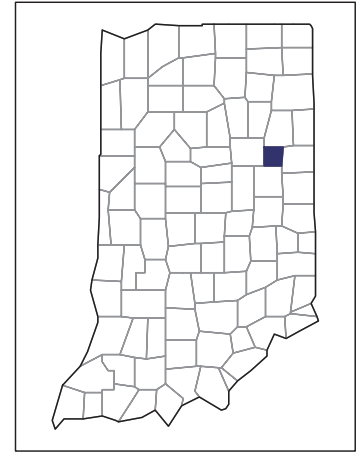


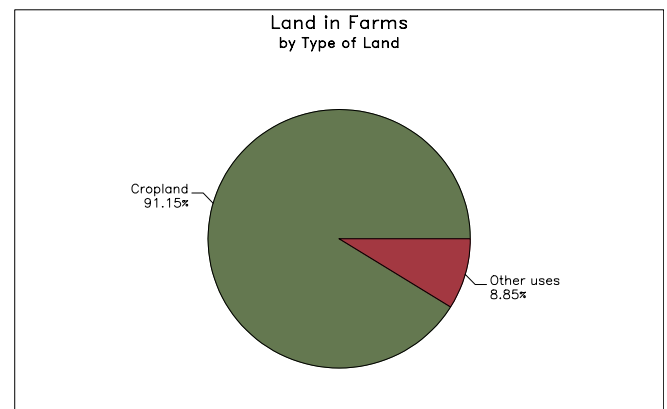
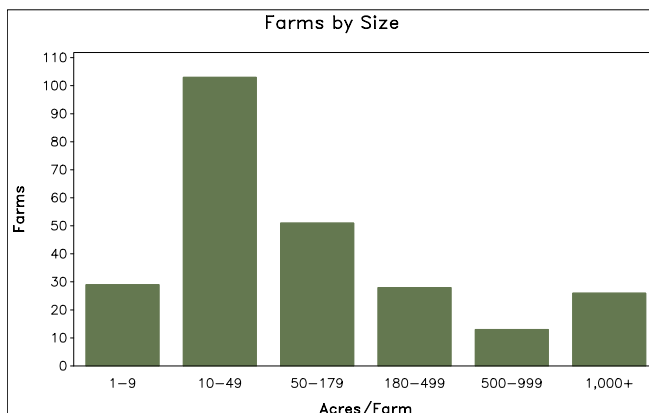
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## County Profile

### Blackford County Indiana



	2007	2002	% change
<b>Number of Farms</b>	250	279	- 10
<b>Land in Farms</b>	84,626 acres	97,009 acres	- 13
<b>Average Size of Farm</b>	339 acres	348 acres	- 3
<b>Market Value of Products Sold</b>	\$38,569,000	\$25,902,000	+ 49
Crop Sales \$30,663,000 (80 percent)			
Livestock Sales \$7,905,000 (20 percent)			
<b>Average Per Farm</b>	\$154,275	\$92,839	+ 66
<b>Government Payments</b>	\$1,478,000	\$1,508,000	- 2
<b>Average Per Farm Receiving Payments</b>	\$8,444	\$8,667	- 3



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### Blackford County – Indiana

#### Ranked items among the 92 state counties and 3,079 U.S. counties, 2007

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	38,569	72	92	1,789	3,076
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	30,663	68	92	1,194	3,072
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	7,905	68	92	2,191	3,069
<b>VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)</b>					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	30,346	68	92	812	2,933
Tobacco	-	-	22	-	437
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	-	-	626
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	(D)	84	90	(D)	2,796
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	6	84	88	2,354	2,659
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	84	77	92	2,085	2,703
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	(D)	40	69	(D)	1,710
Other crops and hay	205	83	92	2,663	3,054
Poultry and eggs	18	71	92	2,216	3,020
Cattle and calves	(D)	(D)	92	(D)	3,054
Milk and other dairy products from cows	-	-	89	-	2,493
Hogs and pigs	(D)	44	92	(D)	2,922
Sheep, goats, and their products	16	85	92	2,416	2,998
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	51	62	92	2,187	3,024
Aquaculture	-	-	23	-	1,498
Other animals and other animal products	1	81	91	2,572	2,875
<b>TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)</b>					
Soybeans for beans	39,473	62	92	606	2,039
Corn for grain	32,325	73	92	744	2,634
Wheat for grain, all	1,941	61	92	1,373	2,481
Forage - land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	1,380	89	92	2,828	3,060
Oats for grain	498	4	67	655	1,957
<b>TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)</b>					
Hogs and pigs	24,256	44	92	472	2,958
Cattle and calves	1,286	90	92	2,870	3,060
Layers	810	56	92	1,811	3,024
Pullets for laying flock replacement	426	24	82	748	2,627
Goats, all	299	70	92	1,949	3,023

#### Other County Highlights

Economic Characteristics	Quantity	Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales:		Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Less than \$1,000	76	Farming	115
\$1,000 to \$2,499	23	Other	135
\$2,500 to \$4,999	22	Principal operators by sex:	
\$5,000 to \$9,999	16	Male	227
\$10,000 to \$19,999	18	Female	23
\$20,000 to \$24,999	6	Average age of principal operator (years)	54.1
\$25,000 to \$39,999	17	All operators by race <sup>2</sup> :	
\$40,000 to \$49,999	6	American Indian or Alaska Native	-
\$50,000 to \$99,999	10	Asian	1
\$100,000 to \$249,999	24	Black or African American	-
\$250,000 to \$499,999	7	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
\$500,000 or more	25	White	369
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	29,728	More than one race	-
Average per farm (\$)	118,914	All operators of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin <sup>2</sup>	-
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	12,272		
Average per farm (\$)	49,088		

See "Census of Agriculture, Volume 1, Geographic Area Series" for complete footnotes, explanations, definitions, and methodology.

(D) Cannot be disclosed. (Z) Less than half of the unit shown.

<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.