

1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

United States Department of Agriculture
Indiana Agricultural Statistics Service



HOWARD INDIANA

Land in farms

Decreased slightly from 148,609 acres in 1992 to 147,750 acres in 1997.

Average size of farms

Increased 16 percent from 263 acres in 1992 to 304 acres in 1997.

Full time farms

Decreased 20 percent from 334 farms in 1992 to 268 farms in 1997.

Market value of agricultural products sold

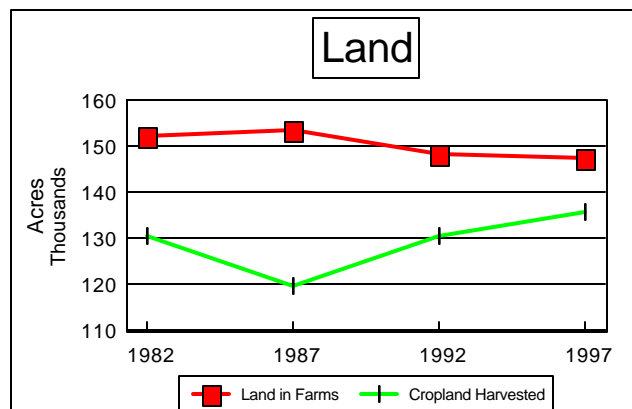
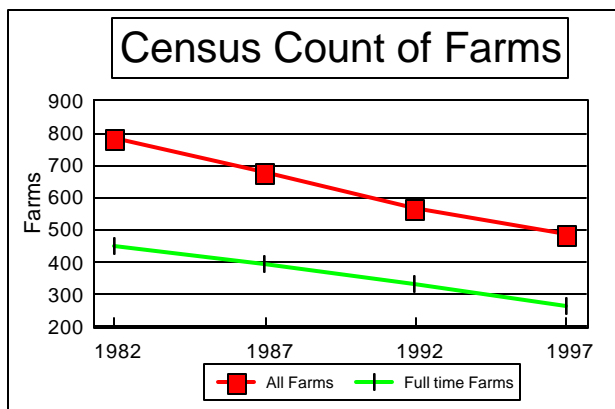
Increased 11 percent to \$62,587,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 69 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 31 percent of the market value.

Market value of agricultural products sold, average per farm

Increased 29 percent from \$99,696 in 1992 to \$128,779 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	62,587	35	92	933	3,076
Value of crops including nursery	43,304	32	92	655	3,070
Value of livestock and poultry	19,283	36	92	1,285	3,069
TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)					
Corn for grain	20,816	32	92	318	2,582
Soybeans	19,748	30	92	305	2,136
Hogs and pigs	15,577	19	92	232	2,976
Cattle and calves	2,577	43	92	1,972	3,063
Vegetables, sweet corn, and melons	1,446	9	88	444	2,739
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)					
Hogs and pigs sold	139,287	19	92	249	2,976
Cattle and calves sold	4,988	44	92	2,174	3,063
Layers, pullets, and pullet chicks sold	(D)	39	68	958	2,203
Sheep and lambs sold	218	63	91	1,681	2,765
Broilers and other meat-type chickens sold	(D)	27	49	1,391	1,882
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)					
Hogs and pigs inventory	73,259	17	92	221	3,005
Layers 20 weeks and older inventory	5,357	34	92	847	3,002
Cattle and calves inventory	5,000	67	92	2,580	3,064
Ducks, geese, and other poultry inventory	306	25	91	1,292	2,884
Horse and pony inventory	294	65	92	2,231	3,066
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA					
Soybeans for beans-acres	64,600	36	92	409	2,144
Corn for grain-acres	64,341	44	92	402	2,691
Hay crops-acres	3,061	80	92	2,560	3,061
Wheat-acres	2,835	70	92	1,293	2,612
Corn for silage-acres	842	38	92	1,141	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	138	154	-10
\$10,000 or more	348	412	-16
Total farm production expenses\$1,000..	39,899	41,899	-5
Average per farmdollars..	82,097	74,157	11
Net cash return from agricultural sales			
for the farm unit\$1,000..	18,296	14,260	28
Average per farmdollars..	37,646	25,240	49
Farms by type of organization:			
Individual or family	381	452	-16
Partnership or corporation	100	114	-12
Other	5	-	
OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS			
Operators by principal occupation:			
Farming	268	334	-20
Other	218	232	-6
Operators by sex:			
Male	469	540	-13
Female	17	26	-35
Operators by race:			
White	482	565	-15
Black and other races	4	1	300
Average age of operator	52.4	52.8	-1

(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.