



Porter County Indiana

Total and Per Farm Overview, 2017 and change since 2012

	2017	% change since 2012
Number of farms	445	-7
Land in farms (acres)	122,523	+2
Average size of farm (acres)	275	+10
Total	(\$)	
Market value of products sold	77,316,000	-28
Government payments	3,698,000	+63
Farm-related income	2,842,000	-6
Total farm production expenses	63,543,000	-7
Net cash farm income	20,313,000	-53
Per farm average	(\$)	
Market value of products sold	173,743	-22
Government payments (average per farm receiving)	15,407	+81
Farm-related income	14,356	-8
Total farm production expenses	142,793	(Z)
Net cash farm income	45,647	-50

1 Percent of state agriculture sales

Share of Sales by Type (%)

Crops	88
Livestock, poultry, and products	12

Land in Farms by Use (%) ^a

Cropland	94
Pastureland	2
Woodland	2
Other	2

Acres irrigated: 10,383

8% of land in farms

Land Use Practices (% of farms)

No till	25
Reduced till	26
Intensive till	22
Cover crop	9

Farms by Value of Sales

	Number	Percent of Total ^a
Less than \$2,500	140	31
\$2,500 to \$4,999	28	6
\$5,000 to \$9,999	37	8
\$10,000 to \$24,999	45	10
\$25,000 to \$49,999	26	6
\$50,000 to \$99,999	35	8
\$100,000 or more	134	30

Farms by Size

	Number	Percent of Total ^a
1 to 9 acres	61	14
10 to 49 acres	153	34
50 to 179 acres	93	21
180 to 499 acres	58	13
500 to 999 acres	49	11
1,000 + acres	31	7

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	77,316	61	92	1,388	3,077
Crops	68,372	56	92	863	3,073
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, dry peas	61,576	55	92	642	2,916
Tobacco	-	-	13	-	323
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	-	-	647
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, sweet potatoes	4,167	5	90	382	2,821
Fruits, tree nuts, berries	(D)	37	89	(D)	2,748
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, sod	1,349	20	87	765	2,601
Cultivated Christmas trees, short rotation woody crops	(D)	33	56	(D)	1,384
Other crops and hay	1,174	31	92	1,723	3,040
Livestock, poultry, and products	8,943	64	92	2,174	3,073
Poultry and eggs	55	55	92	1,201	3,007
Cattle and calves	2,141	53	92	2,130	3,055
Milk from cows	3,998	35	77	671	1,892
Hogs and pigs	2,556	57	92	538	2,856
Sheep, goats, wool, mohair, milk	(D)	77	92	(D)	2,984
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, donkeys	(D)	51	91	(D)	2,970
Aquaculture	-	-	18	-	1,251
Other animals and animal products	118	19	90	700	2,878

Total Producers ^c

Sex	743
Male	500
Female	243
Age	
<35	48
35 – 64	471
65 and older	224
Race	
American Indian/Alaska Native	5
Asian	3
Black or African American	3
Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	-
White	727
More than one race	5
Other characteristics	
Hispanic, Latino, Spanish origin	14
With military service	74
New and beginning farmers	183

Percent of farms that:

Have internet access	80
Farm organically	-
Sell directly to consumers	9
Hire farm labor	25
Are family farms	95

Top Crops in Acres ^d

Soybeans for beans	52,973
Corn for grain	50,915
Forage (hay/haylage), all	4,285
Wheat for grain, all	1,137
Vegetables harvested, all	1,107

Livestock Inventory (Dec 31, 2017)

Broilers and other meat-type chickens	254
Cattle and calves	4,222
Goats	255
Hogs and pigs	6,462
Horses and ponies	522
Layers	2,088
Pullets	1,230
Sheep and lambs	136
Turkeys	20

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.