

1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

United States Department of Agriculture
Michigan Agricultural Statistics Service



EATON MICHIGAN

Land in farms

Decreased slightly from 233,921 acres in 1992 to 231,870 acres in 1997.

Average size of farms

Decreased slightly from 219 acres in 1992 to 218 acres in 1997.

Full time farms

Decreased 7 percent from 499 farms in 1992 to 465 farms in 1997.

Market value of agricultural products sold

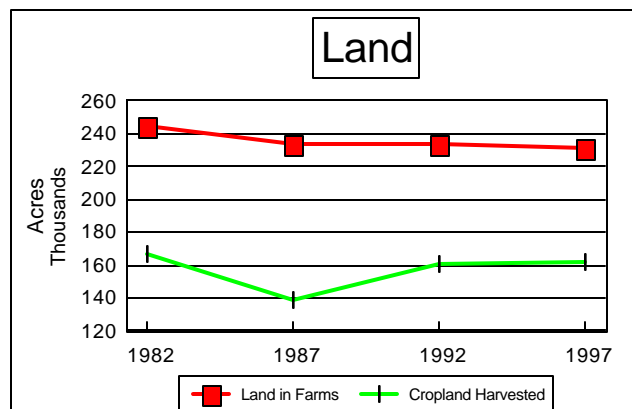
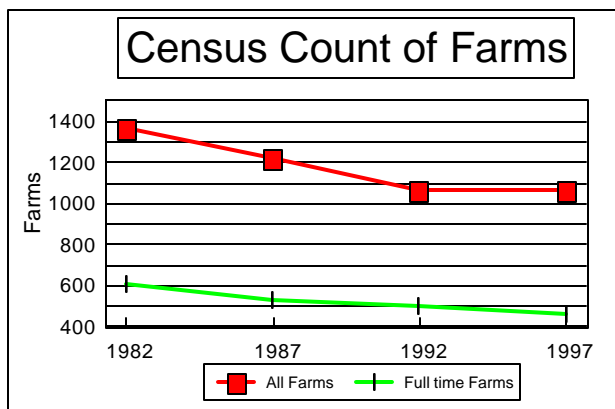
Increased 16 percent to \$54,948,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 72 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 28 percent of the market value.

Market value of agricultural products sold, average per farm

Increased 17 percent from \$44,170 in 1992 to \$51,740 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	54,948	25	83	1,085	3,076
Value of crops including nursery	39,474	21	82	724	3,070
Value of livestock and poultry	15,474	30	83	1,487	3,069
TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)					
Corn for grain	15,124	10	75	436	2,582
Soybeans	12,711	11	64	469	2,136
Cattle and calves	5,826	16	83	1,341	3,063
Dairy products	5,567	35	78	587	2,563
Wheat	4,171	5	73	427	2,578
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)					
Hogs and pigs sold	34,090	18	81	658	2,976
Broilers and other meat-type chickens sold (D)		3	66	678	1,882
Cattle and calves sold	8,849	20	83	1,707	3,063
Sheep and lambs sold	1,818	5	79	511	2,765
Ducks, geese, and other poultry sold	1,183	23	67	727	2,200
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)					
Hogs and pigs inventory	20,573	14	80	584	3,005
Cattle and calves inventory	15,879	26	83	1,763	3,064
Layers 20 weeks and older inventory	3,589	12	81	875	3,002
Broiler inventory	3,569	4	78	665	2,620
Sheep and lamb inventory	2,194	5	79	500	2,864
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA					
Corn for grain-acres	62,224	14	77	427	2,691
Soybeans for beans-acres	55,355	11	64	476	2,144
Wheat-acres	22,315	5	76	500	2,612
Hay crops-acres	15,887	31	83	1,261	3,061
Corn for silage-acres	3,429	29	77	429	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	587	511	15
\$10,000 or more	475	558	-15
Total farm production expenses\$1,000..	45,406	39,994	14
Average per farmdollars..	42,796	37,413	14
Net cash return from agricultural sales			
for the farm unit\$1,000..	9,120	5,643	62
Average per farmdollars..	8,596	5,279	63
Farms by type of organization:			
Individual or family	960	973	-1
Partnership or corporation	96	94	2
Other	6	2	200
OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS			
Operators by principal occupation:			
Farming	465	499	-7
Other	597	570	5
Operators by sex:			
Male	968	985	-2
Female	94	84	12
Operators by race:			
White	1,059	1,065	-1
Black and other races	3	4	-25
Average age of operator	53.3	51.0	5

(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.