

# 1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

United States Department of Agriculture  
Indiana Agricultural Statistics Service



## PORTER INDIANA

### Land in farms

Decreased 6 percent from 142,482 acres in 1992 to 134,505 acres in 1997.

### Average size of farms

Decreased 1 percent from 287 acres in 1992 to 283 acres in 1997.

### Full time farms

Decreased 11 percent from 264 farms in 1992 to 235 farms in 1997.

### Market value of agricultural products sold

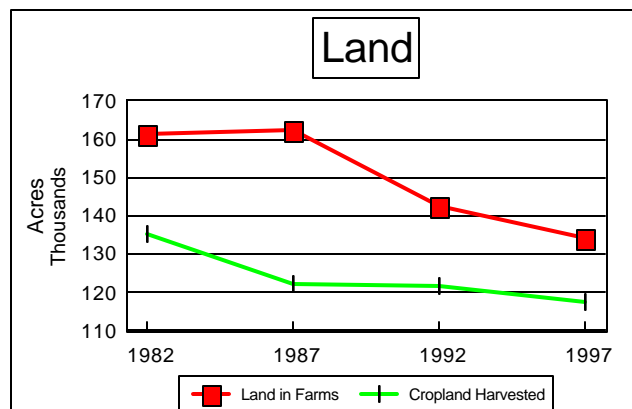
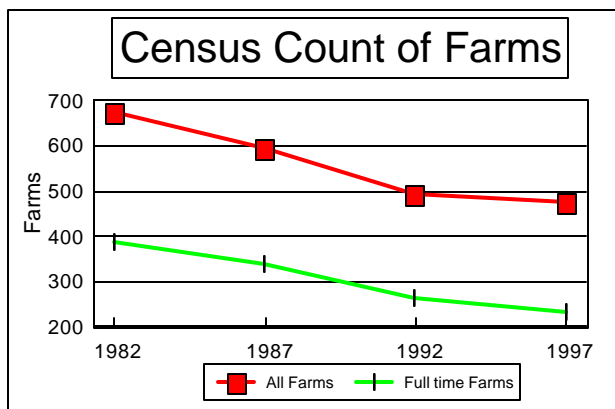
Increased 22 percent to \$42,227,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 86 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 14 percent of the market value.

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

Increased 27 percent from \$69,938 in 1992 to \$88,712 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	42,227	62	92	1,380	3,076
Value of crops including nursery	36,445	47	92	795	3,070
Value of livestock and poultry	5,781	76	92	2,269	3,069
<b>TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)</b>					
Corn for grain	19,293	38	92	348	2,582
Soybeans	12,966	52	92	459	2,136
Hogs and pigs	2,650	69	92	728	2,976
Dairy products	2,112	34	91	1,029	2,563
Vegetables, sweet corn, and melons	1,391	11	88	455	2,739
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)</b>					
Hogs and pigs sold	25,456	69	92	746	2,976
Cattle and calves sold	1,868	78	92	2,671	3,063
Sheep and lambs sold	511	38	91	1,230	2,765
Broilers and other meat-type chickens sold	(D)	26	49	1,348	1,882
Turkeys sold	63	33	50	680	1,353
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)</b>					
Hogs and pigs inventory	14,134	66	92	695	3,005
Cattle and calves inventory	4,416	74	92	2,628	3,064
Sheep and lamb inventory	558	43	91	1,349	2,864
Broiler inventory	350	16	77	1,079	2,620
Horse and pony inventory	323	57	92	2,132	3,066
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA</b>					
Corn for grain-acres	60,976	49	92	436	2,691
Soybeans for beans-acres	47,866	54	92	529	2,144
Wheat-acres	3,964	56	92	1,169	2,612
Hay crops-acres	3,381	74	92	2,515	3,061
Land used for vegetables-acres	900	11	88	485	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 .....	185	199	-7
\$10,000 or more .....	291	297	-2
Total farm production expenses .....\$1,000..	28,314	27,916	1
Average per farm .....dollars..	59,234	56,281	5
<b>Net cash return from agricultural sales</b>			
for the farm unit .....\$1,000..	14,020	7,161	96
Average per farm .....dollars..	29,330	14,437	103
<b>Farms by type of organization:</b>			
Individual or family .....	414	420	-1
Partnership or corporation .....	56	68	-18
Other .....	6	8	-25
<b>OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS</b>			
<b>Operators by principal occupation:</b>			
Farming .....	235	264	-11
Other .....	241	232	4
<b>Operators by sex:</b>			
Male .....	455	468	-3
Female .....	21	28	-25
<b>Operators by race:</b>			
White .....	473	496	-5
Black and other races .....	3	-	
Average age of operator .....	53.3	51.6	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.