

# 2002 Census of Agriculture County Profile

## Switzerland, Indiana

### Number of farms

464 farms in 2002, 616 farms in 1997, down 25 percent.

### Land in farms

60,243 acres in 2002, 72,775 acres in 1997, down 17 percent.

### Average size of farm

130 acres in 2002, 118 acres in 1997, up 10 percent.

### Market Value of Production

\$6,468,000 in 2002, \$13,612,000 in 1997, down 52 percent.

Crop sales accounted for \$4,711,000 of the total value in 2002.

Livestock sales accounted for \$1,757,000 of the total value in 2002.

### Market Value of Production, average per farm

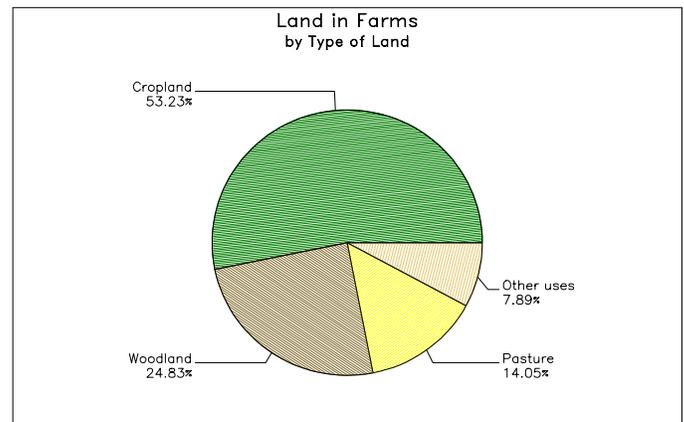
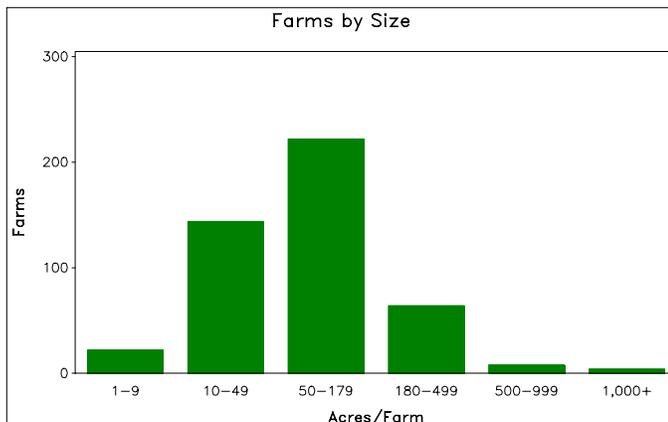
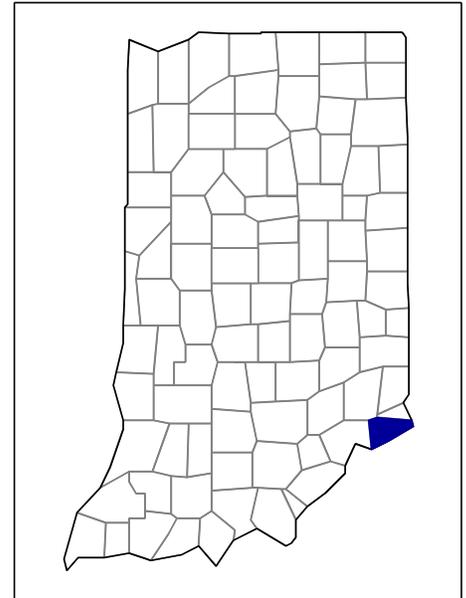
\$13,939 in 2002, \$22,098 in 1997, down 37 percent.

### Government Payments

\$302,000 in 2002, \$280,000 in 1997, up 8 percent.

### Government Payments, average per farm receiving payments

\$2,700 in 2002, \$1,961 in 1997, up 38 percent.



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**Ranked items among the 92 state counties and 3,078 U.S. counties, 2002**

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	6,468	88	92	2,684	3,075
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	4,711	84	92	2,105	3,070
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	1,757	89	92	2,755	3,070
<b>VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)</b>					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	1,731	87	92	1,619	2,871
Tobacco	2,221	2	35	178	560
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	-	-	656
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	65	71	88	1,931	2,747
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	(D)	(D)	86	(D)	2,638
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	(D)	(D)	91	(D)	2,708
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	-	-	73	-	1,774
Other crops and hay	614	25	92	1,710	3,046
Poultry and eggs	2	83	91	2,548	2,918
Cattle and calves	982	76	92	2,553	3,053
Milk and other dairy products from cows	(D)	(D)	87	(D)	2,493
Hogs and pigs	(D)	(D)	92	(D)	2,919
Sheep, goats, and their products	5	87	92	2,572	2,997
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	40	80	91	2,475	3,014
Aquaculture	-	-	33	-	1,520
Other animals and other animal products	1	80	88	2,464	2,727
<b>TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)</b>					
Cattle and calves	5,560	62	92	2,468	3,059
Horses and ponies	571	61	92	2,003	3,065
Layers 20 weeks old and older	502	56	92	1,901	2,983
All Goats	173	69	92	1,932	2,971
Hogs and pigs <sup>3</sup>	(D)	(D)	92	(D)	2,926
<b>TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)</b>					
Forage - land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	8,982	29	92	1,887	3,059
Soybeans	7,722	87	92	1,100	2,076
Corn for grain	3,230	87	92	1,429	2,592
Tobacco	650	2	35	174	563
All Wheat for grain	535	84	92	1,770	2,517

**Other County Highlights**

Economic Characteristics	Quantity	Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales		Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Less than \$1,000	142	Farming	212
\$1,000 to \$2,499	65	Other	252
\$2,500 to \$4,999	62	Principal operators by sex:	
\$5,000 to \$9,999	77	Male	421
\$10,000 to \$19,999	53	Female	43
\$20,000 to \$24,999	18	Average age of principal operator (years)	53.9
\$25,000 to \$39,999	16	All operators <sup>2</sup> by race:	
\$40,000 to \$49,999	6	White	679
\$50,000 to \$99,999	15	Black or African American	-
\$100,000 to \$249,999	6	American Indian or Alaska Native	-
\$250,000 to \$499,999	3	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
\$500,000 or more	1	Asian	-
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	6,555	More than one race	-
Average per farm (\$)	14,128	All operators <sup>2</sup> of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin	4
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	-226		
Average per farm (\$)	-488		

(D) Cannot be disclosed. (Z) Less than half of the unit shown. See "Census of Agriculture, Volume 1, Geographic Area Series" for complete footnotes.

<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.

<sup>3</sup> Items with a rank that cannot be disclosed are separated by a blank line, position in table does not indicate rank.