



Spencer County Indiana

Total and Per Farm Overview, 2017 and change since 2012

	2017	% change since 2012
Number of farms	665	+11
Land in farms (acres)	169,428	-1
Average size of farm (acres)	255	-11
Total (\$)		
Market value of products sold	92,904,000	+1
Government payments	4,531,000	+75
Farm-related income	8,468,000	+20
Total farm production expenses	73,126,000	-5
Net cash farm income	32,777,000	+32
Per farm average (\$)		
Market value of products sold	139,705	-9
Government payments (average per farm receiving)	10,998	+68
Farm-related income	24,403	+6
Total farm production expenses	109,964	-15
Net cash farm income	49,289	+19

1 Percent of state agriculture sales

Share of Sales by Type (%)

Crops	75
Livestock, poultry, and products	25

Land in Farms by Use (%) ^a

Cropland	79
Pastureland	6
Woodland	11
Other	4

Acres irrigated: 656

(Z)% of land in farms

Land Use Practices (% of farms)

No till	33
Reduced till	26
Intensive till	12
Cover crop	14

Farms by Value of Sales

	Number	Percent of Total ^a
Less than \$2,500	180	27
\$2,500 to \$4,999	42	6
\$5,000 to \$9,999	79	12
\$10,000 to \$24,999	88	13
\$25,000 to \$49,999	62	9
\$50,000 to \$99,999	74	11
\$100,000 or more	140	21

Farms by Size

	Number	Percent of Total ^a
1 to 9 acres	39	6
10 to 49 acres	210	32
50 to 179 acres	208	31
180 to 499 acres	127	19
500 to 999 acres	45	7
1,000 + acres	36	5

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	92,904	53	92	1,215	3,077
Crops	69,662	54	92	842	3,073
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, dry peas	68,432	50	92	590	2,916
Tobacco	-	-	13	-	323
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	-	-	647
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, sweet potatoes	156	52	90	1,372	2,821
Fruits, tree nuts, berries	154	30	89	1,133	2,748
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, sod	100	61	87	1,423	2,601
Cultivated Christmas trees, short rotation woody crops	-	-	56	-	1,384
Other crops and hay	820	47	92	2,054	3,040
Livestock, poultry, and products	23,242	43	92	1,532	3,073
Poultry and eggs	6,271	29	92	607	3,007
Cattle and calves	4,182	38	92	1,788	3,055
Milk from cows	2,658	43	77	753	1,892
Hogs and pigs	9,469	39	92	386	2,856
Sheep, goats, wool, mohair, milk	209	16	92	759	2,984
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, donkeys	140	27	91	1,216	2,970
Aquaculture	-	-	18	-	1,251
Other animals and animal products	314	8	90	407	2,878

Total Producers ^c

1,078

Sex

Male 758
Female 320

Age

<35 71
35 – 64 694
65 and older 313

Race

American Indian/Alaska Native 1
Asian 4
Black or African American -
Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander -
White 1,066
More than one race 7

Other characteristics

Hispanic, Latino, Spanish origin 12
With military service 94
New and beginning farmers 218

Percent of farms that:

Have internet access **73**

Farm organically **-**

Sell directly to consumers **3**

Hire farm labor **18**

Are family farms **95**

Top Crops in Acres ^d

Soybeans for beans 64,994
Corn for grain 50,953
Forage (hay/haylage), all 8,825
Wheat for grain, all 2,293
Corn for silage or greenchop 348

Livestock Inventory (Dec 31, 2017)

Broilers and other meat-type chickens 110
Cattle and calves 11,301
Goats 705
Hogs and pigs 28,941
Horses and ponies 424
Layers 1,312
Pullets 136
Sheep and lambs 794
Turkeys 136,843

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.