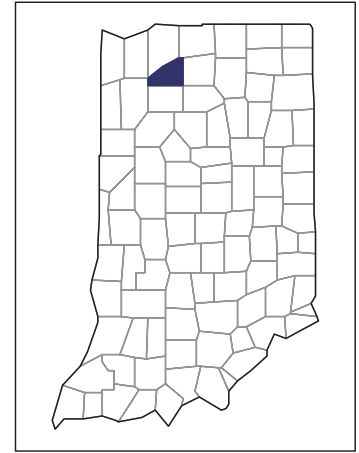


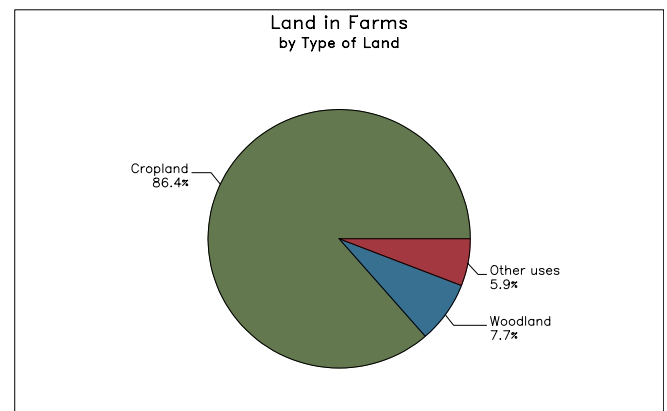
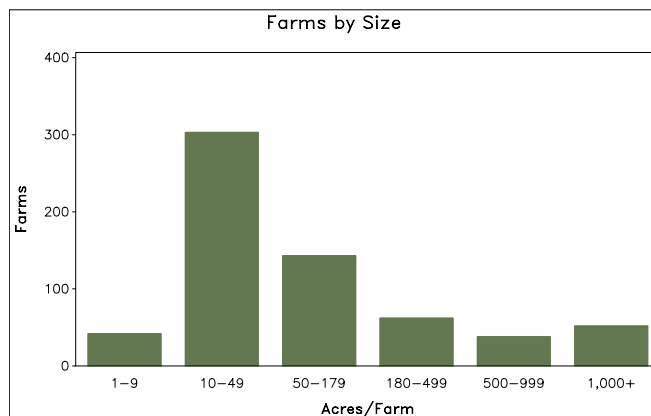
2007 CENSUS OF AGRICULTURE

County Profile

Starke County Indiana



	2007	2002	% change
Number of Farms	640	518	+ 24
Land in Farms	153,651 acres	134,191 acres	+ 15
Average Size of Farm	240 acres	259 acres	- 7
Market Value of Products Sold	\$59,135,000	\$28,382,000	+ 108
Crop Sales \$57,697,000 (98 percent)			
Livestock Sales \$1,439,000 (2 percent)			
Average Per Farm	\$92,399	\$54,792	+ 69
Government Payments	\$4,022,000	\$2,292,000	+ 75
Average Per Farm Receiving Payments	\$7,448	\$6,820	+ 9



2007 CENSUS OF AGRICULTURE

County Profile

Starke 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	59,135	63	92	1,407	3,076
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	57,697	46	92	752	3,072
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	1,439	88	92	2,845	3,069
VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	51,186	48	92	570	2,933
Tobacco	-	-	22	-	437
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	-	-	626
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	(D)	(D)	90	(D)	2,796
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	347	18	88	843	2,659
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	1,370	24	92	970	2,703
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	(D)	(D)	69	(D)	1,710
Other crops and hay	3,993	2	92	420	3,054
Poultry and eggs	24	62	92	2,051	3,020
Cattle and calves	580	89	92	2,753	3,054
Milk and other dairy products from cows	(D)	(D)	89	(D)	2,493
Hogs and pigs	(D)	85	92	(D)	2,922
Sheep, goats, and their products	28	70	92	2,076	2,998
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	(D)	(D)	92	(D)	3,024
Aquaculture	-	-	23	-	1,498
Other animals and other animal products	(D)	(D)	91	(D)	2,875
TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)					
Corn for grain	76,104	40	92	428	2,634
Soybeans for beans	33,230	69	92	662	2,039
Mint for oil, all	4,967	1	7	6	59
Forage - land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	2,184	83	92	2,705	3,060
Wheat for grain, all	1,343	77	92	1,508	2,481
TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)					
Cattle and calves	1,561	89	92	2,832	3,060
Hogs and pigs	1,128	85	92	1,179	2,958
Layers	650	66	92	1,964	3,024
Quail	330	13	32	610	1,386
Horses and ponies	296	80	92	2,684	3,066

Other County Highlights

Economic Characteristics	Quantity	Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales:		Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Less than \$1,000	347	Farming	213
\$1,000 to \$2,499	37	Other	427
\$2,500 to \$4,999	24	Principal operators by sex:	
\$5,000 to \$9,999	34	Male	499
\$10,000 to \$19,999	32	Female	141
\$20,000 to \$24,999	6	Average age of principal operator (years)	57.9
\$25,000 to \$39,999	16	All operators by race ² :	
\$40,000 to \$49,999	11	American Indian or Alaska Native	2
\$50,000 to \$99,999	12	Asian	3
\$100,000 to \$249,999	49	Black or African American	-
\$250,000 to \$499,999	46	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
\$500,000 or more	26	White	849
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	42,911	More than one race	14
Average per farm (\$)	67,049	All operators of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin ²	10
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	21,925		
Average per farm (\$)	34,258		

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.