

## 2017 Cook County Census of Agriculture Highlights

### **Meet the Cook County *Farmer*...324 Farm Producers Reporting**

- 110 female | 214 male
- 36 have Military Service
- 116 are new farmers with less than 5 years working on a farm
- 29 are under the age of 35
- 59.3 years is the average farmer's age
- 19.1 years is the average length of time a farmer works on a farm

### **Meet the Cook County *Farm*...182 Farm Reported**

- 11,903 total acres
- 65 acres is the average size farm
- Average income per farm is \$11,877
- Market Value per farm is \$108,186
- 38 farms offer agritourism & recreation
- 86 farms employ payroll labor equaling \$8,682,000
- Crop sales reporting at \$17,626,000

### **County Farm *Crops Harvested***

- 17 Corn farms - 2,504 acres harvested
- 26 Hay farms - 1,256 acres harvested
- 4 Oat farms – 118 acres harvested
- 25 Soybean farms – 5,168 acres harvested
- 3 Wheat (winter) farms – 254 acres harvested
- 4 Christmas Tree Farms – 18 acres harvested
- 20 Greenhouse farms – 641,608 sq. ft of glass
- 23 Orchards | 3 Organic farms
- 37 Vegetable Farms – 713 acres – increased from 2002

### **County Farm *Livestock***

- 741 Equine on 45 farms, valuing \$1,599,000
- 1,337 colonies of Bees on 48 farms with \$317,000 in honey sales
- 1,180 chickens on 30 farms
- 108 cattle on 17 farms
- 28 pigs on 9 farms
- 72 sheep on 13 farms
- 56 goats on 16 farms
- 32 alpacas on 7 farms
- Geese, ducks, peacocks, peahens, guineas and aquaculture farms reported

2017 Census of Agriculture for Cook County showed notable increases in the number of woman farmers and increased vegetable production in the county.