Boone County

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Boone County is located in central Indiana. It is bordered by Hamilton County to the east, Marion to the southeast, Hendricks to the south, Montgomery to the west and Clinton County to the north. U.S. Highways 52 and 421 and Interstate Highway 65 cross Boone County. Elevation is 800-900 feet. The landscape features oak, elm, ash, maple, cottonwood, birch, beech, and hickory. This county is part of the Indiana and Ohio Till Plain land resource area. The landscape is nearly flat across almost all of the county, but slopes slightly along areas of the Walnut Creek and Eagle Creek (south) and Sugar Creek (north).

This county is in the Eastern Time Zone and observes DST. Average daily temperatures are 17°/34° in January and 62°/86° in July. Annual precipitation is 38-41 and snowfall 20-25 inches.

Typically the first freeze of the season is around October 10-15 and the last freeze is around May 1-5 (except southeast corner, April 25-30). The growing season lasts about 158-173 days.

Main agricultural activities are diversified and crops include corn for grain and especially soybeans. Livestock includes turkeys, hogs, cattle and milk cows. Main natural resources include construction sand and gravel, and commercial forestland.

Cities include Lebanon, the county seat. Towns include Advance, Jamestown (which extends into Hendricks County), Thorntown, Ulen, Whitestown and Zionsville. Townships include Center, Clinton, Eagle, Harrison, Jackson, Jefferson, Marion, Perry, Sugar Creek, Union Washington, and Worth.

Sources: Map from PCensus for MapInfo; Notes from Indiana Facts: Flying the Colors by John Clements, 1995.
Famous sons and daughters of Boone County include Herman B. Wells, who was from Jamestown, which extends into both Boone and Hendricks counties. A shaping force and beloved administrator at Indiana University for the better part of the 20th century. Entering IU as an undergrad as a teen in 1921, he went on to become president at a time when IU presidents were driven in a horse drawn buggy. He continued to serve in various capacities, including as chancellor, of the university until his recent death. (Nelson Price, *Indiana Legends*, Carmel: Guild Press of Indiana, Inc., 1997, p. 123, 244, 258, 259)

Boone County is not a tobacco-producing county, according to the Strategic Development Group’s “Alternative Agricultural Strategy” (Bloomington, March 15, 2001) report, which is part of Governor Joseph E. Kernan’s “Recipient Final Reports for Office of the Commissioner of Agriculture Grant Programs” (http://www.in.gov/oca/grants/valueadd/VAFinalReports.html):