



Elkhart County Indiana

Total and Per Farm Overview, 2017 and change since 2012

	2017	% change since 2012
Number of farms	1,667	-3
Land in farms (acres)	174,929	+1
Average size of farm (acres)	105	+5
Total	(\$)	
Market value of products sold	298,286,000	(Z)
Government payments	3,082,000	+11
Farm-related income	7,789,000	+22
Total farm production expenses	225,278,000	+1
Net cash farm income	83,879,000	+1
Per farm average	(\$)	
Market value of products sold	178,936	+4
Government payments (average per farm receiving)	11,372	+42
Farm-related income	11,748	+15
Total farm production expenses	135,140	+4
Net cash farm income	50,317	+5

3 Percent of state agriculture sales

Share of Sales by Type (%)

Crops	23
Livestock, poultry, and products	77

Land in Farms by Use (%) ^a

Cropland	84
Pastureland	5
Woodland	6
Other	5

Acres irrigated: 25,044

14% of land in farms

Land Use Practices (% of farms)

No till	12
Reduced till	15
Intensive till	28
Cover crop	17

Farms by Value of Sales

	Number	Percent of Total ^a
Less than \$2,500	453	27
\$2,500 to \$4,999	179	11
\$5,000 to \$9,999	140	8
\$10,000 to \$24,999	168	10
\$25,000 to \$49,999	134	8
\$50,000 to \$99,999	97	6
\$100,000 or more	496	30

Farms by Size

	Number	Percent of Total ^a
1 to 9 acres	465	28
10 to 49 acres	604	36
50 to 179 acres	379	23
180 to 499 acres	147	9
500 to 999 acres	41	2
1,000 + acres	31	2

Market Value of Agricultural Products Sold

	Sales (\$1,000)	Rank in State ^b	Counties Producing Item	Rank in U.S. ^b	Counties Producing Item
Total	298,286	3	92	255	3,077
Crops	69,734	53	92	841	3,073
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, dry peas	59,937	57	92	657	2,916
Tobacco	-	-	13	-	323
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	-	-	647
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, sweet potatoes	2,526	11	90	489	2,821
Fruits, tree nuts, berries	(D)	5	89	(D)	2,748
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, sod	2,885	11	87	523	2,601
Cultivated Christmas trees, short rotation woody crops	(D)	1	56	(D)	1,384
Other crops and hay	3,063	5	92	839	3,040
Livestock, poultry, and products	228,552	2	92	171	3,073
Poultry and eggs	93,235	4	92	160	3,007
Cattle and calves	31,775	2	92	488	3,055
Milk from cows	77,717	2	77	108	1,892
Hogs and pigs	19,966	17	92	272	2,856
Sheep, goats, wool, mohair, milk	656	1	92	254	2,984
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, donkeys	4,609	2	91	32	2,970
Aquaculture	(D)	11	18	(D)	1,251
Other animals and animal products	(D)	5	90	(D)	2,878

Total Producers ^c	2,869	Percent of farms that:	Top Crops in Acres ^d
Sex		Have internet access	Corn for grain 54,209
Male	1,833	45	Soybeans for beans 45,614
Female	1,036		Forage (hay/haylage), all 19,757
Age		Farm organically	Corn for silage or greenchop 13,625
<35	592	5	Wheat for grain, all 2,354
35 – 64	1,840		
65 and older	437		
Race		Sell directly to consumers	Livestock Inventory (Dec 31, 2017)
American Indian/Alaska Native	-	10	Broilers and other meat-type chickens 1,187,161
Asian	-		Cattle and calves 59,125
Black or African American	-	Hire farm labor	Goats 2,105
Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	-	20	Hogs and pigs 54,364
White	2,867		Horses and ponies 6,626
More than one race	2		Layers 460,792
Other characteristics		Are family farms	Pullets 607,977
Hispanic, Latino, Spanish origin	29	98	Sheep and lambs 2,165
With military service	49		Turkeys 116
New and beginning farmers	894		

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

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

^d Crop commodity names may be shortened; see full names at www.nass.usda.gov/go/cropnames.pdf. ^e 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.