

1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

United States Department of Agriculture
Michigan Agricultural Statistics Service



HURON MICHIGAN

Land in farms

Decreased 3 percent from 438,914 acres in 1992 to 424,122 acres in 1997.

Average size of farms

Increased 8 percent from 331 acres in 1992 to 358 acres in 1997.

Full time farms

Decreased 21 percent from 1,006 farms in 1992 to 791 farms in 1997.

Market value of agricultural products sold

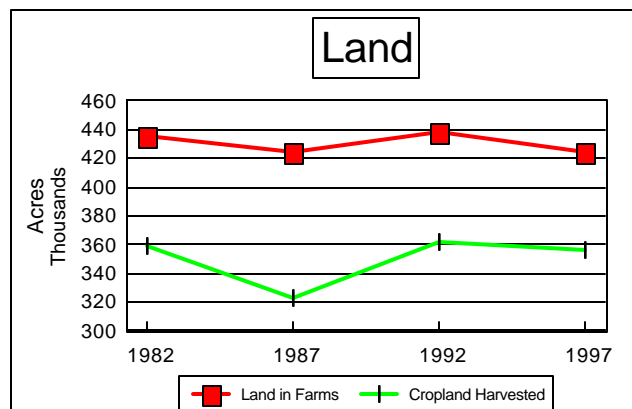
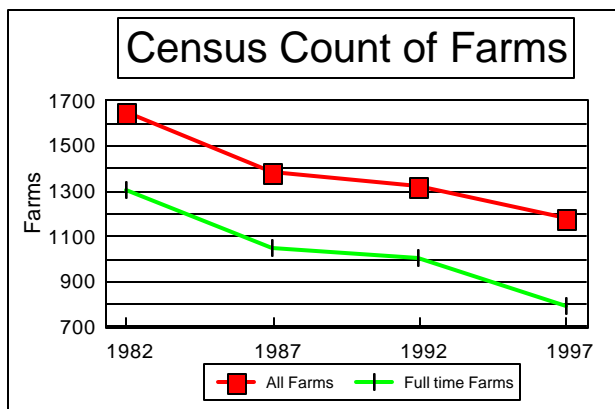
Increased 17 percent to \$211,414,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 47 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 53 percent of the market value.

Market value of agricultural products sold, average per farm

Increased 31 percent from \$136,035 in 1992 to \$178,559 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	211,414	2	83	124	3,076
Value of livestock and poultry	111,022	3	83	157	3,069
Value of crops including nursery	100,392	2	82	145	3,070
TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)					
Cattle and calves	45,521	1	83	146	3,063
Other crops: potatoes, peanuts, etc	32,056	1	78	44	2,237
Dairy products	28,847	5	78	151	2,563
All other grains: rye, drybeans, etc	26,194	1	75	25	1,971
Corn for grain	25,298	2	75	240	2,582
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)					
Hogs and pigs sold	302,982	1	81	94	2,976
Layers, pullets, and pullet chicks sold	(D)	4	64	271	2,203
Cattle and calves sold	64,243	1	83	204	3,063
Ducks, geese, and other poultry sold	(D)	18	67	498	2,200
Broilers and other meat-type chickens sold	(D)	17	66	880	1,882
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)					
Layers 20 weeks and older inventory	500,930	4	81	157	3,002
Pullets 13 to less than 20 weeks inventory	(D)	2	71	89	2,549
Hogs and pigs inventory	80,889	3	80	201	3,005
Cattle and calves inventory	59,918	1	83	455	3,064
Colony of bees inventory	1,474	14	75	364	2,588
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA					
Corn for grain-acres	109,087	1	77	182	2,691
Sugarbeets, sugar-acres	45,802	1	32	5	199
Soybeans for beans-acres	35,377	21	64	628	2,144
Wheat-acres	30,967	3	76	424	2,612
Hay crops-acres	25,601	16	83	798	3,061

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	327	263	24
\$10,000 or more	857	1,062	-19
Total farm production expenses\$1,000..	171,252	153,967	11
Average per farmdollars..	144,639	116,289	24
Net cash return from agricultural sales			
for the farm unit\$1,000..	40,916	26,458	55
Average per farmdollars..	34,558	19,984	73
Farms by type of organization:			
Individual or family	1,001	1,141	-12
Partnership or corporation	181	182	-1
Other	2	2	
OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS			
Operators by principal occupation:			
Farming	791	1,006	-21
Other	393	319	23
Operators by sex:			
Male	1,145	1,274	-10
Female	39	51	-24
Operators by race:			
White	1,181	1,324	-11
Black and other races	3	1	200
Average age of operator	51.1	49.1	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.