



2002 Census of Agriculture County Profile

Starke, Indiana

Number of farms

518 farms in 2002, 470 farms in 1997, up 10 percent.

Land in farms

134,191 acres in 2002, 138,706 acres in 1997, down 3 percent.

Average size of farm

259 acres in 2002, 295 acres in 1997, down 12 percent.

Market Value of Production

\$28,382,000 in 2002, \$33,311,000 in 1997, down 15 percent.

Crop sales accounted for \$26,441,000 of the total value in 2002.

Livestock sales accounted for \$1,941,000 of the total value in 2002.

Market Value of Production, average per farm

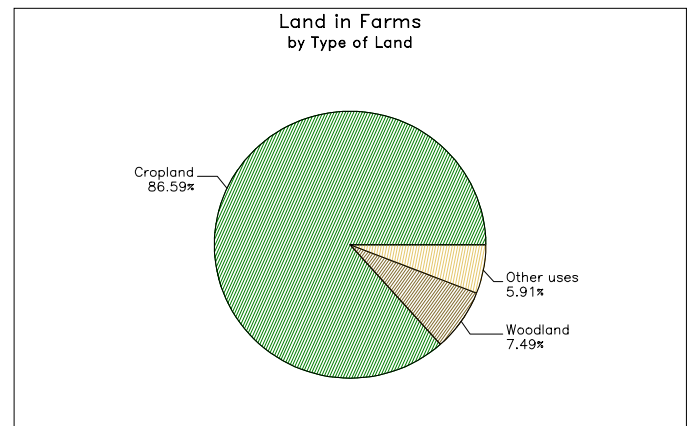
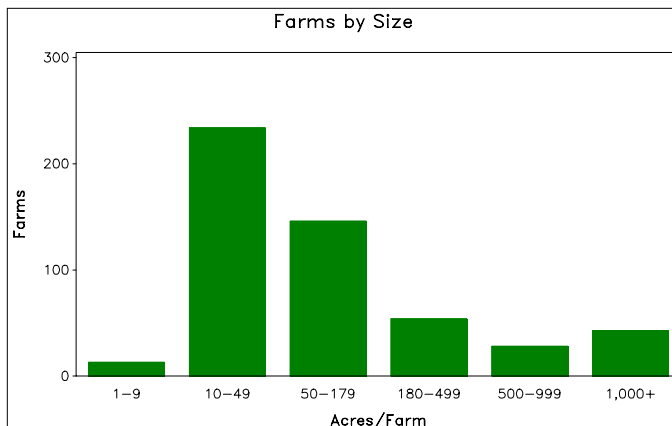
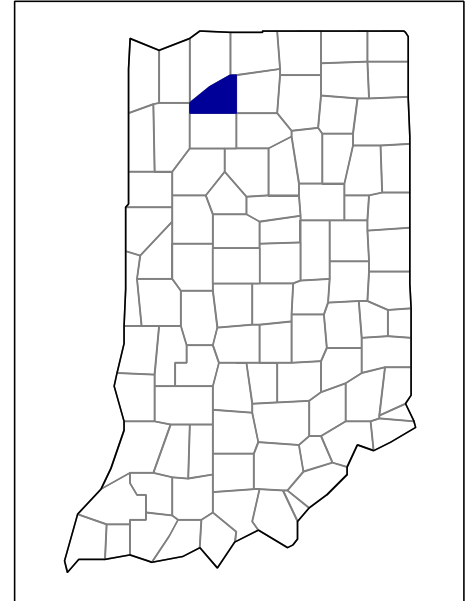
\$54,792 in 2002, \$70,875 in 1997, down 23 percent.

Government Payments

\$2,292,000 in 2002, \$2,062,000 in 1997, up 11 percent.

Government Payments, average per farm receiving payments

\$6,820 in 2002, \$6,325 in 1997, up 8 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	28,382	67	92	1,761	3,075
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	26,441	57	92	960	3,070
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	1,941	88	92	2,718	3,070
VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	20,147	60	92	672	2,871
Tobacco	-	-	35	-	560
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	-	-	656
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	1,443	14	88	637	2,747
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	(D)	(D)	86	(D)	2,638
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	1,261	38	91	997	2,708
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	(D)	(D)	73	(D)	1,774
Other crops and hay	3,221	1	92	385	3,046
Poultry and eggs	(D)	(D)	91	(D)	2,918
Cattle and calves	734	81	92	2,658	3,053
Milk and other dairy products from cows	(D)	(D)	87	(D)	2,493
Hogs and pigs	(D)	(D)	92	(D)	2,919
Sheep, goats, and their products	8	78	92	2,377	2,997
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	79	58	91	1,993	3,014
Aquaculture	-	-	33	-	1,520
Other animals and other animal products	2	72	88	2,288	2,727
TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)					
Ducks	(D)	8	83	(D)	2,630
Hogs and pigs	1,873	82	92	1,151	2,926
Cattle and calves	1,792	88	92	2,826	3,059
Layers 20 weeks old and older	899	43	92	1,475	2,983
Horses and ponies	511	69	92	2,132	3,065
TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)					
Corn for grain	51,762	55	92	487	2,592
Soybeans	38,960	65	92	632	2,076
Mint for oil	7,072	1	8	4	87
Forage - land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	2,708	80	92	2,636	3,059
All Wheat for grain	721	80	92	1,659	2,517

Other County Highlights

Economic Characteristics	Quantity	Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales		Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Less than \$1,000	231	Farming	253
\$1,000 to \$2,499	38	Other	265
\$2,500 to \$4,999	45		
\$5,000 to \$9,999	31	Principal operators by sex:	
\$10,000 to \$19,999	29	Male	451
\$20,000 to \$24,999	10	Female	67
\$25,000 to \$39,999	36		
\$40,000 to \$49,999	5	Average age of principal operator (years)	56.2
\$50,000 to \$99,999	18		
\$100,000 to \$249,999	42	All operators ² by race:	
\$250,000 to \$499,999	19	White	706
\$500,000 or more	14	Black or African American	1
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	24,211	American Indian or Alaska Native	-
Average per farm (\$)	46,920	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
		Asian	6
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	7,204	More than one race	-
Average per farm (\$)	13,961	All operators ² of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin	8

(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.