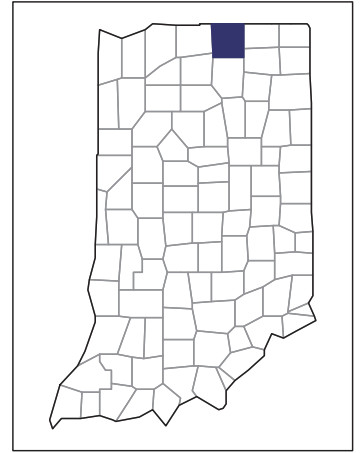


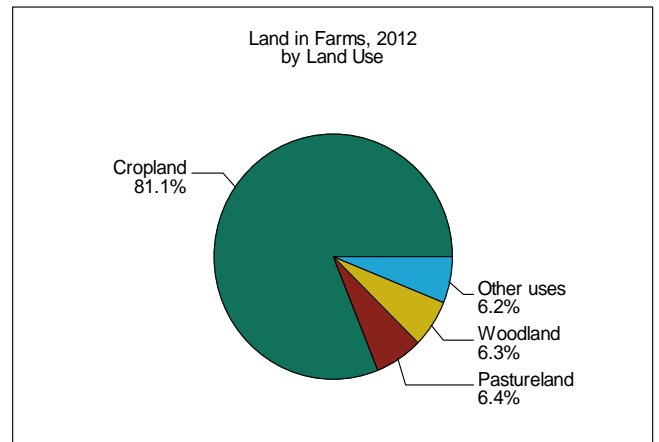
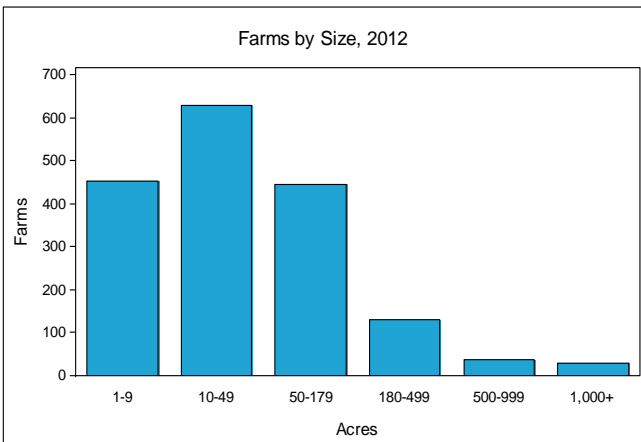
# 2012 CENSUS OF AGRICULTURE

## COUNTY PROFILE

### Elkhart County Indiana



	2012	2007	% change
<b>Number of Farms</b>	1,724	1,617	+ 7
<b>Land in Farms</b>	172,847 acres	163,295 acres	+ 6
<b>Average Size of Farm</b>	100 acres	101 acres	- 1
<b>Market Value of Products Sold</b>	\$296,834,000	\$205,755,000	+ 44
Crop Sales \$83,229,000 (28 percent)			
Livestock Sales \$213,606,000 (72 percent)			
<b>Average Per Farm</b>	\$172,178	\$127,245	+ 35
<b>Government Payments</b>	\$2,785,000	\$1,909,000	+ 46
<b>Average Per Farm Receiving Payments</b>	\$8,027	\$4,482	+ 79





## Elkhart County – Indiana

### Ranked items among the 92 state counties and 3,079 U.S. counties, 2012

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	296,834	3	92	283	3,077
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	83,229	44	92	777	3,072
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	213,606	1	92	157	3,076
<b>VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)</b>					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	74,045	47	92	630	2,926
Tobacco	-	-	32	-	436
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	-	-	635
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	3,234	7	91	479	2,802
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	(D)	(D)	85	(D)	2,724
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	3,422	7	89	562	2,678
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	(D)	23	62	(D)	1,530
Other crops and hay	(D)	6	92	(D)	3,049
Poultry and eggs	90,648	4	92	135	3,013
Cattle and calves	31,350	2	92	499	3,056
Milk from cows	65,033	2	84	124	2,038
Hogs and pigs	23,331	14	92	242	2,827
Sheep, goats, wool, mohair, and milk	730	1	92	227	2,988
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	(D)	3	91	(D)	3,011
Aquaculture	(D)	11	20	(D)	1,366
Other animals and other animal products	(D)	(D)	90	(D)	2,924
<b>TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)</b>					
Corn for grain	56,488	55	92	565	2,638
Soybeans for beans	41,751	64	92	675	2,162
Forage-land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	17,686	2	92	1,099	3,057
Corn for silage	14,999	1	89	91	2,237
Wheat for grain, all	1,735	53	92	1,407	2,537
<b>TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)</b>					
Broilers and other meat-type chickens	1,322,173	3	86	269	2,723
Ducks	1,148,982	1	83	1	2,480
Layers	165,071	16	92	294	3,040
Pullets for laying flock replacement	76,223	14	86	273	2,637
Cattle and calves	55,940	2	92	423	3,063

### Other County Highlights, 2012

Economic Characteristics	Quantity	Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales:		Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Less than \$1,000	334	Farming	661
\$1,000 to \$2,499	151	Other	1,063
\$2,500 to \$4,999	169		
\$5,000 to \$9,999	177	Principal operators by sex:	
\$10,000 to \$19,999	129	Male	1,650
\$20,000 to \$24,999	38	Female	74
\$25,000 to \$39,999	55		
\$40,000 to \$49,999	43	Average age of principal operator (years)	50.2
\$50,000 to \$99,999	155		
\$100,000 to \$249,999	185	All operators by race <sup>2</sup> :	
\$250,000 to \$499,999	134	American Indian or Alaska Native	-
\$500,000 or more	154	Asian	1
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	223,099	Black or African American	-
Average per farm (\$)	129,408	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
		White	2,687
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	82,892	More than one race	1
Average per farm (\$)	48,081	All operators of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin <sup>2</sup>	6

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

- Represents zero. (D) Withheld to avoid disclosing data for individual operations.

<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.