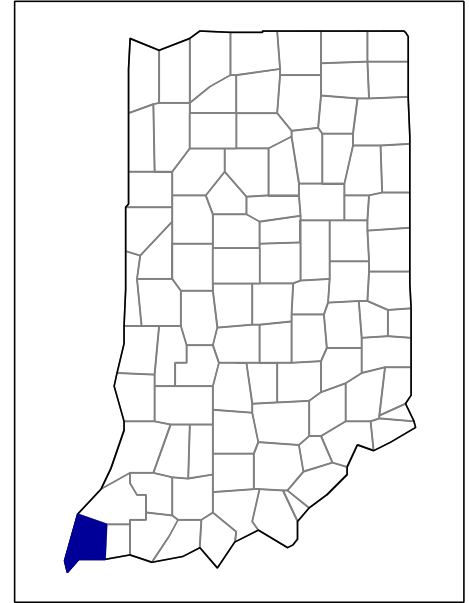


# 2002 Census of Agriculture County Profile

## Posey, Indiana



### Number of farms

396 farms in 2002, 482 farms in 1997, down 18 percent.

### Land in farms

191,886 acres in 2002, 197,781 acres in 1997, down 3 percent.

### Average size of farm

485 acres in 2002, 410 acres in 1997, up 18 percent.

### Market Value of Production

\$50,440,000 in 2002, \$60,134,000 in 1997, down 16 percent.

Crop sales accounted for \$42,629,000 of the total value in 2002.

Livestock sales accounted for \$7,811,000 of the total value in 2002.

### Market Value of Production, average per farm

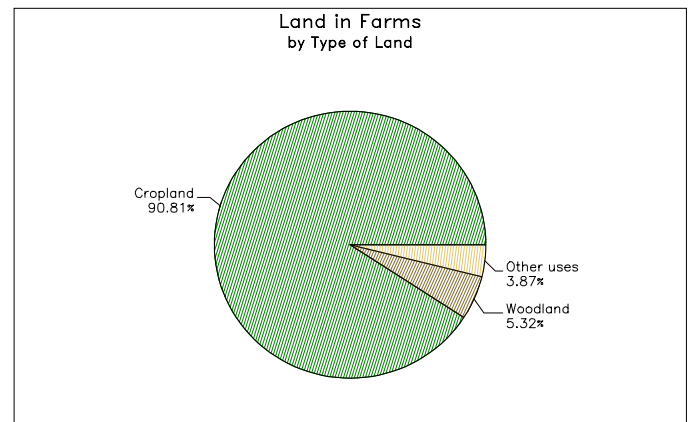
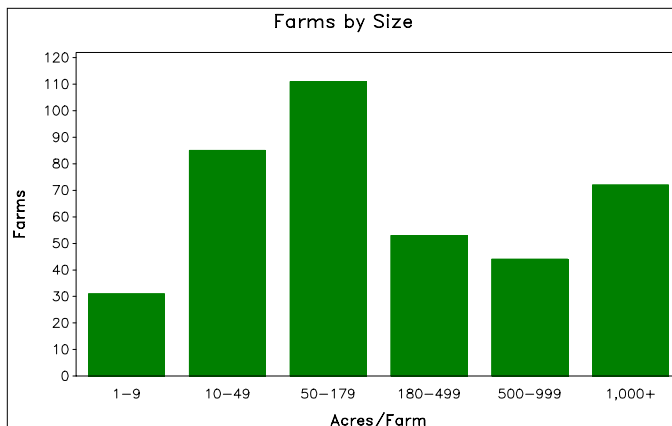
\$127,373 in 2002, \$124,759 in 1997, up 2 percent.

### Government Payments

\$2,773,000 in 2002, \$2,647,000 in 1997, up 5 percent.

### Government Payments, average per farm receiving payments

\$13,207 in 2002, \$9,127 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 <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                               | 50,440   | 43         | 92                    | 1,158     | 3,075                 |
| Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse                         | 42,629   | 30         | 92                    | 582       | 3,070                 |
| Value of livestock, poultry, and their products                         | 7,811    | 58         | 92                    | 2,063     | 3,070                 |
| <b>VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)</b>                      |          |            |                       |           |                       |
| Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas                               | 40,834   | 27         | 92                    | 337       | 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  | 130      | 35         | 86                    | 1,119     | 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   | 176      | 78         | 92                    | 2,586     | 3,046                 |
| Poultry and eggs  | 2,389    | 30         | 91                    | 788       | 2,918                 |
| Cattle and calves   | 573      | 85         | 92                    | 2,717     | 3,053                 |
| Milk and other dairy products from cows                                 | 1,702    | 40         | 87                    | 1,100     | 2,493                 |
| Hogs and pigs   | 3,084    | 55         | 92                    | 603       | 2,919                 |
| Sheep, goats, and their products  | (D)      | (D)        | 92                    | (D)       | 2,997                 |
| Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys                              | 58       | 73         | 91                    | 2,269     | 3,014                 |
| Aquaculture   | (D)      | (D)        | 33                    | (D)       | 1,520                 |
| Other animals and other animal products                                 | (D)      | (D)        | 88                    | (D)       | 2,727                 |
| <b>TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)</b>                           |          |            |                       |           |                       |
| Turkeys   | (D)      | 11         | 77                    | (D)       | 2,328                 |
| Hogs and pigs   | 21,229   | 52         | 92                    | 505       | 2,926                 |
| Cattle and calves   | 2,850    | 79         | 92                    | 2,723     | 3,059                 |
| Ostriches   | (D)      | 1          | 17                    | (D)       | 685                   |
| Horses and ponies   | 313      | 84         | 92                    | 2,593     | 3,065                 |
| <b>TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)</b>   |          |            |                       |           |                       |
| Soybeans  | 86,289   | 23         | 92                    | 333       | 2,076                 |
| Corn for grain  | 74,103   | 26         | 92                    | 329       | 2,592                 |
| All Wheat for grain   | 30,222   | 1          | 92                    | 361       | 2,517                 |
| Forage - land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop | 2,089    | 83         | 92                    | 2,722     | 3,059                 |
| Sorghum for grain   | 1,910    | 1          | 30                    | 376       | 1,307                 |

**Other County Highlights**

| Economic Characteristics                    | Quantity |
|---|----------|
| Farms by value of sales                     |          |
| Less than \$1,000                           | 69       |
| \$1,000 to \$2,499                          | 24       |
| \$2,500 to \$4,999                          | 30       |
| \$5,000 to \$9,999                          | 21       |
| \$10,000 to \$19,999                        | 38       |
| \$20,000 to \$24,999                        | 11       |
| \$25,000 to \$39,999                        | 20       |
| \$40,000 to \$49,999                        | 16       |
| \$50,000 to \$99,999                        | 39       |
| \$100,000 to \$249,999                      | 55       |
| \$250,000 to \$499,999                      | 49       |
| \$500,000 or more                           | 24       |
| Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)    | 42,552   |
| Average per farm (\$)                       | 107,185  |
| Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000) | 12,412   |
| Average per farm (\$)                       | 31,265   |

| Operator Characteristics  | Quantity |
|---|----------|
| Principal operators by primary occupation:                        |          |
| Farming   | 256      |
| Other   | 140      |
| Principal operators by sex:                                       |          |
| Male  | 367      |
| Female  | 29       |
| Average age of principal operator (years)                         | 53.3     |
| All operators <sup>2</sup> by race:                               |          |
| White   | 571      |
| Black or African American   | -        |
| American Indian or Alaska Native                                  | -        |
| Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander                         | -        |
| Asian   | -        |
| More than one race  | -        |
| All operators <sup>2</sup> 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.

<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.