

# 2002 Census of Agriculture County Profile

## Clare, Michigan

### Number of farms

414 farms in 2002, 421 farms in 1997, down 2 percent.

### Land in farms

64,365 acres in 2002, 67,542 acres in 1997, down 5 percent.

### Average size of farm

155 acres in 2002, 160 acres in 1997, down 3 percent.

### Market Value of Production

\$11,560,000 in 2002, \$13,091,000 in 1997, down 12 percent.

Crop sales accounted for \$2,082,000 of the total value in 2002.

Livestock sales accounted for \$9,478,000 of the total value in 2002.

### Market Value of Production, average per farm

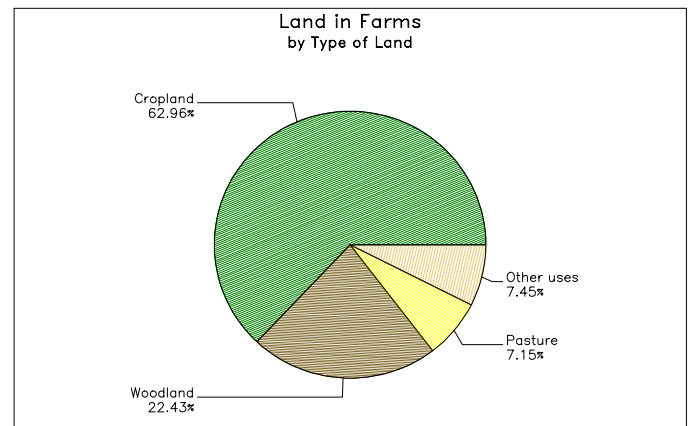
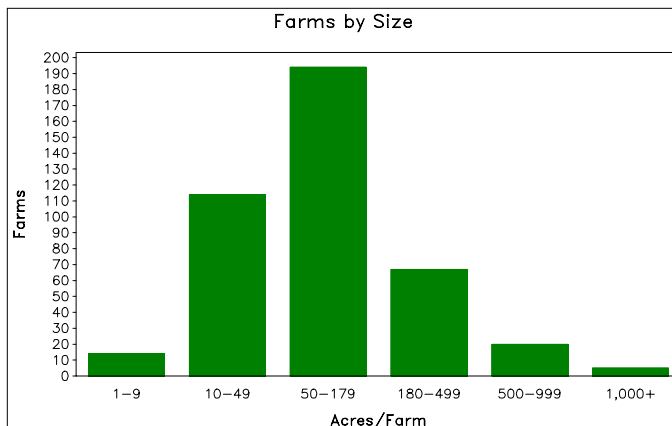
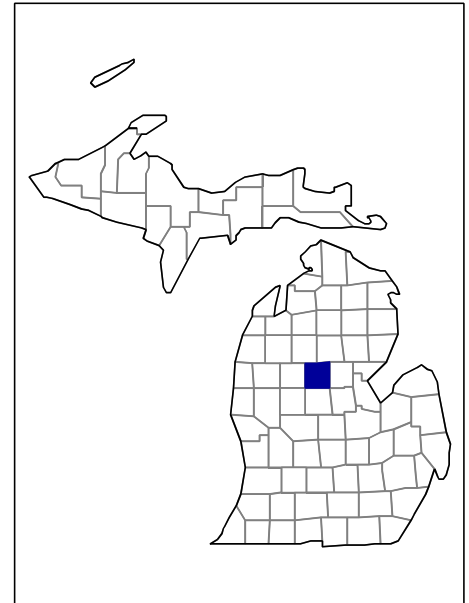
\$27,922 in 2002, \$31,096 in 1997, down 10 percent.

### Government Payments

\$475,000 in 2002, \$321,000 in 1997, up 48 percent.

### Government Payments, average per farm receiving payments

\$4,753 in 2002, \$2,363 in 1997, up 101 percent.



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

Item	Quantity	State Rank	Universe <sup>1</sup>	U.S. Rank	Universe <sup>1</sup>
<b>MARKET VALUE OF AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS SOLD (\$1,000)</b>					
Total value of agricultural products sold	11,560	52	83	2,435	3,075
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	2,082	67	83	2,496	3,070
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	9,478	38	83	1,921	3,070
<b>VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)</b>					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	448	56	80	2,032	2,871
Tobacco	-	-	-	-	560
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	-	-	656
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	36	68	81	2,152	2,747
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	83	52	82	1,355	2,638
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	(D)	(D)	81	(D)	2,708
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	26	60	80	878	1,774
Other crops and hay	(D)	(D)	83	(D)	3,046
Poultry and eggs	13	53	80	1,903	2,918
Cattle and calves	3,598	26	82	1,774	3,053
Milk and other dairy products from cows	5,160	35	76	611	2,493
Hogs and pigs	30	58	79	1,892	2,919
Sheep, goats, and their products	16	52	81	2,049	2,997
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	525	15	82	359	3,014
Aquaculture	(D)	(D)	38	(D)	1,520
Other animals and other animal products	(D)	(D)	79	(D)	2,727
<b>TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)</b>					
Cattle and calves	11,299	31	83	1,946	3,059
Horses and ponies	1,359	34	83	882	3,065
Layers 20 weeks old and older	1,330	32	81	1,194	2,983
Colonies of bees	(D)	23	75	(D)	2,392
Broilers and other meat-type chickens	467	49	78	1,131	2,599
<b>TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)</b>					
Forage - land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	18,448	24	83	1,179	3,059
Corn for grain	2,180	55	80	1,538	2,592
Corn for silage	1,846	35	79	797	2,307
All Wheat for grain	838	48	73	1,610	2,517
Short-rotation woody crops	659	3	71	74	1,262

**Other County Highlights**

Economic Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales	
Less than \$1,000	148
\$1,000 to \$2,499	65
\$2,500 to \$4,999	33
\$5,000 to \$9,999	41
\$10,000 to \$19,999	41
\$20,000 to \$24,999	10
\$25,000 to \$39,999	19
\$40,000 to \$49,999	10
\$50,000 to \$99,999	17
\$100,000 to \$249,999	21
\$250,000 to \$499,999	8
\$500,000 or more	1
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	11,738
Average per farm (\$)	28,559
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	1,118
Average per farm (\$)	2,719

Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Farming	221
Other	193
Principal operators by sex:	
Male	371
Female	43
Average age of principal operator (years)	53.6
All operators <sup>2</sup> by race:	
White	630
Black or African American	-
American Indian or Alaska Native	1
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	1
Asian	-
More than one race	-
All operators <sup>2</sup> 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.

<sup>1</sup> Universe is number of counties in state or U.S. with item.

<sup>2</sup> Data were collected for a maximum of three operators per farm.