

1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

United States Department of Agriculture
Indiana Agricultural Statistics Service



MARION INDIANA

Land in farms

Decreased 25 percent from 38,783 acres in 1992 to 29,034 acres in 1997.

Average size of farms

Decreased 9 percent from 141 acres in 1992 to 129 acres in 1997.

Full time farms

Decreased 27 percent from 125 farms in 1992 to 91 farms in 1997.

Market value of agricultural products sold

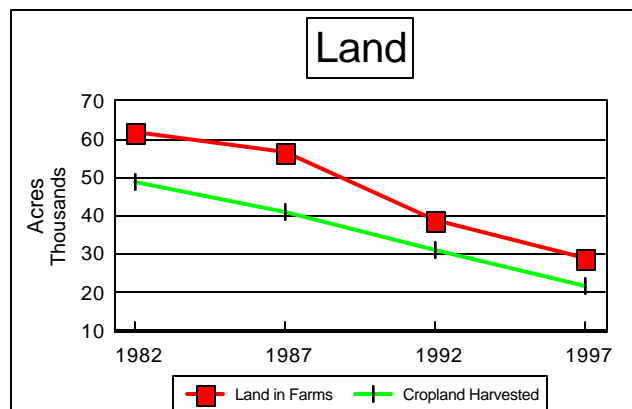
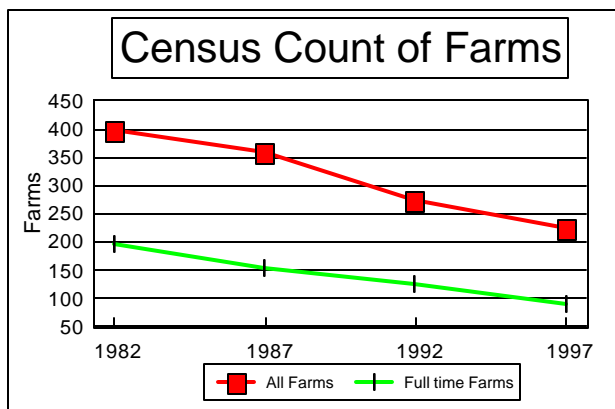
Increased 58 percent to \$32,681,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 59 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 41 percent of the market value.

Market value of agricultural products sold, average per farm

Increased 94 percent from \$75,034 in 1992 to \$145,247 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	32,681	67	92	1,638	3,076
Value of crops including nursery	19,435	67	92	1,284	3,070
Value of livestock and poultry	13,245	48	92	1,631	3,069
TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)					
Nursery and greenhouse crops	13,135	1	92	159	2,790
All other livestock & products	12,334	1	47	9	1,649
Corn for grain	2,620	82	92	1,024	2,582
Soybeans	2,303	84	92	947	2,136
Vegetables, sweet corn, and melons	1,027	13	88	528	2,739
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)					
Hogs and pigs sold	1,636	89	92	1,633	2,976
Cattle and calves sold	590	92	92	2,912	3,063
Sheep and lambs sold	209	66	91	1,703	2,765
Horses and ponies sold	116	17	92	792	3,015
Colonies of bees sold	(D)	9	17	340	611
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)					
Cattle and calves inventory	965	92	92	2,940	3,064
Hogs and pigs inventory	764	90	92	1,711	3,005
Horse and pony inventory	491	37	92	1,618	3,066
Sheep and lamb inventory	312	56	91	1,660	2,864
Layers 20 weeks and older inventory	(D)	91	92	2,760	3,002
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA					
Soybeans for beans-acres	9,482	84	92	1,010	2,144
Corn for grain-acres	9,248	84	92	1,111	2,691
Hay crops-acres	1,357	90	92	2,811	3,061
All nursery-acres	815	3	90	368	2,619
Wheat-acres	491	86	92	1,904	2,612

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	119	155	-23
\$10,000 or more	106	121	-12
Total farm production expenses\$1,000..	17,298	15,055	15
Average per farmdollars..	77,223	54,943	41
Net cash return from agricultural sales			
for the farm unit\$1,000..	15,113	5,575	171
Average per farmdollars..	67,471	20,346	232
Farms by type of organization:			
Individual or family	168	217	-23
Partnership or corporation	57	59	-3
Other			
OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS			
Operators by principal occupation:			
Farming	91	125	-27
Other	134	151	-11
Operators by sex:			
Male	196	245	-20
Female	29	31	-6
Operators by race:			
White	225	274	-18
Black and other races	-	2	-100
Average age of operator	55.0	55.1	-0

(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.