

1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

United States Department of Agriculture
Michigan Agricultural Statistics Service



BRANCH MICHIGAN

Land in farms

Increased 3 percent from 227,665 acres in 1992 to 234,076 acres in 1997.

Average size of farms

Decreased 2 percent from 243 acres in 1992 to 239 acres in 1997.

Full time farms

Decreased 15 percent from 523 farms in 1992 to 447 farms in 1997.

Market value of agricultural products sold

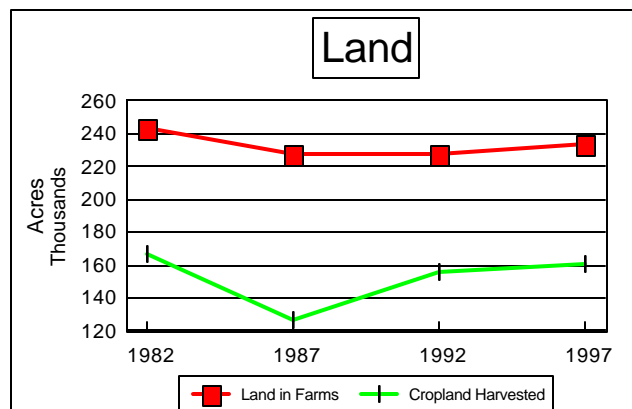
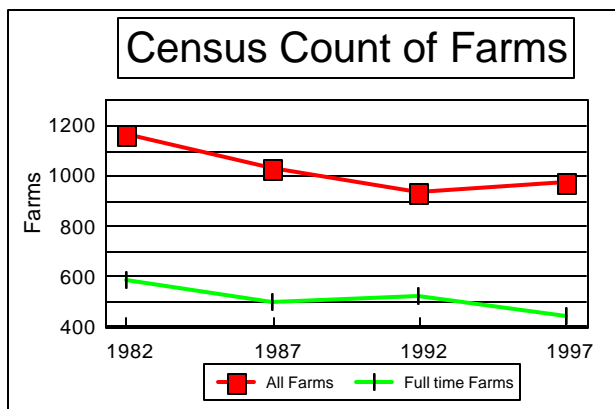
Increased 17 percent to \$77,249,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 58 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 42 percent of the market value.

Market value of agricultural products sold, average per farm

Increased 11 percent from \$70,806 in 1992 to \$78,826 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	77,249	18	83	739	3,076
Value of crops including nursery	44,609	17	82	626	3,070
Value of livestock and poultry	32,641	11	83	825	3,069
TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)					
Corn for grain	21,046	5	75	312	2,582
Soybeans	12,872	10	64	465	2,136
Hogs and pigs	12,535	5	81	281	2,976
Cattle and calves	10,388	4	83	863	3,063
Dairy products	8,477	27	78	428	2,563
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)					
Broilers and other meat-type chickens sold	(D)	1	66	577	1,882
Hogs and pigs sold	115,900	5	81	292	2,976
Cattle and calves sold	15,157	7	83	1,235	3,063
Ducks, geese, and other poultry sold	(D)	11	67	355	2,200
Horses and ponies sold	(D)	1	81	13	3,015
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)					
Hogs and pigs inventory	61,982	5	80	259	3,005
Broiler inventory	(D)	1	78	576	2,620
Cattle and calves inventory	24,193	11	83	1,354	3,064
Sheep and lamb inventory	1,444	14	79	712	2,864
Ducks, geese, and other poultry inventory	(D)	14	80	574	2,884
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA					
Corn for grain-acres	83,638	5	77	286	2,691
Soybeans for beans-acres	52,500	12	64	493	2,144
Hay crops-acres	11,855	44	83	1,521	3,061
Wheat-acres	7,674	23	76	872	2,612
Corn for silage-acres	3,332	31	77	446	2,473

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	507	383	32
\$10,000 or more	473	552	-14
Total farm production expenses\$1,000..	60,307	55,298	9
Average per farmdollars..	61,538	59,142	4
Net cash return from agricultural sales			
for the farm unit\$1,000..	17,018	9,944	71
Average per farmdollars..	17,365	10,635	63
Farms by type of organization:			
Individual or family	886	857	3
Partnership or corporation	82	75	9
Other	12	3	300
OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS			
Operators by principal occupation:			
Farming	447	523	-15
Other	533	412	29
Operators by sex:			
Male	924	902	2
Female	56	33	70
Operators by race:			
White	978	933	5
Black and other races	2	2	
Average age of operator	52.8	51.1	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.