

2002 Census of Agriculture County Profile

Oceana, Michigan

Number of farms

648 farms in 2002, 649 farms in 1997, down slightly.

Land in farms

127,404 acres in 2002, 133,146 acres in 1997, down 4 percent.

Average size of farm

197 acres in 2002, 205 acres in 1997, down 4 percent.

Market Value of Production

\$58,382,000 in 2002, \$51,190,000 in 1997, up 14 percent.

Crop sales accounted for \$39,765,000 of the total value in 2002.

Livestock sales accounted for \$18,618,000 of the total value in 2002.

Market Value of Production, average per farm

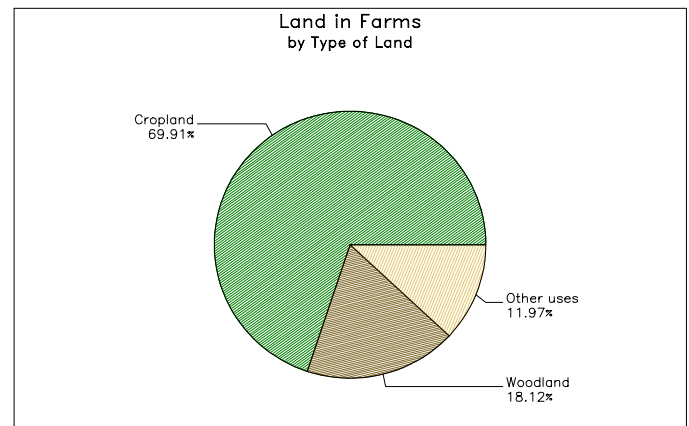
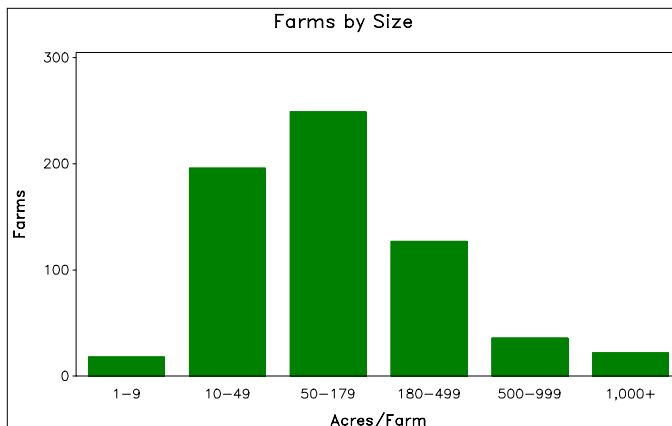
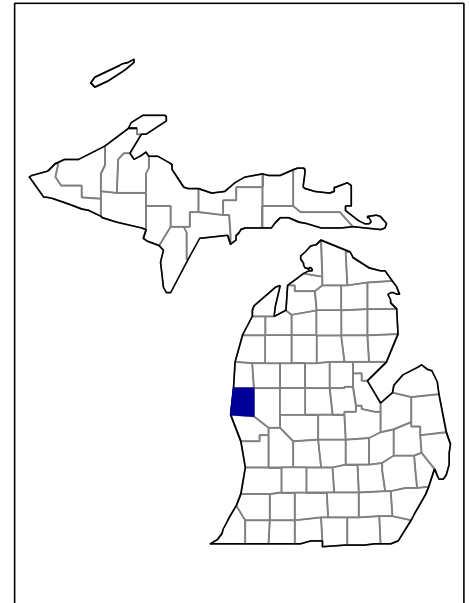
\$90,096 in 2002, \$78,875 in 1997, up 14 percent.

Government Payments

\$1,234,000 in 2002, \$722,000 in 1997, up 71 percent.

Government Payments, average per farm receiving payments

\$7,809 in 2002, \$4,778 in 1997, up 63 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	58,382	24	83	980	3,075
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	39,765	22	83	636	3,070
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	18,618	22	83	1,358	3,070
VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	2,242	42	80	1,521	2,871
Tobacco	-	-	-	-	560
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	-	-	656
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	20,725	4	81	101	2,747
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	11,862	5	82	105	2,638
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	(D)	(D)	81	(D)	2,708
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	2,934	3	80	21	1,774
Other crops and hay	(D)	(D)	83	(D)	3,046
Poultry and eggs	(D)	(D)	80	(D)	2,918
Cattle and calves	1,953	42	82	2,188	3,053
Milk and other dairy products from cows	(D)	(D)	76	(D)	2,493
Hogs and pigs	(D)	(D)	79	(D)	2,919
Sheep, goats, and their products	11	58	81	2,227	2,997
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	498	17	82	391	3,014
Aquaculture	(D)	(D)	38	(D)	1,520
Other animals and other animal products	29	64	79	1,361	2,727
TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)					
Turkeys	(D)	7	75	(D)	2,328
Hogs and pigs	(D)	13	78	(D)	2,926
Cattle and calves	9,413	36	83	2,105	3,059
Layers 20 weeks old and older	1,472	29	81	1,133	2,983
Horses and ponies	1,312	37	83	931	3,065
TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)					
All Vegetables harvested	16,312	1	80	41	2,710
Forage - land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	15,188	34	83	1,361	3,059
Asparagus	10,403	1	54	2	793
Corn for grain	10,322	39	80	1,043	2,592
Tart cherries	8,581	2	56	2	631

Other County Highlights

Economic Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales	
Less than \$1,000	157
\$1,000 to \$2,499	69
\$2,500 to \$4,999	54
\$5,000 to \$9,999	70
\$10,000 to \$19,999	70
\$20,000 to \$24,999	28
\$25,000 to \$39,999	35
\$40,000 to \$49,999	13
\$50,000 to \$99,999	55
\$100,000 to \$249,999	41
\$250,000 to \$499,999	29
\$500,000 or more	27
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	52,149
Average per farm (\$)	80,476
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	9,496
Average per farm (\$)	14,654

Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Farming	322
Other	326
Principal operators by sex:	
Male	573
Female	75
Average age of principal operator (years)	52.8
All operators ² by race:	
White	954
Black or African American	8
American Indian or Alaska Native	3
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
Asian	5
More than one race	3
All operators ² of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin	20

(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.