

# 2002 Census of Agriculture County Profile

## Washtenaw, Michigan

### Number of farms

1,325 farms in 2002, 1,203 farms in 1997, up 10 percent.

### Land in farms

175,259 acres in 2002, 189,863 acres in 1997, down 8 percent.

### Average size of farm

132 acres in 2002, 158 acres in 1997, down 16 percent.

### Market Value of Production

\$54,618,000 in 2002, \$57,869,000 in 1997, down 6 percent.

Crop sales accounted for \$37,458,000 of the total value in 2002.

Livestock sales accounted for \$17,160,000 of the total value in 2002.

### Market Value of Production, average per farm

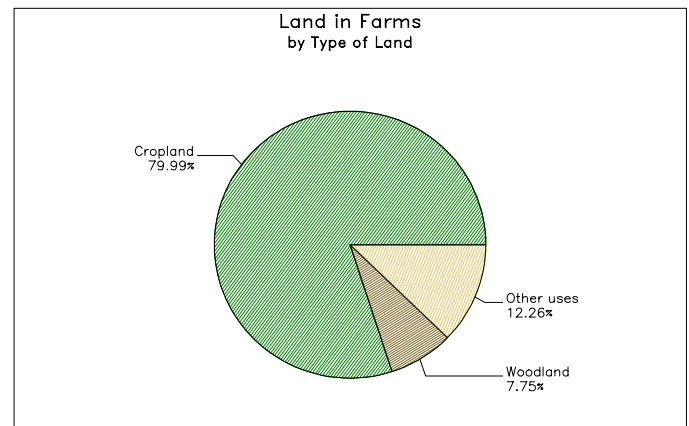
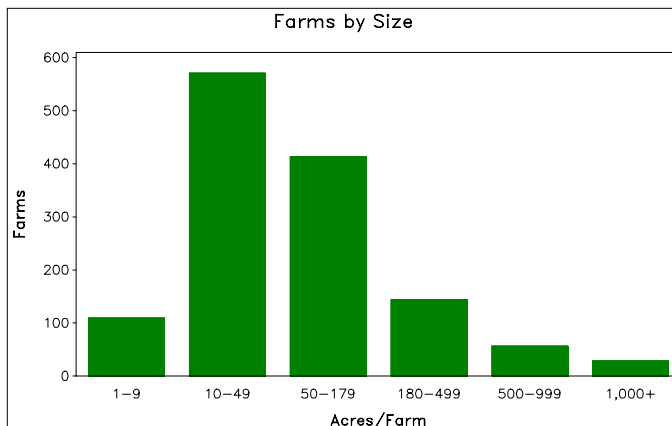
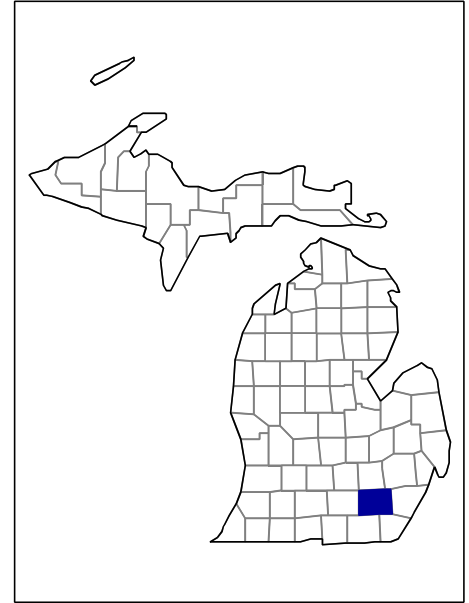
\$41,221 in 2002, \$48,104 in 1997, down 14 percent.

### Government Payments

\$2,251,000 in 2002, \$1,756,000 in 1997, up 28 percent.

### Government Payments, average per farm receiving payments

\$7,406 in 2002, \$4,773 in 1997, up 55 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	54,618	25	83	1,052	3,075
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	37,458	25	83	693	3,070
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	17,160	28	83	1,427	3,070
<b>VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)</b>					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	16,692	25	80	767	2,871
Tobacco	-	-	-	-	560
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	-	-	656
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	5,417	20	81	291	2,747
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	576	23	82	483	2,638
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	12,910	11	81	207	2,708
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	140	32	80	344	1,774
Other crops and hay	1,725	25	83	751	3,046
Poultry and eggs	(D)	(D)	80	(D)	2,918
Cattle and calves	6,304	14	82	1,337	3,053
Milk and other dairy products from cows	7,423	29	76	478	2,493
Hogs and pigs	620	31	79	993	2,919
Sheep, goats, and their products	1,253	1	81	77	2,997
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	785	4	82	191	3,014
Aquaculture	(D)	(D)	38	(D)	1,520
Other animals and other animal products	70	53	79	1,018	2,727
<b>TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)</b>					
Cattle and calves	14,246	25	83	1,781	3,059
Sheep and lambs	12,751	1	80	96	2,867
Layers 20 weeks old and older	4,556	11	81	803	2,983
Horses and ponies	3,884	1	83	107	3,065
Hogs and pigs	3,841	28	78	947	2,926
<b>TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)</b>					
Soybeans	46,470	20	61	575	2,076
Corn for grain	39,021	25	80	582	2,592
Forage - land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	18,501	23	83	1,177	3,059
All Wheat for grain	10,887	17	73	612	2,517
Corn for silage	3,372	26	79	512	2,307

**Other County Highlights**

Economic Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales	
Less than \$1,000	471
\$1,000 to \$2,499	163
\$2,500 to \$4,999	113
\$5,000 to \$9,999	114
\$10,000 to \$19,999	154
\$20,000 to \$24,999	43
\$25,000 to \$39,999	60
\$40,000 to \$49,999	27
\$50,000 to \$99,999	57
\$100,000 to \$249,999	78
\$250,000 to \$499,999	31
\$500,000 or more	14
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	54,120
Average per farm (\$)	40,814
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	5,428
Average per farm (\$)	4,093

Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Farming	655
Other	670
Principal operators by sex:	
Male	1,074
Female	251
Average age of principal operator (years)	55.2
All operators <sup>2</sup> by race:	
White	1,933
Black or African American	7
American Indian or Alaska Native	5
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	4
Asian	7
More than one race	8
All operators <sup>2</sup> of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin	33

(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.