

2002 Census of Agriculture County Profile

Wells, Indiana

Number of farms

631 farms in 2002, 736 farms in 1997, down 14 percent.

Land in farms

226,294 acres in 2002, 201,354 acres in 1997, up 12 percent.

Average size of farm

359 acres in 2002, 274 acres in 1997, up 31 percent.

Market Value of Production

\$62,444,000 in 2002, \$76,276,000 in 1997, down 18 percent.

Crop sales accounted for \$44,562,000 of the total value in 2002.

Livestock sales accounted for \$17,882,000 of the total value in 2002.

Market Value of Production, average per farm

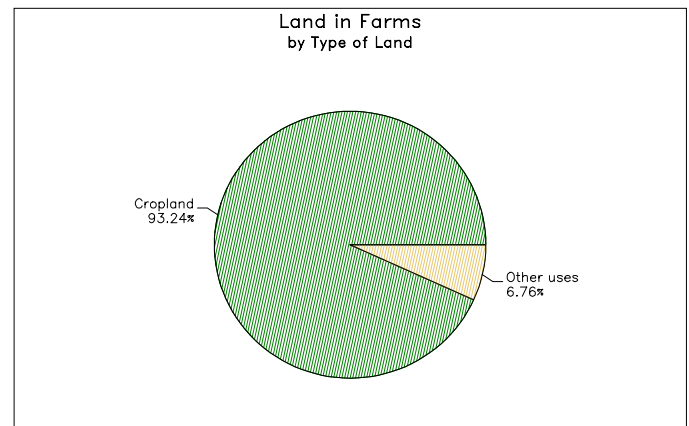
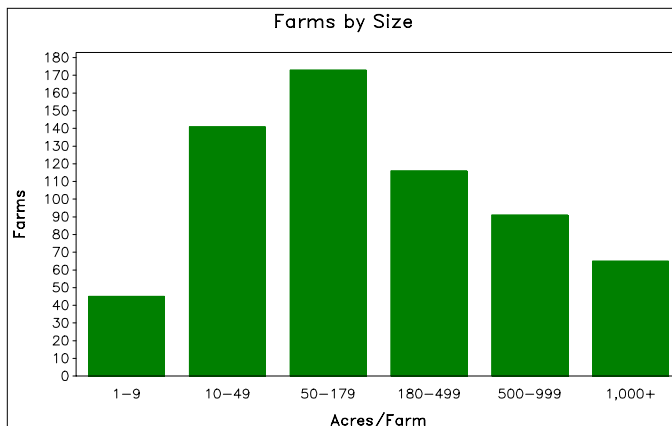
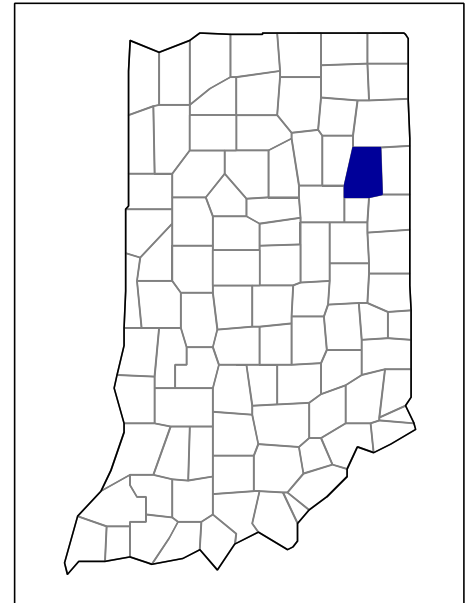
\$98,961 in 2002, \$103,636 in 1997, down 5 percent.

Government Payments

\$3,818,000 in 2002, \$2,650,000 in 1997, up 44 percent.

Government Payments, average per farm receiving payments

\$10,785 in 2002, \$5,509 in 1997, up 96 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	62,444	30	92	920	3,075
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	44,562	24	92	545	3,070
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	17,882	33	92	1,392	3,070
VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	43,988	19	92	299	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	233	63	91	1,742	2,708
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	-	-	73	-	1,774
Other crops and hay	160	82	92	2,630	3,046
Poultry and eggs	(D)	(D)	91	(D)	2,918
Cattle and calves	3,280	31	92	1,847	3,053
Milk and other dairy products from cows	(D)	(D)	87	(D)	2,493
Hogs and pigs	5,270	37	92	462	2,919
Sheep, goats, and their products	5	86	92	2,560	2,997
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	59	71	91	2,263	3,014
Aquaculture	-	-	33	-	1,520
Other animals and other animal products	16	36	88	1,623	2,727
TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)					
Layers 20 weeks old and older	(D)	18	92	(D)	2,983
Hogs and pigs	27,933	39	92	429	2,926
Cattle and calves	7,852	43	92	2,254	3,059
Horses and ponies	569	62	92	2,005	3,065
Rabbits	(D)	7	78	(D)	1,966
TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)					
Soybeans	122,504	4	92	155	2,076
Corn for grain	74,784	25	92	325	2,592
All Wheat for grain	3,040	29	92	1,118	2,517
Forage - land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	2,821	79	92	2,619	3,059
Popcorn	2,141	9	48	34	412

Other County Highlights

Economic Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales	
Less than \$1,000	92
\$1,000 to \$2,499	34
\$2,500 to \$4,999	42
\$5,000 to \$9,999	47
\$10,000 to \$19,999	83
\$20,000 to \$24,999	28
\$25,000 to \$39,999	33
\$40,000 to \$49,999	29
\$50,000 to \$99,999	80
\$100,000 to \$249,999	91
\$250,000 to \$499,999	53
\$500,000 or more	19
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	62,353
Average per farm (\$)	98,348
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	5,800
Average per farm (\$)	9,149

Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Farming	423
Other	208
Principal operators by sex:	
Male	599
Female	32
Average age of principal operator (years)	53.3
All operators ² by race:	
White	897
Black or African American	-
American Indian or Alaska Native	-
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
Asian	-
More than one race	1
All operators ² of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin	6

(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.