

2002 Census of Agriculture County Profile

Muskegon, Michigan

Number of farms

545 farms in 2002, 493 farms in 1997, up 11 percent.

Land in farms

73,918 acres in 2002, 76,995 acres in 1997, down 4 percent.

Average size of farm

136 acres in 2002, 156 acres in 1997, down 13 percent.

Market Value of Production

\$46,301,000 in 2002, \$45,676,000 in 1997, up 1 percent.

Crop sales accounted for \$29,525,000 of the total value in 2002.

Livestock sales accounted for \$16,776,000 of the total value in 2002.

Market Value of Production, average per farm

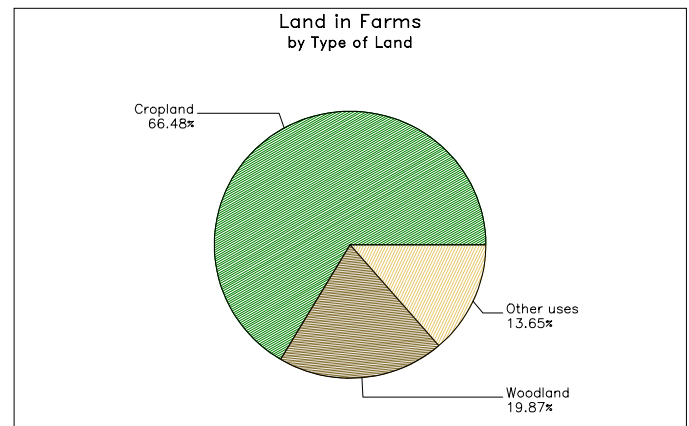
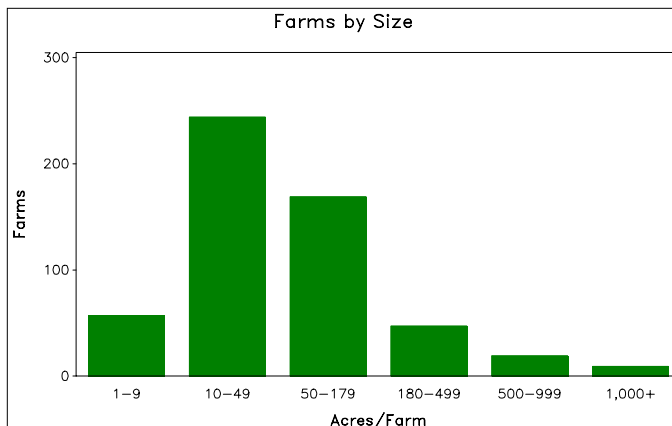
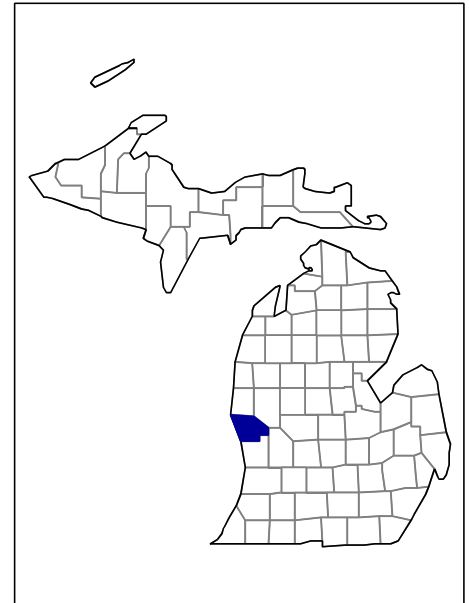
\$84,955 in 2002, \$92,649 in 1997, down 8 percent.

Government Payments

\$1,134,000 in 2002, \$600,000 in 1997, up 89 percent.

Government Payments, average per farm receiving payments

\$11,232 in 2002, \$4,649 in 1997, up 142 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	46,301	31	83	1,255	3,075
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	29,525	32	83	872	3,070
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	16,776	30	83	1,445	3,070
VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	2,951	39	80	1,425	2,871
Tobacco	-	-	-	-	560
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	-	-	656
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	5,048	21	81	308	2,747
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	9,812	6	82	117	2,638
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	10,369	13	81	249	2,708
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	114	35	80	398	1,774
Other crops and hay	1,232	45	83	1,050	3,046
Poultry and eggs	23	42	80	1,665	2,918
Cattle and calves	3,243	29	82	1,851	3,053
Milk and other dairy products from cows	12,251	17	76	319	2,493
Hogs and pigs	808	28	79	919	2,919
Sheep, goats, and their products	5	68	81	2,575	2,997
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	123	42	82	1,583	3,014
Aquaculture	-	-	38	-	1,520
Other animals and other animal products	322	16	79	402	2,727
TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)					
Cattle and calves	11,519	30	83	1,935	3,059
Hogs and pigs	3,616	29	78	966	2,926
Horses and ponies	1,293	39	83	946	3,065
Deer	1,288	4	63	43	1,080
Layers 20 weeks old and older	1,028	42	81	1,365	2,983
TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)					
Forage - land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	12,486	44	83	1,550	3,059
Corn for grain	11,103	38	80	1,017	2,592
Corn for silage	4,633	17	79	391	2,307
Soybeans	4,627	39	61	1,220	2,076
Apples	2,789	6	81	31	2,173

Other County Highlights

Economic Characteristics	Quantity	Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales		Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Less than \$1,000	223	Farming	289
\$1,000 to \$2,499	71	Other	256
\$2,500 to \$4,999	36		
\$5,000 to \$9,999	35	Principal operators by sex:	
\$10,000 to \$19,999	53	Male	467
\$20,000 to \$24,999	9	Female	78
\$25,000 to \$39,999	26		
\$40,000 to \$49,999	7	Average age of principal operator (years)	53.9
\$50,000 to \$99,999	18		
\$100,000 to \$249,999	33	All operators ² by race:	
\$250,000 to \$499,999	16	White	795
\$500,000 or more	18	Black or African American	-
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	41,988	American Indian or Alaska Native	1
Average per farm (\$)	77,755	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
		Asian	1
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	7,040	More than one race	3
Average per farm (\$)	13,037	All operators ² of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin	16

(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.