



LaPorte County Indiana

Total and Per Farm Overview, 2017 and change since 2012

	2017	% change since 2012
Number of farms	740	+1
Land in farms (acres)	248,872	+9
Average size of farm (acres)	336	+8
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Total	(\$)	
Market value of products sold	166,383,000	-25
Government payments	8,644,000	+114
Farm-related income	10,792,000	+7
Total farm production expenses	137,688,000	-15
Net cash farm income	48,130,000	-36
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Per farm average	(\$)	
Market value of products sold	224,841	-26
Government payments (average per farm receiving)	20,009	+112
Farm-related income	32,311	+13
Total farm production expenses	186,065	-16
Net cash farm income	65,041	-37

1 Percent of state agriculture sales

Share of Sales by Type (%)

Crops	82
Livestock, poultry, and products	18

Land in Farms by Use (%) ^a

Cropland	92
Pastureland	2
Woodland	3
Other	3

Acres irrigated: 68,459

28% of land in farms

Land Use Practices (% of farms)

No till	27
Reduced till	28
Intensive till	21
Cover crop	20

Farms by Value of Sales

	Number	Percent of Total ^a
Less than \$2,500	236	32
\$2,500 to \$4,999	59	8
\$5,000 to \$9,999	35	5
\$10,000 to \$24,999	66	9
\$25,000 to \$49,999	61	8
\$50,000 to \$99,999	53	7
\$100,000 or more	230	31

Farms by Size

	Number	Percent of Total ^a
1 to 9 acres	103	14
10 to 49 acres	211	29
50 to 179 acres	173	23
180 to 499 acres	118	16
500 to 999 acres	65	9
1,000 + acres	70	9

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	166,383	22	92	666	3,077
Crops	136,771	8	92	352	3,073
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, dry peas	122,761	11	92	278	2,916
Tobacco	-	-	13	-	323
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	-	-	647
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, sweet potatoes	8,401	4	90	245	2,821
Fruits, tree nuts, berries	(D)	1	89	(D)	2,748
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, sod	2,281	12	87	604	2,601
Cultivated Christmas trees, short rotation woody crops	(D)	6	56	(D)	1,384
Other crops and hay	1,981	17	92	1,218	3,040
Livestock, poultry, and products	29,612	38	92	1,344	3,073
Poultry and eggs	14	72	92	1,676	3,007
Cattle and calves	9,656	13	92	1,283	3,055
Milk from cows	14,744	13	77	364	1,892
Hogs and pigs	4,177	47	92	491	2,856
Sheep, goats, wool, mohair, milk	128	35	92	1,106	2,984
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, donkeys	(D)	(D)	91	(D)	2,970
Aquaculture	(D)	5	18	(D)	1,251
Other animals and animal products	30	36	90	1,184	2,878

Total Producers ^c

1,223

Sex

Male	847
Female	376

Age

<35	120
35 – 64	718
65 and older	385

Race

American Indian/Alaska Native	8
Asian	2
Black or African American	-
Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	2
White	1,211
More than one race	-

Other characteristics

Hispanic, Latino, Spanish origin	17
With military service	125
New and beginning farmers	240

Percent of farms that:

Have internet access **80**

Farm organically **1**

Sell directly to consumers **5**

Hire farm labor **28**

Are family farms **96**

Top Crops in Acres ^d

Corn for grain	117,897
Soybeans for beans	87,202
Forage (hay/haylage), all	6,761
Wheat for grain, all	4,142
Popcorn	2,459

Livestock Inventory (Dec 31, 2017)

Broilers and other meat-type chickens	100
Cattle and calves	12,962
Goats	323
Hogs and pigs	12,542
Horses and ponies	1,002
Layers	1,127
Pullets	(D)
Sheep and lambs	393
Turkeys	37

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.