

2002 Census of Agriculture County Profile

Allegan, Michigan

Number of farms

1,489 farms in 2002, 1,560 farms in 1997, down 5 percent.

Land in farms

243,270 acres in 2002, 250,185 acres in 1997, down 3 percent.

Average size of farm

163 acres in 2002, 160 acres in 1997, up 2 percent.

Market Value of Production

\$230,268,000 in 2002, \$193,532,000 in 1997, up 19 percent.

Crop sales accounted for \$112,570,000 of the total value in 2002.

Livestock sales accounted for \$117,698,000 of the total value in 2002.

Market Value of Production, average per farm

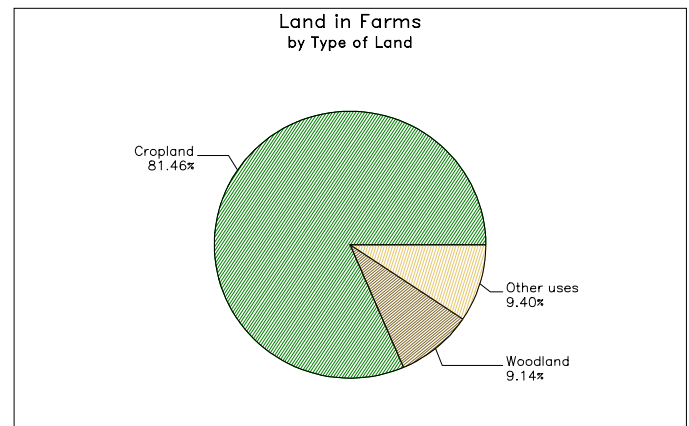
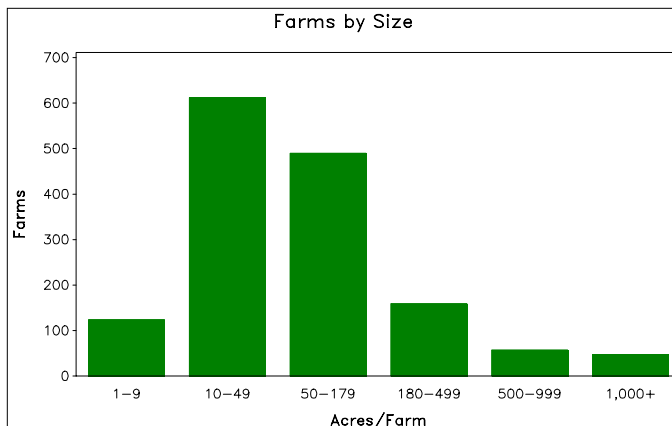
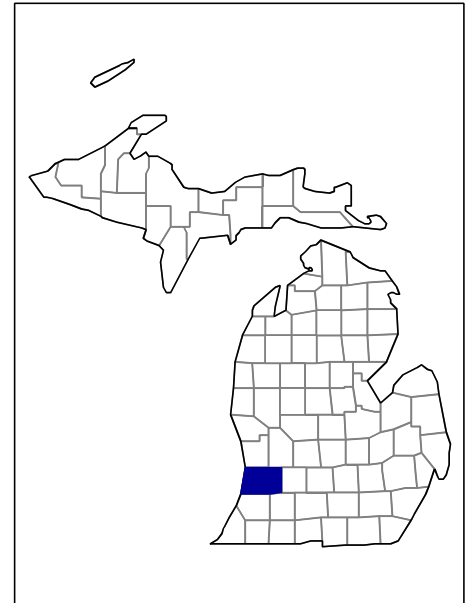
\$154,646 in 2002, \$124,059 in 1997, up 25 percent.

Government Payments

\$3,884,000 in 2002, \$2,405,000 in 1997, up 61 percent.

Government Payments, average per farm receiving payments

\$11,259 in 2002, \$5,345 in 1997, up 111 percent.



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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	230,268	2	83	120	3,075
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	112,570	3	83	101	3,070
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	117,698	1	83	162	3,070
VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	23,158	18	80	606	2,871
Tobacco	-	-	-	-	560
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	-	-	656
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	15,233	7	81	126	2,747
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	6,828	8	82	132	2,638
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	63,571	4	81	42	2,708
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	1,646	5	80	36	1,774
Other crops and hay	2,133	17	83	591	3,046
Poultry and eggs	32,471	3	80	217	2,918
Cattle and calves	9,522	6	82	1,026	3,053
Milk and other dairy products from cows	37,223	4	76	122	2,493
Hogs and pigs	37,184	1	79	75	2,919
Sheep, goats, and their products	(D)	(D)	81	(D)	2,997
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	740	6	82	208	3,014
Aquaculture	(D)	(D)	38	(D)	1,520
Other animals and other animal products	470	11	79	296	2,727
TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)					
Layers 20 weeks old and older	2,143,904	1	81	37	2,983
Broilers and other meat-type chickens	374,806	1	78	420	2,599
Turkeys	311,927	2	75	80	2,328
Hogs and pigs	157,549	1	78	87	2,926
Cattle and calves	40,993	4	83	752	3,059
TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)					
Corn for grain	62,792	13	80	397	2,592
Soybeans	42,092	24	61	611	2,076
Forage - land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	31,877	6	83	671	3,059
Corn for silage	12,705	4	79	109	2,307
All Vegetables harvested	7,953	4	80	82	2,710

Other County Highlights

Economic Characteristics	Quantity	Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales		Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Less than \$1,000	431	Farming	803
\$1,000 to \$2,499	179	Other	686
\$2,500 to \$4,999	121		
\$5,000 to \$9,999	151	Principal operators by sex:	
\$10,000 to \$19,999	135	Male	1,325
\$20,000 to \$24,999	26	Female	164
\$25,000 to \$39,999	87		
\$40,000 to \$49,999	34	Average age of principal operator (years)	53.4
\$50,000 to \$99,999	87		
\$100,000 to \$249,999	77	All operators ² by race:	
\$250,000 to \$499,999	70	White	2,120
\$500,000 or more	91	Black or African American	13
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	190,944	American Indian or Alaska Native	4
Average per farm (\$)	128,929	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
		Asian	-
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	42,177	More than one race	4
Average per farm (\$)	28,478	All operators ² of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin	51

(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.