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OVERVIEW

Marion, Ohio, the county seat of Marion County, is located in North Central Ohio, 45 miles north of the capital city of Columbus. In 2007, the city of Marion has a population of 31,896; 65,583 are in Marion County.

Marion is a progressive city that enjoys exceptional benefits in terms of transportation, convenience and proximity to markets. Marion County is situated in North Central Ohio's rich agricultural area. The majority of the United States' eastern, northern and mid-western metropolitan markets are within easy reach. Approximately two-thirds of the U.S. and Canadian markets are within a day's truck drive from Marion.

Agriculture and diversified industries form the economic base of the area. Approximately 80 percent of Marion County's land area is devoted to farming principle products such as corn, soybeans, hogs and dairy cattle.

A number of Marion's industries reflect the importance of agriculture to this community. Central Soya, Vogel Popcorn, Golden Valley Popcorn, Wyandot Snacks and NaChurs Liquid Fertilizer are among the age-related industries.

There is an increasing mix of technologies in the non-agricultural industries. Verizon has a three-state regional headquarters here and Macola Technologies produces their award winning business software in Marion. Marion was recently named one of Verizon's "Regions of Choice". Whirlpool's dryer manufacturing facility is the largest in the world. The industrial mix also includes automotive parts, plastics, steel tubing, steel bar products, metal stampings, machinery fabrication, and packaging.

Highway access is provided by: SR 309 and SR 95 - east and west and US 23, SR 4 and SR 98 - north and south. US 23, a four-lane expressway, links I-75 at Findlay to provide expressway ties from Columbus to the Toledo-Detroit markets. Twenty miles east, I-71 can be reached via SR 95 and provides access to Akron, Cleveland, Columbus, and Cincinnati. A new north-south interstate highway is in the early stages and will utilize US 23 in Marion County.

Future growth and orderly development of the Marion area are foremost concerns of the city and county. They have developed zoning plans, which include large areas for commercial and industrial sites.

Eastland Towne Center, which is located at the northwest corner of US 23 and SR 95, is anchored by Wal-Mart Supercenter. The adjacent shopping center (owned by others), containing Kroger and 11 other national retailers, creates the ideal shopping destination for Marion County consumers.