



Starke County Indiana

Total and Per Farm Overview, 2017 and change since 2012

	2017	% change since 2012
Number of farms	507	-1
Land in farms (acres)	145,703	+9
Average size of farm (acres)	287	+10
Total	(\$)	
Market value of products sold	69,246,000	-1
Government payments	6,179,000	+78
Farm-related income	5,259,000	-19
Total farm production expenses	54,097,000	-1
Net cash farm income	26,587,000	+6
Per farm average	(\$)	
Market value of products sold	136,579	(Z)
Government payments (average per farm receiving)	16,522	+100
Farm-related income	20,707	-20
Total farm production expenses	106,700	(Z)
Net cash farm income	52,440	+7

1 Percent of state agriculture sales

Share of Sales by Type (%)

Crops	95
Livestock, poultry, and products	5

Land in Farms by Use (%) ^a

Cropland	90
Pastureland	1
Woodland	6
Other	3

Acres irrigated: 38,650

27% of land in farms

Land Use Practices (% of farms)

No till	20
Reduced till	20
Intensive till	12
Cover crop	10

Farms by Value of Sales

	Number	Percent of Total ^a
Less than \$2,500	268	53
\$2,500 to \$4,999	34	7
\$5,000 to \$9,999	37	7
\$10,000 to \$24,999	27	5
\$25,000 to \$49,999	19	4
\$50,000 to \$99,999	25	5
\$100,000 or more	97	19

Farms by Size

	Number	Percent of Total ^a
1 to 9 acres	34	7
10 to 49 acres	205	40
50 to 179 acres	140	28
180 to 499 acres	58	11
500 to 999 acres	25	5
1,000 + acres	45	9

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	69,246	65	92	1,488	3,077
Crops	65,688	60	92	902	3,073
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, dry peas	56,690	62	92	694	2,916
Tobacco	-	-	13	-	323
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	-	-	647
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, sweet potatoes	(D)	(D)	90	(D)	2,821
Fruits, tree nuts, berries	711	7	89	560	2,748
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, sod	472	39	87	1,058	2,601
Cultivated Christmas trees, short rotation woody crops	(D)	2	56	(D)	1,384
Other crops and hay	7,230	1	92	353	3,040
Livestock, poultry, and products	3,557	80	92	2,577	3,073
Poultry and eggs	48	56	92	1,260	3,007
Cattle and calves	770	80	92	2,454	3,055
Milk from cows	(D)	(D)	77	(D)	1,892
Hogs and pigs	2,142	59	92	550	2,856
Sheep, goats, wool, mohair, milk	(D)	86	92	(D)	2,984
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, donkeys	13	75	91	2,258	2,970
Aquaculture	-	-	18	-	1,251
Other animals and animal products	(D)	(D)	90	(D)	2,878

Total Producers ^c	750	Percent of farms that:	Top Crops in Acres ^d
Sex		Have internet access	Corn for grain 57,545
Male	489	69	Soybeans for beans 47,254
Female	261		Mint for oil, all 6,486
Age		Farm organically	Forage (hay/haylage), all 2,298
<35	68	(Z)	Popcorn (D)
35 – 64	415		
65 and older	267		
Race		Sell directly to consumers	Livestock Inventory (Dec 31, 2017)
American Indian/Alaska Native	-	4	Broilers and other meat-type chickens (D)
Asian	2		Cattle and calves 1,613
Black or African American	6	Hire farm labor	Goats 418
Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	-	16	Hogs and pigs 2,572
White	741		Horses and ponies 247
More than one race	1		Layers 3,422
Other characteristics		Are family farms	Pullets (D)
Hispanic, Latino, Spanish origin	5	97	Sheep and lambs 100
With military service	71		Turkeys (D)
New and beginning farmers	181		

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.