

1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

United States Department of Agriculture
Michigan Agricultural Statistics Service



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Land in farms

Decreased 5 percent from 188,958 acres in 1992 to 180,223 acres in 1997.

Average size of farms

Decreased 2 percent from 179 acres in 1992 to 175 acres in 1997.

Full time farms

Decreased 6 percent from 509 farms in 1992 to 478 farms in 1997.

Market value of agricultural products sold

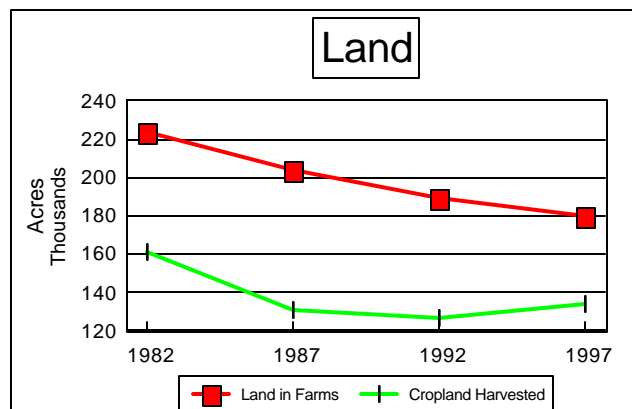
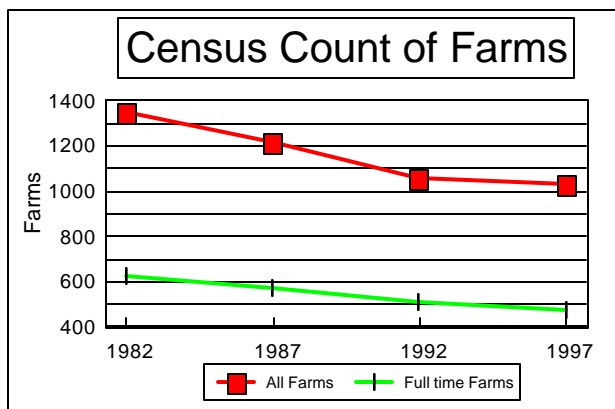
Increased 7 percent to \$56,521,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 61 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 39 percent of the market value.

Market value of agricultural products sold, average per farm

Increased 10 percent from \$49,749 in 1992 to \$54,874 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	56,521	24	83	1,054	3,076
Value of crops including nursery	34,517	25	82	835	3,070
Value of livestock and poultry	22,004	20	83	1,146	3,069
TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)					
Dairy products	9,737	25	78	384	2,563
Corn for grain	8,670	24	75	602	2,582
Soybeans	8,318	19	64	601	2,136
Nursery and greenhouse crops	8,128	11	82	260	2,790
Cattle and calves	6,169	13	83	1,287	3,063
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)					
Hogs and pigs sold	27,917	21	81	717	2,976
Sheep and lambs sold	17,862	1	79	76	2,765
Cattle and calves sold	9,474	18	83	1,652	3,063
Broilers and other meat-type chickens sold	1,955	12	66	827	1,882
Ducks, geese, and other poultry sold	1,166	24	67	730	2,200
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)					
Hogs and pigs inventory	21,881	12	80	562	3,005
Cattle and calves inventory	17,654	25	83	1,656	3,064
Sheep and lamb inventory	11,315	1	79	132	2,864
Horse and pony inventory	2,448	2	83	149	3,066
Layers 20 weeks and older inventory	1,745	20	81	995	3,002
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA					
Corn for grain-acres	47,511	21	77	527	2,691
Soybeans for beans-acres	38,716	18	64	606	2,144
Hay crops-acres	22,311	20	83	916	3,061
Wheat-acres	17,399	10	76	578	2,612
Corn for silage-acres	4,352	25	77	346	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	539	582	-7
\$10,000 or more	491	475	3
Total farm production expenses\$1,000..	50,013	49,962	0
Average per farmdollars..	48,509	47,267	3
Net cash return from agricultural sales			
for the farm unit\$1,000..	5,212	2,202	137
Average per farmdollars..	5,055	2,083	143
Farms by type of organization:			
Individual or family	890	905	-2
Partnership or corporation	133	152	-13
Other	7	-	
OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS			
Operators by principal occupation:			
Farming	478	509	-6
Other	552	548	1
Operators by sex:			
Male	888	960	-8
Female	142	97	46
Operators by race:			
White	1,018	1,046	-3
Black and other races	12	11	9
Average age of operator	54.7	53.3	3

(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.