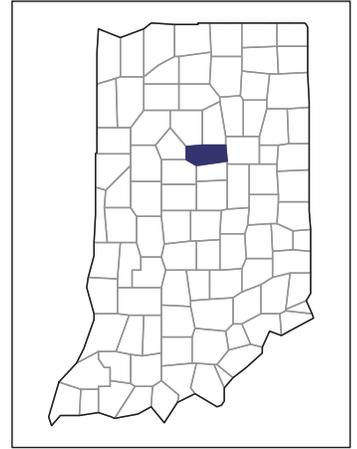


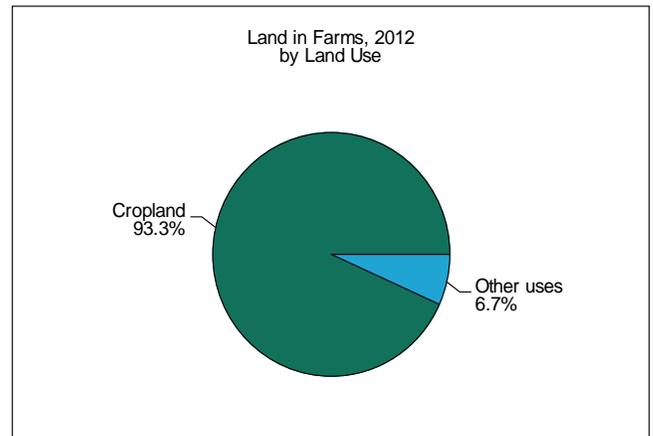
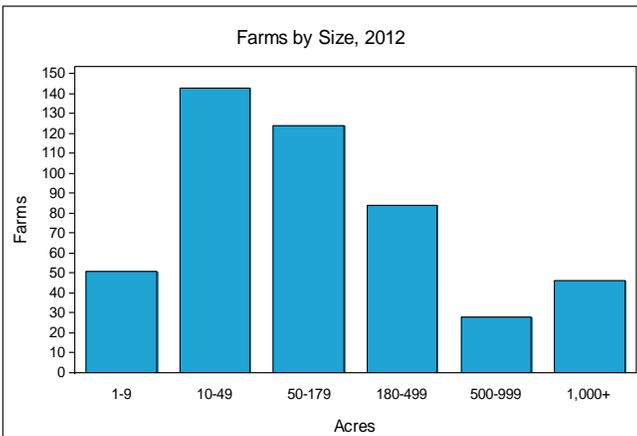
2012 CENSUS OF AGRICULTURE

COUNTY PROFILE



Howard County Indiana

	2012	2007	% change
Number of Farms	476	601	- 21
Land in Farms	144,191 acres	162,281 acres	- 11
Average Size of Farm	303 acres	270 acres	+ 12
Market Value of Products Sold	\$140,360,000	\$95,585,000	+ 47
Crop Sales \$113,874,000 (81 percent)			
Livestock Sales \$26,486,000 (19 percent)			
Average Per Farm	\$294,874	\$159,044	+ 85
Government Payments	\$2,993,000	\$3,371,000	- 11
Average Per Farm Receiving Payments	\$9,384	\$8,183	+ 15





Howard County – Indiana

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

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	140,360	36	92	846	3,077
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	113,874	29	92	569	3,072
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	26,486	40	92	1,396	3,076
VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	112,831	28	92	408	2,926
Tobacco	-	-	32	-	436
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	-	-	635
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	(D)	37	91	(D)	2,802
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	(D)	(D)	85	(D)	2,724
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	(D)	(D)	89	(D)	2,678
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	-	-	62	-	1,530
Other crops and hay	407	65	92	2,516	3,049
Poultry and eggs	53	55	92	1,609	3,013
Cattle and calves	(D)	54	92	2,251	3,056
Milk from cows	1,420	47	84	1,136	2,038
Hogs and pigs	22,566	16	92	252	2,827
Sheep, goats, wool, mohair, and milk	134	25	92	1,122	2,988
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	40	64	91	2,396	3,011
Aquaculture	-	-	20	-	1,366
Other animals and other animal products	(D)	90	90	2,918	2,924
TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)					
Soybeans for beans	65,521	35	92	483	2,162
Corn for grain	62,771	50	92	518	2,638
Wheat for grain, all	1,917	49	92	1,361	2,537
Winter wheat for grain	1,917	49	92	1,294	2,480
Forage-land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	1,866	84	92	2,728	3,057
TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)					
Hogs and pigs	69,036	17	92	234	2,889
Cattle and calves	2,940	71	92	2,618	3,063
Layers	1,788	38	92	1,388	3,040
Horses and ponies	599	47	92	1,846	3,072
Goats, all	576	15	92	1,088	2,996

Other County Highlights, 2012

Economic Characteristics	Quantity	Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales:		Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Less than \$1,000	87	Farming	273
\$1,000 to \$2,499	18	Other	203
\$2,500 to \$4,999	12		
\$5,000 to \$9,999	35	Principal operators by sex:	
\$10,000 to \$19,999	50	Male	440
\$20,000 to \$24,999	8	Female	36
\$25,000 to \$39,999	26		
\$40,000 to \$49,999	10	Average age of principal operator (years)	59.1
\$50,000 to \$99,999	53		
\$100,000 to \$249,999	64	All operators by race ² :	
\$250,000 to \$499,999	48	American Indian or Alaska Native	2
\$500,000 or more	65	Asian	-
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	105,764	Black or African American	2
Average per farm (\$)	222,194	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
		White	716
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	41,528	More than one race	3
Average per farm (\$)	87,243	All operators of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin ²	8

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.

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.