



# 2002 Census of Agriculture County Profile

## Porter, Indiana

### Number of farms

606 farms in 2002, 549 farms in 1997, up 10 percent.

### Land in farms

145,779 acres in 2002, 138,970 acres in 1997, up 5 percent.

### Average size of farm

241 acres in 2002, 253 acres in 1997, down 5 percent.

### Market Value of Production

\$37,317,000 in 2002, \$42,888,000 in 1997, down 13 percent.

Crop sales accounted for \$31,218,000 of the total value in 2002.

Livestock sales accounted for \$6,099,000 of the total value in 2002.

### Market Value of Production, average per farm

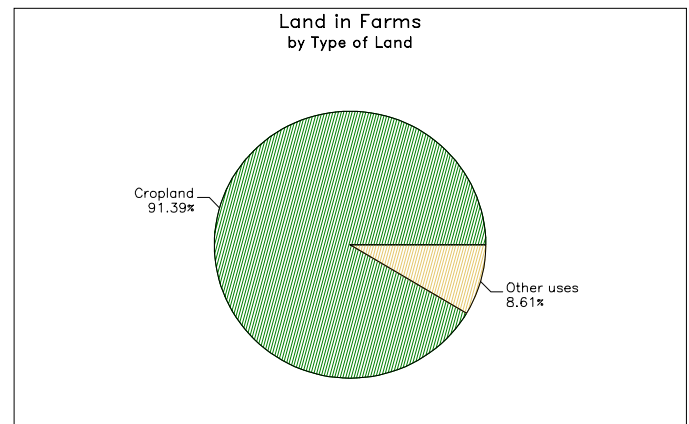
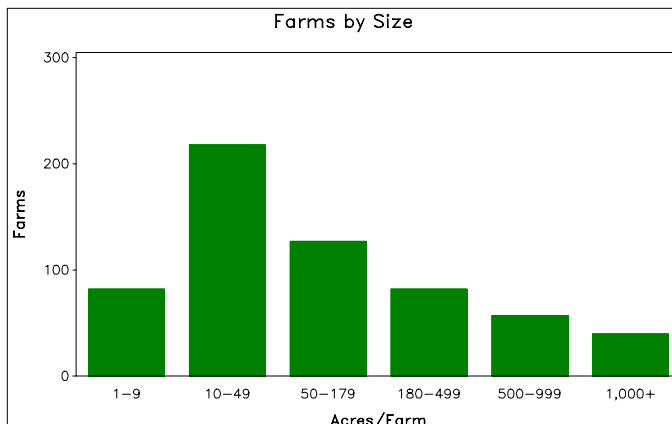
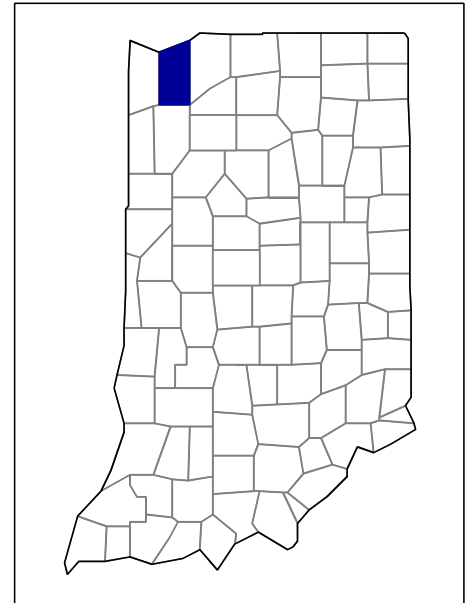
\$61,579 in 2002, \$78,120 in 1997, down 21 percent.

### Government Payments

\$2,064,000 in 2002, \$1,974,000 in 1997, up 5 percent.

### Government Payments, average per farm receiving payments

\$8,063 in 2002, \$6,878 in 1997, up 17 percent.



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

Item	Quantity	State Rank	Universe <sup>1</sup>	U.S. Rank	Universe <sup>1</sup>
<b>MARKET VALUE OF AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS SOLD (\$1,000)</b>					
Total value of agricultural products sold	37,317	61	92	1,501	3,075
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	31,218	52	92	835	3,070
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	6,099	65	92	2,223	3,070
<b>VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)</b>					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	25,698	50	92	553	2,871
Tobacco	-	-	35	-	560
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	-	-	656
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	3,278	4	88	405	2,747
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	(D)	(D)	86	(D)	2,638
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	1,684	28	91	875	2,708
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	(D)	(D)	73	(D)	1,774
Other crops and hay	502	36	92	1,897	3,046
Poultry and eggs	7	64	91	2,132	2,918
Cattle and calves	1,840	60	92	2,225	3,053
Milk and other dairy products from cows	(D)	(D)	87	(D)	2,493
Hogs and pigs	2,177	59	92	695	2,919
Sheep, goats, and their products	79	17	92	952	2,997
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	289	13	91	762	3,014
Aquaculture	-	-	33	-	1,520
Other animals and other animal products	(D)	(D)	88	(D)	2,727
<b>TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)</b>					
Hogs and pigs	10,742	63	92	694	2,926
Cattle and calves	4,488	70	92	2,574	3,059
Sheep and lambs	1,393	9	92	755	2,867
Horses and ponies	1,050	26	92	1,218	3,065
Layers 20 weeks old and older	332	69	92	2,192	2,983
<b>TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)</b>					
Corn for grain	60,283	44	92	418	2,592
Soybeans	57,399	52	92	507	2,076
Forage - land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	4,623	55	92	2,358	3,059
All Wheat for grain	1,962	54	92	1,306	2,517
Popcorn	945	20	48	77	412

**Other County Highlights**

Economic Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales	
Less than \$1,000	208
\$1,000 to \$2,499	39
\$2,500 to \$4,999	41
\$5,000 to \$9,999	41
\$10,000 to \$19,999	55
\$20,000 to \$24,999	12
\$25,000 to \$39,999	35
\$40,000 to \$49,999	16
\$50,000 to \$99,999	47
\$100,000 to \$249,999	71
\$250,000 to \$499,999	30
\$500,000 or more	11
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	33,392
Average per farm (\$)	55,376
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	5,858
Average per farm (\$)	9,715

Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Farming	326
Other	280
Principal operators by sex:	
Male	545
Female	61
Average age of principal operator (years)	54.5
All operators <sup>2</sup> by race:	
White	855
Black or African American	-
American Indian or Alaska Native	-
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
Asian	-
More than one race	1
All operators <sup>2</sup> of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin	2

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

<sup>1</sup> Universe is number of counties in state or U.S. with item.

<sup>2</sup> Data were collected for a maximum of three operators per farm.