

1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

United States Department of Agriculture
Indiana Agricultural Statistics Service



DELAWARE INDIANA

Land in farms

Increased 2 percent from 169,265 acres in 1992 to 173,443 acres in 1997.

Average size of farms

Increased 11 percent from 246 acres in 1992 to 273 acres in 1997.

Full time farms

Decreased 9 percent from 332 farms in 1992 to 303 farms in 1997.

Market value of agricultural products sold

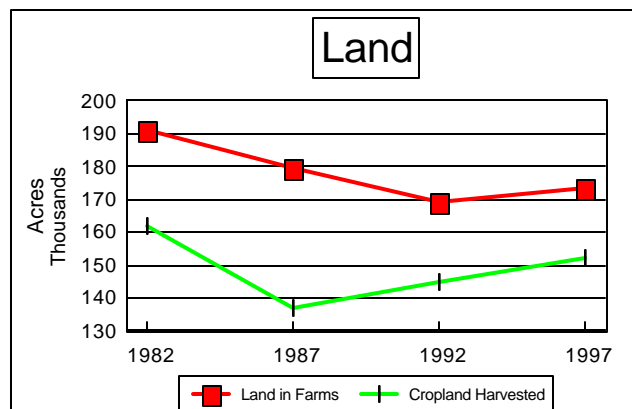
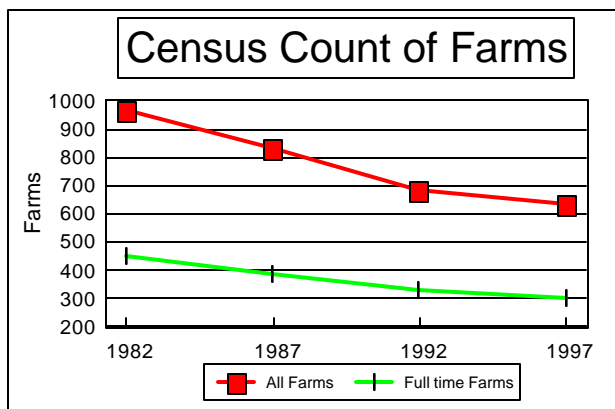
Increased 23 percent to \$52,625,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 84 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 16 percent of the market value.

Market value of agricultural products sold, average per farm

Increased 33 percent from \$62,352 in 1992 to \$82,874 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	52,625	46	92	1,140	3,076
Value of crops including nursery	44,387	28	92	633	3,070
Value of livestock and poultry	8,238	66	92	2,020	3,069
TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)					
Soybeans	21,567	22	92	257	2,136
Corn for grain	16,764	48	92	400	2,582
Hogs and pigs	5,448	46	92	506	2,976
Vegetables, sweet corn, and melons	2,215	4	88	337	2,739
Nursery and greenhouse crops	1,945	12	92	705	2,790
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)					
Hogs and pigs sold	54,357	44	92	498	2,976
Cattle and calves sold	2,922	67	92	2,491	3,063
Sheep and lambs sold	465	41	91	1,294	2,765
Horses and ponies sold	96	23	92	964	3,015
All goats sold	47	38	87	1,488	2,686
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)					
Hogs and pigs inventory	24,502	54	92	523	3,005
Cattle and calves inventory	4,857	69	92	2,590	3,064
Layers 20 weeks and older inventory	686	43	92	1,433	3,002
Horse and pony inventory	536	33	92	1,504	3,066
Sheep and lamb inventory	506	47	91	1,408	2,864
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA					
Soybeans for beans-acres	77,999	21	92	322	2,144
Corn for grain-acres	63,858	46	92	411	2,691
Wheat-acres	4,404	45	92	1,121	2,612
Hay crops-acres	3,602	70	92	2,473	3,061
Popcorn-acres	2,113	13	72	40	534

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	272	307	-11
\$10,000 or more	363	381	-5
Total farm production expenses\$1,000..	39,876	36,490	9
Average per farmdollars..	62,797	53,038	18
Net cash return from agricultural sales			
for the farm unit\$1,000..	13,114	6,819	92
Average per farmdollars..	20,652	9,912	108
Farms by type of organization:			
Individual or family	540	606	-11
Partnership or corporation	93	79	18
Other	2	3	-33
OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS			
Operators by principal occupation:			
Farming	303	332	-9
Other	332	356	-7
Operators by sex:			
Male	601	647	-7
Female	34	41	-17
Operators by race:			
White	631	686	-8
Black and other races	4	2	100
Average age of operator	54.6	52.7	4

(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.