



# 2012 Indiana Renewable Resources Study

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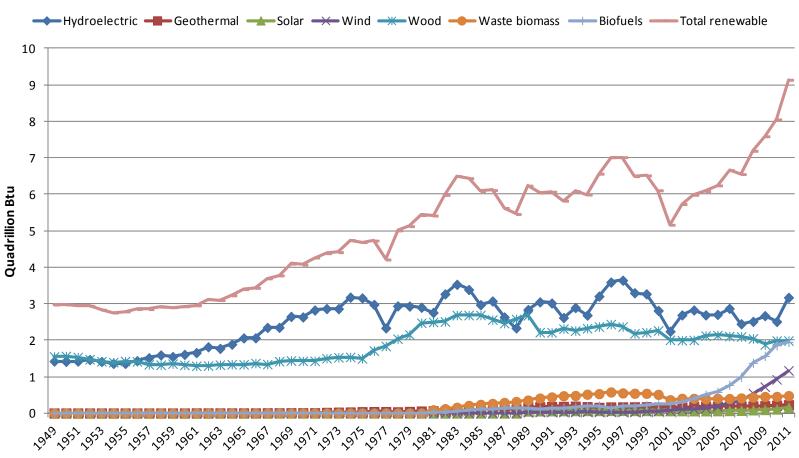
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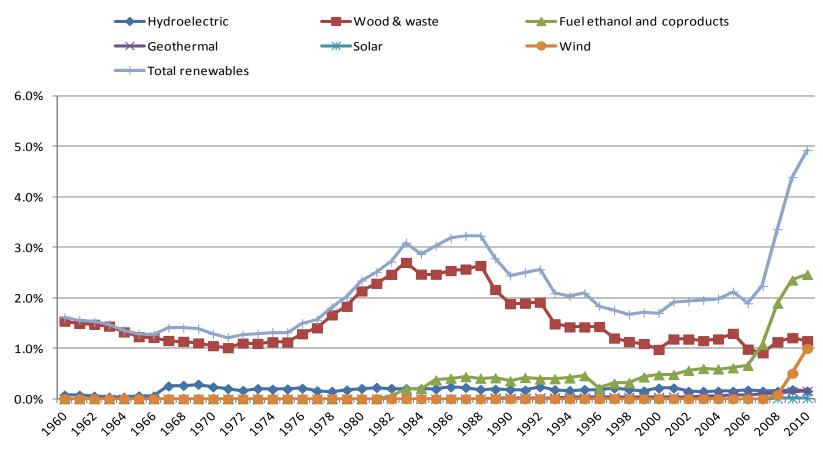
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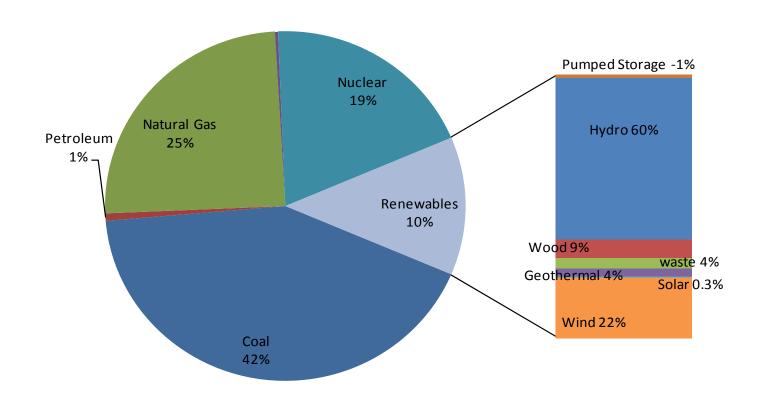


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## 2011 U.S. Electricity Generation by Energy Source

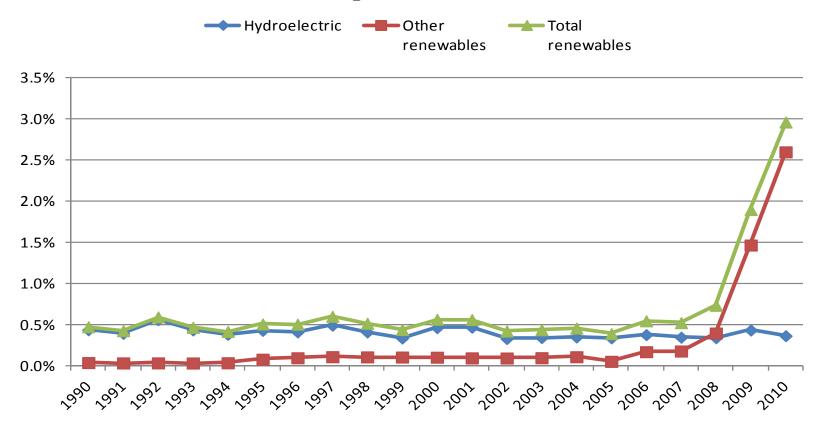


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## Renewables Share of Indiana Electricity Generation



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#### Barriers to Renewables

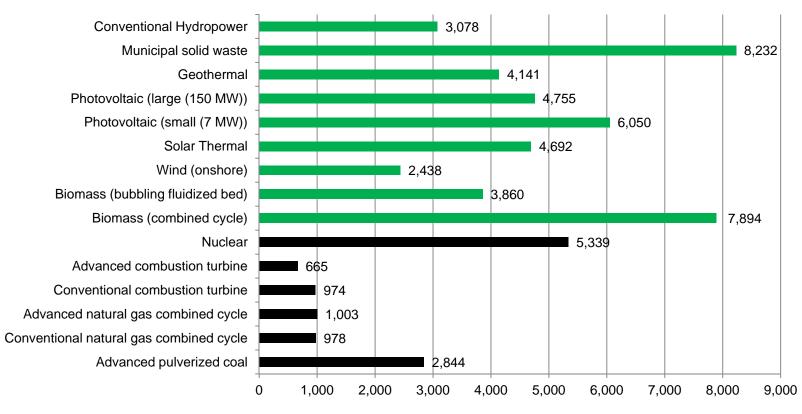
- Major barrier is cost
  - Most renewable technologies have high capital costs
  - According to EIA Indiana's average electric rate in 2010 was 7.67 cents/kWh vs. the national average of 9.83 cents/kWh
- Limited availability for some resources
  - Solar/photovoltaics, hydropower
- Intermittency for some resources
  - Solar/photovoltaics, wind





## Capital Costs for Various Generation Sources



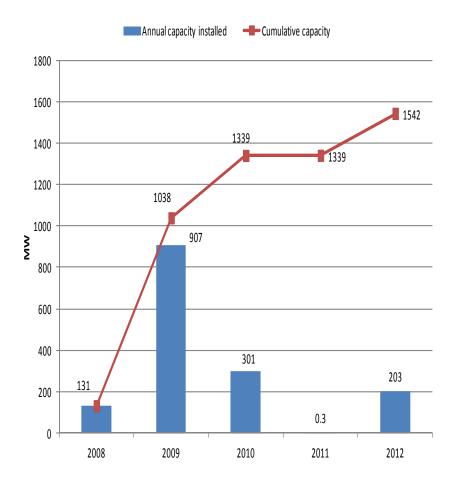


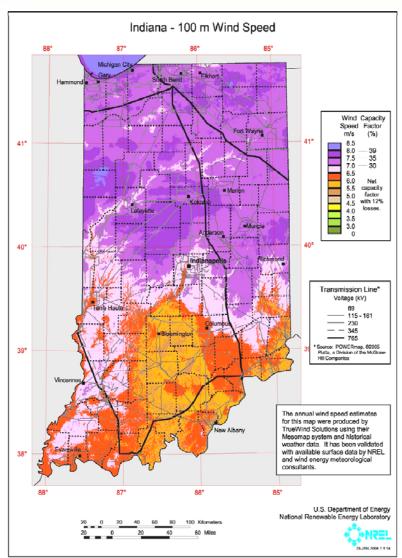
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#### Wind









## **Energy Crops**

- Transportation fuels
  - Ethanol
  - Biodiesel
- Other possibilities
  - Fast growing hardwood trees (hybrid poplar/willow)
  - Grasses (switchgrass)
- Barriers to be overcome
  - Other high-value uses for the land
  - Price of competing fossil fuels
  - Harvesting and transportation costs





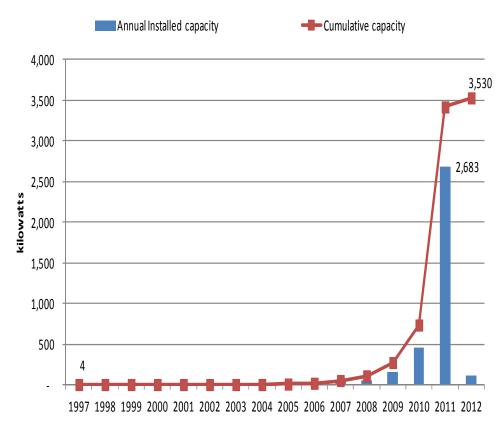
### Organic Waste Biomass

- Until the recent increase in ethanol production, this resource was the largest source of renewable energy in Indiana
  - Primarily due to the use of wood waste
- It is the 3<sup>rd</sup> largest source of renewable electricity generation in the state
  - Landfill gas
  - Municipal solid waste
  - Animal waste biogas
  - Wastewater treatment

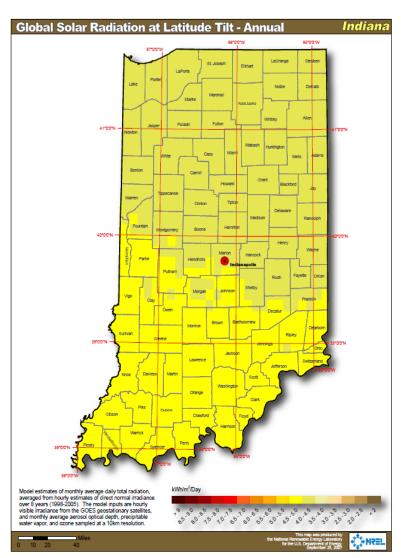




### Solar Energy



Photovoltaic capacity in Indiana







#### **Photovoltaics**

- Growing rapidly in Indiana, but still a small contributor overall
- 188 installations totaling over 3.5 MW of capacity
  - Fort Harrison Federal Compound
  - Metal Pro Roofing
  - Johnson Melloh
- 10 MW project proposed at Indianapolis airport





### Hydroelectric Power

- Indiana has 73 MW of hydroelectric generating capacity.
  - mostly run-of-the-river (no dam)
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> largest source of renewable electricity
- American Municipal Power is constructing an 84 MW facility at the Cannelton Locks on the Ohio River
  - expected to be operational in 2014





#### **Further Information**

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