

1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

United States Department of Agriculture
Michigan Agricultural Statistics Service



LAKE MICHIGAN

Land in farms

Increased 27 percent from 18,047 acres in 1992 to 22,971 acres in 1997.

Average size of farms

Increased 2 percent from 179 acres in 1992 to 182 acres in 1997.

Full time farms

Decreased 26 percent from 50 farms in 1992 to 37 farms in 1997.

Market value of agricultural products sold

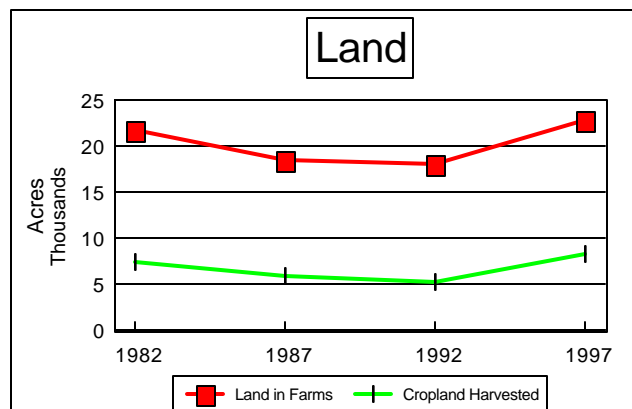
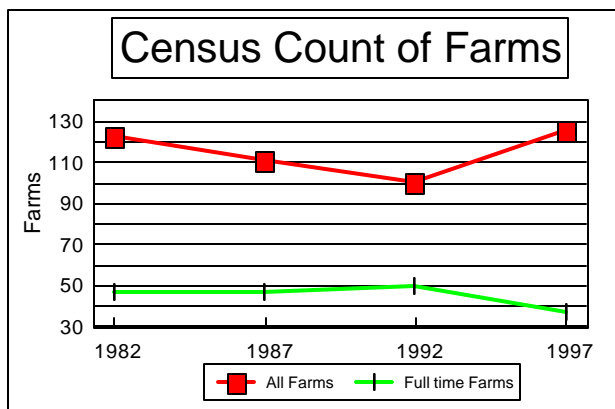
Increased 81 percent to \$2,073,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 48 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 52 percent of the market value.

Market value of agricultural products sold, average per farm

Increased 45 percent from \$11,366 in 1992 to \$16,454 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	2,073	74	83	2,939	3,076
Value of livestock and poultry	1,072	73	83	2,859	3,069
Value of crops including nursery	1,001	72	82	2,730	3,070
TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)					
Hay, silage, field seeds, grass seeds	517	57	82	1,581	3,043
Dairy products	493	72	78	1,760	2,563
Cattle and calves	435	68	83	2,798	3,063
Nursery and greenhouse crops	420	57	82	1,414	2,790
Hogs and pigs	50	57	81	2,059	2,976
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)					
Cattle and calves sold	884	70	83	2,850	3,063
Sheep and lambs sold	488	35	79	1,260	2,765
Hogs and pigs sold	456	60	81	2,099	2,976
Ducks, geese, and other poultry sold	(D)	39	67	1,251	2,200
Rabbits and their pelts sold	(D)	35	62	1,001	1,593
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)					
Cattle and calves inventory	2,248	69	83	2,807	3,064
Sheep and lamb inventory	774	30	79	1,130	2,864
Hogs and pigs inventory	491	54	80	1,886	3,005
Colony of bees inventory	(D)	38	75	653	2,588
Layers 20 weeks and older inventory	359	61	81	1,938	3,002
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA					
Hay crops-acres	6,848	61	83	2,048	3,061
All nursery-acres	893	32	82	330	2,619
Cut christmas trees harvested-acres	585	7	81	38	1,965
Corn for silage-acres	432	63	77	1,498	2,473
Corn for grain-acres	319	69	77	2,170	2,691

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	94	81	16
\$10,000 or more	32	20	60
Total farm production expenses\$1,000..	1,662	1,314	26
Average per farmdollars..	13,292	12,885	3
Net cash return from agricultural sales			
for the farm unit\$1,000..	345	(13)	2754
Average per farmdollars..	2,762	(126)	2292
Farms by type of organization:			
Individual or family	116	94	23
Partnership or corporation	9	7	29
Other	1	-	
OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS			
Operators by principal occupation:			
Farming	37	50	-26
Other	89	51	75
Operators by sex:			
Male	108	95	14
Female	18	6	200
Operators by race:			
White	124	101	23
Black and other races	2	-	
Average age of operator	55.5	54.7	1

(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.