

1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

United States Department of Agriculture
Indiana Agricultural Statistics Service



ST JOSEPH INDIANA

Land in farms

Decreased 11 percent from 172,348 acres in 1992 to 154,142 acres in 1997.

Average size of farms

Increased 3 percent from 224 acres in 1992 to 231 acres in 1997.

Full time farms

Decreased 19 percent from 377 farms in 1992 to 304 farms in 1997.

Market value of agricultural products sold

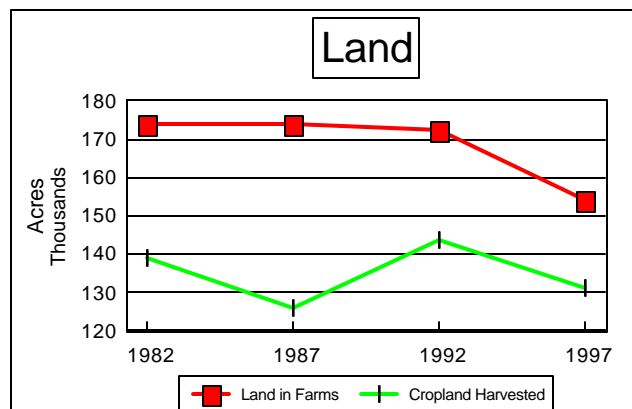
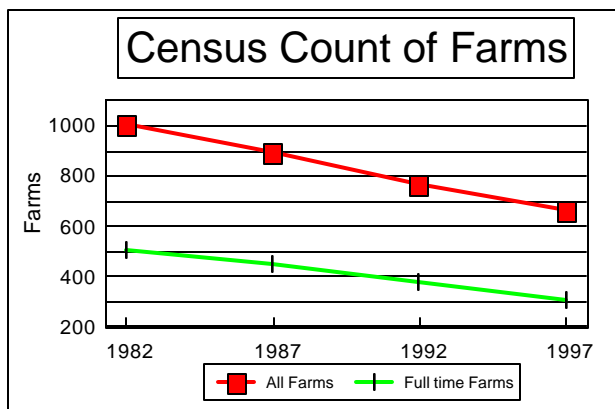
Increased 11 percent to \$55,178,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 73 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 27 percent of the market value.

Market value of agricultural products sold, average per farm

Increased 28 percent from \$64,843 in 1992 to \$82,849 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	55,178	45	92	1,080	3,076
Value of crops including nursery	40,051	41	92	719	3,070
Value of livestock and poultry	15,127	44	92	1,502	3,069
TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)					
Corn for grain	20,000	34	92	332	2,582
Soybeans	12,196	56	92	488	2,136
Hogs and pigs	6,177	41	92	465	2,976
Dairy products	4,153	17	91	709	2,563
Poultry & poultry products	(D)	27	91	687	2,901
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)					
Layers, pullets, and pullet chicks sold	(D)	14	68	370	2,203
Hogs and pigs sold	54,183	45	92	499	2,976
Cattle and calves sold	2,737	70	92	2,523	3,063
Ducks, geese, and other poultry sold	2,640	13	63	528	2,200
Broilers and other meat-type chickens sold	852	15	49	968	1,882
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)					
Layers 20 weeks and older inventory	(D)	13	92	237	3,002
Pullets 13 to less than 20 weeks inventory	(D)	6	77	126	2,549
Hogs and pigs inventory	27,430	46	92	482	3,005
Cattle and calves inventory	6,440	61	92	2,444	3,064
Ducks, geese, and other poultry inventory	2,152	9	91	429	2,884
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA					
Corn for grain-acres	69,251	36	92	369	2,691
Soybeans for beans-acres	45,696	56	92	546	2,144
Hay crops-acres	5,832	44	92	2,160	3,061
Mint for oil-acres	4,159	3	9	13	77
Wheat-acres	4,073	53	92	1,156	2,612

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	290	345	-16
\$10,000 or more	376	423	-11
Total farm production expenses\$1,000..	40,479	43,518	-7
Average per farmdollars..	60,597	56,738	7
Net cash return from agricultural sales			
for the farm unit\$1,000..	15,461	6,717	130
Average per farmdollars..	23,146	8,758	164
Farms by type of organization:			
Individual or family	584	668	-13
Partnership or corporation	78	97	-20
Other	4	3	33
OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS			
Operators by principal occupation:			
Farming	304	377	-19
Other	362	391	-7
Operators by sex:			
Male	622	733	-15
Female	44	35	26
Operators by race:			
White	663	765	-13
Black and other races	3	3	
Average age of operator	53.8	53.5	1

(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.