



# Benton County Indiana

## Total and Per Farm Overview, 2017 and change since 2012

	2017	% change since 2012
Number of farms	358	-6
Land in farms (acres)	251,002	-1
Average size of farm (acres)	701	+5
<b>Total</b>	<b>(\$)</b>	
Market value of products sold	178,915,000	-15
Government payments	4,100,000	-14
Farm-related income	8,042,000	-44
Total farm production expenses	143,180,000	-16
Net cash farm income	47,878,000	-19
<b>Per farm average</b>	<b>(\$)</b>	
Market value of products sold	499,763	-10
Government payments (average per farm receiving)	14,042	-5
Farm-related income	34,077	-45
Total farm production expenses	399,944	-11
Net cash farm income	133,737	-13

**2** Percent of state agriculture sales

### Share of Sales by Type (%)

Crops	87
Livestock, poultry, and products	13

### Land in Farms by Use (%) <sup>a</sup>

Cropland	98
Pastureland	(Z)
Woodland	(Z)
Other	1

**Acres irrigated: 6,642**

3% of land in farms

### Land Use Practices (% of farms)

No till	35
Reduced till	38
Intensive till	28
Cover crop	16

## Farms by Value of Sales

	Number	Percent of Total <sup>a</sup>
Less than \$2,500	85	24
\$2,500 to \$4,999	9	3
\$5,000 to \$9,999	7	2
\$10,000 to \$24,999	15	4
\$25,000 to \$49,999	20	6
\$50,000 to \$99,999	28	8
\$100,000 or more	194	54

## Farms by Size

	Number	Percent of Total <sup>a</sup>
1 to 9 acres	69	19
10 to 49 acres	39	11
50 to 179 acres	60	17
180 to 499 acres	64	18
500 to 999 acres	43	12
1,000 + acres	83	23

**Market Value of Agricultural Products Sold**

	Sales (\$1,000)	Rank in State <sup>b</sup>	Counties Producing Item	Rank in U.S. <sup>b</sup>	Counties Producing Item
<b>Total</b>	<b>178,915</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>92</b>	<b>617</b>	<b>3,077</b>
<b>Crops</b>	<b>155,422</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>92</b>	<b>274</b>	<b>3,073</b>
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, dry peas	154,675	3	92	160	2,916
Tobacco	-	-	13	-	323
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	-	-	647
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, sweet potatoes	(D)	63	90	(D)	2,821
Fruits, tree nuts, berries	(D)	82	89	(D)	2,748
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, sod	(D)	67	87	(D)	2,601
Cultivated Christmas trees, short rotation woody crops	-	-	56	-	1,384
Other crops and hay	(D)	56	92	(D)	3,040
<b>Livestock, poultry, and products</b>	<b>23,494</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>92</b>	<b>1,521</b>	<b>3,073</b>
Poultry and eggs	20	66	92	1,571	3,007
Cattle and calves	(D)	(D)	92	(D)	3,055
Milk from cows	(D)	9	77	(D)	1,892
Hogs and pigs	3,236	54	92	524	2,856
Sheep, goats, wool, mohair, milk	133	33	92	1,076	2,984
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, donkeys	(D)	(D)	91	(D)	2,970
Aquaculture	-	-	18	-	1,251
Other animals and animal products	(D)	66	90	1,782	2,878

**Total Producers <sup>c</sup>**

<b>Sex</b>	<b>586</b>
Male	407
Female	179

<b>Age</b>	
<35	72
35 – 64	333
65 and older	181

<b>Race</b>	
American Indian/Alaska Native	-
Asian	-
Black or African American	-
Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	-
White	586
More than one race	-

<b>Other characteristics</b>	
Hispanic, Latino, Spanish origin	7
With military service	52
New and beginning farmers	156

**Percent of farms that:**

Have internet access **81**

Farm organically **-**

Sell directly to consumers **4**

Hire farm labor **42**

Are family farms **90**

**Top Crops in Acres <sup>d</sup>**

Corn for grain	123,495
Soybeans for beans	111,869
Popcorn	3,586
Forage (hay/haylage), all	1,560
Wheat for grain, all	1,437

**Livestock Inventory (Dec 31, 2017)**

Broilers and other meat-type chickens	470
Cattle and calves	7,382
Goats	296
Hogs and pigs	5,874
Horses and ponies	94
Layers	719
Pullets	195
Sheep and lambs	743
Turkeys	20

See 2017 Census of Agriculture, U.S. Summary and State Data, for complete footnotes, explanations, definitions, commodity descriptions, and methodology.

<sup>a</sup> May not add to 100% due to rounding. <sup>b</sup> Among counties whose rank can be displayed. <sup>c</sup> Data collected for a maximum of four producers per farm.

<sup>d</sup> Crop commodity names may be shortened; see full names at [www.nass.usda.gov/go/cropnames.pdf](http://www.nass.usda.gov/go/cropnames.pdf). <sup>e</sup> Position below the line does not indicate rank.

(D) Withheld to avoid disclosing data for individual operations. (NA) Not available. (Z) Less than half of the unit shown. (-) Represents zero.