

1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

United States Department of Agriculture
Michigan Agricultural Statistics Service



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Land in farms

Decreased slightly from 16,099 acres in 1992 to 16,029 acres in 1997.

Average size of farms

Decreased 4 percent from 278 acres in 1992 to 267 acres in 1997.

Full time farms

Decreased 6 percent from 31 farms in 1992 to 29 farms in 1997.

Market value of agricultural products sold

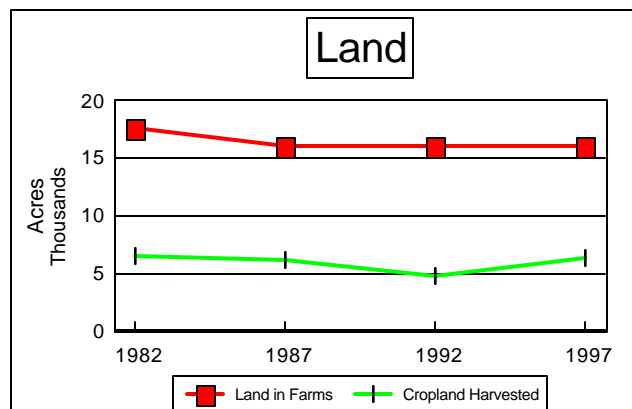
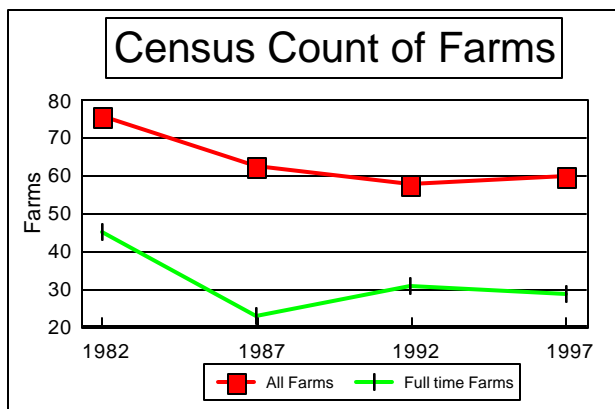
Increased 27 percent to \$2,028,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 29 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 71 percent of the market value.

Market value of agricultural products sold, average per farm

Increased 22 percent from \$27,602 in 1992 to \$33,806 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	2,028	75	83	2,944	3,076
Value of livestock and poultry	1,444	70	83	2,816	3,069
Value of crops including nursery	584	75	82	2,844	3,070
TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)					
Dairy products	1,054	65	78	1,382	2,563
Hay, silage, field seeds, grass seeds	328	65	82	2,010	3,043
Cattle and calves	322	73	83	2,850	3,063
Nursery and greenhouse crops	102	75	82	2,019	2,790
Other crops: potatoes, peanuts, etc	66	49	78	981	2,237
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)					
Cattle and calves sold	837	72	83	2,858	3,063
Sheep and lambs sold	(D)	30	79	1,092	2,765
Ducks, geese, and other poultry sold	(D)	35	67	1,167	2,200
Hogs and pigs sold	(D)	73	81	2,747	2,976
Horses and ponies sold	13	74	81	2,647	3,015
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)					
Cattle and calves inventory	2,060	71	83	2,831	3,064
Sheep and lamb inventory	(D)	34	79	1,290	2,864
Layers 20 weeks and older inventory	75	77	81	2,718	3,002
Horse and pony inventory	59	79	83	2,959	3,066
Hogs and pigs inventory	35	73	80	2,759	3,005
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA					
Hay crops-acres	5,744	67	83	2,169	3,061
Barley-acres	402	10	69	549	1,411
Corn for silage-acres	275	69	77	1,702	2,473
Maple trees tapped-acres	(D)	24	64	157	427
Oats-acres	(D)	76	83	1,798	2,332

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	34	33	3
\$10,000 or more	26	25	4
Total farm production expenses\$1,000..	1,711	1,505	14
Average per farmdollars..	28,512	25,953	10
Net cash return from agricultural sales			
for the farm unit\$1,000..	318	96	231
Average per farmdollars..	5,294	1,649	221
Farms by type of organization:			
Individual or family	54	53	2
Partnership or corporation	5	4	25
Other	1	1	
OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS			
Operators by principal occupation:			
Farming	29	31	-6
Other	31	27	15
Operators by sex:			
Male	59	56	5
Female	1	2	-50
Operators by race:			
White	58	58	
Black and other races	2	-	
Average age of operator	51.0	54.2	-6

(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.