

1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

United States Department of Agriculture
Indiana Agricultural Statistics Service



VIGO INDIANA

Land in farms

Decreased 21 percent from 144,722 acres in 1992 to 114,889 acres in 1997.

Average size of farms

Decreased 6 percent from 270 acres in 1992 to 253 acres in 1997.

Full time farms

Decreased 14 percent from 246 farms in 1992 to 212 farms in 1997.

Market value of agricultural products sold

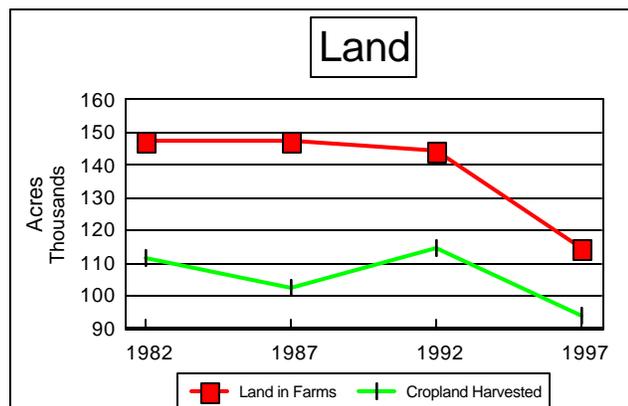
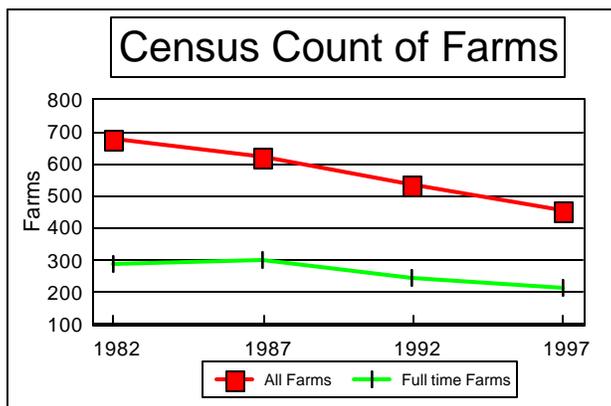
Decreased 14 percent to \$26,017,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 87 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 13 percent of the market value.

Market value of agricultural products sold, average per farm

Increased 1 percent from \$56,560 in 1992 to \$57,180 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	26,017	71	92	1,884	3,076
Value of crops including nursery	22,661	63	92	1,163	3,070
Value of livestock and poultry	3,356	85	92	2,540	3,069
TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)					
Corn for grain	10,422	62	92	544	2,582
Soybeans	9,252	65	92	569	2,136
Hogs and pigs	2,161	72	92	792	2,976
Nursery and greenhouse crops	1,674	16	92	761	2,790
Cattle and calves	780	80	92	2,643	3,063
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)					
Hogs and pigs sold	20,642	73	92	806	2,976
Cattle and calves sold	1,618	82	92	2,706	3,063
Sheep and lambs sold	123	75	91	1,930	2,765
All goats sold	(D)	17	87	1,103	2,686
Horses and ponies sold	61	42	92	1,424	3,015
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)					
Hogs and pigs inventory	15,563	64	92	669	3,005
Cattle and calves inventory	3,050	85	92	2,740	3,064
Layers 20 weeks and older inventory	450	55	92	1,760	3,002
Horse and pony inventory	434	40	92	1,783	3,066
Pullets 13 to less than 20 weeks inventory	270	20	77	620	2,549
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA					
Soybeans for beans-acres	43,874	59	92	564	2,144
Corn for grain-acres	43,440	64	92	556	2,691
Hay crops-acres	3,488	72	92	2,497	3,061
Wheat-acres	3,365	62	92	1,230	2,612
Popcorn-acres	(D)	36	72	141	534

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	226	264	-14
\$10,000 or more	229	272	-16
Total farm production expenses\$1,000..	20,484	22,161	-8
Average per farmdollars..	45,119	41,345	9
Net cash return from agricultural sales			
for the farm unit\$1,000..	6,070	6,408	-5
Average per farmdollars..	13,370	11,955	12
Farms by type of organization:			
Individual or family	385	457	-16
Partnership or corporation	68	74	-8
Other	2	5	-60
OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS			
Operators by principal occupation:			
Farming	212	246	-14
Other	243	290	-16
Operators by sex:			
Male	423	504	-16
Female	32	32	
Operators by race:			
White	449	529	-15
Black and other races	6	7	-14
Average age of operator	54.2	53.4	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.