

1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

United States Department of Agriculture
Michigan Agricultural Statistics Service



ONTONAGON MICHIGAN

Land in farms

Decreased 1 percent from 32,980 acres in 1992 to 32,516 acres in 1997.

Average size of farms

Increased 2 percent from 347 acres in 1992 to 353 acres in 1997.

Full time farms

Increased 2 percent from 51 farms in 1992 to 52 farms in 1997.

Market value of agricultural products sold

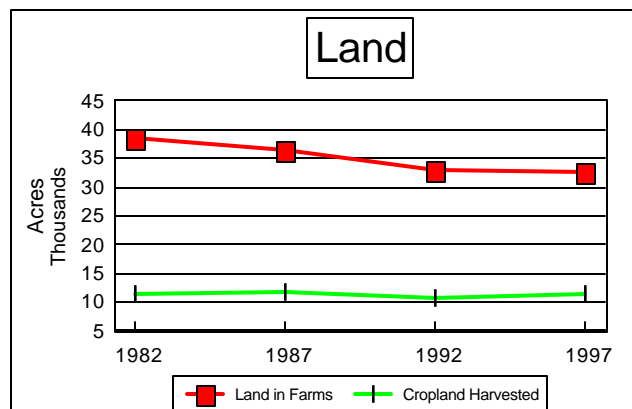
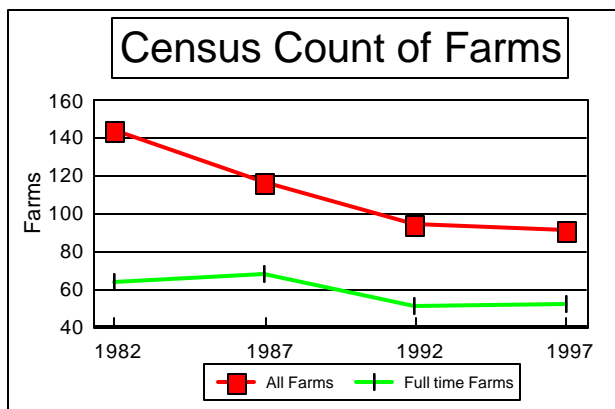
Increased 11 percent to \$2,205,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 25 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 75 percent of the market value.

Market value of agricultural products sold, average per farm

Increased 15 percent from \$20,855 in 1992 to \$23,963 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	2,205	73	83	2,931	3,076
Value of livestock and poultry	1,655	67	83	2,781	3,069
Value of crops including nursery	549	76	82	2,861	3,070
TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)					
Dairy products	1,025	66	78	1,398	2,563
Cattle and calves	538	64	83	2,747	3,063
Hay, silage, field seeds, grass seeds	533	55	82	1,542	3,043
Horses and ponies	46	56	81	2,020	3,015
Colonies of bees and honey	(D)	40	71	545	1,992
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)					
Cattle and calves sold	1,343	61	83	2,764	3,063
Sheep and lambs sold	(D)	69	79	2,224	2,765
Horses and ponies sold	29	56	81	2,170	3,015
Rabbits and their pelts sold	(D)	56	62	1,465	1,593
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)					
Cattle and calves inventory	3,193	61	83	2,725	3,064
Colony of bees inventory	(D)	46	75	750	2,588
Horse and pony inventory	148	71	83	2,724	3,066
Sheep and lamb inventory	(D)	63	79	2,150	2,864
Rabbit inventory	28	62	75	1,407	2,456
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA					
Hay crops-acres	10,760	50	83	1,642	3,061
Oats-acres	481	54	83	995	2,332
Field seeds-acres	(D)	4	37	282	1,212
All nursery-acres	100	72	82	1,206	2,619
Barley-acres	83	41	69	925	1,411

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	64	62	3
\$10,000 or more	28	33	-15
Total farm production expenses\$1,000..	1,676	1,563	7
Average per farmdollars..	18,222	16,282	12
Net cash return from agricultural sales			
for the farm unit\$1,000..	528	139	280
Average per farmdollars..	5,741	1,451	296
Farms by type of organization:			
Individual or family	83	87	-5
Partnership or corporation	9	8	13
Other			
OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS			
Operators by principal occupation:			
Farming	52	51	2
Other	40	44	-9
Operators by sex:			
Male	85	88	-3
Female	7	7	
Operators by race:			
White	91	94	-3
Black and other races	1	1	
Average age of operator	56.6	54.6	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.