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3. Geographic and Historical Notes

Pulaski County is located in Northern Indiana and is bordered by the following Indiana counties: Starke to the north, Marshall to the northeast, Fulton to the east, Cass to the south and southeast, White to the south and southwest, and Jasper to the west and northwest. State Highways 14, and U.S. Highways 35 and 421 cross the county. Elevation is 650 to 750 feet.

Except for some slightly sloping terrain along the Tippecanoe River and tributaries to the east, the land is nearly flat. The landscape features hickory and oak trees. The county pertains mainly to the Southern Michigan and Northern Indiana Drift Plain land resource area, except the southeast corner pertains to the Indiana and Ohio Till Plain land resource area, and a little in the southwest pertains to the Northern Illinois and Indiana Heavy Till Plain land resource area.

Pulaski county is in the Central Time Zone and observes DST. Average daily temperatures are 14/32°F in January and 62/85°F in July. Annual precipitation is about 37 and snowfall about 25-35 inches. The first freeze occurs usually October 15 to October 30; the last freeze occurs from April 5 to 10 in most of the county, but a bit later in the extreme northeastern (April 10-15). The growing season lasts about 193-208 days.

Agricultural activity is mainly in soybeans, corn for grain, and hogs for livestock. More than four-fifths of the land is in farms and about four-fifths of that is in cash crops. An additional crop is hay; and apples are an important fruit crop. Mint and popcorn are special crops. Livestock, especially pigs but also including cattle/calves, constitute about half of the agricultural income. An important natural resources is crushed stone. Commercial forestland is another resource. Water resources include the Bruce Lake and Langenbaum Lake, the Tippecanoe River, and various streams (including the Indian and Mud Creeks; and the Big Monon, Bud Fisher and Weltzin Creeks).

Communities include the towns of Winamac, which is the county seat, Francesville, Medaryville, and Monterey.

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