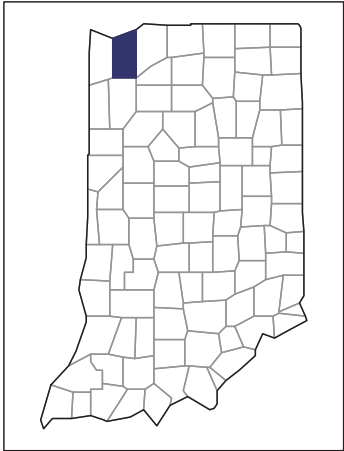


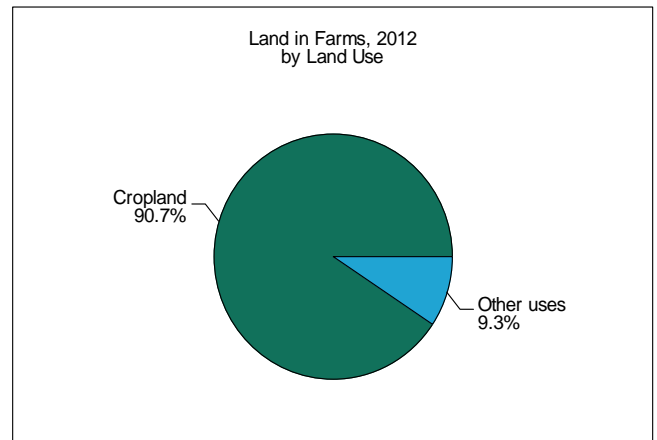
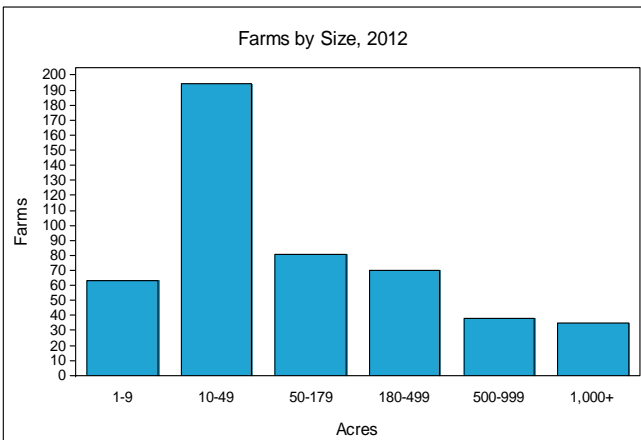
# 2012 CENSUS OF AGRICULTURE

## COUNTY PROFILE



### Porter County Indiana

|  | 2012          | 2007          | % change |
|--|---------------|---------------|----------|
| <b>Number of Farms</b>                     | 481           | 517           | - 7      |
| <b>Land in Farms</b>                       | 120,554 acres | 115,047 acres | + 5      |
| <b>Average Size of Farm</b>                | 251 acres     | 223 acres     | + 13     |
| <b>Market Value of Products Sold</b>       | \$106,846,000 | \$53,587,000  | + 99     |
| Crop Sales \$99,542,000 (93 percent)       |               |               |          |
| Livestock Sales \$7,304,000 (7 percent)    |               |               |          |
| <b>Average Per Farm</b>                    | \$222,134     | \$103,649     | + 114    |
| <b>Government Payments</b>                 | \$2,268,000   | \$2,067,000   | + 10     |
| <b>Average Per Farm Receiving Payments</b> | \$8,495       | \$6,891       | + 23     |





## Porter 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                             | 106,846  | 49         | 92                    | 1,106     | 3,077                 |
| Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse                       | 99,542   | 36         | 92                    | 649       | 3,072                 |
| Value of livestock, poultry, and their products                       | 7,304    | 69         | 92                    | 2,295     | 3,076                 |
| <b>VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)</b>                    |          |            |                       |           |                       |
| Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas                             | 94,851   | 37         | 92                    | 505       | 2,926                 |
| Tobacco   | (D)      | 20         | 32                    | (D)       | 436                   |
| Cotton and cottonseed   | -        | -          | -                     | -         | 635                   |
| Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes                      | 2,487    | 9          | 91                    | 547       | 2,802                 |
| Fruits, tree nuts, and berries  | 37       | 40         | 85                    | 1,910     | 2,724                 |
| Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod                            | 1,549    | 18         | 89                    | 874       | 2,678                 |
| Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops                    | (D)      | 49         | 62                    | (D)       | 1,530                 |
| Other crops and hay   | 555      | 49         | 92                    | 2,352     | 3,049                 |
| Poultry and eggs  | (D)      | 72         | 92                    | 2,215     | 3,013                 |
| Cattle and calves   | 1,986    | 59         | 92                    | 2,335     | 3,056                 |
| Milk from cows  | 2,946    | 35         | 84                    | 888       | 2,038                 |
| Hogs and pigs   | 2,134    | 70         | 92                    | 738       | 2,827                 |
| Sheep, goats, wool, mohair, and milk                                  | 49       | 65         | 92                    | 1,926     | 2,988                 |
| Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys                            | 124      | 34         | 91                    | 1,665     | 3,011                 |
| Aquaculture   | (D)      | 18         | 20                    | 1,189     | 1,366                 |
| Other animals and other animal products                               | 50       | 22         | 90                    | 1,430     | 2,924                 |
| <b>TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)</b>   |          |            |                       |           |                       |
| Corn for grain  | 56,213   | 57         | 92                    | 570       | 2,638                 |
| Soybeans for beans  | 44,161   | 61         | 92                    | 652       | 2,162                 |
| Forage-land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop | 2,720    | 71         | 92                    | 2,572     | 3,057                 |
| Wheat for grain, all  | 1,574    | 60         | 92                    | 1,462     | 2,537                 |
| Winter wheat for grain  | 1,574    | 60         | 92                    | 1,393     | 2,480                 |
| <b>TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)</b>                         |          |            |                       |           |                       |
| Hogs and pigs   | 6,340    | 68         | 92                    | 716       | 2,889                 |
| Cattle and calves   | 4,907    | 51         | 92                    | 2,399     | 3,063                 |
| Layers  | 759      | 73         | 92                    | 2,080     | 3,040                 |
| Horses and ponies   | 666      | 41         | 92                    | 1,723     | 3,072                 |
| Broilers and other meat-type chickens                                 | 294      | 36         | 86                    | 1,508     | 2,723                 |

### Other County Highlights, 2012

| Economic Characteristics                    | Quantity | Operator Characteristics  | Quantity |
|---|----------|---|----------|
| Farms by value of sales:                    |          | Principal operators by primary occupation:                        |          |
| Less than \$1,000                           | 139      | Farming   | 231      |
| \$1,000 to \$2,499                          | 32       | Other   | 250      |
| \$2,500 to \$4,999                          | 29       |   |          |
| \$5,000 to \$9,999                          | 47       | Principal operators by sex:                                       |          |
| \$10,000 to \$19,999                        | 23       | Male  | 441      |
| \$20,000 to \$24,999                        | 4        | Female  | 40       |
| \$25,000 to \$39,999                        | 20       |   |          |
| \$40,000 to \$49,999                        | 10       | Average age of principal operator (years)                         | 57.0     |
| \$50,000 to \$99,999                        | 28       |   |          |
| \$100,000 to \$249,999                      | 39       | All operators by race <sup>2</sup> :                              |          |
| \$250,000 to \$499,999                      | 41       | American Indian or Alaska Native                                  | 1        |
| \$500,000 or more                           | 69       | Asian   | -        |
| Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)    | 68,449   | Black or African American   | 1        |
| Average per farm (\$)                       | 142,306  | Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander                         | -        |
|   |          | White   | 699      |
| Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000) | 43,677   | More than one race  | -        |
| Average per farm (\$)                       | 90,804   | All operators of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin <sup>2</sup> | -        |

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.