Floyd County

The maps and tables in this publication were prepared using PCensus 7.06 for MapInfo and MapInfo Professional 7.0.
Floyd County is located in Southern Indiana on the Kentucky border. It is bordered by the Ohio River and the State of Kentucky to the southeast and by the counties of Clark on the north/northeast, Washington to the northwest, and Harrison to the west/southwest. Interstate Highways 265 and 64, and U.S. Highway 150 cross the county. Elevation is 500-900 feet. The landscape varies from slightly sloping on the southeastern border, to moderately to steeply sloping in the west, to very steep in the central areas. The landscape features oak and hickory trees. The county mostly pertains to the Kentucky and Indiana Sandstone and Shale Hills and Valleys land resource area, but the northwestern region is in the Highland Rim and Pennyroyal land resource area.

Floyd county is in the Eastern Time Zone and observes DST. Average daily temperatures are 19°/40° in January and 62°/89° in July. Annual precipitation is about 43 and snowfall about 14 inches.

Typically the first freeze of the season occurs October 20-26, except in the northwest from October 15-20. The last freeze is around April 10-15, except in the northwest corner, April 15-20. The growing season lasts about 183-203 days.

Agriculture activity is diversified. About a third of the land is farmland and a third of that is in commercial crops. Main crops are corn for grain, hay and soybeans. Apple is an important fruit. Vegetables include Irish potatoes, pumpkins, squash, sweet corn and sweet peppers. Popcorn and tobacco are also grown. Livestock are mainly cattle/calves. Main natural resources include construction sand, gravel and forestland. Water resources include Georgetown Lake, Greenville Reservoir, and Mount St. Francis Lake, and the Ohio River.

Communities include the city of New Albany (the county seat) and the towns of Georgetown and Greenville.

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

Floyd 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, Floyd County has 123 acres devoted to tobacco production on 24 farms (of the total of 420 farms in the county). Floyd ranked 14th for number of acres and 14th for the percentage of farms (7.7%) producing tobacco. Tobacco income, for each farm producing tobacco ($18,150), represented 46.8% of the figure for average household income ($38,808) in the county that year (1997).

Latest figures (from 1997 USDA Census):
Rank for acres in tobacco production: 14th
Acres in tobacco production: 123
Number of farms producing tobacco: 24
As a Percent of all farms: 7.7%
Rank in IN for percent of all farms: 14th
Tobacco income per farm producing: $18,150
Percent of County’s Ave. Household Income: 46.8%

[See appendices for more information.]

A famous son of Floyd County is the baseball player, Billie Herman (1909-1992), who was born in New Albany. A ten-time All-Star, he played for the Chicago Cubs and other teams. Another athlete, Fuzzy Zoeller, also of New Albany (1951-) is a well-known professional golfer.