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Brown County is located in south central Indiana. It is bordered by Bartholomew County to the east, Jackson to the south, Monroe to the west and southwest, Morgan to the north/northeast and Johnson to the north/northwest. State Highways 135 and 46 cross the county. Elevation is 800-1000 feet. The landscape features oak, maple, birch, beech, and hickory trees and features very steep slopes in most areas, except some north-central areas where the slopes are moderately steep. This county is part of the Kentucky and Indiana Sandstone and Shale Hills and Valleys land resource area.

Brown county is in the Eastern Time Zone and observes DST. Average daily temperatures are $18^\circ/39^\circ$ in January and $62^\circ/87^\circ$ in July. Annual precipitation is 40-45 and snowfall 12-20 inches.

Typically the first freeze of the season is around October 15-20 and the last freeze is around April 20-25 (except northeast corner, April 23-30). The growing season lasts about 168-183 days.

Only about a tenth of the land is farmland. Main crops include corn for grain and hay. Brown County is a tobacco producing county. Livestock includes hogs and pigs, cattle and calves. Main natural resources include dimension sandstone and commercial forestland.

In the southern part of the county over 17,000 acres belong to the Hoosier National Forest. In the Fall people come from hundreds of miles to see the magnificent array of fall colors along highway 46 and throughout the area.

Communities include the town of Nashville, the county seat. Townships include Hamblen, Jackson, Van Buren, and Washington.

Sources: Map from PCensus for MapInfo; Notes from Indiana Facts: Flying the Colors by John Clements, 1995.