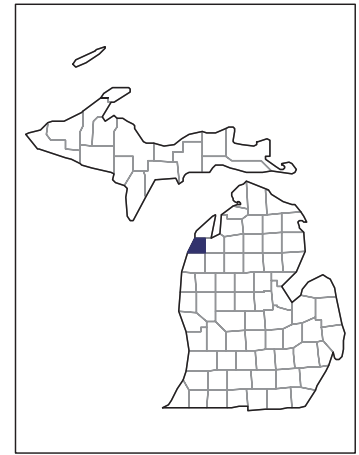


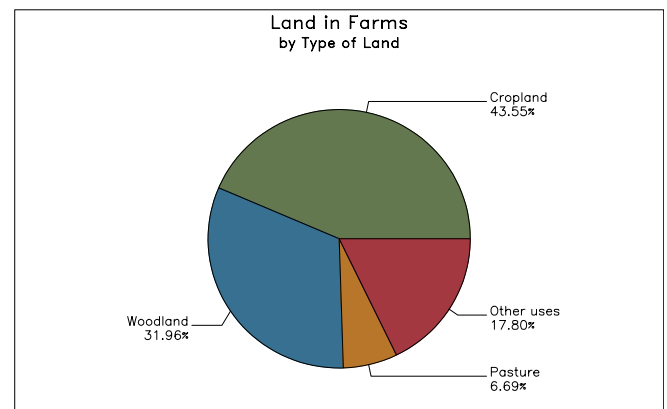
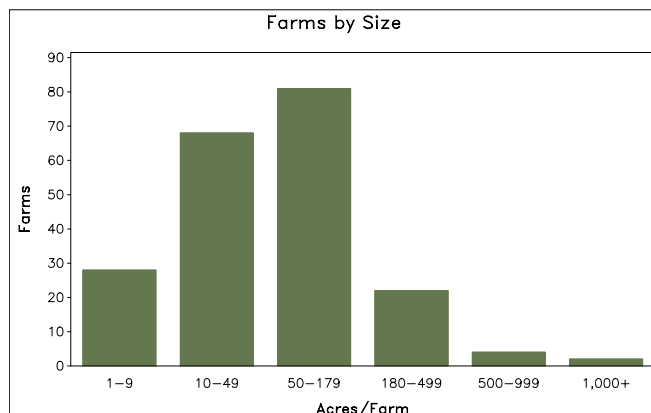
2007 CENSUS OF AGRICULTURE

County Profile

Benzie County Michigan



	2007	2002	% change
Number of Farms	205	181	+ 13
Land in Farms	21,069 acres	23,055 acres	- 9
Average Size of Farm	103 acres	127 acres	- 19
Market Value of Products Sold	\$7,981,000	\$4,222,000	+ 89
Crop Sales \$5,425,000 (68 percent)			
Livestock Sales \$2,556,000 (32 percent)			
Average Per Farm	\$38,933	\$23,324	+ 67
Government Payments	\$74,000	\$146,000	- 49
Average Per Farm Receiving Payments	\$2,540	\$6,954	- 63



2007 CENSUS OF AGRICULTURE

County Profile

Benzie County – Michigan

Ranked items among the 83 state counties and 3,079 U.S. counties, 2007

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	7,981	61	83	2,691	3,076
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	5,425	52	83	2,205	3,072
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	2,556	66	83	2,710	3,069
VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	87	72	82	2,498	2,933
Tobacco	-	-	-	-	437
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	-	-	626
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	146	63	81	1,654	2,796
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	4,457	13	81	203	2,659
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	459	51	80	1,464	2,703
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	73	40	81	494	1,710
Other crops and hay	203	77	83	2,666	3,054
Poultry and eggs	33	59	82	1,881	3,020
Cattle and calves	951	63	83	2,632	3,054
Milk and other dairy products from cows	-	-	77	-	2,493
Hogs and pigs	(D)	43	82	(D)	2,922
Sheep, goats, and their products	1	79	79	2,970	2,998
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	(D)	(D)	82	(D)	3,024
Aquaculture	-	-	41	-	1,498
Other animals and other animal products	1,417	3	82	130	2,875
TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)					
Forage - land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	2,008	77	83	2,741	3,060
Cherries, tart	1,688	7	55	9	796
Corn for grain	998	63	78	1,860	2,634
Apples	773	13	80	60	2,144
Corn for silage	507	62	79	1,323	2,263
TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)					
Colonies of bees	(D)	6	76	(D)	2,640
Cattle and calves	1,487	71	83	2,844	3,060
Layers	1,009	61	82	1,624	3,024
Hogs and pigs	672	45	81	1,321	2,958
Horses and ponies	356	66	83	2,560	3,066

Other County Highlights

Economic Characteristics	Quantity	Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales:		Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Less than \$1,000	56	Farming	99
\$1,000 to \$2,499	27	Other	106
\$2,500 to \$4,999	26	Principal operators by sex:	
\$5,000 to \$9,999	34	Male	175
\$10,000 to \$19,999	21	Female	30
\$20,000 to \$24,999	2	Average age of principal operator (years)	58.4
\$25,000 to \$39,999	7	All operators by race ² :	
\$40,000 to \$49,999	7	American Indian or Alaska Native	-
\$50,000 to \$99,999	3	Asian	-
\$100,000 to \$249,999	11	Black or African American	-
\$250,000 to \$499,999	9	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	2
\$500,000 or more	2	White	329
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	8,420	More than one race	-
Average per farm (\$)	41,071	All operators of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin ²	-
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	653		
Average per farm (\$)	3,187		

See "Census of Agriculture, Volume 1, Geographic Area Series" for complete footnotes, explanations, definitions, and methodology.

(D) Cannot be disclosed. (Z) Less than half of the unit shown.

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.