De Kalb County

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DeKalb County is located in east central Indiana. It is bordered by Steuben County to the north, La Grange to the northwest, Noble to the west, Allen to the south and the State of Ohio to the east. U.S. Highway 6, Interstate Highway 69, and State Highway 8 cross the county. Elevation is 850 to 1,000 feet. The landscape features oak, cottonwood, elm, ash and hickory trees. The topography is mainly nearly level, except for slightly sloping areas in the northwest and the border areas on the north and west. All of this pertains to the Ohio Till Plain land resource area.

DeKalb County is in Eastern Time Zone and observes DST. Average daily temperatures are \(15^\circ/31^\circ\) in January and \(60^\circ/85^\circ\) in July. Annual precipitation is 35 and snowfall 25-35 inches.

Typically the first freeze of the season occurs October 10-15 in all but the southeastern tip where it is between October 5-10. The last freeze varies from around May 5-10. The growing season lasts about 148-158 days.

Agriculture is diversified. The main crops are corn for grain, oats, soybeans, and winter wheat. About two-thirds of the land is farmland and about half of that is in commercial crops. Fruits include apples and strawberries. Livestock includes cattle/calves, milk cows, and hogs/pigs. Popcorn is a special crop. Main natural resources include construction sand and gravel, and over 27,000 acres of commercial forestland. Water resources include Cedar, Dunton, Indian, Story, and Terry Lakes, and Grey Stone Pond, and St. Joseph’s River.

Communities include the cities of Auburn (the county seat), Butler and Garrett. Towns include Altona, Ashley (which extends into Steuben county), Corunna, Hamilton (which extends into Steuben county), St. Joe and Waterloo.

DeKalb County is not a tobacco producing county.