Randolph County

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Randolph County is located centrally on the eastern border of Indiana. It is bordered by the State of Ohio to the east and the Indiana counties of Jay to the north, Delaware to the west and northwest, Henry to the southwest, and Wayne to the south. State Highways 32 and U.S. Highways 27 and 36 cross the county. Elevation is 900 to 1,253 feet.

The landscape is slopes slightly along the Mississinewa and White Rivers and their tributaries in the north and south, respectively, and is nearly flat in the rest of the county. The landscape features hickory, oak, maple, birch and beech trees. The county pertains mainly to the Indiana and Ohio Till Plain land resource area.

Randolph county is in the Eastern Time Zone and observes DST. Average daily temperatures are 15°/32° in January and 62°/84° in July. Annual precipitation is about 38 and snowfall about 25–40 inches. The first freeze occurs usually October 5–10, except a bit later in the eastern third (October 10-15). The last freeze occurs May 1–5. The growing season lasts about 153-168 days.

Agricultural activity is diversified. Main crops are hay, corn for grain, soybeans, winter wheat and oats. Apples are a primary fruit, tomatoes a primary vegetable, and popcorn a special crop. Livestock include hens/pullets, cattle/calves, milk cows, hogs/pigs sheep/lambs, and turkeys. About four-fifths of the land is in farms and about four-fifths of that is in cash crops. About three-fifths of cash income is from crops. Important natural resources include construction sand and gravel, crushed stone, petroleum and forestland. Water resources include the Indian Trail Lakes Nos. 1 and 2, the Little White and Little Mississinewa Rivers, and several streams (Little White River, Little Mississinewa River, Bear Creek, Whitewater River, and Greens Fork).

Communities include the cities of Winchester, which is also the county seat, and Union City; and the towns of Farmland, Losantville, Lynn, Modoc, Parker City, Ridgeville, and Saratoga.
Randolph 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):