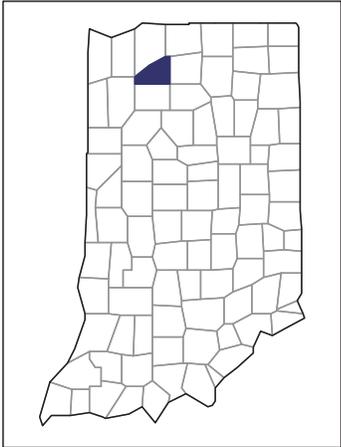


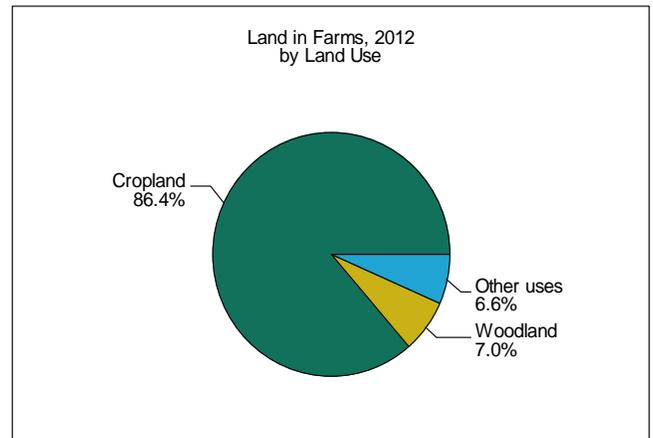
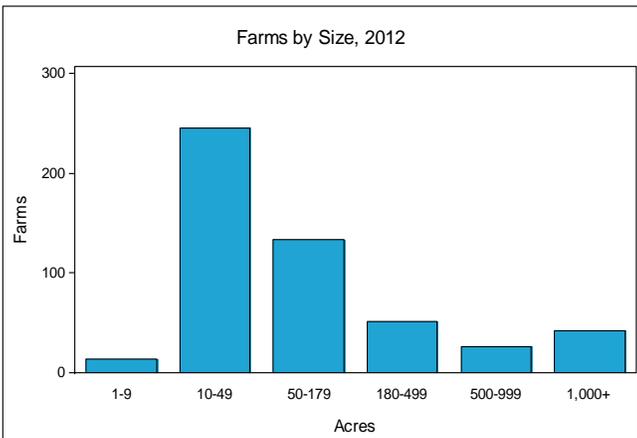
2012 CENSUS OF AGRICULTURE

COUNTY PROFILE



Starke County Indiana

	2012	2007	% change
Number of Farms	511	640	- 20
Land in Farms	133,459 acres	153,651 acres	- 13
Average Size of Farm	261 acres	240 acres	+ 9
Market Value of Products Sold	\$69,766,000	\$59,135,000	+ 18
Crop Sales \$66,274,000 (95 percent)			
Livestock Sales \$3,492,000 (5 percent)			
Average Per Farm	\$136,529	\$92,399	+ 48
Government Payments	\$3,463,000	\$4,022,000	- 14
Average Per Farm Receiving Payments	\$8,264	\$7,448	+ 11





Starke 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	69,766	63	92	1,495	3,077
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	66,274	55	92	949	3,072
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	3,492	81	92	2,614	3,076
VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	54,921	60	92	779	2,926
Tobacco	-	-	32	-	436
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	-	-	635
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	115	63	91	1,786	2,802
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	128	20	85	1,288	2,724
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	(D)	(D)	89	(D)	2,678
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	(D)	1	62	(D)	1,530
Other crops and hay	9,751	1	92	297	3,049
Poultry and eggs	(D)	40	92	(D)	3,013
Cattle and calves	1,051	76	92	2,598	3,056
Milk from cows	(D)	61	84	(D)	2,038
Hogs and pigs	8	88	92	2,177	2,827
Sheep, goats, wool, mohair, and milk	30	75	92	2,224	2,988
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	(D)	(D)	91	(D)	3,011
Aquaculture	-	-	20	-	1,366
Other animals and other animal products	10	56	90	2,215	2,924
TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)					
Corn for grain	61,621	51	92	532	2,638
Soybeans for beans	26,546	77	92	831	2,162
Mint for oil, all	7,970	1	6	4	60
Mint for oil, peppermint	(D)	1	6	3	57
Forage-land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	1,838	85	92	2,733	3,057
TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)					
Ducks	(D)	9	83	(D)	2,480
Cattle and calves	1,509	88	92	2,801	3,063
Layers	884	67	92	1,967	3,040
Horses and ponies	329	76	92	2,457	3,072
Broilers and other meat-type chickens	223	43	86	1,646	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	269	Farming	173
\$1,000 to \$2,499	22	Other	338
\$2,500 to \$4,999	33		
\$5,000 to \$9,999	19	Principal operators by sex:	
\$10,000 to \$19,999	27	Male	436
\$20,000 to \$24,999	3	Female	75
\$25,000 to \$39,999	11		
\$40,000 to \$49,999	4	Average age of principal operator (years)	58.7
\$50,000 to \$99,999	26		
\$100,000 to \$249,999	29	All operators by race ² :	
\$250,000 to \$499,999	27	American Indian or Alaska Native	2
\$500,000 or more	41	Asian	3
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	54,618	Black or African American	-
Average per farm (\$)	106,884	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
		White	733
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	25,082	More than one race	-
Average per farm (\$)	49,083	All operators of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin ²	13

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.