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Wireless Usage as Internet Access Method for Indiana Farms Increases

Sixty-six percent of Indiana farms have internet access, up 3 percentage points from 2013. Thirty-eight percent of farms going online reported wireless as their primary access method, up from last year. Access by satellite increased 6 percentage points, and access by cable increased to 7 percent. DSL (Digital Subscriber Line) usage decreased the most significantly, with a 9 percentage point drop.

Nationally, 70 percent report having access to the Internet, up 3 percentage points from 2013. A DSL connection is the most common method of accessing the Internet, with 30 percent of the farms in the United States using it, down from 35 percent in 2013. A wireless connection, at 29 percent, and a satellite connection at 21 percent, increased 5 and 4 percentage points, respectively. Other reported methods of accessing the Internet include cable modem service (12 percent), dial-up service (3 percent), and other or unknown (5 percent).

Farm Computer Usage and Primary Method of Internet Access – Indiana and United States: 2011, 2013, and 2015

	Indiana			United States		
	2011	2013	2015	2011	2013	2015
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Farms with computer access	65	66	72	65	70	73
Farms that own or lease computers	63	65	70	63	68	71
Farms using computers for farm business	39	42	47	37	40	43
Farms with internet access	62	63	66	62	67	70
Access by dialup	20	7	4	12	5	3
Access by DSL	25	33	24	38	35	30
Access by cable	6	5	7	11	13	12
Access by satellite	16	16	22	15	17	21
Access by wireless	26	34	38	20	24	29
Other/unknown access	7	5	5	4	6	5

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