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Dearborn County is located in Southern Indiana, with a land area of ____ square miles and with an water area of ____ square miles. It is bordered by the counties of Franklin to the north and northeast, Dearborn to the east, Ohio to the southeast, Switzerland to the southeast, Jefferson to the south, Jennings to the west and Decatur to the northwest. U.S. Highways 50 and 421 and Interstate 74 cross the county. Elevation is 800 to 1,050 feet.

The landscape is mostly moderately to steeply sloping with intervals of slightly sloping land, except for areas in the southeast near the Laughey Creek where there are steep slopes descending to nearly flat land. The landscape features hickory, oak, maple, birch and beech trees. The county pertains mainly to the Southern Illinois and Indiana Thin Loess and Till Plain land resource area; except the northernmost tip, which is in the Kentucky Bluegrass land resource area.

Dearborn county is in the Eastern Time Zone and observes DST. Average daily temperatures are 18°/41° in January and 61°/88° in July. Annual precipitation is 39-45 and snowfall about 15-20 inches. The first freeze occurs usually October 15-20 in the northeast half and a little later, October 20-25 in the southwestern half. The last freeze occurs April 20-25, except a little later in the far northwest. The growing season lasts about 168-198 days.

Agricultural is mainly in corn for grain, tobacco, and livestock. Main crops are hay, corn for grain, soybeans, and winter wheat. Apples and strawberries are a primary fruit. Livestock include cattle/calves, milk cows, and hogs/pigs. Over half of the land is in farms and about three-fifths of that is in cash crops. About three-fifths of cash income is from crops. Important natural resources include crushed stone, dimension limestone, and forestland. Water resources include lakes/reservoirs (Bishoff, Liberty Park, Mollenkramer, and Oser Reservoirs; and LaSarre, Old Timbers, Tall Oak, Versailles, and Woodland Lakes, and the Milan Pond) and streams (the Otter, Laughery, Caesar, Graham, Indian Kentuck and Little Graham Creeks).

Communities include the city of Batesville (which extends into Franklin county); and the towns of Versailles (which is the county seat), Holton, Milan, Osgood, and Sunman.

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