White County is located in Northwestern Indiana and is bordered by the following Indiana counties: Pulaski to the north, Cass to the east, Carroll to the southeast, Tippecanoe to the south, Benton to the west, and Jasper to the northwest. Interstate Highway 65 and U.S. Highways 421 and 24 cross the county. Elevation is 650 to 750 feet.

Most of the landscape is mostly nearly level, except in the northeast and south, where it is slightly sloping near the largest rivers and creeks. The landscape features hickory and oak trees. The landscape of the county pertains to three different land resource areas: Southern Michigan and Northern Indiana Drift Plain (north), Northern Illinois and Indiana Heavy Till Plain (southwest), the Indiana and Ohio Till Plain (southeast).

White county is in the Eastern Time Zone and observes DST. Average daily temperatures are 15°/33° in January and 61°/86° in July. Annual precipitation is about 37 and snowfall about 20-35 inches. The first freeze occurs between October 10-15, and the last freeze occurs between May 1-5 in the far southwest corner and a bit earlier (April 25-30). The growing season lasts 158-173 days.

Agricultural activity is in corn for grain, soybean and hog/pigs. Additional crops are winter wheat and hay. Popcorn is a special crop. Livestock include cattle/calves and hogs/pigs. Over four-fifths of the land is in farms and about four-fifths of that land is in cash crops. Important natural resources include crushed stones and forestland. Water resources include lakes/reservoirs (Lakes Freeman and Shafer), the Tippecanoe River, and several streams (Honey, Pike, Moots, Big and Big Pine Creeks, and Hoagland Ditch).

Communities include the city of Monticello, which is the county seat; and the towns of Burnettsville, Chalmers, Monon, Reynolds, and Wolcott.

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