

1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

United States Department of Agriculture
Indiana Agricultural Statistics Service



LA PORTE INDIANA

Land in farms

Decreased 7 percent from 267,695 acres in 1992 to 247,756 acres in 1997.

Average size of farms

Increased 2 percent from 324 acres in 1992 to 331 acres in 1997.

Full time farms

Decreased 10 percent from 448 farms in 1992 to 402 farms in 1997.

Market value of agricultural products sold

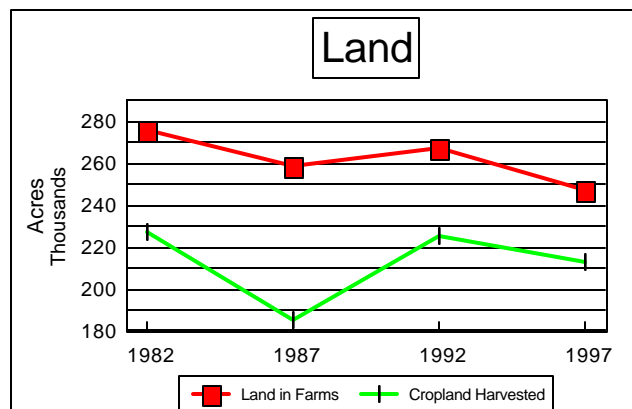
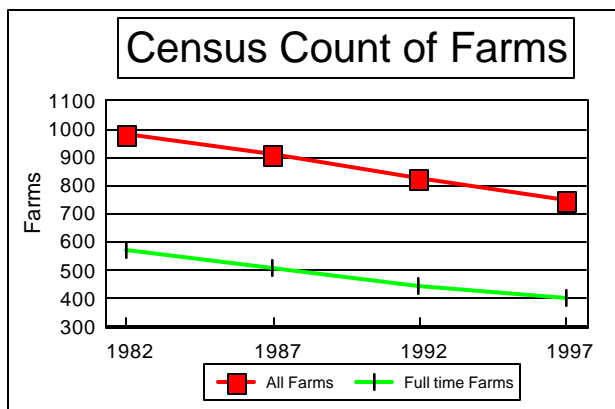
Increased 25 percent to \$95,814,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 71 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 29 percent of the market value.

Market value of agricultural products sold, average per farm

Increased 38 percent from \$92,755 in 1992 to \$127,922 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	95,814	13	92	549	3,076
Value of crops including nursery	68,041	6	92	335	3,070
Value of livestock and poultry	27,773	23	92	943	3,069
TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)					
Corn for grain	35,613	4	92	139	2,582
Soybeans	20,671	27	92	280	2,136
Dairy products	13,080	3	91	296	2,563
Cattle and calves	8,657	7	92	1,010	3,063
Hogs and pigs	5,853	43	92	479	2,976
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)					
Hogs and pigs sold	48,615	48	92	528	2,976
Cattle and calves sold	22,976	5	92	852	3,063
Sheep and lambs sold	651	25	91	1,087	2,765
Broilers and other meat-type chickens sold	(D)	17	49	1,109	1,882
Ducks, geese, and other poultry sold	142	33	63	1,253	2,200
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)					
Hogs and pigs inventory	27,110	47	92	486	3,005
Cattle and calves inventory	24,980	7	92	1,318	3,064
Layers 20 weeks and older inventory	782	42	92	1,338	3,002
Sheep and lamb inventory	780	29	91	1,123	2,864
Horse and pony inventory	605	22	92	1,320	3,066
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA					
Corn for grain-acres	113,242	5	92	174	2,691
Soybeans for beans-acres	76,809	22	92	328	2,144
Hay crops-acres	10,490	23	92	1,669	3,061
Wheat-acres	4,186	49	92	1,145	2,612
Mint for oil-acres	3,705	4	9	16	77

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	258	281	-8
\$10,000 or more	491	545	-10
Total farm production expenses\$1,000..	71,666	62,352	15
Average per farmdollars..	95,555	75,304	27
Net cash return from agricultural sales			
for the farm unit\$1,000..	27,337	14,211	92
Average per farmdollars..	36,449	17,162	112
Farms by type of organization:			
Individual or family	626	690	-9
Partnership or corporation	118	131	-10
Other	5	5	
OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS			
Operators by principal occupation:			
Farming	402	448	-10
Other	347	378	-8
Operators by sex:			
Male	705	778	-9
Female	44	48	-8
Operators by race:			
White	747	822	-9
Black and other races	2	4	-50
Average age of operator	53.1	51.7	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.