Fayette County

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Fayette County is located in East Central Indiana. It is bordered by the following counties: Union to the west, Franklin to the south, Rush to the west, Henry to the northeast, and Wayne to the north. State Highways 1, 44, and 121 cross the county. Elevation is 800-1,000 feet. The landscape features oak and hickory trees. The land surface is mainly moderately to steeply sloping, but is nearly level in central areas and the northwest. The county pertains to the Indiana and Ohio Till Plain land resource area.

Fayette county is in the Eastern Time Zone and observes DST. Average daily temperatures are 16°/36° in January and 60°/86° in July. Annual precipitation is about 39 and snowfall about 20 inches.

Typically the first freeze of the season occurs October 5-10 in the east and October 10-15 in the west. The last freeze varies from around May 1-5. The growing season lasts about 153-168 days.

Agriculture activity is mainly in corn for grain, soybeans and hogs/pigs. About four-fifths of the land is farmland and about two-thirds of that is in commercial crops. Additional crops are hay and winter wheat. Sweet corn is an important vegetable crop. Popcorn and tobacco are also grown. Livestock includes cattle/calves, milk cows, and hogs/pigs. Main natural resources include construction sand, gravel and forestland. Water resources include Manlove Lake (14 acres) and the Whitewater River.

Communities include the city of Connersville (the county seat) and the town of Glenwood (which extends into Rush County).

Sources: Map from PCensus for MapInfo; Geographic Notes from Indiana Facts: Flying the Colors by John Clements, 1995.
Fayette County Tobacco Production & Revenue:

Source: 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):

According to the most recent data available, Fayette County has 35 acres devoted to tobacco production on 12 farms (of the total of 420 farms in the county). Fayette ranked 16th in the percentage of farms (2.9%) producing tobacco. Tobacco income, for each farm producing tobacco ($10,195), represented 29.3% of the figure for average household income ($34,737) in the county that year (1997).

Latest figures (from 1997 USDA Census):
Rank for acres in tobacco production: 20th
Acres in tobacco production: 35
Number of farms producing tobacco: 12
As a Percent of all farms: 2.9%
Rank in IN for percent of all farms: 16th
Tobacco income per farm producing: $10,195
Percent of County’s Ave. Household Income: 29.3%

[See appendices for more information.]