

1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

United States Department of Agriculture
Michigan Agricultural Statistics Service



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Land in farms

Increased 8 percent from 199,733 acres in 1992 to 216,651 acres in 1997.

Average size of farms

Increased 5 percent from 226 acres in 1992 to 238 acres in 1997.

Full time farms

Decreased 3 percent from 488 farms in 1992 to 471 farms in 1997.

Market value of agricultural products sold

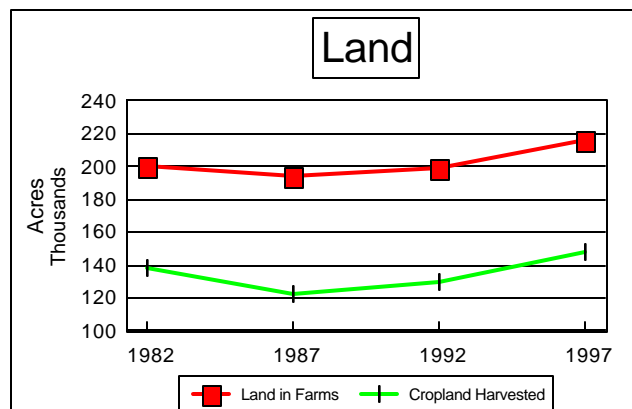
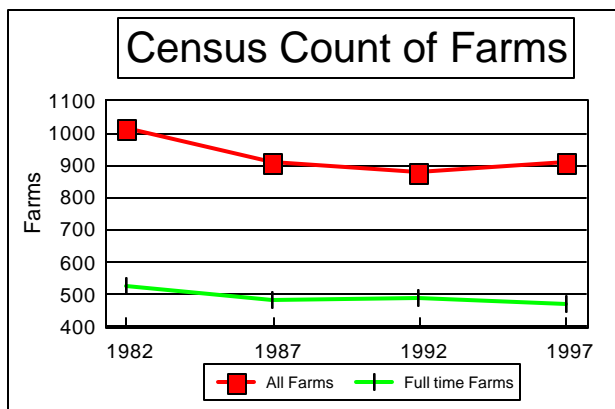
Increased 16 percent to \$56,825,000 in 1997.

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 12 percent from \$55,617 in 1992 to \$62,377 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	56,825	23	83	1,050	3,076
Value of livestock and poultry	29,926	14	83	887	3,069
Value of crops including nursery	26,899	32	82	1,035	3,070
TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)					
Dairy products	22,162	8	78	190	2,563
Corn for grain	8,236	26	75	626	2,582
Soybeans	6,873	24	64	659	2,136
Cattle and calves	6,048	14	83	1,301	3,063
Hay, silage, field seeds, grass seeds	2,831	4	82	243	3,043
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)					
Hogs and pigs sold	11,379	30	81	985	2,976
Cattle and calves sold	11,336	13	83	1,502	3,063
Colonies of bees sold	(D)	3	27	48	611
Broilers and other meat-type chickens sold	470	29	66	1,080	1,882
Layers, pullets, and pullet chicks sold	(D)	23	64	1,119	2,203
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)					
Cattle and calves inventory	30,100	7	83	1,128	3,064
Hogs and pigs inventory	7,833	27	80	891	3,005
Colony of bees inventory	(D)	25	75	453	2,588
Horse and pony inventory	783	39	83	1,029	3,066
Layers 20 weeks and older inventory	703	43	81	1,413	3,002
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA					
Corn for grain-acres	42,012	27	77	569	2,691
Hay crops-acres	38,157	4	83	468	3,061
Soybeans for beans-acres	32,446	23	64	662	2,144
Wheat-acres	11,156	17	76	727	2,612
Corn for silage-acres	10,403	7	77	116	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	438	394	11
\$10,000 or more	473	489	-3
Total farm production expenses\$1,000..	44,791	42,245	6
Average per farmdollars..	49,113	47,843	3
Net cash return from agricultural sales			
for the farm unit\$1,000..	12,770	7,622	68
Average per farmdollars..	14,002	8,632	62
Farms by type of organization:			
Individual or family	803	784	2
Partnership or corporation	106	95	12
Other	2	4	-50
OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS			
Operators by principal occupation:			
Farming	471	488	-3
Other	440	395	11
Operators by sex:			
Male	853	846	1
Female	58	37	57
Operators by race:			
White	908	880	3
Black and other races	3	3	
Average age of operator	53.3	51.5	3

(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.