

1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

United States Department of Agriculture
Michigan Agricultural Statistics Service



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Land in farms

Decreased 2 percent from 190,706 acres in 1992 to 186,453 acres in 1997.

Average size of farms

Increased 3 percent from 160 acres in 1992 to 164 acres in 1997.

Full time farms

Decreased 9 percent from 536 farms in 1992 to 487 farms in 1997.

Market value of agricultural products sold

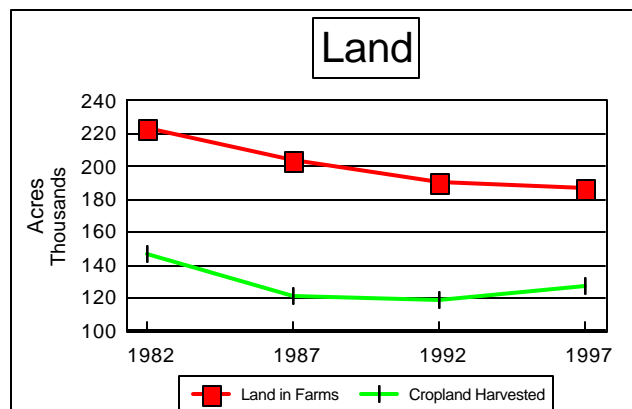
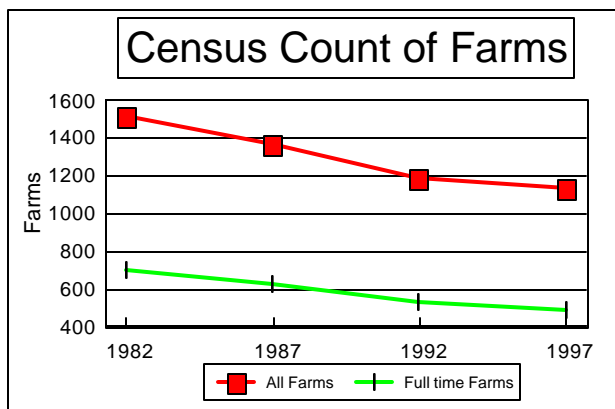
Increased 14 percent to \$121,041,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 76 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 24 percent of the market value.

Market value of agricultural products sold, average per farm

Increased 20 percent from \$89,067 in 1992 to \$106,550 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	121,041	5	83	367	3,076
Value of crops including nursery	91,987	3	82	170	3,070
Value of livestock and poultry	29,054	15	83	906	3,069
TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)					
Nursery and greenhouse crops	42,908	2	82	44	2,790
Fruits, nuts, berries	24,311	4	80	74	2,547
Dairy products	20,316	10	78	206	2,563
Corn for grain	7,931	27	75	640	2,582
Vegetables, sweet corn, and melons	7,037	9	81	143	2,739
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)					
Turkeys sold	(D)	10	60	295	1,353
Hogs and pigs sold	14,364	28	81	916	2,976
Cattle and calves sold	11,272	14	83	1,505	3,063
Sheep and lambs sold	729	26	79	1,010	2,765
Rabbits and their pelts sold	(D)	5	62	308	1,593
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)					
All turkeys inventory	(D)	7	73	263	2,361
Cattle and calves inventory	27,633	8	83	1,211	3,064
Hogs and pigs inventory	7,949	26	80	884	3,005
Colony of bees inventory	2,658	7	75	232	2,588
Horse and pony inventory	2,039	4	83	209	3,066
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA					
Corn for grain-acres	42,188	26	77	567	2,691
Hay crops-acres	30,713	10	83	658	3,061
Land in orchards-acres	15,143	5	80	63	2,693
Soybeans for beans-acres	14,120	32	64	901	2,144
Corn for silage-acres	10,659	6	77	115	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	588	621	-5
\$10,000 or more	548	569	-4
Total farm production expenses\$1,000..	93,300	88,084	6
Average per farmdollars..	82,131	74,082	11
Net cash return from agricultural sales			
for the farm unit\$1,000..	27,844	19,863	40
Average per farmdollars..	24,510	16,705	47
Farms by type of organization:			
Individual or family	963	995	-3
Partnership or corporation	166	188	-12
Other	7	7	
OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS			
Operators by principal occupation:			
Farming	487	536	-9
Other	649	654	-1
Operators by sex:			
Male	1,026	1,102	-7
Female	110	88	25
Operators by race:			
White	1,131	1,186	-5
Black and other races	5	4	25
Average age of operator	52.7	50.7	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.