

1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

United States Department of Agriculture
Michigan Agricultural Statistics Service



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Land in farms

Decreased 3 percent from 181,052 acres in 1992 to 175,931 acres in 1997.

Average size of farms

Increased 6 percent from 228 acres in 1992 to 241 acres in 1997.

Full time farms

Decreased 13 percent from 471 farms in 1992 to 409 farms in 1997.

Market value of agricultural products sold

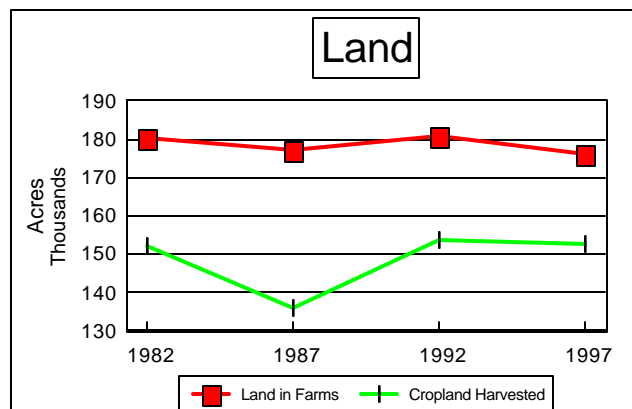
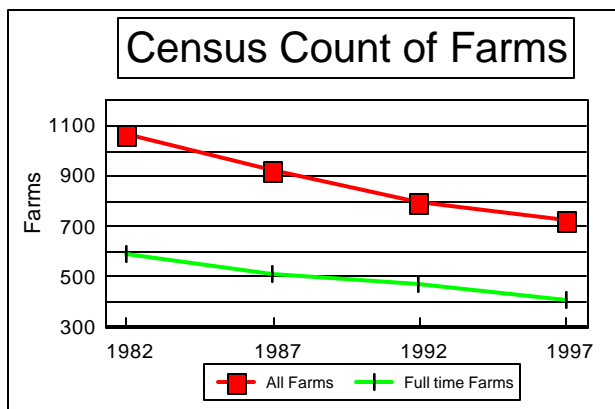
Increased slightly

Crop sales accounted for 93 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 7 percent of the market value.

Market value of agricultural products sold, average per farm

Increased 10 percent from \$76,687 in 1992 to \$84,141 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	61,423	21	83	958	3,076
Value of crops including nursery	57,212	16	82	445	3,070
Value of livestock and poultry	4,211	53	83	2,437	3,069
TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)					
Other crops: potatoes, peanuts, etc	17,671	4	78	77	2,237
Corn for grain	12,751	15	75	485	2,582
All other grains: rye, drybeans, etc	10,153	3	75	75	1,971
Soybeans	8,569	18	64	593	2,136
Vegetables, sweet corn, and melons	3,557	16	81	238	2,739
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)					
Cattle and calves sold	1,959	56	83	2,660	3,063
Hogs and pigs sold	1,786	46	81	1,607	2,976
Colonies of bees sold	(D)	10	27	155	611
Sheep and lambs sold	(D)	65	79	2,129	2,765
Layers, pullets, and pullet chicks sold	(D)	47	64	1,623	2,203
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)					
Cattle and calves inventory	4,245	57	83	2,646	3,064
Colony of bees inventory	3,753	5	75	156	2,588
Layers 20 weeks and older inventory	633	50	81	1,494	3,002
Hogs and pigs inventory	554	51	80	1,841	3,005
Horse and pony inventory	363	48	83	1,990	3,066
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA					
Corn for grain-acres	44,992	23	77	546	2,691
Soybeans for beans-acres	35,768	20	64	625	2,144
Sugarbeets, sugar-acres	18,919	3	32	23	199
Wheat-acres	6,489	27	76	932	2,612
Hay crops-acres	5,930	65	83	2,155	3,061

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	265	237	12
\$10,000 or more	465	558	-17
Total farm production expenses\$1,000..	46,583	49,035	-5
Average per farmdollars..	63,813	61,756	3
Net cash return from agricultural sales			
for the farm unit\$1,000..	12,860	11,428	13
Average per farmdollars..	17,617	14,392	22
Farms by type of organization:			
Individual or family	633	676	-6
Partnership or corporation	97	118	-18
Other	-	1	-100
OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS			
Operators by principal occupation:			
Farming	409	471	-13
Other	321	324	-1
Operators by sex:			
Male	687	757	-9
Female	43	38	13
Operators by race:			
White	729	795	-8
Black and other races	1	-	
Average age of operator	51.8	49.8	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.