

1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

United States Department of Agriculture
Michigan Agricultural Statistics Service



VAN BUREN MICHIGAN

Land in farms

Decreased 14 percent from 206,781 acres in 1992 to 177,360 acres in 1997.

Average size of farms

Decreased 6 percent from 178 acres in 1992 to 167 acres in 1997.

Full time farms

Decreased 11 percent from 594 farms in 1992 to 530 farms in 1997.

Market value of agricultural products sold

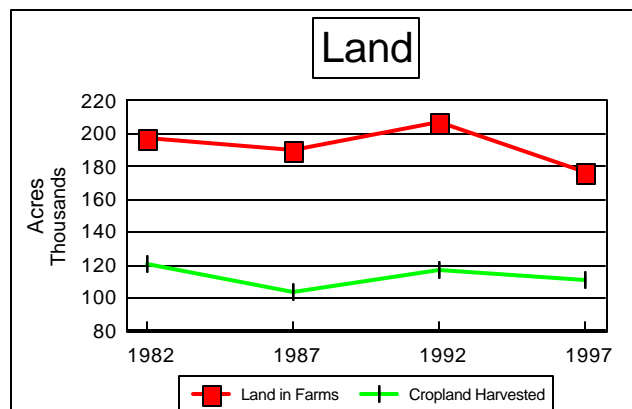
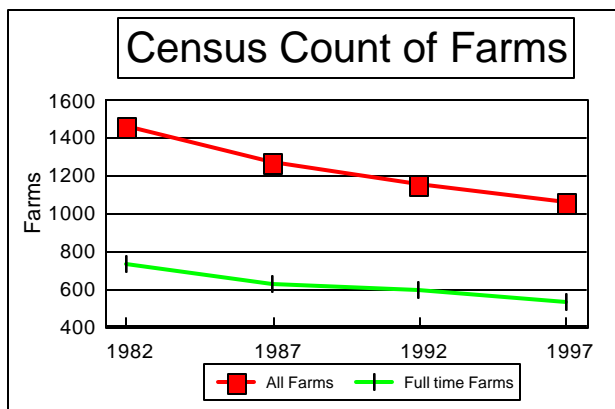
Increased 18 percent to \$100,641,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 87 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 13 percent of the market value.

Market value of agricultural products sold, average per farm

Increased 30 percent from \$72,965 in 1992 to \$95,034 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	100,641	10	83	504	3,076
Value of crops including nursery	87,167	4	82	192	3,070
Value of livestock and poultry	13,474	32	83	1,614	3,069
TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)					
Fruits, nuts, berries	40,867	1	80	53	2,547
Nursery and greenhouse crops	17,950	9	82	123	2,790
Vegetables, sweet corn, and melons	(D)	1	81	68	2,739
Hogs and pigs	7,141	10	81	422	2,976
Corn for grain	5,445	30	75	773	2,582
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)					
Hogs and pigs sold	56,245	11	81	487	2,976
Layers, pullets, and pullet chicks sold	(D)	9	64	612	2,203
Ducks, geese, and other poultry sold	(D)	6	67	200	2,200
Turkeys sold	(D)	15	60	400	1,353
Cattle and calves sold	3,156	46	83	2,457	3,063
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)					
Layers 20 weeks and older inventory	(D)	7	81	530	3,002
Hogs and pigs inventory	29,477	10	80	456	3,005
Cattle and calves inventory	8,413	41	83	2,289	3,064
Ducks, geese, and other poultry inventory	(D)	7	80	206	2,884
All turkeys inventory	(D)	12	73	337	2,361
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA					
Corn for grain-acres	34,695	29	77	624	2,691
Soybeans for beans-acres	24,702	28	64	736	2,144
Land in orchards-acres	15,480	3	80	60	2,693
Hay crops-acres	12,456	42	83	1,467	3,061
Land used for vegetables-acres	11,127	2	81	57	2,741

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	509	606	-16
\$10,000 or more	550	558	-1
Total farm production expenses\$1,000..	78,805	70,840	11
Average per farmdollars..	74,414	60,964	22
Net cash return from agricultural sales			
for the farm unit\$1,000..	24,001	12,084	99
Average per farmdollars..	22,664	10,399	118
Farms by type of organization:			
Individual or family	903	1,001	-10
Partnership or corporation	152	163	-7
Other	4	-	
OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS			
Operators by principal occupation:			
Farming	530	594	-11
Other	529	570	-7
Operators by sex:			
Male	946	1,057	-11
Female	113	107	6
Operators by race:			
White	1,022	1,116	-8
Black and other races	37	48	-23
Average age of operator	53.8	53.2	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.