



2002 Census of Agriculture County Profile

Mason, Michigan

Number of farms

478 farms in 2002, 475 farms in 1997, up 1 percent.

Land in farms

79,621 acres in 2002, 83,256 acres in 1997, down 4 percent.

Average size of farm

167 acres in 2002, 175 acres in 1997, down 5 percent.

Market Value of Production

\$24,955,000 in 2002, \$24,353,000 in 1997, up 2 percent.

Crop sales accounted for \$16,546,000 of the total value in 2002.

Livestock sales accounted for \$8,409,000 of the total value in 2002.

Market Value of Production, average per farm

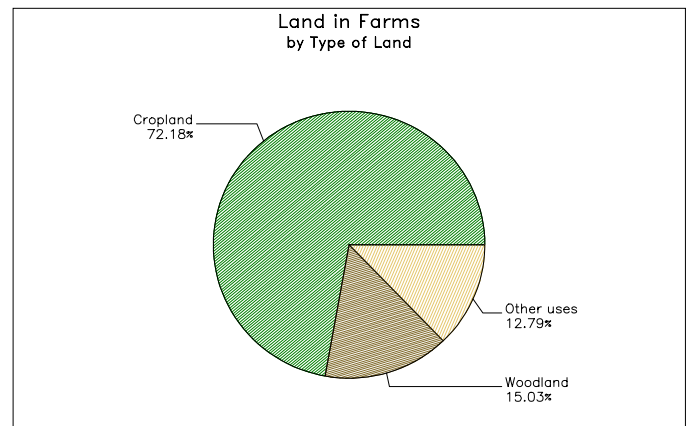
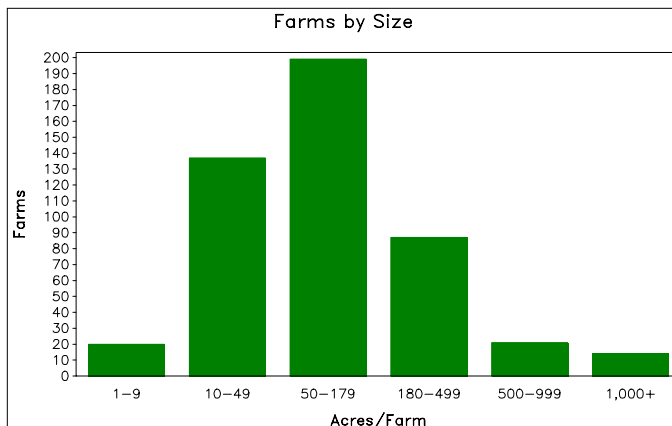
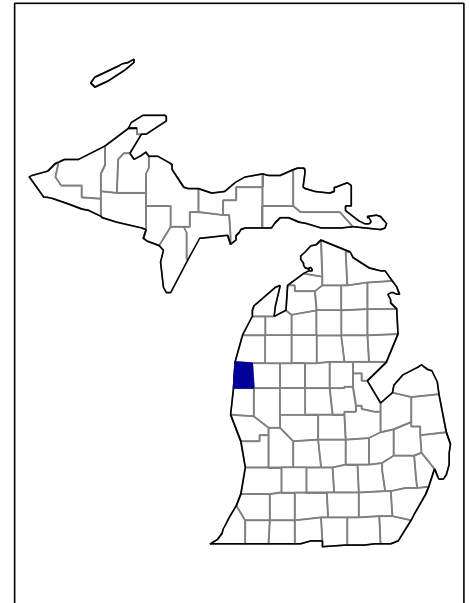
\$52,207 in 2002, \$51,268 in 1997, up 2 percent.

Government Payments

\$707,000 in 2002, \$481,000 in 1997, up 47 percent.

Government Payments, average per farm receiving payments

\$5,198 in 2002, \$3,102 in 1997, up 68 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	24,955	42	83	1,889	3,075
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	16,546	39	83	1,309	3,070
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	8,409	41	83	2,004	3,070
VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	2,705	40	80	1,461	2,871
Tobacco	-	-	-	-	560
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	-	-	656
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	5,496	19	81	288	2,747
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	4,451	10	82	154	2,638
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	2,090	33	81	778	2,708
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	404	14	80	142	1,774
Other crops and hay	1,400	36	83	930	3,046
Poultry and eggs	84	23	80	1,349	2,918
Cattle and calves	1,523	45	82	2,339	3,053
Milk and other dairy products from cows	5,462	33	76	590	2,493
Hogs and pigs	(D)	(D)	79	(D)	2,919
Sheep, goats, and their products	81	23	81	935	2,997
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	97	45	82	1,797	3,014
Aquaculture	(D)	(D)	38	(D)	1,520
Other animals and other animal products	(D)	(D)	79	(D)	2,727
TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)					
Cattle and calves	7,930	38	83	2,248	3,059
Hogs and pigs	(D)	30	78	(D)	2,926
Colonies of bees	1,405	20	75	361	2,392
Sheep and lambs	1,085	28	80	914	2,867
Pheasants ³	(D)	(D)	60	(D)	1,541
TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)					
Forage - land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	15,004	35	83	1,376	3,059
Corn for grain	8,537	41	80	1,102	2,592
All Vegetables harvested	5,639	6	80	127	2,710
All Wheat for grain	3,727	32	73	1,040	2,517
Soybeans	2,606	42	61	1,325	2,076

Other County Highlights

Economic Characteristics	Quantity	Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales		Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Less than \$1,000	146	Farming	248
\$1,000 to \$2,499	53	Other	230
\$2,500 to \$4,999	46		
\$5,000 to \$9,999	45	Principal operators by sex:	
\$10,000 to \$19,999	53	Male	412
\$20,000 to \$24,999	12	Female	66
\$25,000 to \$39,999	28		
\$40,000 to \$49,999	12	Average age of principal operator (years)	54.4
\$50,000 to \$99,999	31		
\$100,000 to \$249,999	26	All operators ² by race:	
\$250,000 to \$499,999	15	White	707
\$500,000 or more	11	Black or African American	-
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	27,663	American Indian or Alaska Native	4
Average per farm (\$)	58,115	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
		Asian	1
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	803	More than one race	4
Average per farm (\$)	1,686	All operators ² of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin	5

(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.

³ Items with a rank that cannot be disclosed are separated by a blank line, position in table does not indicate rank.