

# 1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

United States Department of Agriculture  
Indiana Agricultural Statistics Service



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### Land in farms

Decreased 5 percent from 270,618 acres in 1992 to 256,820 acres in 1997.

### Average size of farms

Increased 10 percent from 541 acres in 1992 to 593 acres in 1997.

### Full time farms

Decreased 17 percent from 383 farms in 1992 to 319 farms in 1997.

### Market value of agricultural products sold

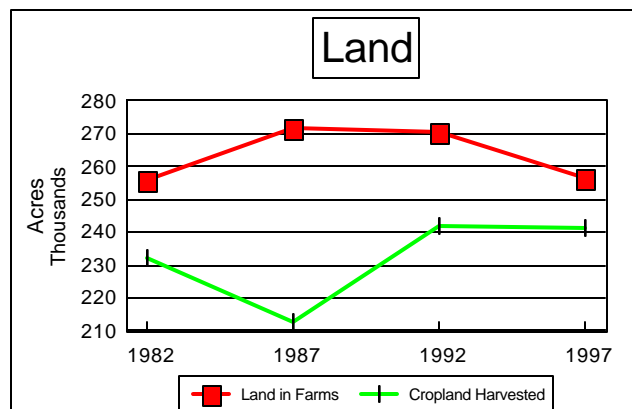
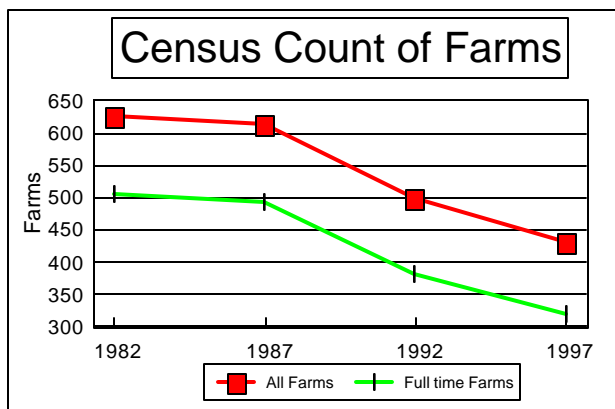
Increased 26 percent to \$79,373,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 96 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 4 percent of the market value.

### Market value of agricultural products sold, average per farm

Increased 45 percent from \$126,038 in 1992 to \$183,310 in 1997.



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### Ranked Items Within State and U.S., 1997

Item	Quantity	State		U.S.	
		Rank	Universe*	Rank	Universe*
<b>MARKET VALUE OF AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS SOLD (\$1,000)</b>					
Total value of agricultural products sold	79,373	24	92	715	3,076
Value of crops including nursery	75,941	1	92	267	3,070
Value of livestock and poultry	3,432	84	92	2,528	3,069
<b>TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)</b>					
Corn for grain	40,373	2	92	103	2,582
Soybeans	34,239	1	92	88	2,136
Hogs and pigs	1,904	74	92	823	2,976
Cattle and calves	1,072	74	92	2,513	3,063
Nursery and greenhouse crops	(D)	49	92	1,401	2,790
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)</b>					
Hogs and pigs sold	14,084	76	92	922	2,976
Cattle and calves sold	2,031	75	92	2,645	3,063
Sheep and lambs sold	695	21	91	1,040	2,765
Layers, pullets, and pullet chicks sold	(D)	63	68	2,107	2,203
All goats sold	(D)	78	87	2,387	2,686
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)</b>					
Hogs and pigs inventory	6,982	75	92	924	3,005
Cattle and calves inventory	3,865	78	92	2,670	3,064
Sheep and lamb inventory	866	23	91	1,056	2,864
Layers 20 weeks and older inventory	127	81	92	2,539	3,002
Horse and pony inventory	67	92	92	2,928	3,066
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA</b>					
Corn for grain-acres	120,732	2	92	142	2,691
Soybeans for beans-acres	116,750	1	92	133	2,144
Hay crops-acres	2,074	86	92	2,704	3,061
Wheat-acres	2,055	78	92	1,417	2,612
Popcorn-acres	1,248	18	72	69	534

Some counties do not have five commodities in a group.

### Other County Summary Highlights

Item	1997	1992	Percent Change
<b>Farms by value of sales:</b>			
Less than \$10,000 .....	50	49	2
\$10,000 or more .....	383	451	-15
Total farm production expenses .....\$1,000..	51,356	44,798	15
Average per farm .....dollars..	118,332	89,956	32
<b>Net cash return from agricultural sales</b>			
for the farm unit .....\$1,000..	25,926	16,926	53
Average per farm .....dollars..	59,738	33,988	76
<b>Farms by type of organization:</b>			
Individual or family .....	346	400	-14
Partnership or corporation .....	76	87	-13
Other .....	11	13	-15
<b>OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS</b>			
<b>Operators by principal occupation:</b>			
Farming .....	319	383	-17
Other .....	114	117	-3
<b>Operators by sex:</b>			
Male .....	412	481	-14
Female .....	21	19	11
<b>Operators by race:</b>			
White .....	433	500	-13
Black and other races .....			
Average age of operator .....	52.9	50.4	5

(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.