

1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

United States Department of Agriculture
Michigan Agricultural Statistics Service



SHIAWASSEE MICHIGAN

Land in farms

Decreased 10 percent from 236,799 acres in 1992 to 214,153 acres in 1997.

Average size of farms

Increased 7 percent from 218 acres in 1992 to 234 acres in 1997.

Full time farms

Decreased 24 percent from 547 farms in 1992 to 413 farms in 1997.

Market value of agricultural products sold

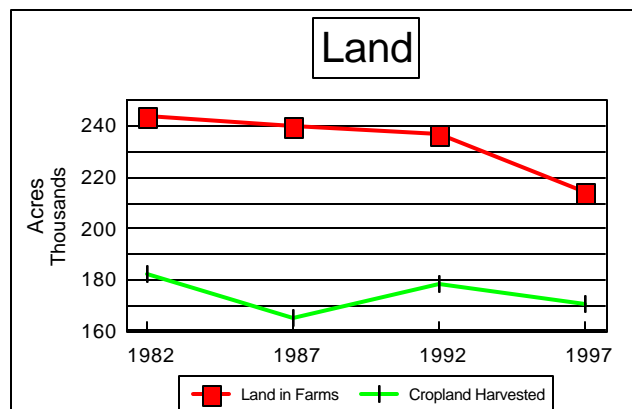
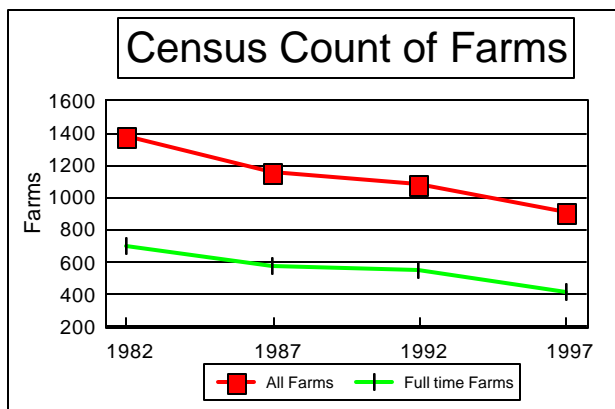
Increased 7 percent to \$45,200,000 in 1997.

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 27 percent from \$38,845 in 1992 to \$49,399 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	45,200	31	83	1,309	3,076
Value of crops including nursery	32,637	26	82	876	3,070
Value of livestock and poultry	12,563	34	83	1,671	3,069
TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)					
Soybeans	14,726	7	64	411	2,136
Corn for grain	10,041	22	75	558	2,582
Dairy products	9,223	26	78	401	2,563
Wheat	3,568	8	73	482	2,578
Cattle and calves	2,452	33	83	2,012	3,063
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)					
Hogs and pigs sold	6,839	35	81	1,126	2,976
Cattle and calves sold	5,287	31	83	2,126	3,063
Ducks, geese, and other poultry sold	(D)	20	67	614	2,200
Broilers and other meat-type chickens sold	1,640	14	66	851	1,882
Turkeys sold	1,248	17	60	439	1,353
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)					
Cattle and calves inventory	13,691	30	83	1,872	3,064
Layers 20 weeks and older inventory	2,947	14	81	899	3,002
Hogs and pigs inventory	2,792	38	80	1,214	3,005
Ducks, geese, and other poultry inventory	1,103	18	80	653	2,884
Sheep and lamb inventory	1,041	24	79	923	2,864
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA					
Soybeans for beans-acres	81,564	5	64	301	2,144
Corn for grain-acres	45,943	22	77	539	2,691
Wheat-acres	21,835	6	76	509	2,612
Hay crops-acres	16,172	30	83	1,245	3,061
Corn for silage-acres	3,856	28	77	393	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	411	506	-19
\$10,000 or more	504	580	-13
Total farm production expenses\$1,000..	37,260	38,226	-3
Average per farmdollars..	40,632	35,166	16
Net cash return from agricultural sales			
for the farm unit\$1,000..	7,030	5,218	35
Average per farmdollars..	7,667	4,800	60
Farms by type of organization:			
Individual or family	834	991	-16
Partnership or corporation	77	93	-17
Other	4	2	100
OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS			
Operators by principal occupation:			
Farming	413	547	-24
Other	502	539	-7
Operators by sex:			
Male	847	1,019	-17
Female	68	67	1
Operators by race:			
White	913	1,083	-16
Black and other races	2	3	-33
Average age of operator	53.4	52.9	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.