



# A Look at *Indiana* Agriculture

Capital: Indianapolis

Population: 6.72 million

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

State Bird: Cardinal

State Tree: Tulip tree

State Snack: Popcorn

Number of Counties: 92

Largest City: Indianapolis - 864,447

Nickname: Hoosier State

Number of Farms: 56,649

Average Farm Size: 264 acres

Total Farmland: 15 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 982.8 million bushels in 2018.
- Indiana ranks 5th in the production of soybeans with 346.32 million bushels produced in 2018.
- Indiana ranks 5th in the production of hogs with 4.2 million hogs.
- Indiana is the 2nd largest producer of popcorn in the nation producing more than 20% of the U.S. popcorn supply.
- No. 1 in commercial duck production, wood office furniture and wood kitchen cabinet manufacturing No. 2 in popcorn production, ice cream production, chickens and total eggs produced.
- No. 3 in spearmint, tomatoes (all) and cropland planted with a cover crop.
- No. 4 in pumpkins, peppermint and turkeys raised.
- No. 5 in watermelon production.

## General

- Agriculture contributes an estimated \$31.2 billion to Indiana's economy.
- Indiana is the eighth largest agricultural exporter in the nation, exporting just over \$4.6 billion in 2017.
- The value of unprocessed agricultural commodities sold was \$11.1 billion in 2017.
- The average age of an Indiana farmer is 55.5 years old.
- Indiana farmers planted 936,000 acres of cover crops in 2017, which is the third highest in the nation.
- Indiana is the tenth largest farming state in the nation.
- Eight major interstate highways cross the state and provide easy one-day access to 80% of the U.S. population.