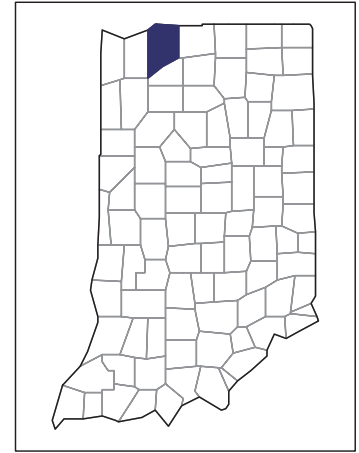


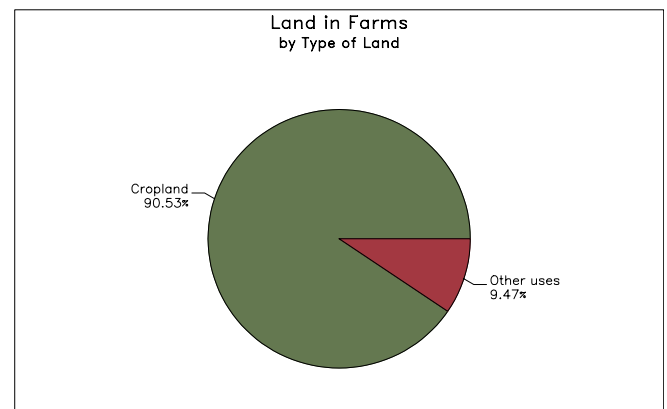
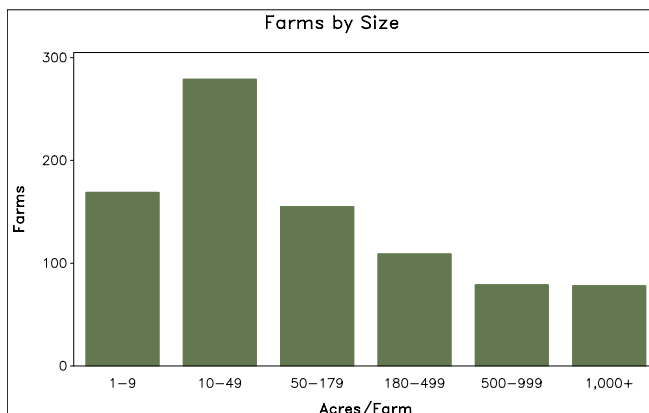
2007 CENSUS OF AGRICULTURE

County Profile

LaPorte County Indiana



	2007	2002	% change
Number of Farms	869	817	+ 6
Land in Farms	256,159 acres	243,447 acres	+ 5
Average Size of Farm	295 acres	298 acres	- 1
Market Value of Products Sold	\$152,281,000	\$79,363,000	+ 92
Crop Sales \$102,566,000 (67 percent)			
Livestock Sales \$49,715,000 (33 percent)			
Average Per Farm	\$175,238	\$97,139	+ 80
Government Payments	\$5,128,000	\$4,367,000	+ 17
Average Per Farm Receiving Payments	\$9,881	\$10,972	- 10



2007 CENSUS OF AGRICULTURE

County Profile

LaPorte 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	152,281	17	92	523	3,076
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	102,566	8	92	354	3,072
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	49,715	17	92	798	3,069
VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	89,995	13	92	275	2,933
Tobacco	-	-	22	-	437
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	-	-	626
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	7,469	2	90	245	2,796
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	2,021	1	88	294	2,659
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	2,017	17	92	805	2,703
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	130	5	69	346	1,710
Other crops and hay	935	14	92	1,596	3,054
Poultry and eggs	23	65	92	2,086	3,020
Cattle and calves	14,118	7	92	929	3,054
Milk and other dairy products from cows	18,345	7	89	318	2,493
Hogs and pigs	16,708	17	92	251	2,922
Sheep, goats, and their products	(D)	(D)	92	(D)	2,998
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	114	41	92	1,591	3,024
Aquaculture	(D)	3	23	(D)	1,498
Other animals and other animal products	130	17	91	887	2,875
TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)					
Corn for grain	131,354	7	92	181	2,634
Soybeans for beans	70,142	26	92	358	2,039
Forage - land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	7,384	30	92	1,992	3,060
Wheat for grain, all	5,958	14	92	921	2,481
Corn for silage	4,524	4	92	347	2,263
TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)					
Hogs and pigs	67,514	17	92	230	2,958
Cattle and calves	19,202	10	92	1,461	3,060
Horses and ponies	1,111	14	92	1,247	3,066
Layers	851	55	92	1,760	3,024
Broilers and other meat-type chickens	575	23	76	1,080	2,476

Other County Highlights

Economic Characteristics	Quantity	Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales:		Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Less than \$1,000	237	Farming	385
\$1,000 to \$2,499	76	Other	484
\$2,500 to \$4,999	50	Principal operators by sex:	
\$5,000 to \$9,999	80	Male	750
\$10,000 to \$19,999	57	Female	119
\$20,000 to \$24,999	19	Average age of principal operator (years)	54.1
\$25,000 to \$39,999	31	All operators by race ² :	
\$40,000 to \$49,999	15	American Indian or Alaska Native	-
\$50,000 to \$99,999	73	Asian	-
\$100,000 to \$249,999	72	Black or African American	-
\$250,000 to \$499,999	74	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
\$500,000 or more	85	White	1,250
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	124,479	More than one race	-
Average per farm (\$)	143,244	All operators of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin ²	9
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	37,989		
Average per farm (\$)	43,716		

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.