

# 1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

United States Department of Agriculture  
Indiana Agricultural Statistics Service



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### Land in farms

Decreased 1 percent from 184,118 acres in 1992 to 181,963 acres in 1997.

### Average size of farms

Increased 4 percent from 185 acres in 1992 to 193 acres in 1997.

### Full time farms

Decreased 14 percent from 423 farms in 1992 to 365 farms in 1997.

### Market value of agricultural products sold

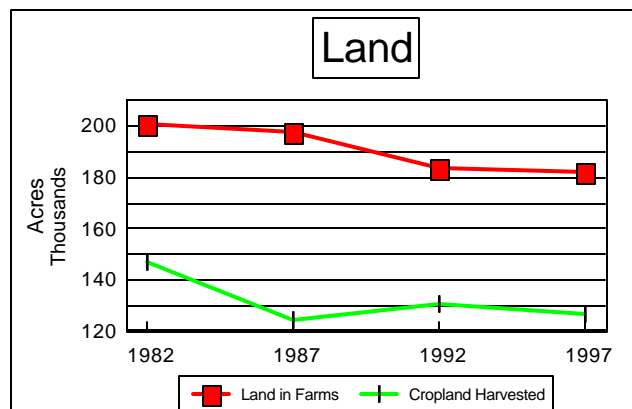
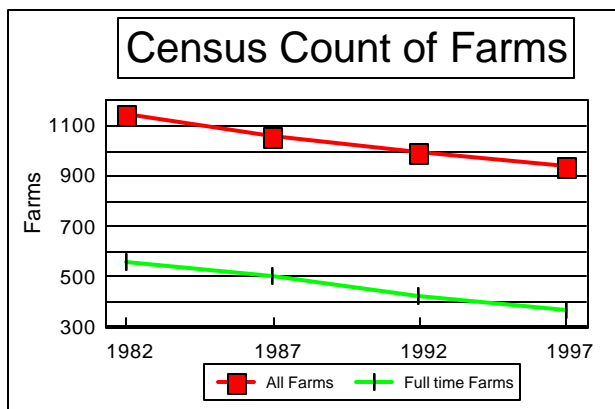
Increased 19 percent to \$58,841,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 52 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 48 percent of the market value.

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

Increased 26 percent from \$49,650 in 1992 to \$62,464 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	58,841	40	92	1,012	3,076
Value of crops including nursery	30,480	56	92	923	3,070
Value of livestock and poultry	28,361	22	92	926	3,069
<b>TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)</b>					
Corn for grain	14,976	52	92	439	2,582
Soybeans	12,460	53	92	475	2,136
Hogs and pigs	9,722	33	92	339	2,976
Dairy products	8,290	6	91	434	2,563
Poultry & poultry products	(D)	19	91	570	2,901
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)</b>					
Ducks, geese, and other poultry sold	(D)	4	63	13	2,200
Layers, pullets, and pullet chicks sold	(D)	15	68	376	2,203
Hogs and pigs sold	81,773	33	92	383	2,976
Cattle and calves sold	7,137	27	92	1,875	3,063
Sheep and lambs sold	871	14	91	883	2,765
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)</b>					
Ducks, geese, and other poultry inventory	(D)	4	91	20	2,884
Pullets less than 13 weeks inventory	(D)	11	52	194	1,790
Hogs and pigs inventory	43,481	33	92	344	3,005
Cattle and calves inventory	16,262	15	92	1,742	3,064
Sheep and lamb inventory	1,243	8	91	793	2,864
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA</b>					
Corn for grain-acres	58,456	54	92	454	2,691
Soybeans for beans-acres	48,990	53	92	521	2,144
Hay crops-acres	11,470	15	92	1,572	3,061
Wheat-acres	6,481	25	92	934	2,612
Corn for silage-acres	2,198	12	92	642	2,473

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 .....	469	474	-1
\$10,000 or more .....	473	519	-9
Total farm production expenses .....\$1,000..	40,698	38,467	6
Average per farm .....dollars..	43,249	38,660	12
<b>Net cash return from agricultural sales</b>			
for the farm unit .....\$1,000..	17,616	11,098	59
Average per farm .....dollars..	18,720	11,154	68
<b>Farms by type of organization:</b>			
Individual or family .....	819	855	-4
Partnership or corporation .....	115	132	-13
Other .....	8	6	33
<b>OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS</b>			
<b>Operators by principal occupation:</b>			
Farming .....	365	423	-14
Other .....	577	570	1
<b>Operators by sex:</b>			
Male .....	889	951	-7
Female .....	53	42	26
<b>Operators by race:</b>			
White .....	939	991	-5
Black and other races .....	3	2	50
Average age of operator .....	52.4	51.1	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.