

1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

United States Department of Agriculture
Michigan Agricultural Statistics Service



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Land in farms

Increased 14 percent from 19,844 acres in 1992 to 22,556 acres in 1997.

Average size of farms

Decreased 2 percent from 165 acres in 1992 to 161 acres in 1997.

Full time farms

Increased 6 percent from 67 farms in 1992 to 71 farms in 1997.

Market value of agricultural products sold

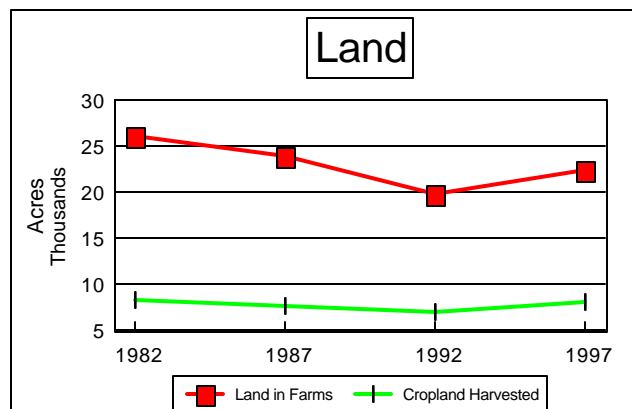
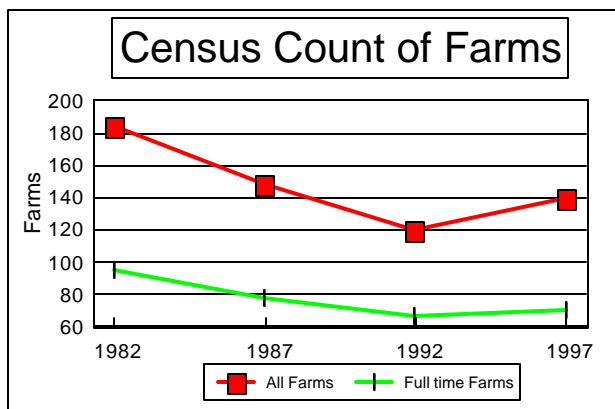
Increased 45 percent to \$6,636,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 71 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 29 percent of the market value.

Market value of agricultural products sold, average per farm

Increased 25 percent from \$38,063 in 1992 to \$47,400 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	6,636	60	83	2,681	3,076
Value of crops including nursery	4,728	50	82	2,150	3,070
Value of livestock and poultry	1,908	65	83	2,742	3,069
TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)					
Fruits, nuts, berries	3,512	14	80	180	2,547
Colonies of bees and honey	(D)	1	71	25	1,992
Nursery and greenhouse crops	848	45	82	1,052	2,790
Cattle and calves	701	58	83	2,679	3,063
Hogs and pigs	161	46	81	1,626	2,976
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)					
Colonies of bees sold	(D)	1	27	7	611
Ducks, geese, and other poultry sold	(D)	16	67	454	2,200
Hogs and pigs sold	(D)	45	81	1,490	2,976
Cattle and calves sold	921	68	83	2,839	3,063
Horses and ponies sold	15	73	81	2,591	3,015
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)					
Cattle and calves inventory	1,556	74	83	2,885	3,064
Hogs and pigs inventory	(D)	45	80	1,577	3,005
Ducks, geese, and other poultry inventory	710	25	80	838	2,884
Layers 20 weeks and older inventory	248	70	81	2,200	3,002
Colony of bees inventory	225	50	75	804	2,588
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA					
Land in orchards-acres	3,205	13	80	159	2,693
Hay crops-acres	1,704	79	83	2,754	3,061
Corn for grain-acres	1,383	61	77	1,753	2,691
All nursery-acres	1,133	23	82	267	2,619
Cut christmas trees harvested-acres	422	12	81	55	1,965

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	83	65	28
\$10,000 or more	57	55	4
Total farm production expenses\$1,000..	4,586	4,152	10
Average per farmdollars..	32,758	34,604	-5
Net cash return from agricultural sales			
for the farm unit\$1,000..	1,618	338	379
Average per farmdollars..	11,556	2,814	311
Farms by type of organization:			
Individual or family	130	108	20
Partnership or corporation	10	12	-17
Other			
OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS			
Operators by principal occupation:			
Farming	71	67	6
Other	69	53	30
Operators by sex:			
Male	124	108	15
Female	16	12	33
Operators by race:			
White	139	120	16
Black and other races	1	-	
Average age of operator	56.6	54.9	3

(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.