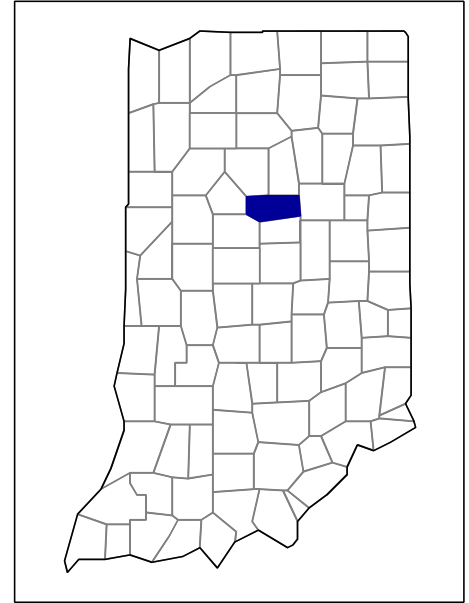


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Number of farms

536 farms in 2002, 540 farms in 1997, down 1 percent.

Land in farms

156,160 acres in 2002, 151,733 acres in 1997, up 3 percent.

Average size of farm

291 acres in 2002, 281 acres in 1997, up 4 percent.

Market Value of Production

\$56,794,000 in 2002, \$64,589,000 in 1997, down 12 percent.

Crop sales accounted for \$39,033,000 of the total value in 2002.

Livestock sales accounted for \$17,761,000 of the total value in 2002.

Market Value of Production, average per farm

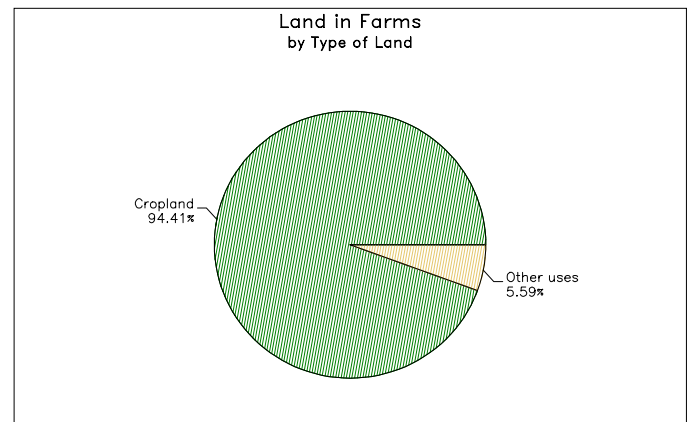
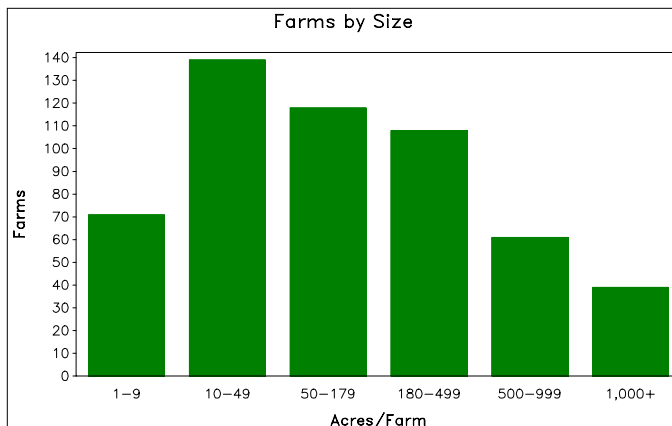
\$105,958 in 2002, \$119,610 in 1997, down 11 percent.

Government Payments

\$2,829,000 in 2002, \$2,190,000 in 1997, up 29 percent.

Government Payments, average per farm receiving payments

\$10,402 in 2002, \$7,156 in 1997, up 45 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	56,794	33	92	1,009	3,075
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	39,033	35	92	652	3,070
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	17,761	34	92	1,397	3,070
VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	37,653	30	92	369	2,871
Tobacco	(D)	(D)	35	(D)	560
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	-	-	656
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	474	37	88	1,018	2,747
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	422	12	86	590	2,638
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	(D)	(D)	91	(D)	2,708
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	(D)	(D)	73	(D)	1,774
Other crops and hay	224	71	92	2,470	3,046
Poultry and eggs	44	49	91	1,494	2,918
Cattle and calves	2,739	37	92	1,961	3,053
Milk and other dairy products from cows	1,184	49	87	1,278	2,493
Hogs and pigs	13,702	18	92	221	2,919
Sheep, goats, and their products	12	73	92	2,205	2,997
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	76	60	91	2,025	3,014
Aquaculture	-	-	33	-	1,520
Other animals and other animal products	4	66	88	2,137	2,727
TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)					
Hogs and pigs	85,375	12	92	183	2,926
Layers 20 weeks old and older	4,533	28	92	804	2,983
Cattle and calves	3,810	74	92	2,636	3,059
Horses and ponies	823	41	92	1,539	3,065
Sheep and lambs	267	61	92	1,823	2,867
TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)					
Soybeans	73,305	36	92	403	2,076
Corn for grain	66,766	36	92	374	2,592
Forage - land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	1,856	85	92	2,760	3,059
All Wheat for grain	1,667	61	92	1,358	2,517
Corn for silage	420	57	91	1,496	2,307

Other County Highlights

Economic Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales	
Less than \$1,000	91
\$1,000 to \$2,499	39
\$2,500 to \$4,999	46
\$5,000 to \$9,999	30
\$10,000 to \$19,999	44
\$20,000 to \$24,999	32
\$25,000 to \$39,999	27
\$40,000 to \$49,999	24
\$50,000 to \$99,999	66
\$100,000 to \$249,999	76
\$250,000 to \$499,999	40
\$500,000 or more	21
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	44,428
Average per farm (\$)	83,042
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	12,100
Average per farm (\$)	22,617

Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Farming	355
Other	181
Principal operators by sex:	
Male	503
Female	33
Average age of principal operator (years)	54.7
All operators ² by race:	
White	749
Black or African American	2
American Indian or Alaska Native	2
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
Asian	2
More than one race	1
All operators ² of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin	-

(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.