



2002 Census of Agriculture County Profile

Houghton, Michigan

Number of farms

158 farms in 2002, 155 farms in 1997, up 2 percent.

Land in farms

25,856 acres in 2002, 26,173 acres in 1997, down 1 percent.

Average size of farm

164 acres in 2002, 169 acres in 1997, down 3 percent.

Market Value of Production

\$2,821,000 in 2002, \$2,329,000 in 1997, up 21 percent.

Crop sales accounted for \$1,366,000 of the total value in 2002.

Livestock sales accounted for \$1,454,000 of the total value in 2002.

Market Value of Production, average per farm

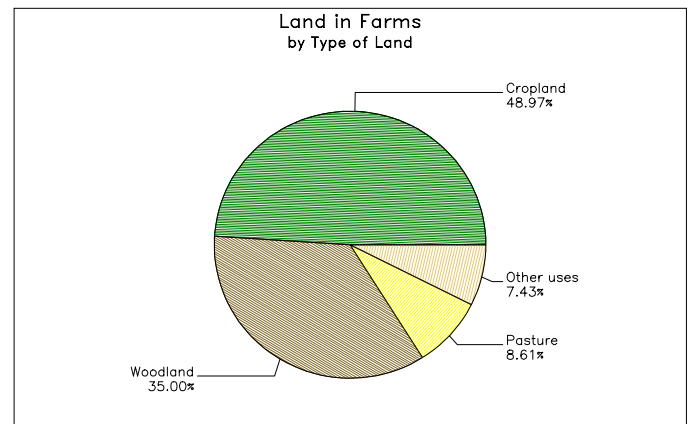
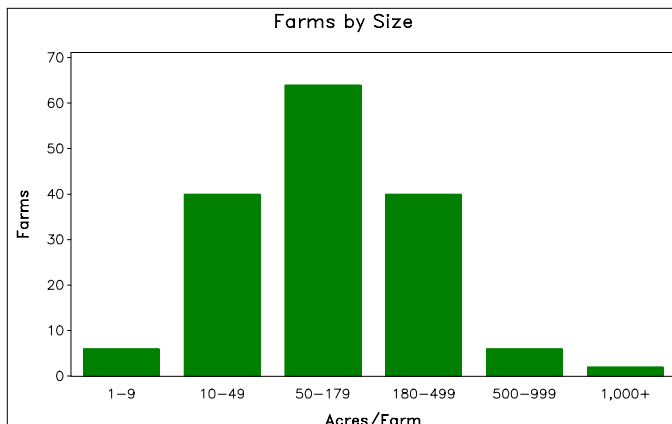
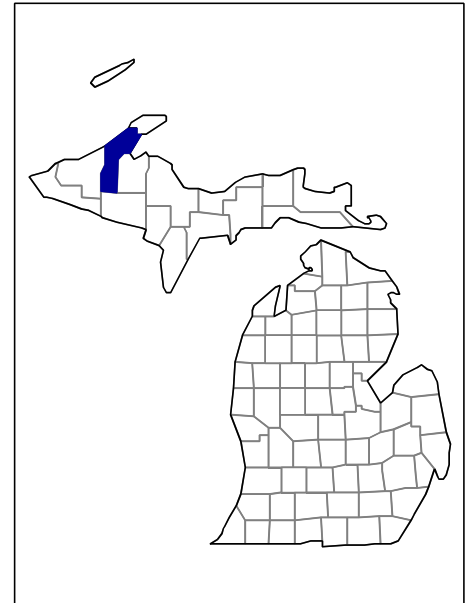
\$17,853 in 2002, \$15,026 in 1997, up 19 percent.

Government Payments

\$70,000 in 2002, \$32,000 in 1997, up 119 percent.

Government Payments, average per farm receiving payments

\$2,708 in 2002, \$1,097 in 1997, up 147 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	2,821	72	83	2,894	3,075
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	1,366	71	83	2,630	3,070
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	1,454	68	83	2,800	3,070
VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	69	71	80	2,464	2,871
Tobacco	-	-	-	-	560
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	-	-	656
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	(D)	(D)	81	(D)	2,747
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	114	43	82	1,181	2,638
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	57	74	81	2,231	2,708
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	(D)	(D)	80	(D)	1,774
Other crops and hay	770	57	83	1,505	3,046
Poultry and eggs	3	69	80	2,379	2,918
Cattle and calves	326	70	82	2,832	3,053
Milk and other dairy products from cows	1,047	65	76	1,349	2,493
Hogs and pigs	(D)	(D)	79	(D)	2,919
Sheep, goats, and their products	15	54	81	2,074	2,997
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	38	63	82	2,495	3,014
Aquaculture	-	-	38	-	1,520
Other animals and other animal products	(D)	(D)	79	(D)	2,727
TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)					
Cattle and calves	1,769	70	83	2,835	3,059
Broilers and other meat-type chickens	(D)	26	78	(D)	2,599
Sheep and lambs	349	52	80	1,672	2,867
Horses and ponies	318	69	83	2,579	3,065
Layers 20 weeks old and older	247	71	81	2,363	2,983
TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)					
Forage - land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	7,190	60	83	2,041	3,059
Cut Christmas trees	411	32	82	225	1,877
Barley	336	7	72	475	1,246
Corn for grain	(D)	69	80	(D)	2,592
Oats	233	67	82	1,202	2,215

Other County Highlights

Economic Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales	
Less than \$1,000	60
\$1,000 to \$2,499	29
\$2,500 to \$4,999	16
\$5,000 to \$9,999	10
\$10,000 to \$19,999	23
\$20,000 to \$24,999	2
\$25,000 to \$39,999	5
\$40,000 to \$49,999	2
\$50,000 to \$99,999	5
\$100,000 to \$249,999	4
\$250,000 to \$499,999	1
\$500,000 or more	1
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	2,650
Average per farm (\$)	16,563
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	706
Average per farm (\$)	4,410

Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Farming	72
Other	86
Principal operators by sex:	
Male	137
Female	21
Average age of principal operator (years)	52.3
All operators ² by race:	
White	230
Black or African American	-
American Indian or Alaska Native	1
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
Asian	-
More than one race	-
All operators ² of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin	-

(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.