



Howard County Indiana

Total and Per Farm Overview, 2017 and change since 2012

	2017	% change since 2012
Number of farms	422	-11
Land in farms (acres)	145,720	+1
Average size of farm (acres)	345	+14
Total	(\$)	
Market value of products sold	97,093,000	-31
Government payments	4,286,000	+43
Farm-related income	3,756,000	-5
Total farm production expenses	78,331,000	-26
Net cash farm income	26,804,000	-35
Per farm average	(\$)	
Market value of products sold	230,078	-22
Government payments (average per farm receiving)	14,882	+59
Farm-related income	15,714	-31
Total farm production expenses	185,618	-16
Net cash farm income	63,516	-27

1 Percent of state agriculture sales

Share of Sales by Type (%)

Crops	83
Livestock, poultry, and products	17

Land in Farms by Use (%) ^a

Cropland	95
Pastureland	1
Woodland	2
Other	2

Acres irrigated: (D)

(D)% of land in farms

Land Use Practices (% of farms)

No till	25
Reduced till	23
Intensive till	47
Cover crop	7

Farms by Value of Sales

	Number	Percent of Total ^a
Less than \$2,500	89	21
\$2,500 to \$4,999	15	4
\$5,000 to \$9,999	19	5
\$10,000 to \$24,999	41	10
\$25,000 to \$49,999	44	10
\$50,000 to \$99,999	59	14
\$100,000 or more	155	37

Farms by Size

	Number	Percent of Total ^a
1 to 9 acres	45	11
10 to 49 acres	108	26
50 to 179 acres	115	27
180 to 499 acres	78	18
500 to 999 acres	34	8
1,000 + acres	42	10

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	97,093	50	92	1,171	3,077
Crops	80,685	44	92	707	3,073
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, dry peas	79,052	39	92	501	2,916
Tobacco	-	-	13	-	323
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	-	-	647
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, sweet potatoes	(D)	28	90	(D)	2,821
Fruits, tree nuts, berries	402	12	89	720	2,748
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, sod	(D)	69	87	(D)	2,601
Cultivated Christmas trees, short rotation woody crops	(D)	34	56	(D)	1,384
Other crops and hay	563	63	92	2,269	3,040
Livestock, poultry, and products	16,408	52	92	1,798	3,073
Poultry and eggs	79	51	92	1,114	3,007
Cattle and calves	857	78	92	2,425	3,055
Milk from cows	1,225	50	77	898	1,892
Hogs and pigs	14,184	27	92	322	2,856
Sheep, goats, wool, mohair, milk	41	73	92	1,849	2,984
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, donkeys	15	74	91	2,234	2,970
Aquaculture	-	-	18	-	1,251
Other animals and animal products	7	54	90	1,558	2,878

Total Producers ^c	697	Percent of farms that:	Top Crops in Acres ^d	
Sex		Have internet access	80	
Male	495			
Female	202	Farm organically	1	
Age		Sell directly to consumers	3	
<35	50	Hire farm labor	33	
35 – 64	396	Are family farms	96	
65 and older	251			
Race			Livestock Inventory (Dec 31, 2017)	
American Indian/Alaska Native	1		Broilers and other meat-type chickens	302
Asian	2		Cattle and calves	1,695
Black or African American	4		Goats	163
Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	-		Hogs and pigs	61,785
White	690		Horses and ponies	252
More than one race	-		Layers	2,581
Other characteristics			Pullets	(D)
Hispanic, Latino, Spanish origin	12		Sheep and lambs	161
With military service	55		Turkeys	(D)
New and beginning farmers	125			

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.