

1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

United States Department of Agriculture
Michigan Agricultural Statistics Service



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Land in farms

Decreased 3 percent from 72,777 acres in 1992 to 70,232 acres in 1997.

Average size of farms

Decreased 9 percent from 307 acres in 1992 to 278 acres in 1997.

Full time farms

Decreased slightly from 125 farms in 1992 to 124 farms in 1997.

Market value of agricultural products sold

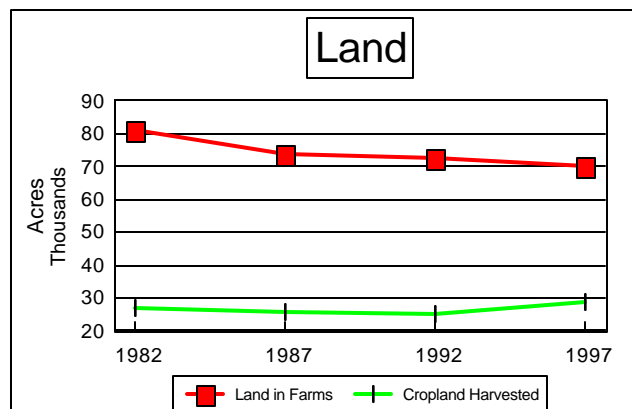
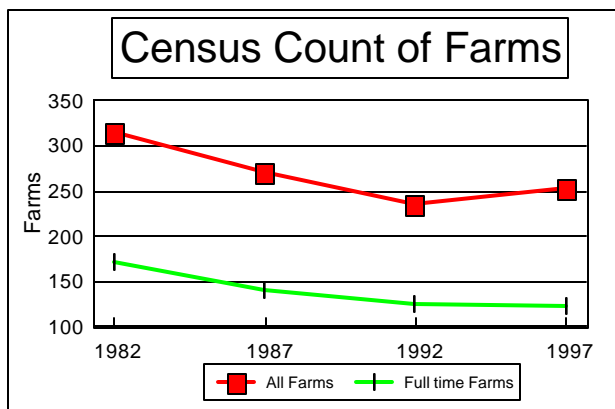
Decreased 3 percent to \$8,162,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 45 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 55 percent of the market value.

Market value of agricultural products sold, average per farm

Decreased 9 percent from \$35,356 in 1992 to \$32,260 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	8,162	57	83	2,610	3,076
Value of livestock and poultry	4,450	52	83	2,416	3,069
Value of crops including nursery	3,712	55	82	2,272	3,070
TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)					
Dairy products	3,159	44	78	846	2,563
Other crops: potatoes, peanuts, etc	1,522	19	78	408	2,237
Cattle and calves	1,068	53	83	2,514	3,063
Hay, silage, field seeds, grass seeds	808	44	82	1,159	3,043
Nursery and greenhouse crops	296	60	82	1,561	2,790
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)					
Mink and their pelts sold	(D)	4	7	95	191
Cattle and calves sold	2,873	49	83	2,501	3,063
Hogs and pigs sold	457	59	81	2,098	2,976
Broilers and other meat-type chickens sold	355	33	66	1,132	1,882
Layers, pullets, and pullet chicks sold	(D)	45	64	1,557	2,203
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)					
Cattle and calves inventory	7,979	42	83	2,332	3,064
Mink inventory	(D)	4	9	49	239
Layers 20 weeks and older inventory	633	50	81	1,494	3,002
Horse and pony inventory	345	52	83	2,060	3,066
Colony of bees inventory	(D)	47	75	758	2,588
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA					
Hay crops-acres	20,473	23	83	1,014	3,061
Corn for grain-acres	2,152	56	77	1,615	2,691
Oats-acres	1,329	16	83	515	2,332
Barley-acres	1,298	5	69	334	1,411
Corn for silage-acres	1,245	49	77	927	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	152	124	23
\$10,000 or more	101	113	-11
Total farm production expenses\$1,000..	5,811	7,263	-20
Average per farmdollars..	23,152	30,776	-25
Net cash return from agricultural sales			
for the farm unit\$1,000..	1,999	538	272
Average per farmdollars..	7,962	2,282	249
Farms by type of organization:			
Individual or family	227	204	11
Partnership or corporation	26	33	-21
Other			
OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS			
Operators by principal occupation:			
Farming	124	125	-1
Other	129	112	15
Operators by sex:			
Male	235	224	5
Female	18	13	38
Operators by race:			
White	252	236	7
Black and other races	1	1	
Average age of operator	53.7	51.6	4

(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.