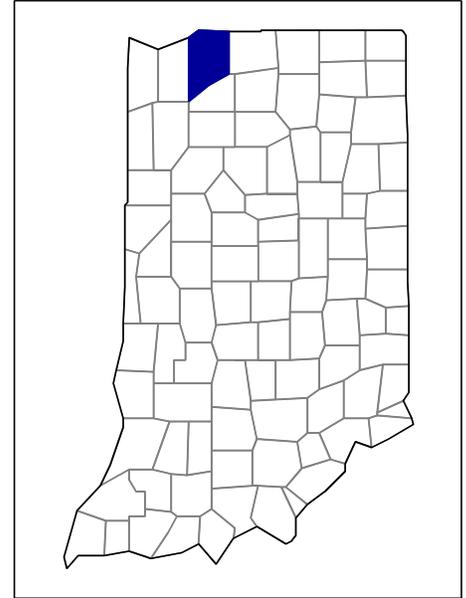


# 2002 Census of Agriculture County Profile

## LaPorte, Indiana



### Number of farms

817 farms in 2002, 857 farms in 1997, down 5 percent.

### Land in farms

243,447 acres in 2002, 252,171 acres in 1997, down 3 percent.

### Average size of farm

298 acres in 2002, 294 acres in 1997, up 1 percent.

### Market Value of Production

\$79,363,000 in 2002, \$97,444,000 in 1997, down 19 percent.

Crop sales accounted for \$55,688,000 of the total value in 2002.

Livestock sales accounted for \$23,675,000 of the total value in 2002.

### Market Value of Production, average per farm

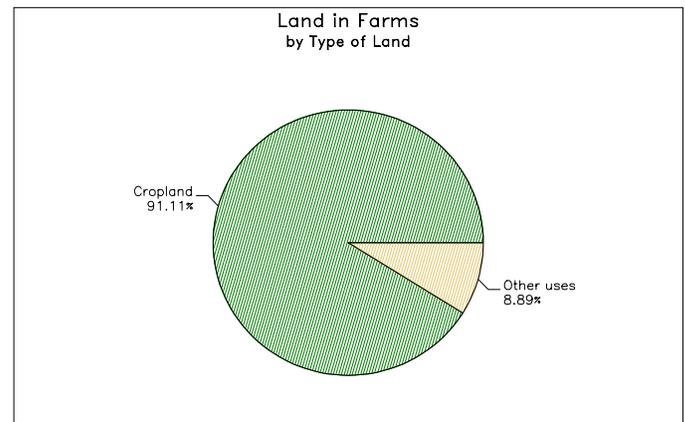
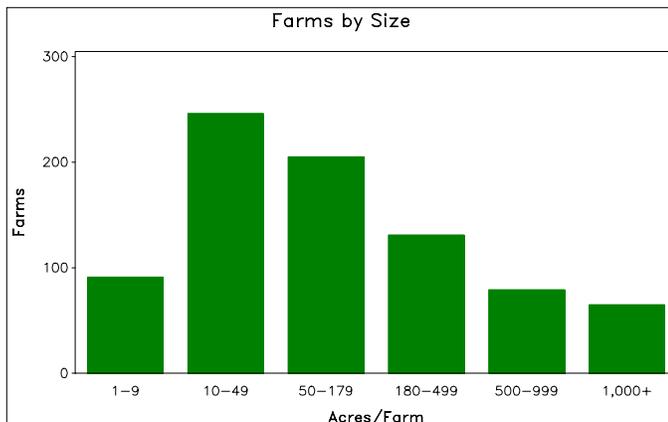
\$97,139 in 2002, \$113,704 in 1997, down 15 percent.

### Government Payments

\$4,367,000 in 2002, \$3,533,000 in 1997, up 24 percent.

### Government Payments, average per farm receiving payments

\$10,972 in 2002, \$7,469 in 1997, up 47 percent.



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**Ranked items among the 92 state counties and 3,078 U.S. counties, 2002**

Item	Quantity	State Rank	Universe <sup>1</sup>	U.S. Rank	Universe <sup>1</sup>
<b>MARKET VALUE OF AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS SOLD (\$1,000)</b>					
Total value of agricultural products sold	79,363	19	92	707	3,075
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	55,688	11	92	413	3,070
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	23,675	22	92	1,147	3,070
<b>VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)</b>					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	43,298	22	92	304	2,871
Tobacco	-	-	35	-	560
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	-	-	656
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	6,185	3	88	264	2,747
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	(D)	(D)	86	(D)	2,638
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	3,401	17	91	590	2,708
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	(D)	(D)	73	(D)	1,774
Other crops and hay	1,550	4	92	841	3,046
Poultry and eggs	9	57	91	2,011	2,918
Cattle and calves	8,249	9	92	1,137	3,053
Milk and other dairy products from cows	11,360	6	87	337	2,493
Hogs and pigs	(D)	(D)	92	(D)	2,919
Sheep, goats, and their products	44	37	92	1,360	2,997
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	106	47	91	1,723	3,014
Aquaculture	(D)	(D)	33	(D)	1,520
Other animals and other animal products	7	50	88	1,944	2,727
<b>TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)</b>					
Hogs and pigs	17,395	56	92	566	2,926
Cattle and calves	16,732	10	92	1,632	3,059
Horses and ponies	935	34	92	1,375	3,065
Sheep and lambs	856	30	92	1,094	2,867
Layers 20 weeks old and older	605	50	92	1,756	2,983
<b>TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)</b>					
Corn for grain	103,414	7	92	198	2,592
Soybeans	85,769	25	92	337	2,076
Forage - land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	9,298	24	92	1,847	3,059
Corn for silage	3,841	6	91	468	2,307
All Vegetables harvested	2,976	2	88	215	2,710

**Other County Highlights**

Economic Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales	
Less than \$1,000	221
\$1,000 to \$2,499	62
\$2,500 to \$4,999	58
\$5,000 to \$9,999	81
\$10,000 to \$19,999	64
\$20,000 to \$24,999	11
\$25,000 to \$39,999	43
\$40,000 to \$49,999	22
\$50,000 to \$99,999	83
\$100,000 to \$249,999	98
\$250,000 to \$499,999	33
\$500,000 or more	41
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	71,943
Average per farm (\$)	88,166
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	17,555
Average per farm (\$)	21,514

Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Farming	466
Other	351
Principal operators by sex:	
Male	739
Female	78
Average age of principal operator (years)	53.8
All operators <sup>2</sup> by race:	
White	1,181
Black or African American	2
American Indian or Alaska Native	-
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
Asian	-
More than one race	2
All operators <sup>2</sup> of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin	8

(D) Cannot be disclosed. (Z) Less than half of the unit shown. See "Census of Agriculture, Volume 1, Geographic Area Series" for complete footnotes.

<sup>1</sup> Universe is number of counties in state or U.S. with item.

<sup>2</sup> Data were collected for a maximum of three operators per farm.