

1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

United States Department of Agriculture
Michigan Agricultural Statistics Service



MIDLAND MICHIGAN

Land in farms

Decreased 11 percent from 89,173 acres in 1992 to 79,667 acres in 1997.

Average size of farms

Decreased 5 percent from 202 acres in 1992 to 191 acres in 1997.

Full time farms

Decreased 1 percent from 171 farms in 1992 to 169 farms in 1997.

Market value of agricultural products sold

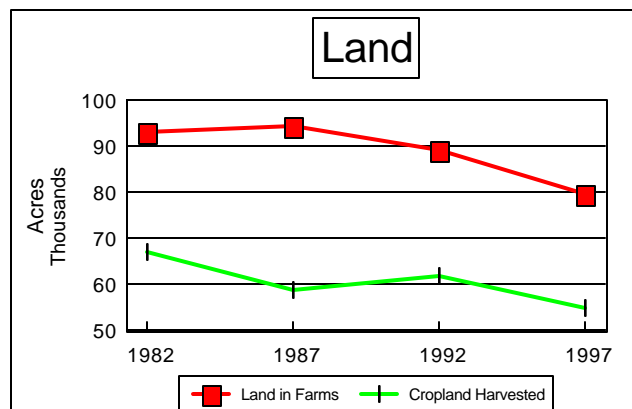
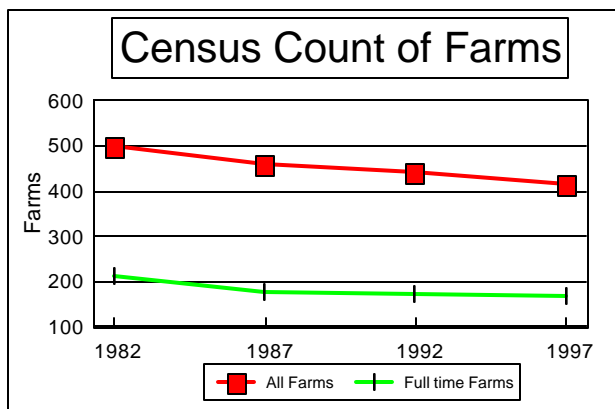
Decreased 15 percent to \$17,254,000 in 1997.

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

Decreased 10 percent from \$46,033 in 1992 to \$41,278 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	17,254	48	83	2,213	3,076
Value of crops including nursery	13,125	44	82	1,579	3,070
Value of livestock and poultry	4,129	54	83	2,445	3,069
TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)					
Corn for grain	4,524	32	75	839	2,582
Soybeans	3,756	31	64	807	2,136
Other crops: potatoes, peanuts, etc	2,066	15	78	356	2,237
Dairy products	1,714	54	78	1,130	2,563
All other grains: rye, drybeans, etc	1,631	11	75	237	1,971
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)					
Hogs and pigs sold	8,913	32	81	1,050	2,976
Cattle and calves sold	2,184	55	83	2,626	3,063
Broilers and other meat-type chickens sold	775	25	66	994	1,882
Layers, pullets, and pullet chicks sold	701	18	64	1,019	2,203
Sheep and lambs sold	176	54	79	1,782	2,765
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)					
Cattle and calves inventory	4,552	56	83	2,620	3,064
Hogs and pigs inventory	4,375	32	80	1,058	3,005
Layers 20 weeks and older inventory	1,050	31	81	1,176	3,002
Broiler inventory	895	15	78	813	2,620
Horse and pony inventory	755	40	83	1,073	3,066
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA					
Corn for grain-acres	20,477	34	77	810	2,691
Soybeans for beans-acres	16,244	31	64	850	2,144
Hay crops-acres	5,980	64	83	2,150	3,061
Sugarbeets, sugar-acres	3,516	9	32	74	199
Wheat-acres	1,899	40	76	1,445	2,612

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	241	248	-3
\$10,000 or more	177	194	-9
Total farm production expenses\$1,000..	14,667	19,069	-23
Average per farmdollars..	35,088	43,143	-19
Net cash return from agricultural sales			
for the farm unit\$1,000..	1,921	1,087	77
Average per farmdollars..	4,596	2,460	87
Farms by type of organization:			
Individual or family	387	400	-3
Partnership or corporation	30	41	-27
Other	1	1	
OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS			
Operators by principal occupation:			
Farming	169	171	-1
Other	249	271	-8
Operators by sex:			
Male	382	420	-9
Female	36	22	64
Operators by race:			
White	414	440	-6
Black and other races	4	2	100
Average age of operator	52.4	51.6	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.