

1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

United States Department of Agriculture
Indiana Agricultural Statistics Service



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Land in farms

Decreased 10 percent from 227,711 acres in 1992 to 205,380 acres in 1997.

Average size of farms

Increased 4 percent from 283 acres in 1992 to 293 acres in 1997.

Full time farms

Decreased 15 percent from 391 farms in 1992 to 333 farms in 1997.

Market value of agricultural products sold

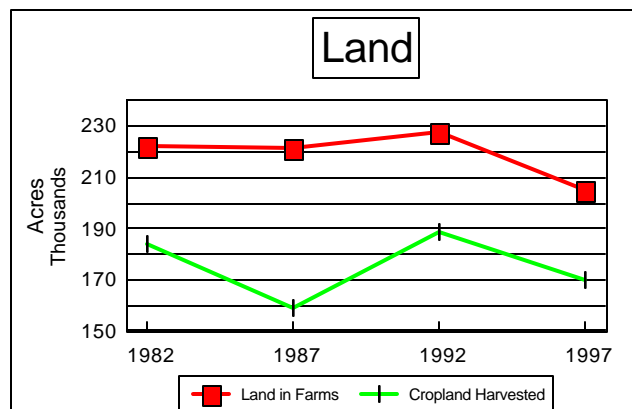
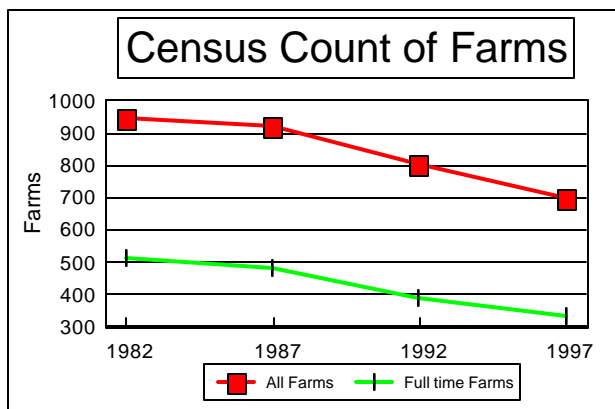
Increased 8 percent to \$77,559,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 69 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 31 percent of the market value.

Market value of agricultural products sold, average per farm

Increased 24 percent from \$89,395 in 1992 to \$110,799 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 | 77,559 | 25 | 92 | 730 | 3,076 |
| Value of crops including nursery | 53,509 | 17 | 92 | 496 | 3,070 |
| Value of livestock and poultry | 24,051 | 29 | 92 | 1,073 | 3,069 |
| TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000) | | | | | |
| Corn for grain | 26,483 | 17 | 92 | 227 | 2,582 |
| Soybeans | 21,642 | 21 | 92 | 255 | 2,136 |
| Hogs and pigs | 16,913 | 17 | 92 | 214 | 2,976 |
| Cattle and calves | 4,926 | 20 | 92 | 1,472 | 3,063 |
| Dairy products | 2,067 | 35 | 91 | 1,044 | 2,563 |
| TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number) | | | | | |
| Hogs and pigs sold | 139,840 | 18 | 92 | 248 | 2,976 |
| Cattle and calves sold | 8,570 | 20 | 92 | 1,736 | 3,063 |
| Sheep and lambs sold | 1,144 | 9 | 91 | 747 | 2,765 |
| Broilers and other meat-type chickens sold | (D) | 14 | 49 | 945 | 1,882 |
| Rabbits and their pelts sold | (D) | 13 | 55 | 479 | 1,593 |
| TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number) | | | | | |
| Hogs and pigs inventory | 72,036 | 18 | 92 | 227 | 3,005 |
| Cattle and calves inventory | 12,323 | 28 | 92 | 1,961 | 3,064 |
| Sheep and lamb inventory | 1,502 | 7 | 91 | 692 | 2,864 |
| Layers 20 weeks and older inventory | 381 | 60 | 92 | 1,903 | 3,002 |
| Horse and pony inventory | 269 | 69 | 92 | 2,321 | 3,066 |
| TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA | | | | | |
| Corn for grain-acres | 84,862 | 20 | 92 | 280 | 2,691 |
| Soybeans for beans-acres | 71,078 | 29 | 92 | 362 | 2,144 |
| Hay crops-acres | 6,306 | 38 | 92 | 2,115 | 3,061 |
| Wheat-acres | 5,110 | 36 | 92 | 1,051 | 2,612 |
| Popcorn-acres | 2,223 | 12 | 72 | 36 | 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 | 266 | 274 | -3 |
| \$10,000 or more | 434 | 530 | -18 |
| Total farm production expenses\$1,000.. | 56,196 | 55,162 | 2 |
| Average per farmdollars.. | 80,395 | 68,695 | 17 |
| Net cash return from agricultural sales | | | |
| for the farm unit\$1,000.. | 20,304 | 15,059 | 35 |
| Average per farmdollars.. | 29,047 | 18,754 | 55 |
| Farms by type of organization: | | | |
| Individual or family | 604 | 690 | -12 |
| Partnership or corporation | 91 | 111 | -18 |
| Other | 5 | 3 | 67 |
| OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS | | | |
| Operators by principal occupation: | | | |
| Farming | 333 | 391 | -15 |
| Other | 367 | 413 | -11 |
| Operators by sex: | | | |
| Male | 667 | 759 | -12 |
| Female | 33 | 45 | -27 |
| Operators by race: | | | |
| White | 694 | 801 | -13 |
| Black and other races | 6 | 3 | 100 |
| Average age of operator | 52.4 | 51.4 | 2 |

(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.