



## IIRA's Online Resources



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## IIRA's Website

- <http://www.iira.org>
- Numerous resources located on website
  - Information about Outreach and Technical Assistance Programs
  - Events/Annual Conference/Online Conference Registration
  - Publications
  - Data
  - Preformatted Reports
  - Directory & Guides
  - Tools



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# Publications

- Almost 300 publications available.
- Searchable database with abstracts.



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# Web Access: Publications



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Select [Publications](#) under the **Research & Publications** menu.



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## Data: InfoAtlas

- IIRA's **InfoAtlas** allows users to view socio-economic and demographic data for counties and municipalities.
- The database allows individuals to cut & paste info into other software programs for manipulation.
- The **Comprehensive Economic Development System** link is a subset of the InfoAtlas data for economic development districts usage.



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## Data: Wind Energy

- Wind power production presents an opportunity to diversify the agricultural economy and it also helps protect the environment by making use of a clean and green renewable source of energy.
- The wind monitoring data is made possible by a grant from the Illinois Clean Energy Community Foundation.



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## Data: Corn Co-Products

- This is a collaborative project of The Illinois Corn Growers Association, Western Illinois University, University of Illinois in Champaign/Urbana, and the National Corn to Ethanol Research Center at SIU – Edwardsville, working with the livestock industry to ensure an economical and nutritious ethanol co-product feed supply for producers.



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## Web Access: Data



InfoAtlas can be accessed at [www.IIRA.org](http://www.IIRA.org).  
Select **Rural Information Resources** under  
the **Resource** menu, and then select  
the **Data** tab.



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## Preformatted Reports

- Users can view preformatted reports on IIRA's web site:
  - Economic and Demographic Characteristics;
  - County Agricultural Profiles; and
  - Health Profiles.

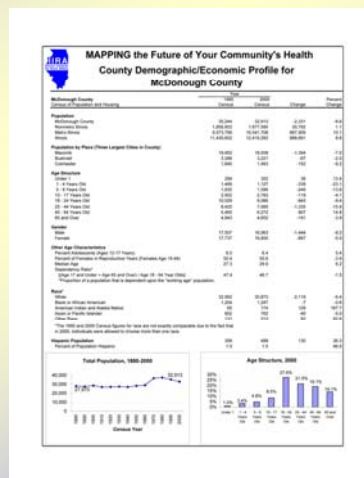


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## Preformatted Report Example

**Health Profiles** contain selected information from the 1990 & 2000 Census, plus data from the Illinois Department of Public Health.

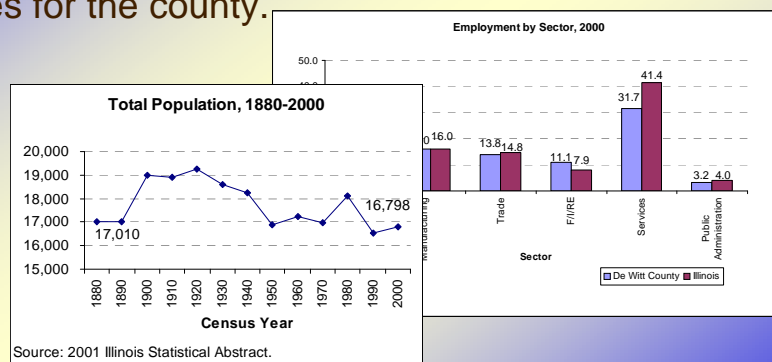


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## Profile Example

The **Health Profiles** contains tables and graphics. The charts show comparisons with the state or a time series for the county.



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- The **County Agricultural Profiles** contain Census of Agriculture information for 1992, 1997, and 2002 along with *Illinois Agricultural Statistics*, produced by Illinois Department of Agriculture.
- **Profile for Economic and Demographic Characteristics** are Excel files that allow you to select a county or community and produce a report that is mainly 1990 and 2000 census information.



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## Directories & Guides

- There are directories and guides available on IIRA's web site.
- Two of the guides are interactive which allows searching to be done by category or by keyword.



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## Directories & Guides

- The following interactive directories and guides are available:
  - ***Directory of Community and Economic Development Organizations***, contains contact information and brief descriptions for organizations in Illinois;
  - ***Rural Development Resource Guide*** contains information about selected programs available; and
  - ***Community Supported Agriculture***, contains contact information for community supported agriculture in Illinois.



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## Directories & Guides

- The following directories and guides are available as a report (PDF format):
  - ***Directory of Closed-Membership Producer Cooperatives***, contains contact information for new generation cooperatives and limited liability companies in the United States and Canada;
  - ***Illinois Directory of Community Supported Agriculture (CSA)***;
  - ***Pellet Stove Manufacturer/Dealers***; and
  - ***Pellet Manufacturer Directory***.
- ***Zoning Ordinance*** (Excel format)



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## Other Tools and Maps

- There are three pre-feasibility evaluation tools available:
  - Ethanol;
  - Biodiesel; and
  - Biomass/Wood Pellet.
- The pre-feasibility tools are useful in the early planning stage to evaluate the profitability of a potential project by creating your own economic assumptions or using the defaults provided.



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## GIS Map Tool

- **GIS Map Tool** is an interactive map tool for identifying optimal locations for establishing new business operations in the state of Illinois. Information on infrastructure, resources, culture, and census can be viewed on a map in any combination.
- Additional detail or attributes are available on certain map layers covering such items as contact information.



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