

1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

United States Department of Agriculture
Michigan Agricultural Statistics Service



GRAND TRAVERSE MICHIGAN

Land in farms

Decreased 8 percent from 66,789 acres in 1992 to 61,767 acres in 1997.

Average size of farms

Decreased 8 percent from 163 acres in 1992 to 150 acres in 1997.

Full time farms

Decreased 4 percent from 207 farms in 1992 to 198 farms in 1997.

Market value of agricultural products sold

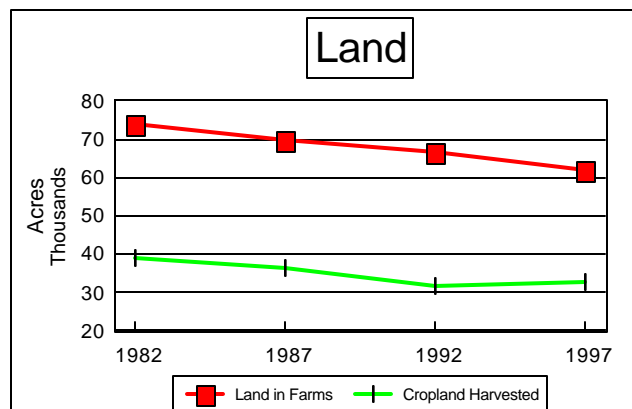
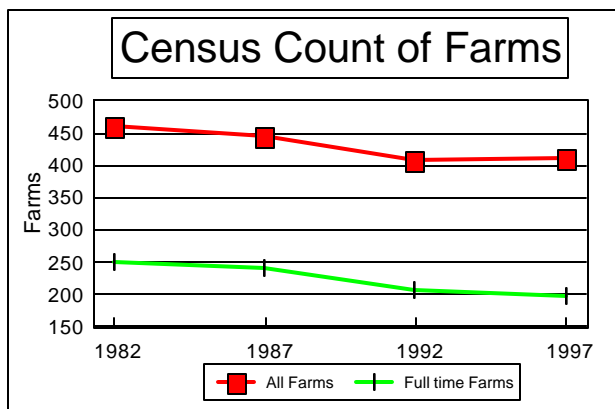
Increased 15 percent to \$17,155,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 80 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 20 percent of the market value.

Market value of agricultural products sold, average per farm

Increased 14 percent from \$36,409 in 1992 to \$41,537 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	17,155	50	83	2,216	3,076
Value of crops including nursery	13,702	43	82	1,551	3,070
Value of livestock and poultry	3,453	56	83	2,526	3,069
TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)					
Fruits, nuts, berries	9,630	7	80	118	2,547
Dairy products	1,426	61	78	1,229	2,563
Nursery and greenhouse crops	1,268	38	82	881	2,790
Cattle and calves	1,123	51	83	2,484	3,063
Corn for grain	866	46	75	1,382	2,582
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)					
Hogs and pigs sold	(D)	41	81	1,318	2,976
Cattle and calves sold	2,220	54	83	2,618	3,063
Horses and ponies sold	56	44	81	1,529	3,015
Layers, pullets, and pullet chicks sold	(D)	47	64	1,623	2,203
Sheep and lambs sold	41	71	79	2,339	2,765
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)					
Colony of bees inventory	(D)	1	75	71	2,588
Cattle and calves inventory	6,072	48	83	2,476	3,064
Hogs and pigs inventory	3,281	36	80	1,158	3,005
Layers 20 weeks and older inventory	663	48	81	1,457	3,002
Horse and pony inventory	475	45	83	1,666	3,066
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA					
Hay crops-acres	9,832	52	83	1,738	3,061
Land in orchards-acres	8,682	6	80	83	2,693
Corn for grain-acres	7,039	44	77	1,194	2,691
Wheat-acres	1,876	42	76	1,450	2,612
Corn for silage-acres	1,710	43	77	769	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	216	214	1
\$10,000 or more	197	195	1
Total farm production expenses\$1,000..	13,352	12,274	9
Average per farmdollars..	32,174	30,010	7
Net cash return from agricultural sales			
for the farm unit\$1,000..	4,197	1,944	116
Average per farmdollars..	10,112	4,754	113
Farms by type of organization:			
Individual or family	360	332	8
Partnership or corporation	52	73	-29
Other	1	4	-75
OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS			
Operators by principal occupation:			
Farming	198	207	-4
Other	215	202	6
Operators by sex:			
Male	373	374	-0
Female	40	35	14
Operators by race:			
White	412	405	2
Black and other races	1	4	-75
Average age of operator	54.4	53.5	2

(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.