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2002 Census of Agriculture
County Profile

Benzie, Michigan

Number of farms
181 farms in 2002, 165 farms in 1997, up 10 percent.

Land in farms
23,055 acres in 2002, 24,608 acres in 1997, down 6 percent.

Average size of farm
127 acres in 2002, 149 acres in 1997, down 15 percent.

Market Value of Production
$4,222,000 in 2002, $6,744,000 in 1997, down 37 percent.
    Crop sales accounted for $3,342,000 of the total value in 2002.
    Livestock sales accounted for $879,000 of the total value in 2002.
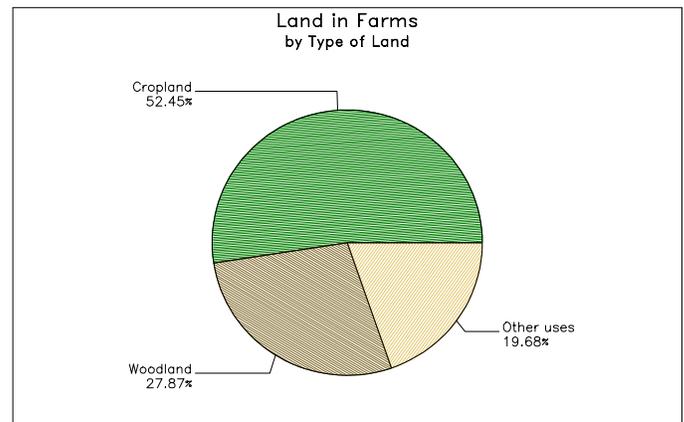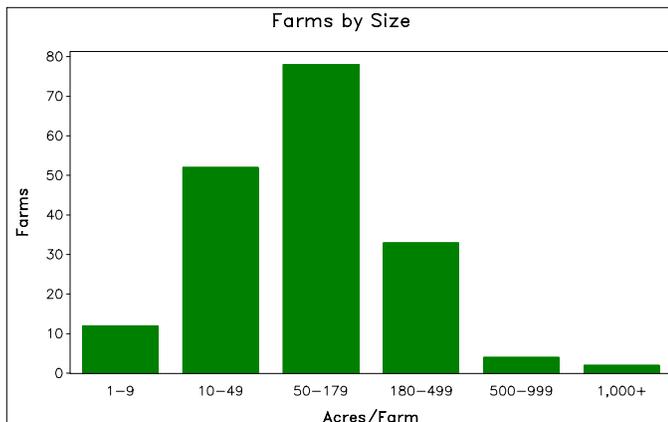
Market Value of Production, average per farm
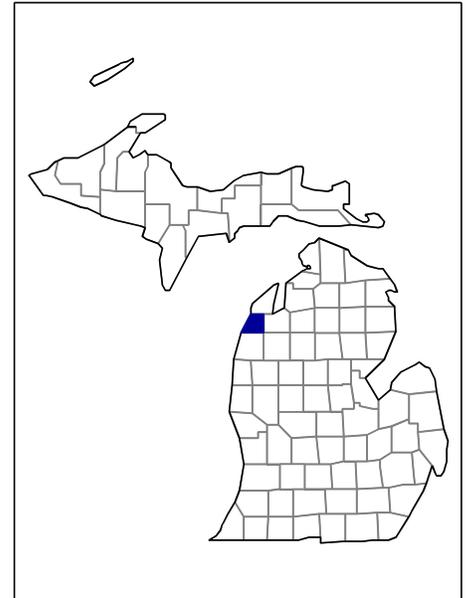$23,324 in 2002, $40,873 in 1997, down 43 percent.

Government Payments
$146,000 in 2002, $40,000 in 1997, up 265 percent.

Government Payments, average per farm receiving payments
$6,954 in 2002, $2,006 in 1997, up 247 percent.

Farms by Size

Land in Farms
by Type of Land

Cropland 52.45%
Woodland 27.87%
Other uses 19.68%

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Ranked items among the 83 state counties and 3,078 U.S. counties, 2002

Item	Quantity	State Rank	Universe [1]	U.S. Rank	Universe [1]
MARKET VALUE OF AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS SOLD ($1,000)					
Total value of agricultural products sold	4,222	65	83	2,810	3,075
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	3,342	58	83	2,292	3,070
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	879	73	83	2,888	3,070
VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP ($1,000)					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	74	69	80	2,450	2,871
Tobacco	-	-	-	-	560
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	-	-	656
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	244	59	81	1,277	2,747
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	2,175	15	82	234	2,638
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	444	55	81	1,479	2,708
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	214	21	80	258	1,774
Other crops and hay	191	78	83	2,553	3,046
Poultry and eggs	19	45	80	1,724	2,918
Cattle and calves	531	65	82	2,737	3,053
Milk and other dairy products from cows	-	-	76	-	2,493
Hogs and pigs	(D)	(D)	79	(D)	2,919
Sheep, goats, and their products	7	64	81	2,482	2,997
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	18	75	82	2,801	3,014
Aquaculture	(D)	(D)	38	(D)	1,520
Other animals and other animal products	(D)	(D)	79	(D)	2,727
TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)					
Colonies of bees	(D)	6	75	(D)	2,392
Quail	(D)	5	46	(D)	1,412
Cattle and calves	1,282	75	83	2,898	3,059
Hogs and pigs	1,122	43	78	1,310	2,926
Layers 20 weeks old and older	586	59	81	1,776	2,983
TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)					
Forage - land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	2,819	78	83	2,620	3,059
Tart cherries	1,415	7	56	10	631
Apples	1,084	12	81	57	2,173
Corn for grain	819	63	80	1,852	2,592
Cut Christmas trees	643	22	82	145	1,877

Other County Highlights

Economic Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales	
Less than $1,000	48
$1,000 to $2,499	32
$2,500 to $4,999	23
$5,000 to $9,999	16
$10,000 to $19,999	22
$20,000 to $24,999	8
$25,000 to $39,999	12
$40,000 to $49,999	4
$50,000 to $99,999	2
$100,000 to $249,999	11
$250,000 to $499,999	3
$500,000 or more	-
Total farm production expenses ($1,000)	4,420
Average per farm ($)	24,288
Net cash farm income of operation ($1,000)	152
Average per farm ($)	833

Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Farming	92
Other	89
Principal operators by sex:	
Male	160
Female	21
Average age of principal operator (years)	55.5
All operators [2] by race:	
White	272
Black or African American	-
American Indian or Alaska Native	-
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
Asian	-
More than one race	-
All operators [2] of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin	3

(D) Cannot be disclosed. (Z) Less than half of the unit shown. See "Census of Agriculture, Volume 1, Geographic Area Series" for complete footnotes.
  [1] Universe is number of counties in state or U.S. with item.
  [2] Data were collected for a maximum of three operators per farm.