

1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

United States Department of Agriculture
Indiana Agricultural Statistics Service



STARKE INDIANA

Land in farms

Increased slightly from 134,960 acres in 1992 to 135,643 acres in 1997.

Average size of farms

Decreased 5 percent from 349 acres in 1992 to 331 acres in 1997.

Full time farms

Increased 1 percent from 201 farms in 1992 to 204 farms in 1997.

Market value of agricultural products sold

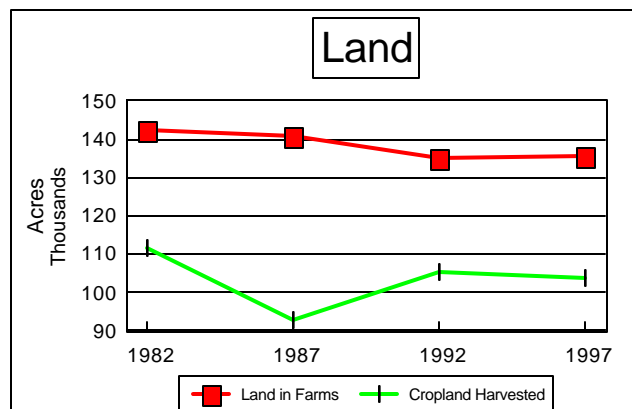
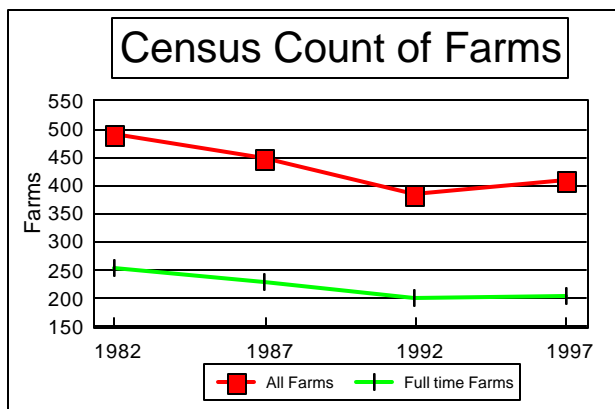
Increased 17 percent to \$33,138,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 96 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 4 percent of the market value.

Market value of agricultural products sold, average per farm

Increased 10 percent from \$73,181 in 1992 to \$80,825 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	33,138	66	92	1,627	3,076
Value of crops including nursery	31,882	54	92	893	3,070
Value of livestock and poultry	1,256	89	92	2,836	3,069
TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)					
Corn for grain	16,901	47	92	395	2,582
Other crops: potatoes, peanuts, etc	7,545	1	52	165	2,237
Soybeans	6,000	75	92	700	2,136
Cattle and calves	610	85	92	2,718	3,063
Nursery and greenhouse crops	608	43	92	1,238	2,790
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)					
Hogs and pigs sold	4,830	84	92	1,237	2,976
Cattle and calves sold	1,075	88	92	2,808	3,063
Layers, pullets, and pullet chicks sold	(D)	45	68	1,468	2,203
Broilers and other meat-type chickens sold	(D)	33	49	1,528	1,882
Sheep and lambs sold	31	91	91	2,418	2,765
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)					
Hogs and pigs inventory	2,268	84	92	1,293	3,005
Cattle and calves inventory	1,702	91	92	2,865	3,064
Layers 20 weeks and older inventory	892	40	92	1,262	3,002
Pullets 13 to less than 20 weeks inventory	745	18	77	459	2,549
Pullets less than 13 weeks inventory	(D)	16	52	393	1,790
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA					
Corn for grain-acres	59,664	50	92	446	2,691
Soybeans for beans-acres	25,900	74	92	722	2,144
Mint for oil-acres	14,990	1	9	2	77
Hay crops-acres	2,448	85	92	2,643	3,061
Wheat-acres	616	85	92	1,825	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	200	176	14
\$10,000 or more	210	211	
Total farm production expenses\$1,000..	23,611	21,294	11
Average per farmdollars..	57,588	55,308	4
Net cash return from agricultural sales			
for the farm unit\$1,000..	8,384	3,608	132
Average per farmdollars..	20,448	9,370	118
Farms by type of organization:			
Individual or family	359	340	6
Partnership or corporation	44	44	
Other	7	3	133
OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS			
Operators by principal occupation:			
Farming	204	201	1
Other	206	186	11
Operators by sex:			
Male	375	369	2
Female	35	18	94
Operators by race:			
White	407	385	6
Black and other races	3	2	50
Average age of operator	54.3	50.6	7

(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.