

# 2002 Census of Agriculture County Profile

## Kent, Michigan

### Number of farms

1,212 farms in 2002, 1,343 farms in 1997, down 10 percent.

### Land in farms

173,381 acres in 2002, 197,951 acres in 1997, down 12 percent.

### Average size of farm

143 acres in 2002, 147 acres in 1997, down 3 percent.

### Market Value of Production

\$149,670,000 in 2002, \$129,142,000 in 1997, up 16 percent.

Crop sales accounted for \$112,943,000 of the total value in 2002.

Livestock sales accounted for \$36,727,000 of the total value in 2002.

### Market Value of Production, average per farm

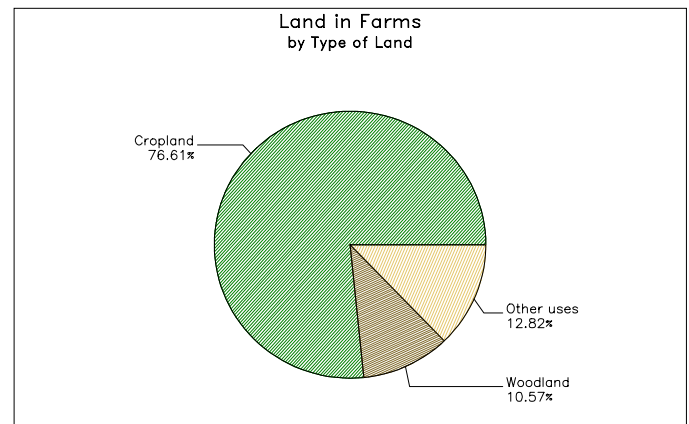
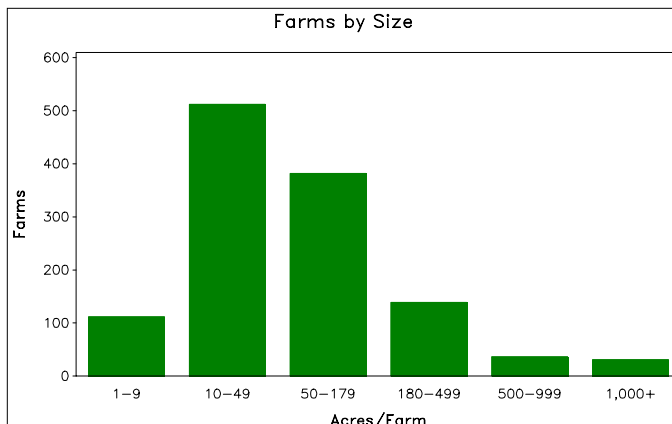
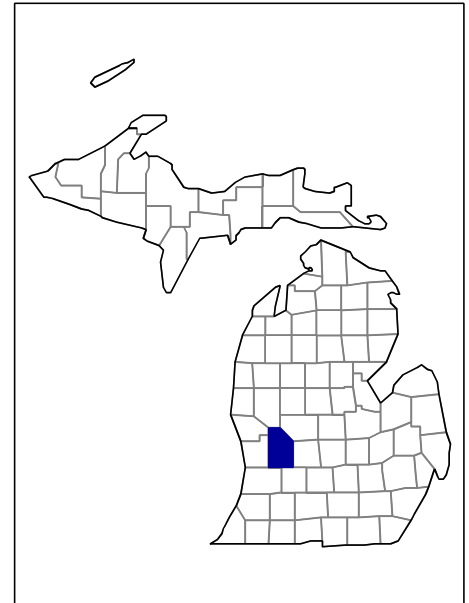
\$123,490 in 2002, \$96,159 in 1997, up 28 percent.

### Government Payments

\$3,967,000 in 2002, \$1,774,000 in 1997, up 124 percent.

### Government Payments, average per farm receiving payments

\$13,005 in 2002, \$4,243 in 1997, up 207 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	149,670	5	83	247	3,075
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	112,943	2	83	99	3,070
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	36,727	12	83	795	3,070
<b>VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)</b>					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	13,798	30	80	856	2,871
Tobacco	-	-	-	-	560
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	-	-	656
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	6,581	18	81	249	2,747
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	25,024	3	82	74	2,638
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	65,436	3	81	39	2,708
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	208	24	80	267	1,774
Other crops and hay	1,895	22	83	685	3,046
Poultry and eggs	(D)	(D)	80	(D)	2,918
Cattle and calves	6,157	16	82	1,360	3,053
Milk and other dairy products from cows	27,736	8	76	166	2,493
Hogs and pigs	808	29	79	920	2,919
Sheep, goats, and their products	(D)	(D)	81	(D)	2,997
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	599	12	82	293	3,014
Aquaculture	(D)	(D)	38	(D)	1,520
Other animals and other animal products	506	9	79	264	2,727
<b>TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)</b>					
Turkeys	(D)	6	75	(D)	2,328
Cattle and calves	27,576	7	83	1,133	3,059
Hogs and pigs	3,301	31	78	999	2,926
Horses and ponies	3,239	4	83	175	3,065
Colonies of bees	2,864	12	75	212	2,392
<b>TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)</b>					
Corn for grain	35,989	26	80	607	2,592
Forage - land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	26,817	12	83	830	3,059
Soybeans	18,577	33	61	865	2,076
Apples	10,709	1	81	9	2,173
Corn for silage	7,514	8	79	227	2,307

**Other County Highlights**

Economic Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales	
Less than \$1,000	393
\$1,000 to \$2,499	164
\$2,500 to \$4,999	96
\$5,000 to \$9,999	117
\$10,000 to \$19,999	97
\$20,000 to \$24,999	34
\$25,000 to \$39,999	49
\$40,000 to \$49,999	22
\$50,000 to \$99,999	74
\$100,000 to \$249,999	68
\$250,000 to \$499,999	47
\$500,000 or more	51
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	119,506
Average per farm (\$)	98,766
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	39,474
Average per farm (\$)	32,624

Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Farming	617
Other	595
Principal operators by sex:	
Male	1,052
Female	160
Average age of principal operator (years)	53.8
All operators <sup>2</sup> by race:	
White	1,777
Black or African American	-
American Indian or Alaska Native	-
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	4
Asian	5
More than one race	5
All operators <sup>2</sup> of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin	24

(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.