

2002 Census of Agriculture County Profile

Noble, Indiana

Number of farms

1,029 farms in 2002, 1,098 farms in 1997, down 6 percent.

Land in farms

173,298 acres in 2002, 188,787 acres in 1997, down 8 percent.

Average size of farm

168 acres in 2002, 172 acres in 1997, down 2 percent.

Market Value of Production

\$50,641,000 in 2002, \$60,780,000 in 1997, down 17 percent.

Crop sales accounted for \$24,601,000 of the total value in 2002.

Livestock sales accounted for \$26,040,000 of the total value in 2002.

Market Value of Production, average per farm

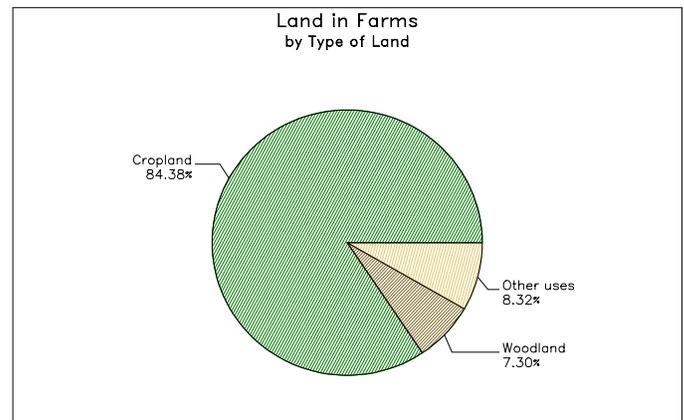
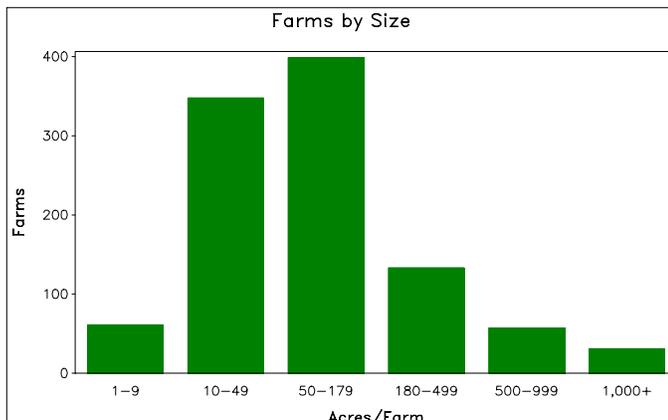
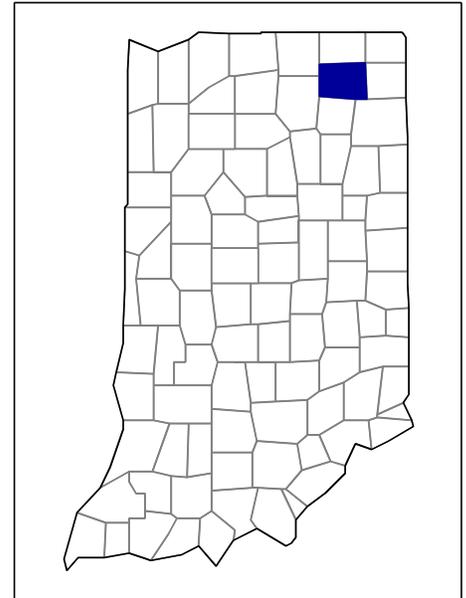
\$49,214 in 2002, \$55,356 in 1997, down 11 percent.

Government Payments

\$3,075,000 in 2002, \$2,373,000 in 1997, up 30 percent.

Government Payments, average per farm receiving payments

\$5,715 in 2002, \$4,545 in 1997, up 26 percent.



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

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	50,641	42	92	1,148	3,075
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	24,601	60	92	1,016	3,070
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	26,040	18	92	1,055	3,070
VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	22,931	54	92	613	2,871
Tobacco	-	-	35	-	560
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	-	-	656
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	(D)	(D)	88	(D)	2,747
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	519	9	86	513	2,638
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	(D)	(D)	91	(D)	2,708
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	(D)	(D)	73	(D)	1,774
Other crops and hay	845	16	92	1,403	3,046
Poultry and eggs	2,975	27	91	737	2,918
Cattle and calves	4,965	19	92	1,526	3,053
Milk and other dairy products from cows	(D)	(D)	87	(D)	2,493
Hogs and pigs	8,534	25	92	330	2,919
Sheep, goats, and their products	(D)	(D)	92	(D)	2,997
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	166	33	91	1,292	3,014
Aquaculture	-	-	33	-	1,520
Other animals and other animal products	17	35	88	1,617	2,727
TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)					
Ducks	73,779	4	83	13	2,630
Hogs and pigs	39,948	26	92	338	2,926
Cattle and calves	15,160	17	92	1,732	3,059
Layers 20 weeks old and older	3,178	29	92	870	2,983
Sheep and lambs	2,001	3	92	555	2,867
TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)					
Corn for grain	56,832	45	92	441	2,592
Soybeans	56,026	55	92	518	2,076
Forage - land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	11,480	12	92	1,634	3,059
Corn for silage	3,338	10	91	521	2,307
All Wheat for grain	3,258	26	92	1,095	2,517

Other County Highlights

Economic Characteristics	Quantity	Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales		Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Less than \$1,000	326	Farming	510
\$1,000 to \$2,499	102	Other	519
\$2,500 to \$4,999	75		
\$5,000 to \$9,999	98	Principal operators by sex:	
\$10,000 to \$19,999	102	Male	954
\$20,000 to \$24,999	20	Female	75
\$25,000 to \$39,999	74		
\$40,000 to \$49,999	29	Average age of principal operator (years)	53.6
\$50,000 to \$99,999	84		
\$100,000 to \$249,999	76	All operators ² by race:	
\$250,000 to \$499,999	32	White	1,449
\$500,000 or more	11	Black or African American	1
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	52,671	American Indian or Alaska Native	2
Average per farm (\$)	51,137	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
		Asian	-
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	4,312	More than one race	-
Average per farm (\$)	4,186	All operators ² 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.

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.