Wabash County

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Wabash County is located in North Central Indiana and is bordered by the following Indiana counties: Kosciusko to the north, Whitley to the northeast, Huntington to the east, Grant to the south and southeast, and Miami to the west and southwest. U.S. Highway 24 and State Highways 15 and 13 cross the county. Elevation is 750 to 850 feet.

The landscape is nearly flat in the center of the county and in the west, slightly sloping in the northwest, east and south. The landscape features hickory, oak, ash, elm and cottonwood trees. The county pertains to the Indiana and Ohio Till Plain land resource area.

Wabash county is in the Eastern Time Zone and observes DST. Average daily temperatures are 14°/32° in January and 60°/85° in July. Annual precipitation is about 37 and snowfall about 25-35 inches. The first freeze is between October 10-15, and the last freeze between May 1-5. The growing season lasts 158-168 days.

Agricultural activity is mainly in corn for grain, winter wheat, and livestock. Hay and soybeans are additional crops. Livestock include cattle/calves, milk cows, hens/pullets, sheep/lambs, and hogs/pigs. Apples are a primary fruit, sweet corn is an important vegetable, and popcorn is a special crop. About three-fourths of the land is in farms and about three-quarters of that land is in cash crops. Important natural resources include construction sand and gravel, petroleum and forestland. Water resources include lakes/reservoirs (the largest being Long Lake, Luken’s Lake, Mississinewa Reservoir, Round Lake, Salamonie Reservoir); the Eels and Wabash Rivers; and several streams (Clear, Paw Paw, Largo, Pony, Beargrass, Kentner, Treaty, and Grant Creeks).

Communities include the city of Wabash, the county seat; and the towns of LaFontaine, Lagro, North Manchester, and Roann.

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