

1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

United States Department of Agriculture
Indiana Agricultural Statistics Service



GIBSON INDIANA

Land in farms

Decreased 3 percent from 241,049 acres in 1992 to 232,839 acres in 1997.

Average size of farms

Increased 20 percent from 335 acres in 1992 to 402 acres in 1997.

Full time farms

Decreased 24 percent from 414 farms in 1992 to 314 farms in 1997.

Market value of agricultural products sold

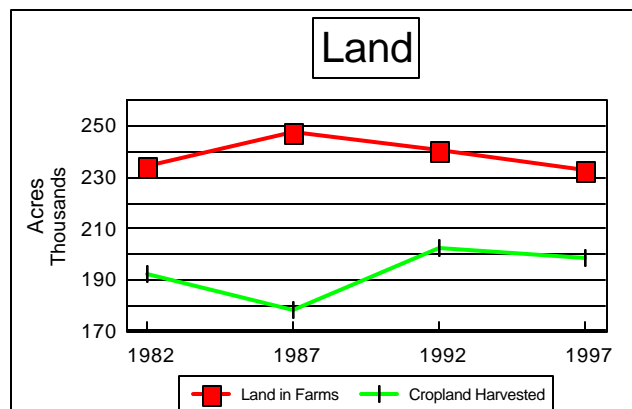
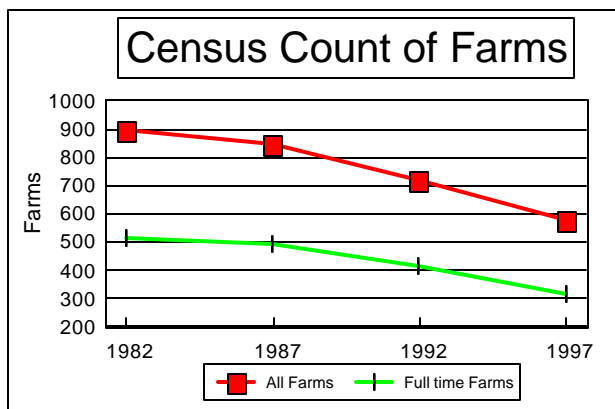
Increased 5 percent to \$69,056,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 81 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 19 percent of the market value.

Market value of agricultural products sold, average per farm

Increased 30 percent from \$91,599 in 1992 to \$119,268 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	69,056	31	92	836	3,076
Value of crops including nursery	56,123	16	92	457	3,070
Value of livestock and poultry	12,933	50	92	1,645	3,069
TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)					
Corn for grain	26,862	14	92	222	2,582
Soybeans	21,019	26	92	271	2,136
Hogs and pigs	8,310	35	92	384	2,976
Wheat	5,240	3	92	351	2,578
Dairy products	2,057	36	91	1,046	2,563
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)					
Turkeys sold	88,800	16	50	275	1,353
Hogs and pigs sold	71,493	37	92	417	2,976
Cattle and calves sold	3,137	66	92	2,461	3,063
Sheep and lambs sold	110	78	91	1,977	2,765
Rabbits and their pelts sold	(D)	28	55	890	1,593
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)					
Hogs and pigs inventory	38,267	36	92	382	3,005
All turkeys inventory	30,903	17	75	261	2,361
Cattle and calves inventory	6,620	59	92	2,432	3,064
Colony of bees inventory	(D)	3	83	638	2,588
Sheep and lamb inventory	197	72	91	1,868	2,864
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA					
Corn for grain-acres	95,804	13	92	227	2,691
Soybeans for beans-acres	85,338	16	92	282	2,144
Wheat-acres	30,044	3	92	430	2,612
Hay crops-acres	4,562	60	92	2,345	3,061
Sorghum for grain-acres	2,347	2	36	384	1,508

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	165	253	-35
\$10,000 or more	414	467	-11
Total farm production expenses\$1,000..	50,020	47,180	6
Average per farmdollars..	86,391	65,619	32
Net cash return from agricultural sales			
for the farm unit\$1,000..	16,327	19,939	-18
Average per farmdollars..	28,199	27,732	2
Farms by type of organization:			
Individual or family	484	601	-19
Partnership or corporation	89	113	-21
Other	6	6	
OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS			
Operators by principal occupation:			
Farming	314	414	-24
Other	265	306	-13
Operators by sex:			
Male	547	680	-20
Female	32	40	-20
Operators by race:			
White	569	704	-19
Black and other races	10	16	-38
Average age of operator	52.8	51.4	3

(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.