



2002 Census of Agriculture County Profile

Montcalm, Michigan

Number of farms

1,139 farms in 2002, 1,100 farms in 1997, up 4 percent.

Land in farms

255,306 acres in 2002, 251,036 acres in 1997, up 2 percent.

Average size of farm

224 acres in 2002, 228 acres in 1997, down 2 percent.

Market Value of Production

\$106,312,000 in 2002, \$89,571,000 in 1997, up 19 percent.

Crop sales accounted for \$72,654,000 of the total value in 2002.

Livestock sales accounted for \$33,658,000 of the total value in 2002.

Market Value of Production, average per farm

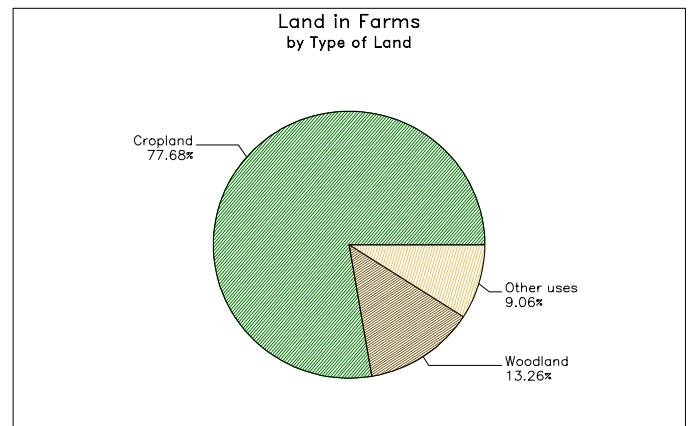
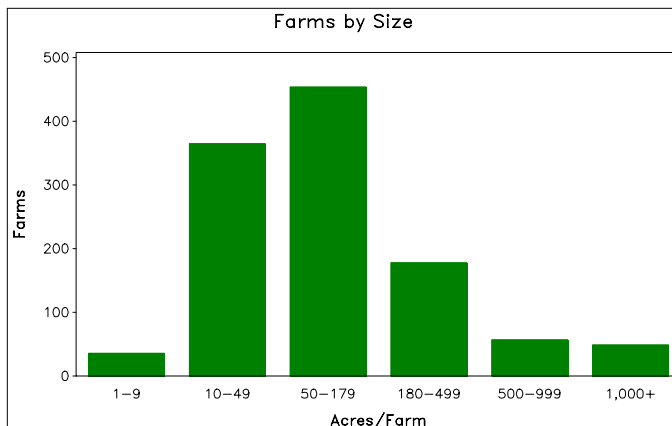
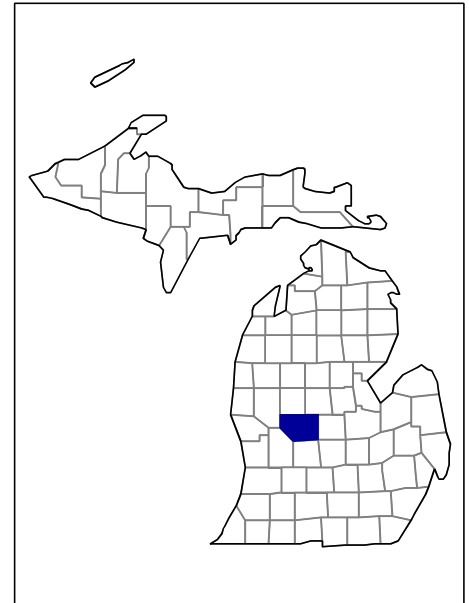
\$93,338 in 2002, \$81,428 in 1997, up 15 percent.

Government Payments

\$2,934,000 in 2002, \$2,469,000 in 1997, up 19 percent.

Government Payments, average per farm receiving payments

\$6,684 in 2002, \$4,546 in 1997, up 47 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	106,312	9	83	453	3,075
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	72,654	13	83	268	3,070
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	33,658	13	83	850	3,070
VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	20,804	21	80	659	2,871
Tobacco	-	-	-	-	560
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	-	-	656
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	40,722	1	81	57	2,747
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	970	18	82	361	2,638
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	4,369	21	81	496	2,708
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	2,729	4	80	23	1,774
Other crops and hay	3,061	9	83	404	3,046
Poultry and eggs	(D)	(D)	80	(D)	2,918
Cattle and calves	5,604	17	82	1,431	3,053
Milk and other dairy products from cows	25,222	10	76	179	2,493
Hogs and pigs	1,706	22	79	756	2,919
Sheep, goats, and their products	(D)	(D)	81	(D)	2,997
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	327	28	82	661	3,014
Aquaculture	(D)	(D)	38	(D)	1,520
Other animals and other animal products	700	7	79	196	2,727
TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)					
Cattle and calves	25,157	12	83	1,234	3,059
Hogs and pigs	8,383	23	78	772	2,926
Colonies of bees	5,707	1	75	92	2,392
Horses and ponies	2,042	19	83	462	3,065
Pheasants	(D)	15	60	(D)	1,541
TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)					
Corn for grain	51,949	17	80	485	2,592
Forage - land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	30,454	9	83	710	3,059
Potatoes	16,678	1	72	22	1,551
All Wheat for grain	16,388	9	73	498	2,517
Soybeans	16,336	35	61	906	2,076

Other County Highlights

Economic Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales	
Less than \$1,000	398
\$1,000 to \$2,499	128
\$2,500 to \$4,999	82
\$5,000 to \$9,999	126
\$10,000 to \$19,999	98
\$20,000 to \$24,999	34
\$25,000 to \$39,999	47
\$40,000 to \$49,999	14
\$50,000 to \$99,999	68
\$100,000 to \$249,999	64
\$250,000 to \$499,999	43
\$500,000 or more	37
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	86,965
Average per farm (\$)	76,285
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	25,609
Average per farm (\$)	22,464

Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Farming	610
Other	529
Principal operators by sex:	
Male	1,039
Female	100
Average age of principal operator (years)	54.5
All operators ² by race:	
White	1,673
Black or African American	-
American Indian or Alaska Native	5
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	1
Asian	1
More than one race	4
All operators ² of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin	30

(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.