

1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

United States Department of Agriculture
Michigan Agricultural Statistics Service



MONTCALM MICHIGAN

Land in farms

Increased 6 percent from 224,030 acres in 1992 to 237,771 acres in 1997.

Average size of farms

Unchanged from 249 acres in 1992 to 249 acres in 1997.

Full time farms

Decreased 9 percent from 507 farms in 1992 to 460 farms in 1997.

Market value of agricultural products sold

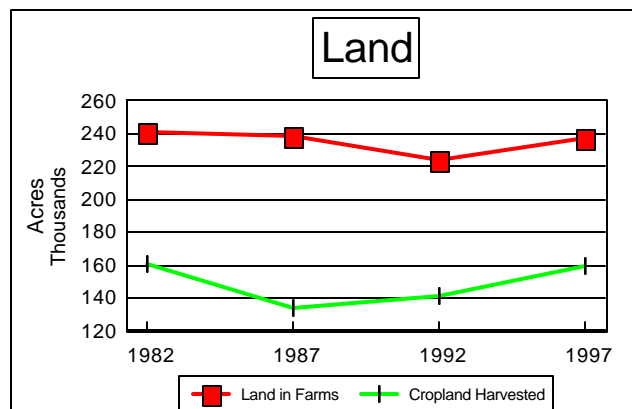
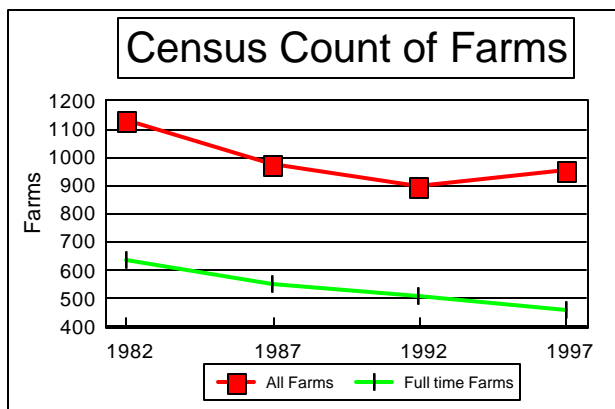
Increased 35 percent to \$87,860,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 72 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 28 percent of the market value.

Market value of agricultural products sold, average per farm

Increased 28 percent from \$72,081 in 1992 to \$92,096 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	87,860	13	83	624	3,076
Value of crops including nursery	63,194	14	82	374	3,070
Value of livestock and poultry	24,666	18	83	1,042	3,069
TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)					
Other crops: potatoes, peanuts, etc	24,617	3	78	56	2,237
Dairy products	15,722	13	78	259	2,563
Corn for grain	11,721	17	75	509	2,582
Nursery and greenhouse crops	9,408	10	82	217	2,790
All other grains: rye, drybeans, etc	5,887	5	75	124	1,971
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)					
Hogs and pigs sold	36,129	17	81	638	2,976
Turkeys sold	(D)	13	60	375	1,353
Cattle and calves sold	8,238	24	83	1,771	3,063
Broilers and other meat-type chickens sold	604	27	66	1,040	1,882
Colonies of bees sold	(D)	5	27	77	611
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)					
Hogs and pigs inventory	22,737	11	80	547	3,005
Cattle and calves inventory	21,352	17	83	1,478	3,064
Colony of bees inventory	5,199	4	75	110	2,588
Layers 20 weeks and older inventory	1,363	25	81	1,057	3,002
Horse and pony inventory	1,220	23	83	556	3,066
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA					
Corn for grain-acres	52,909	18	77	489	2,691
Hay crops-acres	28,816	13	83	705	3,061
Wheat-acres	14,383	13	76	634	2,612
Soybeans for beans-acres	14,081	33	64	903	2,144
Potatoes-acres	12,744	1	67	29	1,733

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	508	467	9
\$10,000 or more	446	433	3
Total farm production expenses\$1,000..	65,365	53,343	23
Average per farmdollars..	68,373	59,336	15
Net cash return from agricultural sales			
for the farm unit\$1,000..	21,193	12,192	74
Average per farmdollars..	22,169	13,562	63
Farms by type of organization:			
Individual or family	867	799	9
Partnership or corporation	83	98	-15
Other	4	3	33
OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS			
Operators by principal occupation:			
Farming	460	507	-9
Other	494	393	26
Operators by sex:			
Male	886	869	2
Female	68	31	119
Operators by race:			
White	948	893	6
Black and other races	6	7	-14
Average age of operator	53.1	50.3	6

(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.