

1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

United States Department of Agriculture
Indiana Agricultural Statistics Service



DECATUR INDIANA

Land in farms

Decreased 2 percent from 202,429 acres in 1992 to 198,614 acres in 1997.

Average size of farms

Increased 10 percent from 277 acres in 1992 to 304 acres in 1997.

Full time farms

Decreased 13 percent from 447 farms in 1992 to 388 farms in 1997.

Market value of agricultural products sold

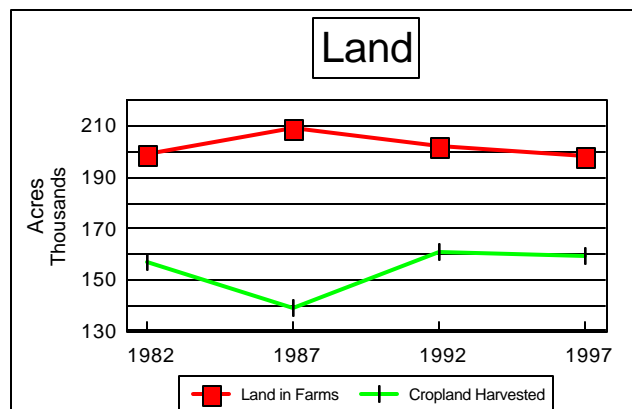
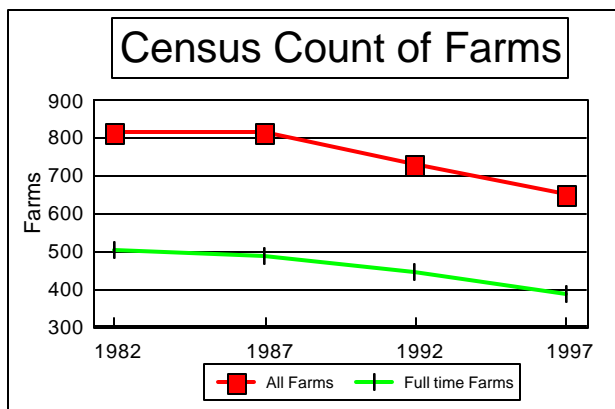
Increased 12 percent to \$82,874,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 53 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 47 percent of the market value.

Market value of agricultural products sold, average per farm

Increased 25 percent from \$101,424 in 1992 to \$126,719 in 1997.



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Ranked Items Within State and U.S., 1997

Item	Quantity	State		U.S.	
		Rank	Universe*	Rank	Universe*
MARKET VALUE OF AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS SOLD (\$1,000)					
Total value of agricultural products sold	82,874	21	92	671	3,076
Value of crops including nursery	43,781	30	92	641	3,070
Value of livestock and poultry	39,093	14	92	690	3,069
TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)					
Hogs and pigs	28,091	6	92	112	2,976
Corn for grain	21,236	30	92	306	2,582
Soybeans	19,383	33	92	316	2,136
Cattle and calves	8,506	8	92	1,026	3,063
Dairy products	2,412	30	91	972	2,563
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)					
Hogs and pigs sold	253,911	5	92	121	2,976
Cattle and calves sold	13,353	14	92	1,347	3,063
Sheep and lambs sold	515	37	91	1,225	2,765
Rabbits and their pelts sold	114	26	55	763	1,593
All goats sold	48	37	87	1,466	2,686
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)					
Hogs and pigs inventory	147,844	4	92	87	3,005
Cattle and calves inventory	16,193	16	92	1,746	3,064
Sheep and lamb inventory	591	39	91	1,304	2,864
Horse and pony inventory	382	48	92	1,938	3,066
Layers 20 weeks and older inventory	214	73	92	2,276	3,002
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA					
Corn for grain-acres	83,777	22	92	285	2,691
Soybeans for beans-acres	62,057	39	92	428	2,144
Wheat-acres	9,023	13	92	801	2,612
Hay crops-acres	5,393	51	92	2,219	3,061
Corn for silage-acres	2,231	11	92	635	2,473

Some counties do not have five commodities in a group.

Other County Summary Highlights

Item	1997	1992	Percent Change
Farms by value of sales:			
Less than \$10,000	192	208	-8
\$10,000 or more	462	523	-12
Total farm production expenses\$1,000..	63,221	58,945	7
Average per farmdollars..	96,817	80,526	20
Net cash return from agricultural sales			
for the farm unit\$1,000..	19,293	16,018	20
Average per farmdollars..	29,544	21,882	35
Farms by type of organization:			
Individual or family	506	562	-10
Partnership or corporation	143	167	-14
Other	5	2	150
OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS			
Operators by principal occupation:			
Farming	388	447	-13
Other	266	284	-6
Operators by sex:			
Male	619	699	-11
Female	35	32	9
Operators by race:			
White	654	731	-11
Black and other races			
Average age of operator	52.1	49.3	6

(D) Cannot be disclosed. See "Census of Agriculture Volume 1 Geographic Area Series" for complete footnotes.

* Universe is number of counties in state or U.S. with item.