

# 1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

United States Department of Agriculture  
Indiana Agricultural Statistics Service



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### Land in farms

Decreased 2 percent from 87,329 acres in 1992 to 85,958 acres in 1997.

### Average size of farms

Decreased 11 percent from 320 acres in 1992 to 284 acres in 1997.

### Full time farms

Increased 2 percent from 126 farms in 1992 to 128 farms in 1997.

### Market value of agricultural products sold

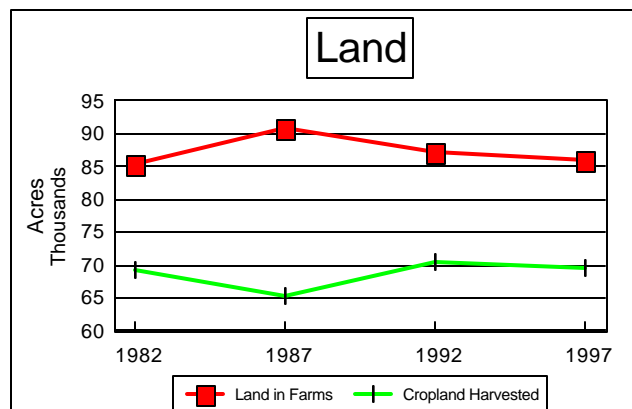
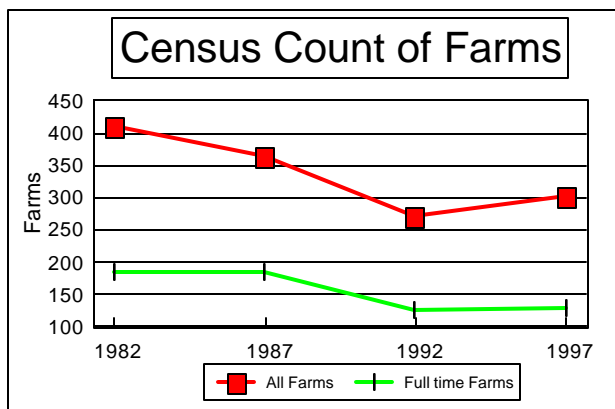
Increased 11 percent to \$25,295,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 72 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 28 percent of the market value.

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

Increased slightly from \$83,135 in 1992 to \$83,481 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	25,295	74	92	1,907	3,076
Value of crops including nursery	18,317	70	92	1,328	3,070
Value of livestock and poultry	6,978	70	92	2,136	3,069
<b>TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)</b>					
Soybeans	9,883	61	92	545	2,136
Corn for grain	7,506	72	92	657	2,582
Hogs and pigs	6,130	42	92	467	2,976
Cattle and calves	567	87	92	2,733	3,063
Wheat	(D)	62	92	1,171	2,578
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)</b>					
Hogs and pigs sold	60,437	41	92	467	2,976
Layers, pullets, and pullet chicks sold	(D)	30	68	695	2,203
Cattle and calves sold	1,003	89	92	2,818	3,063
Sheep and lambs sold	227	62	91	1,658	2,765
Horses and ponies sold	26	64	92	2,261	3,015
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)</b>					
Hogs and pigs inventory	33,458	41	92	425	3,005
Layers 20 weeks and older inventory	(D)	30	92	742	3,002
Pullets 13 to less than 20 weeks inventory	(D)	16	77	350	2,549
Cattle and calves inventory	1,769	90	92	2,861	3,064
Sheep and lamb inventory	217	68	91	1,824	2,864
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA</b>					
Soybeans for beans-acres	38,889	64	92	602	2,144
Corn for grain-acres	28,065	75	92	694	2,691
Wheat-acres	3,207	66	92	1,249	2,612
Hay crops-acres	1,402	89	92	2,803	3,061
Land used for vegetables-acres	(D)	44	88	1,157	2,741

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 .....	136	108	26
\$10,000 or more .....	167	165	1
Total farm production expenses .....\$1,000..	19,207	18,246	5
Average per farm .....dollars..	63,389	66,833	-5
<b>Net cash return from agricultural sales</b>			
for the farm unit .....\$1,000..	4,897	4,103	19
Average per farm .....dollars..	16,161	15,028	8
<b>Farms by type of organization:</b>			
Individual or family .....	262	230	14
Partnership or corporation .....	39	43	-9
Other .....	2	-	
<b>OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS</b>			
<b>Operators by principal occupation:</b>			
Farming .....	128	126	2
Other .....	175	147	19
<b>Operators by sex:</b>			
Male .....	279	259	8
Female .....	24	14	71
<b>Operators by race:</b>			
White .....	300	273	10
Black and other races .....	3	-	
Average age of operator .....	53.7	50.3	7

(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.