

# JENNINGS COUNTY

*Rooted in History, Growing for the Future*

Located in the rolling hills of southeastern Indiana, Jennings County is a community known for its strong agricultural roots, historic charm, and close-knit neighborhoods. With scenic countryside and welcoming small towns, the county reflects the cooperative spirit that helps rural communities thrive.

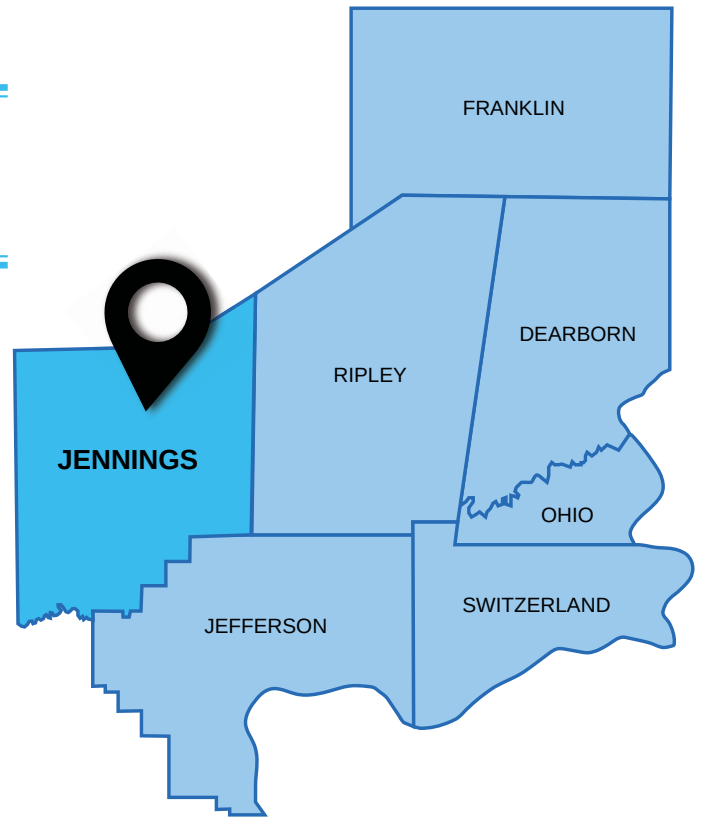
Established in 1817, Jennings County was named after Jonathan Jennings, Indiana's first governor. Agriculture has long been a cornerstone of the local economy, with many family farms continuing traditions passed down through generations. Today, farming remains an important part of the county's identity, supporting both local families and the broader agricultural economy of Indiana.

***“Jennings County’s story is one of resilience, cooperation, and steady growth—values that reflect the spirit of rural communities and the cooperative principles that power them.”***

The county seat, Vernon, is rich in history and proudly listed on the National Register of Historic Places. Its well-preserved 19th-century buildings give visitors a glimpse into Indiana's early days. Just a few miles away, North Vernon, the county's largest city, developed as a railroad hub in the mid-1800s and continues to serve as a center for local business and industry.

Jennings County is also known for its strong sense of community. Residents regularly come together for events like the Jennings County Fair, school sporting events, and seasonal festivals that celebrate the area's heritage and hometown pride. Local schools, churches, civic groups, and volunteers play an important role in supporting families and strengthening community connections.

For those who enjoy the outdoors, Jennings County offers several opportunities to explore nature. Muscatatuck County Park and Calli Nature Preserve provide spaces for hiking, fishing, and enjoying the beauty of southern Indiana's



landscapes. These outdoor spaces are valued community assets that allow residents to stay active and connected to the natural environment.

***With wooded trails, fishing lakes, and scenic picnic areas, Muscatatuck County Park is a favorite destination for Jennings County families. The park's natural beauty and quiet surroundings make it a great place to enjoy the outdoors throughout the year.***

Reliable utilities and modern technology continue to support the county's growth. Access to dependable electricity and expanding fiber internet service is helping local businesses operate efficiently, students stay connected for learning, and families access important services from home.

Like many rural communities, Jennings County continues to balance tradition with progress. With its strong agricultural heritage, historic towns, and supportive community spirit, the county remains a place where neighbors work together to build a bright future.

Jennings County's story is one of resilience, cooperation, and steady growth—values that reflect the spirit of the communities served by Southeastern Indiana REMC.