

2002 Census of Agriculture County Profile

Elkhart, Indiana

Number of farms

1,516 farms in 2002, 1,591 farms in 1997, down 5 percent.

Land in farms

200,879 acres in 2002, 192,217 acres in 1997, up 5 percent.

Average size of farm

133 acres in 2002, 121 acres in 1997, up 10 percent.

Market Value of Production

\$136,013,000 in 2002, \$130,746,000 in 1997, up 4 percent.

Crop sales accounted for \$41,638,000 of the total value in 2002.

Livestock sales accounted for \$94,375,000 of the total value in 2002.

Market Value of Production, average per farm

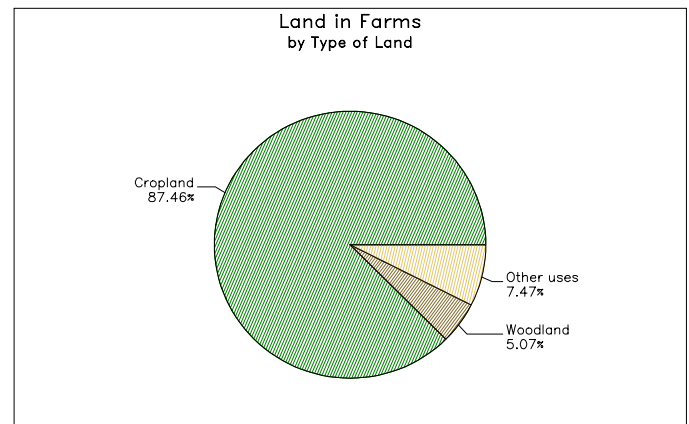
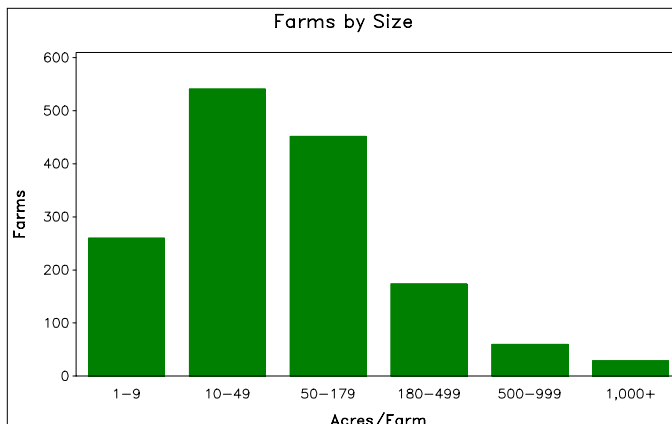
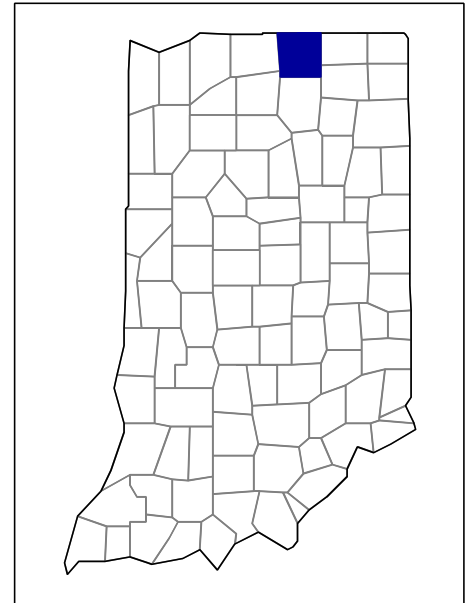
\$89,718 in 2002, \$82,178 in 1997, up 9 percent.

Government Payments

\$3,441,000 in 2002, \$1,746,000 in 1997, up 97 percent.

Government Payments, average per farm receiving payments

\$9,585 in 2002, \$5,182 in 1997, up 85 percent.



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Ranked items among the 92 state counties and 3,078 U.S. counties, 2002

Item	Quantity	State Rank	Universe ¹	U.S. Rank	Universe ¹
MARKET VALUE OF AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS SOLD (\$1,000)					
Total value of agricultural products sold	136,013	1	92	298	3,075
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	41,638	32	92	605	3,070
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	94,375	1	92	223	3,070
VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	30,371	43	92	483	2,871
Tobacco	-	-	35	-	560
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	-	-	656
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	1,741	10	88	570	2,747
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	1,045	2	86	344	2,638
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	6,284	10	91	394	2,708
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	506	1	73	109	1,774
Other crops and hay	1,691	3	92	770	3,046
Poultry and eggs	21,405	7	91	293	2,918
Cattle and calves	17,213	2	92	613	3,053
Milk and other dairy products from cows	39,488	2	87	113	2,493
Hogs and pigs	14,976	11	92	202	2,919
Sheep, goats, and their products	336	2	92	268	2,997
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	826	2	91	174	3,014
Aquaculture	(D)	(D)	33	(D)	1,520
Other animals and other animal products	(D)	(D)	88	(D)	2,727
TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)					
Broilers and other meat-type chickens	637,636	4	78	352	2,599
Ducks	382,973	2	83	3	2,630
Hogs and pigs	63,733	19	92	234	2,926
Cattle and calves	49,154	1	92	587	3,059
Layers 20 weeks old and older	31,357	23	92	589	2,983
TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)					
Corn for grain	69,316	31	92	358	2,592
Soybeans	59,461	50	92	492	2,076
Forage - land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	19,785	5	92	1,112	3,059
Corn for silage	12,213	1	91	114	2,307
All Wheat for grain	2,154	46	92	1,262	2,517

Other County Highlights

Economic Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales	
Less than \$1,000	268
\$1,000 to \$2,499	119
\$2,500 to \$4,999	104
\$5,000 to \$9,999	146
\$10,000 to \$19,999	156
\$20,000 to \$24,999	43
\$25,000 to \$39,999	97
\$40,000 to \$49,999	38
\$50,000 to \$99,999	170
\$100,000 to \$249,999	239
\$250,000 to \$499,999	86
\$500,000 or more	50
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	106,712
Average per farm (\$)	70,484
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	30,060
Average per farm (\$)	19,854

Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Farming	841
Other	675
Principal operators by sex:	
Male	1,452
Female	64
Average age of principal operator (years)	48.5
All operators ² by race:	
White	2,224
Black or African American	1
American Indian or Alaska Native	-
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
Asian	-
More than one race	1
All operators ² of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin	13

(D) Cannot be disclosed. (Z) Less than half of the unit shown. See "Census of Agriculture, Volume 1, Geographic Area Series" for complete footnotes.

¹ Universe is number of counties in state or U.S. with item.

² Data were collected for a maximum of three operators per farm.