Cass County

The maps and tables in this publication were prepared using PCensus 7.06 for MapInfo and MapInfo Professional 7.0.
Cass County is located in northern Indiana, but at the center of the southern border of the northern counties. It is bordered by Miami County to the east, Fulton to the north, Pulaski to the northwest, White County to the west, Carroll County to the south/southwest, and Howard County to the south. U.S. Highways 35 and 24 intersect in Cass County. Elevation is 550-800 feet. The landscape features oak, maple, birch, beech, and hickory trees. Although the land in the south and northwest is rather level and that along Deer Creek (south) and the Wabash River (north central) is steeply sloped, most of the county has slightly sloping countryside. This county is part of the Indiana and Ohio Till Plain resource area.

Cass County is in Eastern Time Zone and it observes DST. Average daily temperatures are \(16^\circ/35^\circ\) in January and \(61^\circ/86^\circ\) in July. Annual precipitation is 38-40 and snowfall 22-35 inches.

Typically the first freeze of the season is around October 10-15 and the last freeze is around May 1-5. The growing season lasts about 158-168 days.

Nearly nine-tenths of the land is farmland and almost all of that is used for cash crops. Main crops include corn for grain, hay, and soybeans. Vegetable crops include cucumbers and tomatoes. Livestock include cattle/calves, hogs/pigs, and sheep/lambs. Popcorn is a special crop. Main natural resources include cement, clay, construction sand and gravel, crushed stone, and commercial forestland.

Communities include the city of Logansport, the county seat. Towns include Galveston, Onward, Royal Center, and Walton. Townships include Adams, Bethlehem, Boone, Clay, Clinton, Deer Creek, Eel, Harrison, Jackson, Jefferson, Miami, Noble, Tipton, and Washington.

Sources: Map from PCensus for MapInfo; Notes from Indiana Facts: Flying the Colors by John Clements, 1995.
A famous son of Cass County is Tony Hinkle (1898-1992), a beloved athlete and coach born on a farm near Logansport. Hinkle took the Butler University basketball team to nationals in 1929, and it is said that it was his idea that basketballs be orange. Another native of Logansport, Greg Kinnear (1963-) gained recognition as a movie actor and TV host of various talk shows. (Nelson Price, Indiana Legends, Carmel: Guild Press of Indiana, Inc., 1997, p. 252-3, 255-6)

Cass 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):