

# 2002 Census of Agriculture County Profile

## Ionia, Michigan

### Number of farms

1,146 farms in 2002, 1,161 farms in 1997, down 1 percent.

### Land in farms

230,102 acres in 2002, 249,268 acres in 1997, down 8 percent.

### Average size of farm

201 acres in 2002, 215 acres in 1997, down 7 percent.

### Market Value of Production

\$113,074,000 in 2002, \$88,881,000 in 1997, up 27 percent.

Crop sales accounted for \$36,223,000 of the total value in 2002.

Livestock sales accounted for \$76,851,000 of the total value in 2002.

### Market Value of Production, average per farm

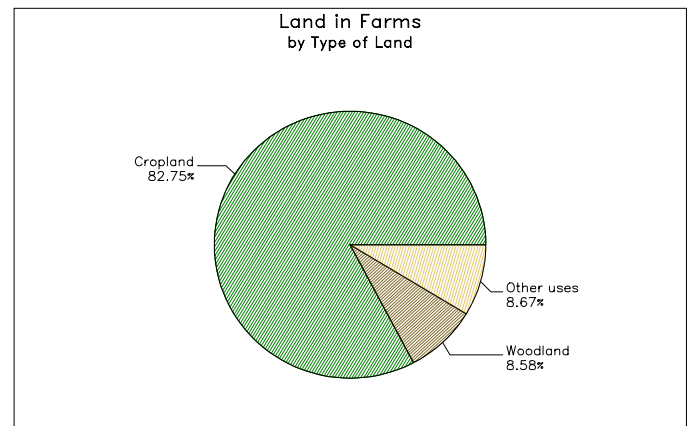
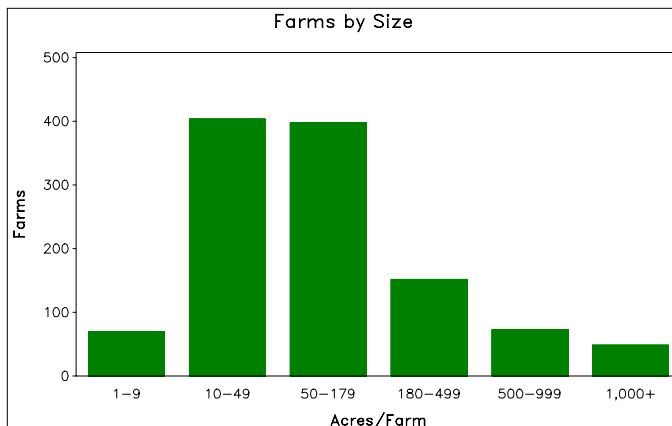
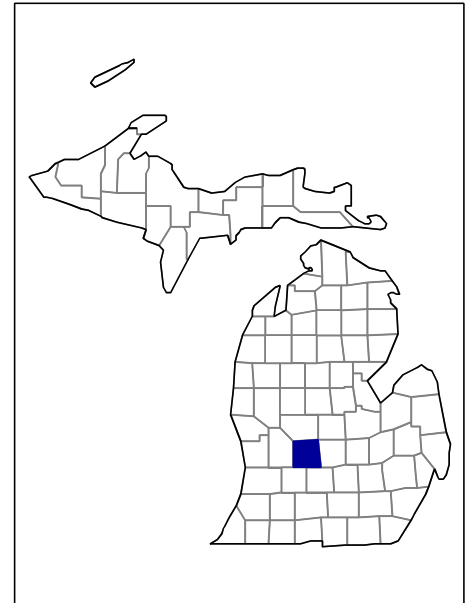
\$98,668 in 2002, \$76,555 in 1997, up 29 percent.

### Government Payments

\$4,277,000 in 2002, \$3,155,000 in 1997, up 36 percent.

### Government Payments, average per farm receiving payments

\$8,402 in 2002, \$5,023 in 1997, up 67 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	113,074	8	83	415	3,075
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	36,223	26	83	719	3,070
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	76,851	4	83	306	3,070
<b>VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)</b>					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	29,518	12	80	498	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	950	19	82	369	2,638
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	(D)	(D)	81	(D)	2,708
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	62	49	80	572	1,774
Other crops and hay	1,295	42	83	1,004	3,046
Poultry and eggs	(D)	(D)	80	(D)	2,918
Cattle and calves	7,589	9	82	1,198	3,053
Milk and other dairy products from cows	28,977	6	76	158	2,493
Hogs and pigs	(D)	(D)	79	(D)	2,919
Sheep, goats, and their products	79	26	81	950	2,997
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	362	23	82	592	3,014
Aquaculture	-	-	38	-	1,520
Other animals and other animal products	86	47	79	923	2,727
<b>TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)</b>					
Layers 20 weeks old and older	(D)	3	81	(D)	2,983
Cattle and calves	34,623	6	83	926	3,059
Hogs and pigs	25,930	11	78	451	2,926
Rabbits	(D)	2	75	(D)	1,966
Horses and ponies	1,960	23	83	505	3,065
<b>TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)</b>					
Corn for grain	64,908	11	80	386	2,592
Soybeans	59,360	15	61	493	2,076
Forage - land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	24,003	16	83	934	3,059
All Wheat for grain	12,104	15	73	578	2,517
Corn for silage	7,331	10	79	236	2,307

**Other County Highlights**

Economic Characteristics	Quantity	Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales		Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Less than \$1,000	368	Farming	659
\$1,000 to \$2,499	124	Other	487
\$2,500 to \$4,999	102	Principal operators by sex:	
\$5,000 to \$9,999	92	Male	1,016
\$10,000 to \$19,999	110	Female	130
\$20,000 to \$24,999	45	Average age of principal operator (years)	52.9
\$25,000 to \$39,999	55	All operators <sup>2</sup> by race:	
\$40,000 to \$49,999	25	White	1,610
\$50,000 to \$99,999	57	Black or African American	-
\$100,000 to \$249,999	83	American Indian or Alaska Native	17
\$250,000 to \$499,999	48	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
\$500,000 or more	37	Asian	-
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	91,102	More than one race	7
Average per farm (\$)	79,565	All operators <sup>2</sup> of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin	29
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	29,164		
Average per farm (\$)	25,471		

(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.