Posey County

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Posey County is located in the far southwestern corner of Indiana and is bordered by the States of Illinois and Kentucky, the Ohio and Wabash Rivers, and Indiana’s Gibson County to the north and Vanderburgh County to the east. State Highways 62 and 69, and Interstate Highway 64 cross the county. Elevation is 400 to 550 feet.

There is a wide variation in terrain with most being moderately to steeply sloping; some is slightly sloping (south) and some areas are nearly flat. The landscape features hickory and oak trees. The county pertains to the Central Mississippi Valley Wooded Slopes land resource area.

Posey County is in the Central Time Zone and observes DST. Average daily temperatures are 22/41°F in January and 66/89°F in July. Annual precipitation is about 43 and snowfall about 12 inches. The first freeze occurs usually October 25 to October 30; the last freeze occurs first from April 5 to 10 in most of the county, but a bit later in the northeastern corner (April 10-15). The growing season lasts about 193-208 days.

Agricultural activity is mainly in soybeans, corn for grain, and winter wheat. About four-fifths of the land is in farms and about four-fifths of that is in cash crops. An additional crop is hay; and grapes are an important fruit crop. Main natural resources include construction sand/gravel, petroleum and forestland. Water resources include lakes/reservoirs (Big Bayou, Fish Slough, Goose Pond, Hovery Lake, Long Pond); the Black, Ohio and Wabash Rivers; and the Little and Big Creeks.

Communities include the city of Mount Vernon, which is the county seat; and the towns of Cynthiana, Griffin, New Harmony, and Poseyville.

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