



# Blackford County Indiana

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

	2017	% change since 2012
Number of farms	234	-11
Land in farms (acres)	92,165	+5
Average size of farm (acres)	394	+18
<b>Total (\$)</b>		
Market value of products sold	63,476,000	-11
Government payments	1,567,000	+14
Farm-related income	2,943,000	+15
Total farm production expenses	50,012,000	+4
Net cash farm income	17,974,000	-34
<b>Per farm average (\$)</b>		
Market value of products sold	271,263	(Z)
Government payments (average per farm receiving)	9,855	+24
Farm-related income	24,119	-1
Total farm production expenses	213,724	+17
Net cash farm income	76,810	-26

**1** Percent of state agriculture sales

### Share of Sales by Type (%)

Crops	75
Livestock, poultry, and products	25

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

Cropland	94
Pastureland	1
Woodland	2
Other	3

Acres irrigated: -

-% of land in farms

### Land Use Practices (% of farms)

No till	42
Reduced till	25
Intensive till	25
Cover crop	6

## Farms by Value of Sales

	Number	Percent of Total <sup>a</sup>
Less than \$2,500	57	24
\$2,500 to \$4,999	12	5
\$5,000 to \$9,999	20	9
\$10,000 to \$24,999	18	8
\$25,000 to \$49,999	17	7
\$50,000 to \$99,999	31	13
\$100,000 or more	79	34

## Farms by Size

	Number	Percent of Total <sup>a</sup>
1 to 9 acres	22	9
10 to 49 acres	50	21
50 to 179 acres	64	27
180 to 499 acres	59	25
500 to 999 acres	18	8
1,000 + acres	21	9

**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>63,476</b>	<b>70</b>	<b>92</b>	<b>1,556</b>	<b>3,077</b>
<b>Crops</b>	<b>47,453</b>	<b>68</b>	<b>92</b>	<b>1,120</b>	<b>3,073</b>
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, dry peas	47,299	67	92	785	2,916
Tobacco	-	-	13	-	323
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	-	-	647
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, sweet potatoes	4	82	90	2,038	2,821
Fruits, tree nuts, berries	(D)	73	89	(D)	2,748
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, sod	(D)	80	87	(D)	2,601
Cultivated Christmas trees, short rotation woody crops	-	-	56	-	1,384
Other crops and hay	139	87	92	2,652	3,040
<b>Livestock, poultry, and products</b>	<b>16,023</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>92</b>	<b>1,814</b>	<b>3,073</b>
Poultry and eggs	1	82	92	2,089	3,007
Cattle and calves	1,932	64	92	2,184	3,055
Milk from cows	-	-	77	-	1,892
Hogs and pigs	13,999	28	92	325	2,856
Sheep, goats, wool, mohair, milk	57	61	92	1,655	2,984
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, donkeys	33	66	91	1,992	2,970
Aquaculture	-	-	18	-	1,251
Other animals and animal products	-	-	90	-	2,878

<b>Total Producers <sup>c</sup></b>	<b>369</b>	<b>Percent of farms that:</b>	<b>Top Crops in Acres <sup>d</sup></b>
<b>Sex</b>		Have internet access	Soybeans for beans 48,192
Male	274	<b>76</b>	Corn for grain 33,349
Female	95		Wheat for grain, all 2,157
<b>Age</b>		Farm organically	Forage (hay/haylage), all 818
<35	20	<b>-</b>	Corn for silage or greenchop (D)
35 – 64	203		
65 and older	146		
<b>Race</b>		Sell directly to consumers	<b>Livestock Inventory (Dec 31, 2017)</b>
American Indian/Alaska Native	-	<b>6</b>	Broilers and other meat-type chickens -
Asian	-		Cattle and calves 1,742
Black or African American	-	Hire farm labor	Goats 464
Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	-	<b>20</b>	Hogs and pigs 36,959
White	365		Horses and ponies 113
More than one race	4		Layers 119
<b>Other characteristics</b>		Are family farms	Pullets (D)
Hispanic, Latino, Spanish origin	-	<b>94</b>	Sheep and lambs 165
With military service	46		Turkeys -
New and beginning farmers	57		

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.