



# A Look at *Indiana* Agriculture

Capital: Indianapolis

Population: 6,619,680

Founded: December 11, 1816 (19<sup>th</sup>)

State Bird: Cardinal

State Tree: Tulip tree

State Flower: Peony

Number of Counties: 92

Largest City: Indianapolis - 853,173

Nickname: Hoosier State

Number of Farms: 57,700

Average Farm Size: 255 acres

Total Farmland: 14.7 million acres



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## Climate & Soil

- Indiana's growing season ranges from 160 to 190 days.
- The state's average annual rainfall ranges from 36" in the north to 46" 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.
- 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.

## Crops & Livestock

- Indiana ranks 5th nationally in the production of corn; producing 822 million bushels in 2015.
- Indiana ranks 4th in the production of soybeans with 275 million bushels produced in 2015.
- Indiana is the 2nd largest producer of popcorn in the nation producing more than 20% of the U.S. popcorn supply.
- Indiana ranks 2nd in tomatoes for processing.
- Indiana ranks 4th in peppermint producing 400,000 lbs. and 4th in spearmint producing 189,000 pounds.
- Indiana ranks 1st nationally in duck production, 2nd in egg production, 3rd in layer chickens and 4th in turkey production. Indiana is also nationally recognized for broiler production.
- Indiana produces more ducks than any other state in the nation.
- Fruits and vegetables: 3rd Fresh cantaloupe, 5th watermelon, 4th snap beans for processing, 6th cucumbers for pickles
- Indiana ranks 2nd in the production of both regular and fat free ice cream.

## General

- Agriculture plays a vital role in the economic stability of Indiana. In 2015, farmers had cash receipts from the sale of all commodities (crops and livestock) totaling \$11.2 billion.
- In 2015 Indiana ranked 10th nationally for total farm sales in the United States.
- The average age for an Indiana farmer is 55.8 years old.
- More than 16 percent of Indiana's workforce is connected to agriculture, with 573,874 Hoosiers employed by farms.
- Eight major interstate highways cross the state and provide easy one-day access to 80% of the U.S. population.