

# 1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

United States Department of Agriculture  
Indiana Agricultural Statistics Service



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### Land in farms

Decreased 12 percent from 220,959 acres in 1992 to 195,305 acres in 1997.

### Average size of farms

Decreased slightly from 450 acres in 1992 to 447 acres in 1997.

### Full time farms

Decreased 8 percent from 294 farms in 1992 to 270 farms in 1997.

### Market value of agricultural products sold

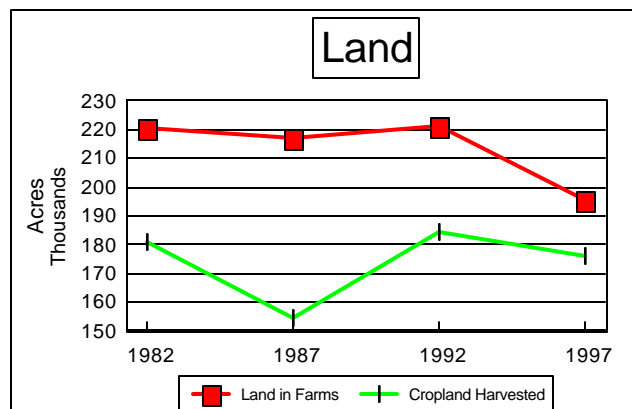
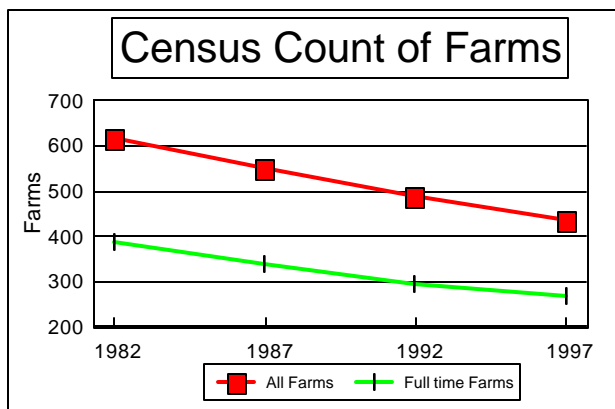
Decreased 4 percent to \$59,770,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 84 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 16 percent of the market value.

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

Increased 8 percent from \$126,797 in 1992 to \$136,774 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                   | 59,770   | 38    | 92        | 990   | 3,076     |
| Value of crops including nursery                            | 50,409   | 22    | 92        | 544   | 3,070     |
| Value of livestock and poultry                              | 9,361    | 58    | 92        | 1,900 | 3,069     |
| <b>TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)</b>  |          |       |           |       |           |
| Corn for grain  | 21,835   | 25    | 92        | 296   | 2,582     |
| Soybeans  | 20,265   | 28    | 92        | 290   | 2,136     |
| Wheat   | 6,378    | 1     | 92        | 309   | 2,578     |
| Hogs and pigs   | 3,055    | 67    | 92        | 686   | 2,976     |
| Poultry & poultry products                                  | 3,044    | 28    | 91        | 704   | 2,901     |
| <b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)</b>       |          |       |           |       |           |
| Turkeys sold  | (D)      | 10    | 50        | 184   | 1,353     |
| Hogs and pigs sold  | 25,891   | 67    | 92        | 740   | 2,976     |
| Cattle and calves sold                                      | 1,403    | 87    | 92        | 2,745 | 3,063     |
| Ducks, geese, and other poultry sold                        | 1,085    | 20    | 63        | 747   | 2,200     |
| Sheep and lambs sold  | 38       | 87    | 91        | 2,364 | 2,765     |
| <b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)</b>  |          |       |           |       |           |
| All turkeys inventory                                       | 39,003   | 15    | 75        | 243   | 2,361     |
| Hogs and pigs inventory                                     | 12,359   | 70    | 92        | 733   | 3,005     |
| Cattle and calves inventory                                 | 4,040    | 77    | 92        | 2,665 | 3,064     |
| Ducks, geese, and other poultry inventory                   | 2,068    | 10    | 91        | 439   | 2,884     |
| Layers 20 weeks and older inventory                         | 153      | 79    | 92        | 2,450 | 3,002     |
| <b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA</b>                     |          |       |           |       |           |
| Soybeans for beans-acres                                    | 82,709   | 18    | 92        | 294   | 2,144     |
| Corn for grain-acres  | 81,561   | 23    | 92        | 292   | 2,691     |
| Wheat-acres   | 34,300   | 1     | 92        | 399   | 2,612     |
| Sorghum for grain-acres                                     | 4,645    | 1     | 36        | 291   | 1,508     |
| Hay crops-acres   | 2,717    | 83    | 92        | 2,610 | 3,061     |

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 .....                       | 114    | 125    | -9             |
| \$10,000 or more .....                         | 323    | 366    | -12            |
| Total farm production expenses .....\$1,000..  | 42,529 | 42,504 | 0              |
| Average per farm .....dollars..                | 97,320 | 86,920 | 12             |
| <b>Net cash return from agricultural sales</b> |        |        |                |
| for the farm unit .....\$1,000..               | 14,991 | 20,711 | -28            |
| Average per farm .....dollars..                | 34,303 | 42,354 | -19            |
| <b>Farms by type of organization:</b>          |        |        |                |
| Individual or family .....                     | 330    | 377    | -12            |
| Partnership or corporation .....               | 103    | 107    | -4             |
| Other .....                                    | 4      | 7      | -43            |
| <b>OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS</b>                |        |        |                |
| <b>Operators by principal occupation:</b>      |        |        |                |
| Farming .....                                  | 270    | 294    | -8             |
| Other .....                                    | 167    | 197    | -15            |
| <b>Operators by sex:</b>                       |        |        |                |
| Male .....                                     | 414    | 472    | -12            |
| Female .....                                   | 23     | 19     | 21             |
| <b>Operators by race:</b>                      |        |        |                |
| White .....                                    | 436    | 491    | -11            |
| Black and other races .....                    | 1      | -      |                |
| Average age of operator .....                  | 51.7   | 49.9   | 4              |

(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.