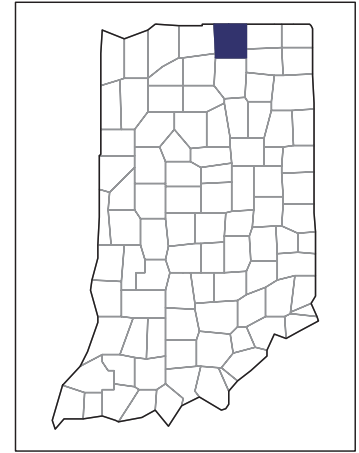


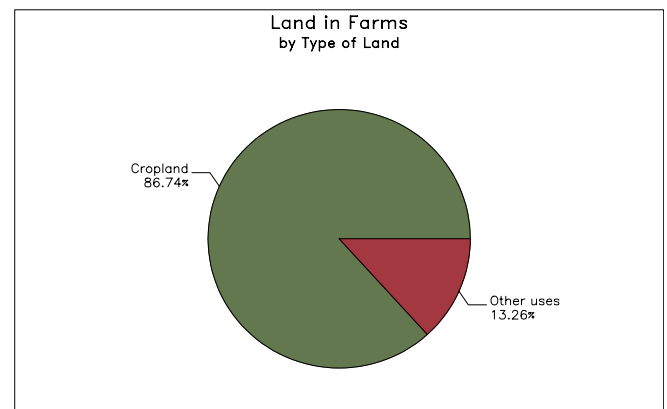
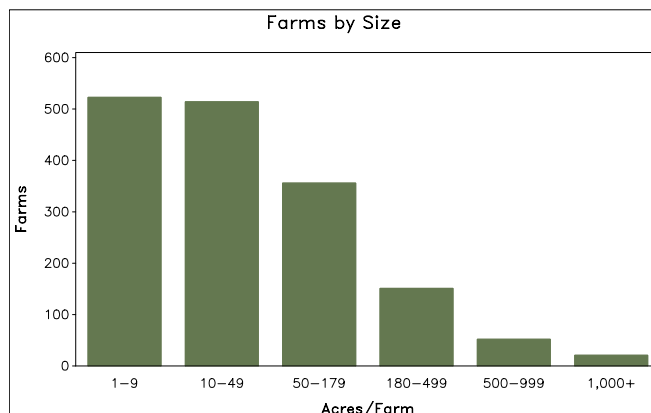
2007 CENSUS OF AGRICULTURE

County Profile

Elkhart County Indiana



	2007	2002	% change
Number of Farms	1,617	1,516	+ 7
Land in Farms	163,295 acres	200,879 acres	- 19
Average Size of Farm	101 acres	133 acres	- 24
Market Value of Products Sold	\$205,755,000	\$136,013,000	+ 51
Crop Sales \$53,765,000 (26 percent)			
Livestock Sales \$151,990,000 (74 percent)			
Average Per Farm	\$127,245	\$89,718	+ 42
Government Payments	\$1,909,000	\$3,441,000	- 45
Average Per Farm Receiving Payments	\$4,482	\$9,585	- 53



2007 CENSUS OF AGRICULTURE

County Profile

Elkhart County – Indiana

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

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	205,755	3	92	307	3,076
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	53,765	50	92	800	3,072
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	151,990	2	92	204	3,069
VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	44,658	54	92	638	2,933
Tobacco	-	-	22	-	437
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	-	-	626
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	1,725	13	90	636	2,796
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	611	10	88	642	2,659
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	5,270	6	92	459	2,703
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	73	12	69	492	1,710
Other crops and hay	1,426	5	92	1,183	3,054
Poultry and eggs	39,404	7	92	265	3,020
Cattle and calves	27,972	2	92	464	3,054
Milk and other dairy products from cows	65,566	3	89	109	2,493
Hogs and pigs	17,556	14	92	242	2,922
Sheep, goats, and their products	454	2	92	274	2,998
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	903	2	92	238	3,024
Aquaculture	(D)	6	23	(D)	1,498
Other animals and other animal products	(D)	(D)	91	(D)	2,875
TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)					
Corn for grain	60,150	55	92	521	2,634
Soybeans for beans	44,723	54	92	552	2,039
Forage - land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	16,495	6	92	1,229	3,060
Corn for silage	11,942	1	92	100	2,263
Wheat for grain, all	2,190	56	92	1,323	2,481
TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)					
Broilers and other meat-type chickens	687,739	3	76	350	2,476
Ducks	361,568	3	87	3	2,733
Layers	112,220	17	92	364	3,024
Cattle and calves	57,523	1	92	465	3,060
Hogs and pigs	54,608	24	92	282	2,958

Other County Highlights

Economic Characteristics	Quantity	Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales:		Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Less than \$1,000	359	Farming	603
\$1,000 to \$2,499	159	Other	1,014
\$2,500 to \$4,999	173	Principal operators by sex:	
\$5,000 to \$9,999	123	Male	1,518
\$10,000 to \$19,999	101	Female	99
\$20,000 to \$24,999	28	Average age of principal operator (years)	49.8
\$25,000 to \$39,999	92	All operators by race ² :	
\$40,000 to \$49,999	28	American Indian or Alaska Native	1
\$50,000 to \$99,999	130	Asian	1
\$100,000 to \$249,999	165	Black or African American	-
\$250,000 to \$499,999	148	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
\$500,000 or more	111	White	2,435
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	161,750	More than one race	1
Average per farm (\$)	100,031	All operators of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin ²	6
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	50,609		
Average per farm (\$)	31,298		

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.

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.