farming (1997)	221	33,841
Farm Operators for whom Principal Occupation is Farming (1992)	268	40,175
Number of Operators working any days off farm (1997)	325	48,491
Average Years on Farm (1997)	18.8	18.9
Tenure of OperatorFull Owner (1997)	377	58,840
Tenure of Operator- Part Owner (1997)	131	17,222
Tenure of Operator - Tenant (1997)	51	6,211

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	County	State
Farm Workers		
Number of Hired Workers (1997)	891	153,602
Hired Worker Payroll (in \$1,000s) (1997)	\$1,821	\$209,578
Farm Production		
Total Production Expenses (in \$1,000s) (1997)	\$18,384	\$2,033,070
Market Value of Products Sold (in \$1,000s) (1997)	\$32,419	\$3,064,460
Market Value of Agricultural Products Sold (Average per farm in dollars) (1997)	\$57,994	\$37,247
Total Farm Production Expenses (Average per farm <i>in dollars</i>) (1997)	\$32,887	\$24,714
Net Cash Return from Agricultural Sales for Farm Unit (Average per farm <i>in dollars</i>) (1997)	\$24,253	\$11,909

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