

# 1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

United States Department of Agriculture  
Indiana Agricultural Statistics Service



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### Land in farms

Decreased 1 percent from 198,680 acres in 1992 to 195,901 acres in 1997.

### Average size of farms

Increased 8 percent from 275 acres in 1992 to 297 acres in 1997.

### Full time farms

Decreased 18 percent from 392 farms in 1992 to 320 farms in 1997.

### Market value of agricultural products sold

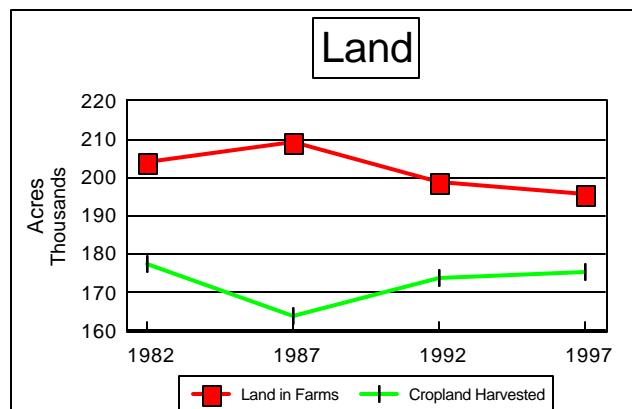
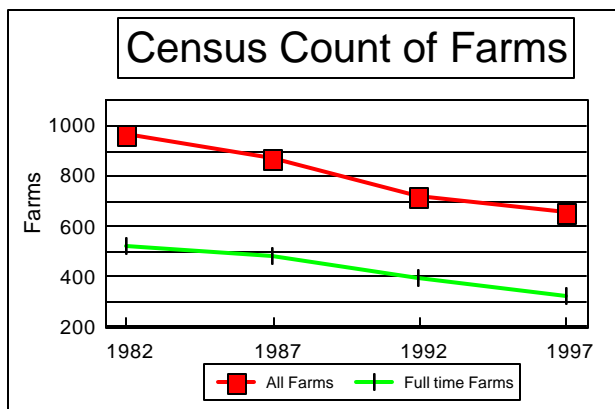
Increased 34 percent to \$74,294,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 67 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 33 percent of the market value.

### Market value of agricultural products sold, average per farm

Increased 47 percent from \$76,579 in 1992 to \$112,567 in 1997.



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### Ranked Items Within State and U.S., 1997

Item	Quantity	State		U.S.	
		Rank	Universe*	Rank	Universe*
<b>MARKET VALUE OF AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS SOLD (\$1,000)</b>					
Total value of agricultural products sold	74,294	29	92	770	3,076
Value of crops including nursery	50,016	23	92	550	3,070
Value of livestock and poultry	24,279	28	92	1,063	3,069
<b>TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)</b>					
Soybeans	24,598	14	92	198	2,136
Corn for grain	22,530	24	92	287	2,582
Hogs and pigs	13,546	22	92	262	2,976
Dairy products	3,965	20	91	736	2,563
Poultry & poultry products	3,734	26	91	660	2,901
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)</b>					
Layers, pullets, and pullet chicks sold	(D)	11	68	243	2,203
Hogs and pigs sold	140,937	17	92	246	2,976
Cattle and calves sold	8,554	21	92	1,740	3,063
Sheep and lambs sold	161	70	91	1,820	2,765
Rabbits and their pelts sold	(D)	32	55	975	1,593
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)</b>					
Layers 20 weeks and older inventory	170,689	17	92	323	3,002
Hogs and pigs inventory	65,972	22	92	249	3,005
Pullets less than 13 weeks inventory	(D)	13	52	226	1,790
Pullets 13 to less than 20 weeks inventory	(D)	12	77	270	2,549
Cattle and calves inventory	8,287	49	92	2,306	3,064
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA</b>					
Soybeans for beans-acres	87,566	14	92	272	2,144
Corn for grain-acres	75,280	27	92	326	2,691
Wheat-acres	7,831	18	92	866	2,612
Hay crops-acres	3,257	76	92	2,533	3,061
Popcorn-acres	2,419	8	72	30	534

Some counties do not have five commodities in a group.

### Other County Summary Highlights

Item	1997	1992	Percent Change
<b>Farms by value of sales:</b>			
Less than \$10,000 .....	180	182	-1
\$10,000 or more .....	480	540	-11
Total farm production expenses .....\$1,000..	51,711	42,127	23
Average per farm .....dollars..	78,350	58,348	34
<b>Net cash return from agricultural sales</b>			
for the farm unit .....\$1,000..	22,817	11,870	92
Average per farm .....dollars..	34,571	16,440	110
<b>Farms by type of organization:</b>			
Individual or family .....	549	622	-12
Partnership or corporation .....	108	99	9
Other .....	3	1	200
<b>OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS</b>			
<b>Operators by principal occupation:</b>			
Farming .....	320	392	-18
Other .....	340	330	3
<b>Operators by sex:</b>			
Male .....	631	696	-9
Female .....	29	26	12
<b>Operators by race:</b>			
White .....	657	719	-9
Black and other races .....	3	3	
Average age of operator .....	52.2	51.3	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.