

A Look at Indiana Agriculture



Indiana

Capital: Indianapolis
Population: 6,159,068
Founded: December 11, 1816 (19th State)
State Bird: Cardinal
State Tree: Tulip tree
Number of Counties: 92
Largest City: Indianapolis, **Population:** 1,607,486

Climate



- Indiana's growing season ranges from 160 to 190 days.
- The state's average annual rainfall ranges from 36" in the north to 44" in the south.
- Indiana's normal temperature ranges from 70 to 80° F in the summer and 25 to 35° F in the winter.
- Altitude varies from a high of 1,257 feet above sea level in east central Wayne County to a low of 320 feet in southwestern Posey County.

Crops



- Indiana ranks 5th nationally in the production of corn; producing 886 million bushels in 2005.
- The state ranks 4th in the production of soybeans with 263.6 million bushels produced in 2005.
- Indiana is the 2nd largest producer of popcorn in the nation. In 2005 they grew 326.3 million pounds of popcorn seed.
- 2nd Tomatoes for Processing 251,120 tons.
- The state is 4th nationally in the production of peppermint (490,000 lbs.) and spearmint (96,000 lbs.).

Soil



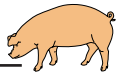
- The flat areas of Miami soils are used mainly for corn, soybeans, or winter wheat.
- The steeper areas are used as pasture, hayland, or woodland.
- There are 794,994 acres of Miami soils in Indiana.
- Indiana is nationally ranked for agricultural production because of the highly productive Miami soils along with other prime farmland soils in the State.

General



- Agriculture in Indiana is a large and diverse industry with 63,000 farms containing 15.4 million acres of farmland.
- Agriculture plays a vital role in the economic stability of Indiana. In 2001, farmers had cash receipts from the sale of all commodities (crops and livestock) totaling \$5.1 billion dollars.
- In 2005, Indiana ranked 14th in the U.S. in cash receipts from the sale of all commodities; crop sales amounted to \$3.5 billion dollars (9th in the nation) and livestock sales amounted to \$2.04 billion dollars (22nd in the nation).
- The average age for an Indiana farmer is 52.8 years old and the average farm size is 254 acres.

Animals



- Indiana ranks 2nd in the number of layer chickens in the state with 69,416,000 hens. The state is also 4th in the nation for total number of eggs produced at 6,025,000,000.
- Indiana produces more ducks than any other state in the nation.
- Indiana manufactured 81,255,000 gallons of ice cream in 2001 ranking it 1st low fat ice cream production in the United States.



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