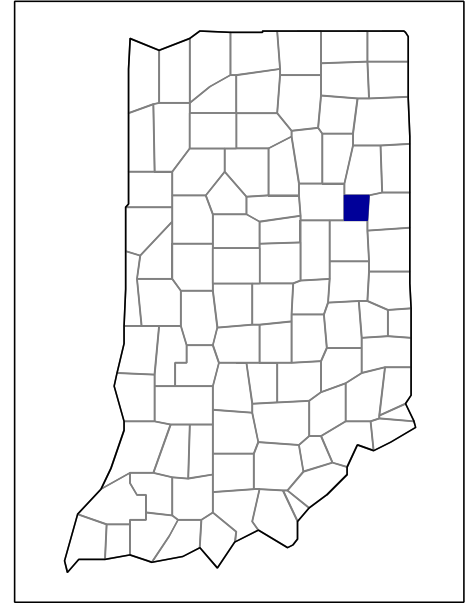


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Number of farms

279 farms in 2002, 351 farms in 1997, down 21 percent.

Land in farms

97,009 acres in 2002, 86,311 acres in 1997, up 12 percent.

Average size of farm

348 acres in 2002, 246 acres in 1997, up 41 percent.

Market Value of Production

\$25,902,000 in 2002, \$25,229,000 in 1997, up 3 percent.

Crop sales accounted for \$20,232,000 of the total value in 2002.

Livestock sales accounted for \$5,670,000 of the total value in 2002.

Market Value of Production, average per farm

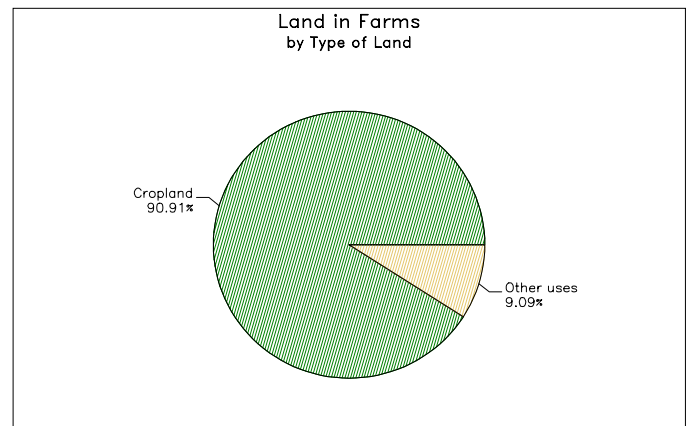
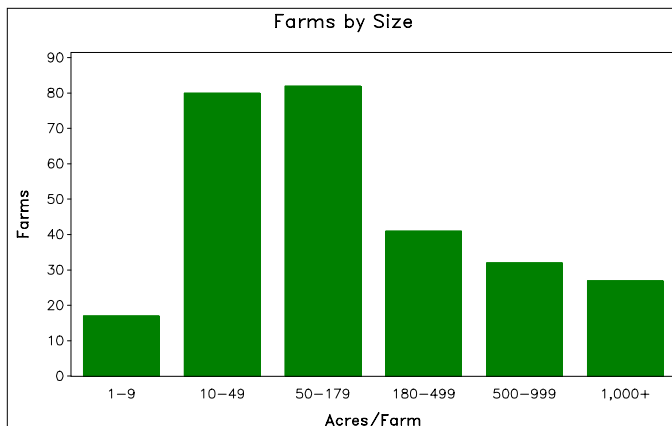
\$92,839 in 2002, \$71,878 in 1997, up 29 percent.

Government Payments

\$1,508,000 in 2002, \$1,359,000 in 1997, up 11 percent.

Government Payments, average per farm receiving payments

\$8,667 in 2002, \$5,307 in 1997, up 63 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	25,902	70	92	1,857	3,075
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	20,232	65	92	1,156	3,070
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	5,670	70	92	2,272	3,070
VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	20,002	61	92	676	2,871
Tobacco	-	-	35	-	560
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	-	-	656
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	(D)	(D)	88	(D)	2,747
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	(D)	(D)	86	(D)	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	158	84	92	2,635	3,046
Poultry and eggs	1	85	91	2,595	2,918
Cattle and calves	487	87	92	2,754	3,053
Milk and other dairy products from cows	49	85	87	2,253	2,493
Hogs and pigs	5,065	40	92	475	2,919
Sheep, goats, and their products	16	64	92	2,055	2,997
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	52	76	91	2,324	3,014
Aquaculture	-	-	33	-	1,520
Other animals and other animal products	-	-	88	-	2,727
TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)					
Hogs and pigs	35,380	33	92	364	2,926
Cattle and calves	1,644	90	92	2,847	3,059
All Goats	309	36	92	1,462	2,971
Horses and ponies	295	86	92	2,628	3,065
Layers 20 weeks old and older	202	77	92	2,467	2,983
TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)					
Soybeans	54,804	56	92	528	2,076
Corn for grain	27,850	72	92	689	2,592
Forage - land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	1,259	90	92	2,841	3,059
All Wheat for grain	910	76	92	1,580	2,517
Corn for silage	117	83	91	1,925	2,307

Other County Highlights

Economic Characteristics	Quantity	Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales		Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Less than \$1,000	66	Farming	159
\$1,000 to \$2,499	19	Other	120
\$2,500 to \$4,999	15		
\$5,000 to \$9,999	34	Principal operators by sex:	
\$10,000 to \$19,999	29	Male	259
\$20,000 to \$24,999	3	Female	20
\$25,000 to \$39,999	19		
\$40,000 to \$49,999	11	Average age of principal operator (years)	53.7
\$50,000 to \$99,999	23		
\$100,000 to \$249,999	37	All operators ² by race:	
\$250,000 to \$499,999	14	White	384
\$500,000 or more	9	Black or African American	-
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	25,149	American Indian or Alaska Native	-
Average per farm (\$)	90,140	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
		Asian	-
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	2,346	More than one race	-
Average per farm (\$)	8,408	All operators ² of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin	1

(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.