Fountain County

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Fountain County is located in West Central Indiana. It is bordered by Warren County to the north/northwest, Tippecanoe to the east/northeast, Montgomery to the east, Parke to the south, and Vermillion to the southwest. Interstate Highway 74 and U.S. Highways 41 and 136 cross the county. Elevation is 600-750 feet. The landscape features oak and hickory trees. A variety of land surfaces are found. Along rivers and creeks the land is slightly sloping to steeply sloping, and elsewhere it is nearly level. The county pertains to the Indiana and Ohio Till Plain land resource area.

Fountain county is in the Eastern Time Zone and observes DST. Average daily temperatures are 14°/33° in January and 61°/86° in July. Annual precipitation is about 38 and snowfall 15-25 inches.

Typically the first freeze of the season occurs October 10-15. The last freeze varies from around April 25-30 in the west and May 1-5 in the east. The growing season lasts about 158-173 days.

Agriculture activity is mainly in grain and soybeans. About nine-tenths of the land is farmland and about four-fifths of that is in commercial crops. Additional crops are hay and winter wheat. Livestock includes hens/pullets, cattle/calves, and hogs/pigs. Main natural resources include construction sand, gravel and forestland. Water resources include Clingan Mill, Downs, and Hemlock Lakes and the Wabash River.

Communities include the cities of Covington (the county seat) and Attica. Towns include Hillsboro, Kingman, Mellott, Newtown, Veedersburg and Wallace.

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