

# GLRI FA3 Priority Watershed Profile

# Lower Fox Watershed

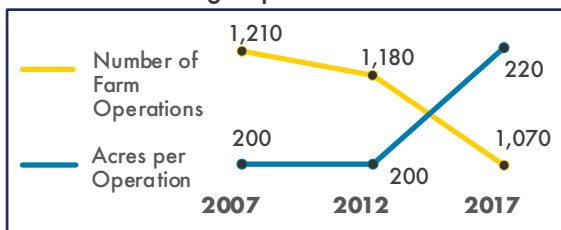
Watershed size	414,400 acres
Drains to	Lake Michigan
No. of counties	5
Acres agricultural land	197,100
% Agricultural land	48



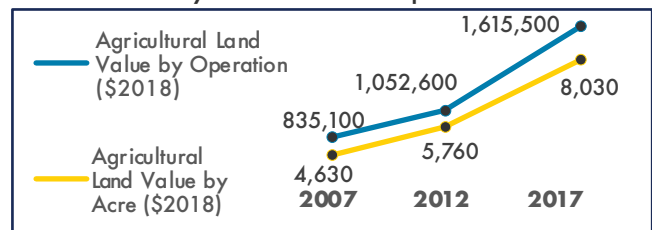
Total producers	1,850
Average age	56
Average yrs farming	26
% Female	34

## Highlights

\*Number of farm operations decreasing over time while average operation size increases



\*Agricultural land value has been increasing over time by both acre and operation



\*The majority of acres in agriculture are operated by part-owners, who farm on land they both own and rent, a trend that has increased over time, while acres operated by full owners, who farm their own land, and tenants, who farm only rented land, have decreased and remained static, respectively

	Tenure by Acre (%)	
	2017	Change since 2007
Full owners	18	-6
Part owners	78	6
Tenant	4	0

	Share of Sales by Type	
	Millions (\$)	%
Crops	57	20
Livestock	229	80

\*Land use practices, aligned with soil conservation and best management practices for mitigating negative impacts on water quality - identified as Conservation Practices by REAP - have increased over time

	Land Use Practices (% of Cropland)	
	2017	Change since 2012
Conservation Practices	Cover crops	8 3
	Conservation till	41 7
	Conservation easements	2 1
Traditional Practices	Intensive till	32 -3

Top Crops in Acres	
Corn	70,100
Alfalfa	53,400
Grass/pasture	40,800
Soybeans	34,700
Winter wheat	7,240

Farms That (%):	
Have internet access	79
Are family farms	89

Estimates on this fact sheet are based on normalized Census of Agriculture county-level data to accurately represent the footprint of the watershed

\*For more information, please visit: [glc.org/work/REAP/products](http://glc.org/work/REAP/products)

