

1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

United States Department of Agriculture
Indiana Agricultural Statistics Service



SPENCER INDIANA

Land in farms

Decreased 1 percent from 175,124 acres in 1992 to 172,687 acres in 1997.

Average size of farms

Increased 13 percent from 240 acres in 1992 to 271 acres in 1997.

Full time farms

Decreased 17 percent from 320 farms in 1992 to 265 farms in 1997.

Market value of agricultural products sold

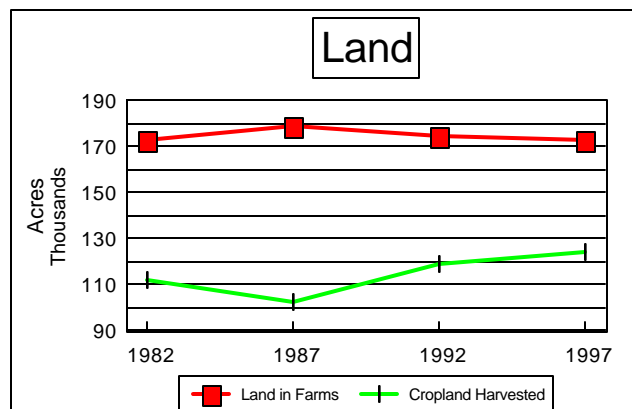
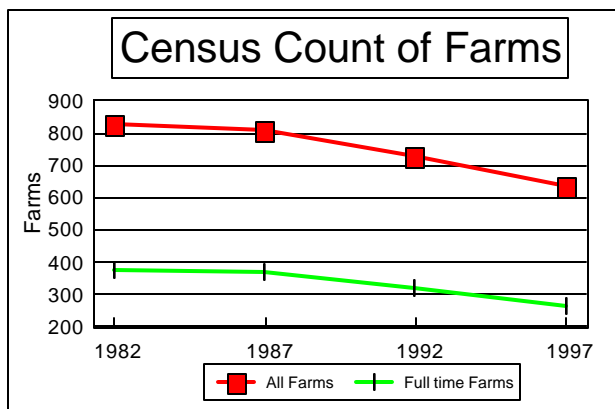
Increased 14 percent to \$51,896,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 57 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 43 percent of the market value.

Market value of agricultural products sold, average per farm

Increased 30 percent from \$62,476 in 1992 to \$81,341 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	51,896	49	92	1,157	3,076
Value of crops including nursery	29,329	58	92	954	3,070
Value of livestock and poultry	22,567	32	92	1,126	3,069
TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)					
Hogs and pigs	12,415	25	92	283	2,976
Corn for grain	12,314	59	92	493	2,582
Soybeans	12,198	55	92	487	2,136
Poultry & poultry products	4,949	21	91	603	2,901
Cattle and calves	2,910	36	92	1,873	3,063
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)					
Turkeys sold	415,000	7	50	133	1,353
Hogs and pigs sold	103,343	28	92	323	2,976
Layers, pullets, and pullet chicks sold	(D)	31	68	793	2,203
Cattle and calves sold	6,805	29	92	1,915	3,063
Ducks, geese, and other poultry sold	(D)	14	63	543	2,200
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)					
All turkeys inventory	114,900	9	75	152	2,361
Hogs and pigs inventory	48,437	31	92	315	3,005
Layers 20 weeks and older inventory	(D)	32	92	757	3,002
Cattle and calves inventory	14,051	25	92	1,849	3,064
Ducks, geese, and other poultry inventory	(D)	13	91	674	2,884
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA					
Corn for grain-acres	55,715	56	92	474	2,691
Soybeans for beans-acres	53,838	48	92	488	2,144
Wheat-acres	12,781	5	92	675	2,612
Hay crops-acres	11,415	16	92	1,578	3,061
Corn for silage-acres	739	44	92	1,229	2,473

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	295	319	-8
\$10,000 or more	343	411	-17
Total farm production expenses\$1,000..	41,617	34,429	21
Average per farmdollars..	65,332	47,358	38
Net cash return from agricultural sales			
for the farm unit\$1,000..	7,875	11,231	-30
Average per farmdollars..	12,362	15,448	-20
Farms by type of organization:			
Individual or family	553	619	-11
Partnership or corporation	85	109	-22
Other	-	2	-100
OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS			
Operators by principal occupation:			
Farming	265	320	-17
Other	373	410	-9
Operators by sex:			
Male	610	700	-13
Female	28	30	-7
Operators by race:			
White	637	729	-13
Black and other races	1	1	
Average age of operator	51.7	50.3	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.