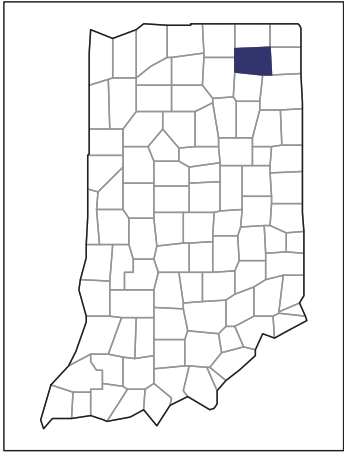


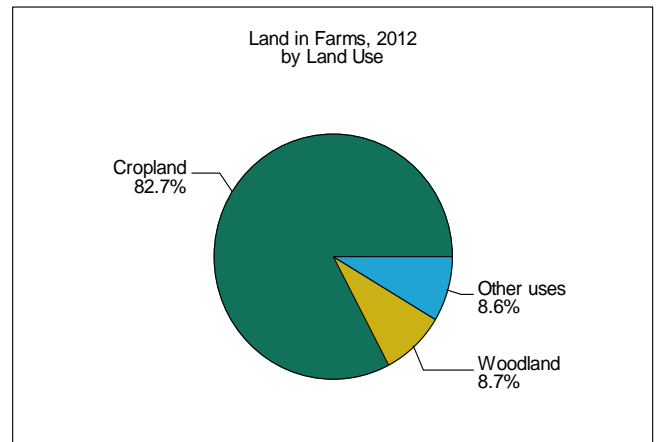
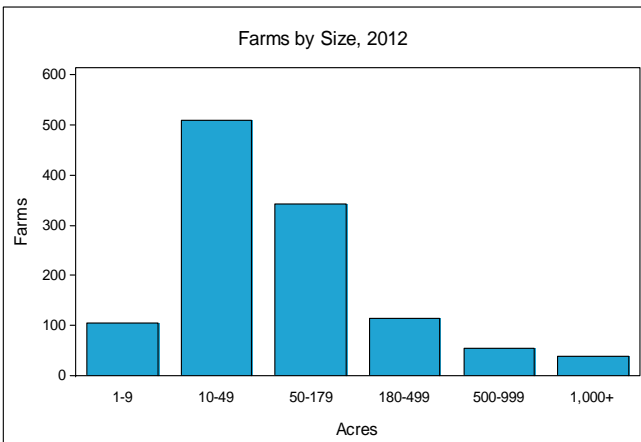
# 2012 CENSUS OF AGRICULTURE

## COUNTY PROFILE



### Noble County Indiana

	2012	2007	% change
<b>Number of Farms</b>	1,163	1,196	- 3
<b>Land in Farms</b>	181,491 acres	159,860 acres	+ 14
<b>Average Size of Farm</b>	156 acres	134 acres	+ 16
<b>Market Value of Products Sold</b>	\$143,733,000	\$79,975,000	+ 80
Crop Sales \$82,542,000 (57 percent)			
Livestock Sales \$61,191,000 (43 percent)			
Average Per Farm	\$123,588	\$66,869	+ 85
<b>Government Payments</b>	\$4,236,000	\$3,193,000	+ 33
Average Per Farm Receiving Payments	\$6,932	\$4,179	+ 66





## Noble 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	143,733	34	92	827	3,077
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	82,542	45	92	782	3,072
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	61,191	20	92	776	3,076
<b>VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)</b>					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	79,529	44	92	598	2,926
Tobacco	-	-	32	-	436
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	-	-	635
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	(D)	(D)	91	(D)	2,802
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	333	8	85	869	2,724
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	(D)	58	89	(D)	2,678
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	(D)	62	62	(D)	1,530
Other crops and hay	2,355	5	92	1,196	3,049
Poultry and eggs	9,602	25	92	618	3,013
Cattle and calves	8,706	16	92	1,413	3,056
Milk from cows	15,836	11	84	383	2,038
Hogs and pigs	26,371	12	92	215	2,827
Sheep, goats, wool, mohair, and milk	207	10	92	776	2,988
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	165	29	91	1,412	3,011
Aquaculture	-	-	20	-	1,366
Other animals and other animal products	303	7	90	590	2,924
<b>TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)</b>					
Corn for grain	63,274	49	92	509	2,638
Soybeans for beans	54,920	48	92	559	2,162
Forage-land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	10,988	8	92	1,532	3,057
Corn for silage	4,780	7	89	386	2,237
Wheat for grain, all	3,731	21	92	1,100	2,537
<b>TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)</b>					
Broilers and other meat-type chickens	270,589	4	86	457	2,723
Ducks	99,565	5	83	12	2,480
Hogs and pigs	93,660	13	92	182	2,889
Layers	(D)	22	92	(D)	3,040
Pullets for laying flock replacement	(D)	18	86	357	2,637

### Other County Highlights, 2012

Economic Characteristics	Quantity	Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales:		Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Less than \$1,000	386	Farming	448
\$1,000 to \$2,499	69	Other	715
\$2,500 to \$4,999	92	Principal operators by sex:	
\$5,000 to \$9,999	101	Male	1,059
\$10,000 to \$19,999	78	Female	104
\$20,000 to \$24,999	22	Average age of principal operator (years)	54.4
\$25,000 to \$39,999	55	All operators by race <sup>2</sup> :	
\$40,000 to \$49,999	43	American Indian or Alaska Native	1
\$50,000 to \$99,999	103	Asian	1
\$100,000 to \$249,999	90	Black or African American	1
\$250,000 to \$499,999	64	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
\$500,000 or more	60	White	1,700
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	118,733	More than one race	5
Average per farm (\$)	102,092	All operators of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin <sup>2</sup>	14
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	33,985		
Average per farm (\$)	29,222		

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.