

**NOBLE COUNTY, IN**

Information based on Congressional Districts of the 106th U.S. Congress, 1997

	1997	1992	1987
<b>Farms</b>			
Number	942	993	1,057
Acreage	181,963	184,118	197,875
Average size (acres)	193	185	187
Median size (acres)	86	N	N
<b>Estimated market value average per farm</b>			
Land/buildings (dollars)	354,512	209,142	162,412
Machinery/equip (dollars)	44,688	43,484	32,832
<b>Cropland (acres)</b>			
Total	147,016	154,213	164,363
Harvested	126,941	130,174	124,520
Irrigated	4,244	5,114	2,171
<b>Agricultural products sold - market value</b>			
(\$1,000)	58,841	49,302	46,352
(dollars avg. per farm)	62,464	49,650	43,852
<b>Agricultural sales - Net cash return per farm</b>			
(dollars average)	18,720	11,154	10,835
<b>Livestock inventory (number)</b>			
Cattle and calves	16,262	14,655	19,837
Beef cows	2,236	1,488	1,969
Milk cows	4,716	4,262	5,719
Hogs and pigs	43,481	47,444	45,463
Sheep and lambs	1,243	1,498	2,157
Layers 13 wks or/older	D	D	183,990
Broilers and chicken (sold)	D	D	D
<b>Harvested commodities (acres)</b>			
Corn, grain or seed	58,456	64,626	55,472
Corn, silage or green chop	2,198	2,388	2,694
Sorghum, grain or seed	N	N	N
Wheat	6,481	7,258	8,425
Barley	N	N	N
Oats	564	1,274	2,664
Rice	N	N	N
Sunflower seed	N	N	N
Cotton	N	N	N
Tobacco	N	N	N
Soybeans	48,990	43,728	41,713
Dry edible beans, excl limas	N	N	N
Potatoes, excl sweetpotatoes	N	N	N
Sugar beets for sugar	N	N	N
Sugarcane for sugar	N	N	N
Peanuts for nuts	N	N	N
Hay-alfalfa	11,470	11,719	15,465
<b>Vegetables</b>			
Number of farms	12	20	13
Acreage	145	147	150

**NOBLE COUNTY, IN CONT.**

**Orchards**

Number of farms	N	N	N
Acreage	N	N	N

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**Abbreviations/footnotes:**

N represents zero.

0 represents an insignificant amount.

D-Withheld to avoid disclosing data for individual farms.

Source: USDA, NASS, 1997 Census of Agriculture