

1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

United States Department of Agriculture
Michigan Agricultural Statistics Service



ALCONA MICHIGAN

Land in farms

Increased 2 percent from 42,572 acres in 1992 to 43,383 acres in 1997.

Average size of farms

Increased 3 percent from 204 acres in 1992 to 210 acres in 1997.

Full time farms

Decreased 1 percent from 96 farms in 1992 to 95 farms in 1997.

Market value of agricultural products sold

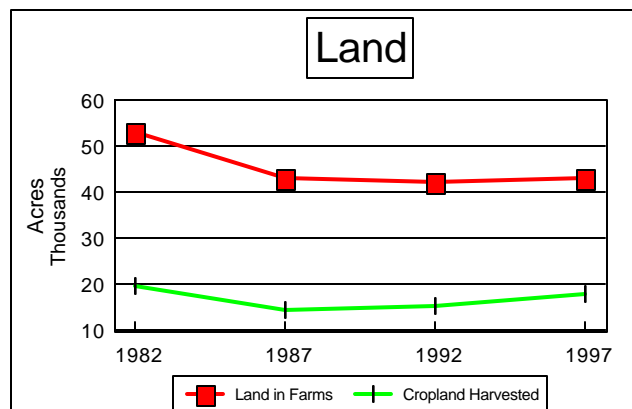
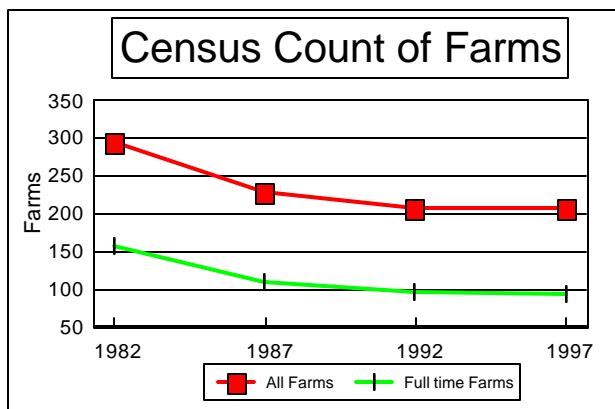
Increased 28 percent to \$5,592,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 39 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 61 percent of the market value.

Market value of agricultural products sold, average per farm

Increased 29 percent from \$20,863 in 1992 to \$27,016 in 1997.



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Ranked Items Within State and U.S., 1997

Item	Quantity	State		U.S.	
		Rank	Universe*	Rank	Universe*
MARKET VALUE OF AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS SOLD (\$1,000)					
Total value of agricultural products sold	5,592	62	83	2,730	3,076
Value of livestock and poultry	3,407	58	83	2,533	3,069
Value of crops including nursery	2,185	61	82	2,482	3,070
TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)					
Dairy products	1,578	58	78	1,174	2,563
Cattle and calves	1,511	43	83	2,335	3,063
Hay, silage, field seeds, grass seeds	877	41	82	1,062	3,043
Nursery and greenhouse crops	728	51	82	1,139	2,790
All other grains: rye, drybeans, etc	256	25	75	533	1,971
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)					
Cattle and calves sold	3,221	45	83	2,449	3,063
Colonies of bees sold	(D)	2	27	27	611
Hogs and pigs sold	479	57	81	2,075	2,976
Sheep and lambs sold	223	51	79	1,671	2,765
Horses and ponies sold	29	56	81	2,170	3,015
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)					
Cattle and calves inventory	4,744	54	83	2,602	3,064
Layers 20 weeks and older inventory	317	64	81	2,021	3,002
Sheep and lamb inventory	236	55	79	1,780	2,864
Horse and pony inventory	185	67	83	2,633	3,066
Hogs and pigs inventory	129	66	80	2,413	3,005
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA					
Hay crops-acres	13,757	34	83	1,383	3,061
Corn for grain-acres	1,237	62	77	1,791	2,691
Oats-acres	768	42	83	777	2,332
Wheat-acres	595	55	76	1,846	2,612
All nursery-acres	526	49	82	505	2,619

Some counties do not have five commodities in a group.

Other County Summary Highlights

Item	1997	1992	Percent Change
Farms by value of sales:			
Less than \$10,000	130	142	-8
\$10,000 or more	77	67	15
Total farm production expenses\$1,000..	3,850	3,450	12
Average per farmdollars..	18,598	16,585	12
Net cash return from agricultural sales			
for the farm unit\$1,000..	822	357	130
Average per farmdollars..	3,971	1,715	132
Farms by type of organization:			
Individual or family	190	194	-2
Partnership or corporation	17	15	13
Other			
OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS			
Operators by principal occupation:			
Farming	95	96	-1
Other	112	113	-1
Operators by sex:			
Male	189	196	-4
Female	18	13	38
Operators by race:			
White	206	209	-1
Black and other races	1	-	
Average age of operator	56.5	57.4	-2

(D) Cannot be disclosed. See "Census of Agriculture Volume 1 Geographic Area Series" for complete footnotes.

* Universe is number of counties in state or U.S. with item.