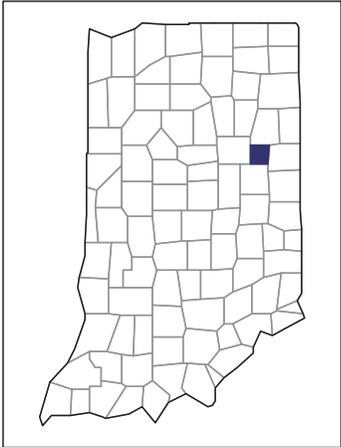


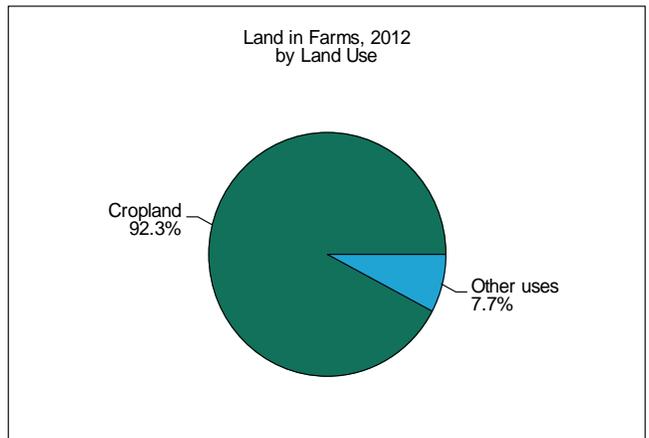
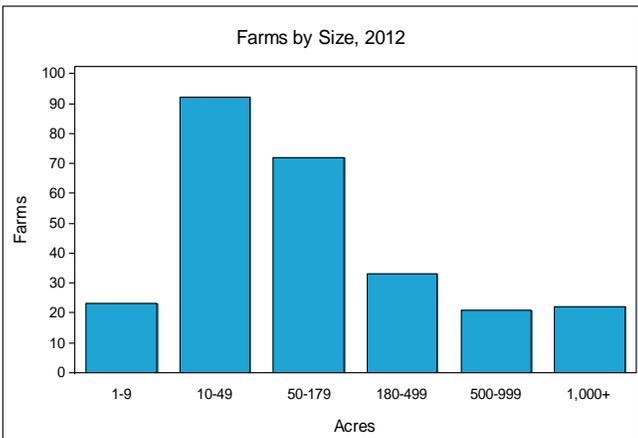
2012 CENSUS OF AGRICULTURE

COUNTY PROFILE



Blackford County Indiana

| | 2012 | 2007 | % change |
|--------------------------------------|--------------|--------------|----------|
| Number of Farms | 263 | 250 | + 5 |
| Land in Farms | 88,010 acres | 84,626 acres | + 4 |
| Average Size of Farm | 335 acres | 339 acres | - 1 |
| Market Value of Products Sold | \$71,474,000 | \$38,569,000 | + 85 |
| Crop Sales (D) | | | |
| Livestock Sales (D) | | | |
| Average Per Farm | \$271,765 | \$154,275 | + 76 |
| Government Payments | \$1,380,000 | \$1,478,000 | - 7 |
| Average Per Farm Receiving Payments | \$7,931 | \$8,444 | - 6 |





Blackford County – Indiana

Ranked items among the 92 state counties and 3,079 U.S. counties, 2012

| Item | Quantity | State Rank | Universe ¹ | U.S. Rank | Universe ¹ |
|---|----------|------------|-----------------------|-----------|-----------------------|
| MARKET VALUE OF AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS SOLD (\$1,000) | | | | | |
| Total value of agricultural products sold | 71,474 | 61 | 92 | 1,476 | 3,077 |
| Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse | (D) | 59 | 92 | 1,054 | 3,072 |
| Value of livestock, poultry, and their products | (D) | 59 | 92 | (D) | 3,076 |
| VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000) | | | | | |
| Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas | 58,009 | 58 | 92 | 752 | 2,926 |
| Tobacco | - | - | 32 | - | 436 |
| Cotton and cottonseed | - | - | - | - | 635 |
| Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes | (D) | 91 | 91 | (D) | 2,802 |
| Fruits, tree nuts, and berries | - | - | 85 | - | 2,724 |
| Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod | (D) | (D) | 89 | (D) | 2,678 |
| Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops | (D) | 39 | 62 | (D) | 1,530 |
| Other crops and hay | 157 | 86 | 92 | 2,832 | 3,049 |
| Poultry and eggs | 4 | 89 | 92 | 2,713 | 3,013 |
| Cattle and calves | (D) | (D) | 92 | (D) | 3,056 |
| Milk from cows | - | - | 84 | - | 2,038 |
| Hogs and pigs | 11,735 | 37 | 92 | 389 | 2,827 |
| Sheep, goats, wool, mohair, and milk | 51 | 64 | 92 | 1,903 | 2,988 |
| Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys | 42 | 62 | 91 | 2,379 | 3,011 |
| Aquaculture | - | - | 20 | - | 1,366 |
| Other animals and other animal products | (D) | (D) | 90 | (D) | 2,924 |
| TOP CROP ITEMS (acres) | | | | | |
| Soybeans for beans | 44,302 | 60 | 92 | 649 | 2,162 |
| Corn for grain | 32,745 | 72 | 92 | 765 | 2,638 |
| Wheat for grain, all | 1,404 | 63 | 92 | 1,507 | 2,537 |
| Winter wheat for grain | 1,404 | 63 | 92 | 1,440 | 2,480 |
| Forage-land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop | 1,389 | 88 | 92 | 2,810 | 3,057 |
| TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number) | | | | | |
| Pullets for laying flock replacement | (D) | 10 | 86 | (D) | 2,637 |
| Hogs and pigs | 32,452 | 36 | 92 | 383 | 2,889 |
| Cattle and calves | 1,557 | 85 | 92 | 2,792 | 3,063 |
| Layers | 296 | 89 | 92 | 2,625 | 3,040 |
| Goats, all | 261 | 64 | 92 | 1,937 | 2,996 |

Other County Highlights, 2012

| Economic Characteristics | Quantity | Operator Characteristics | Quantity |
|---|----------|---|----------|
| Farms by value of sales: | | Principal operators by primary occupation: | |
| Less than \$1,000 | 65 | Farming | 123 |
| \$1,000 to \$2,499 | 21 | Other | 140 |
| \$2,500 to \$4,999 | 21 | | |
| \$5,000 to \$9,999 | 8 | Principal operators by sex: | |
| \$10,000 to \$19,999 | 21 | Male | 237 |
| \$20,000 to \$24,999 | 11 | Female | 26 |
| \$25,000 to \$39,999 | 17 | | |
| \$40,000 to \$49,999 | 2 | Average age of principal operator (years) | 55.7 |
| \$50,000 to \$99,999 | 21 | | |
| \$100,000 to \$249,999 | 26 | All operators by race ² : | |
| \$250,000 to \$499,999 | 21 | American Indian or Alaska Native | - |
| \$500,000 or more | 29 | Asian | 1 |
| Total farm production expenses (\$1,000) | 48,167 | Black or African American | - |
| Average per farm (\$) | 183,144 | Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander | - |
| | | White | 383 |
| Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000) | 27,250 | More than one race | 2 |
| Average per farm (\$) | 103,613 | All operators of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin ² | 2 |

See "Census of Agriculture, Volume 1, Geographic Area Series" for complete footnotes, explanations, definitions, and methodology.

- Represents zero. (D) Withheld to avoid disclosing data for individual operations.

¹ Universe is number of counties in state or U.S. with item. ² Data were collected for a maximum of three operators per farm.