

1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

United States Department of Agriculture
Michigan Agricultural Statistics Service



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Land in farms

Decreased 10 percent from 181,569 acres in 1992 to 162,887 acres in 1997.

Average size of farms

Decreased 6 percent from 184 acres in 1992 to 173 acres in 1997.

Full time farms

Decreased 8 percent from 464 farms in 1992 to 426 farms in 1997.

Market value of agricultural products sold

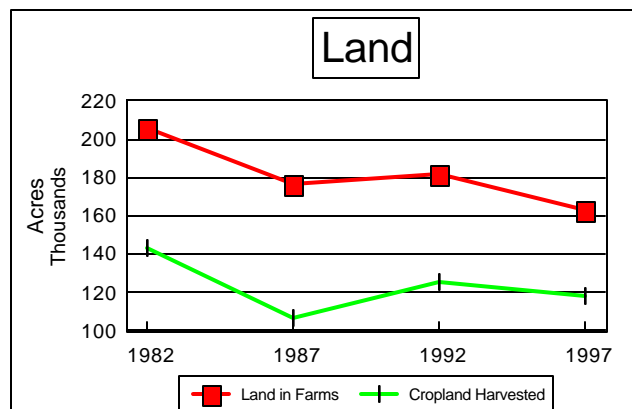
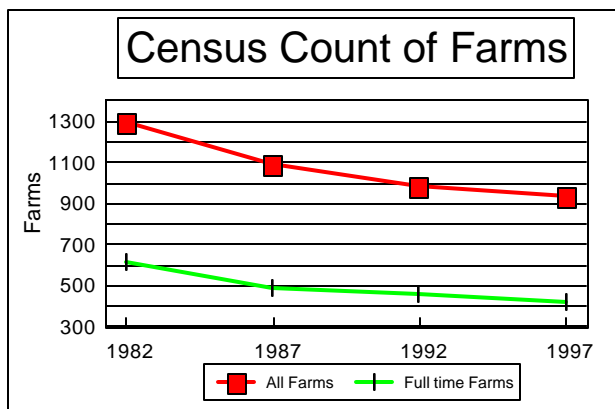
Decreased 1 percent to \$36,076,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 77 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 23 percent of the market value.

Market value of agricultural products sold, average per farm

Increased 4 percent from \$36,891 in 1992 to \$38,378 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	36,076	35	83	1,540	3,076
Value of crops including nursery	27,664	31	82	1,011	3,070
Value of livestock and poultry	8,412	40	83	2,000	3,069
TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)					
Soybeans	11,738	13	64	499	2,136
Nursery and greenhouse crops	5,314	19	82	375	2,790
Corn for grain	3,751	35	75	907	2,582
Dairy products	3,371	42	78	811	2,563
Cattle and calves	2,591	31	83	1,964	3,063
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)					
Turkeys sold	(D)	9	60	285	1,353
Hogs and pigs sold	5,984	38	81	1,180	2,976
Cattle and calves sold	4,758	36	83	2,203	3,063
Broilers and other meat-type chickens sold	2,474	8	66	792	1,882
Ducks, geese, and other poultry sold	1,407	22	67	679	2,200
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)					
All turkeys inventory	(D)	9	73	283	2,361
Cattle and calves inventory	10,084	36	83	2,137	3,064
Layers 20 weeks and older inventory	2,442	15	81	920	3,002
Hogs and pigs inventory	1,997	42	80	1,351	3,005
Broiler inventory	1,737	6	78	718	2,620
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA					
Soybeans for beans-acres	64,317	8	64	412	2,144
Hay crops-acres	20,088	24	83	1,029	3,061
Corn for grain-acres	18,226	35	77	854	2,691
Wheat-acres	11,136	18	76	729	2,612
Corn for silage-acres	2,105	37	77	663	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	529	595	-11
\$10,000 or more	411	393	5
Total farm production expenses\$1,000..	29,955	32,785	-9
Average per farmdollars..	31,934	33,183	-4
Net cash return from agricultural sales			
for the farm unit\$1,000..	4,512	3,402	33
Average per farmdollars..	4,810	3,443	40
Farms by type of organization:			
Individual or family	843	905	-7
Partnership or corporation	96	82	17
Other	1	1	
OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS			
Operators by principal occupation:			
Farming	426	464	-8
Other	514	524	-2
Operators by sex:			
Male	837	911	-8
Female	103	77	34
Operators by race:			
White	935	983	-5
Black and other races	5	5	
Average age of operator	53.6	52.3	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.